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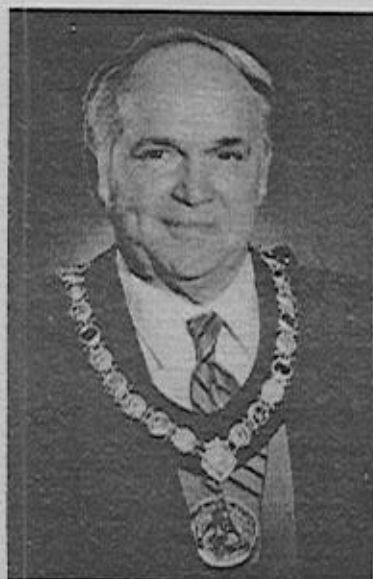
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M.:W.: Carl J. Smith New Grand Master



M.:W.: Carl J. Smith was raised in Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 263 in 1961. He affiliated with

Northeast Lodge No. 995 (now Amherst Lodge No. 981), where he served as Master from 1991 to 1993. He served as Deputy Grand Standard Bearer 1993 to 1995; Grand Standard Bearer 1995 to 1996; Senior Grand Warden 1996 to 1998 and Deputy Grand Master from 1998 to 2000.

M.:W.: Smith was installed as Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York at the 219th Grand Lodge Communication May 2, 2000 in New York City.

M.:W.: Smith has several affiliations in Concordant Bodies including the Scottish Rite and York Rite.

M.:W.: Smith resides with his wife, Serina, in Williamsville, NY. They have one son and two daughters, as well as three grandchildren. He has been employed by Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority since 1968 and serves as superintendent of the Transportation Service of the Metro Bus and Rail System. (Source, "ESM Magazine," Summer 1998)



What a vote!

By R.:W.: M. Donald Darrohn
I've had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge on three occasions; only one time did a contested election occur. Very interesting! This year there were three candidates for the position of Deputy Grand Master.

A little background

The current Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master met with the past Grand Masters on March 18th this year. Apparently a vote was taken and R.:W.: Robert Stack, Past Grand Treasurer and Chairman of the Masonic Brotherhood Fund Committee for numerous years, received the "nod". R.:W.: Louis Juers, Past Grand Treasurer, was interested in the position, as well. Some of his colleagues announced they would place his name in nomination. Just a few weeks prior to Grand Lodge a "dark horse" was announced as a third contender: R.:W.: Carl J. Fitje, who had served as Junior and Senior Grand Deacon.

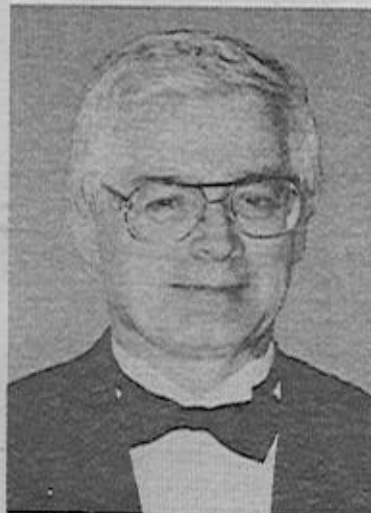
All three were nominated and seconded as candidates for the office of Deputy Grand Master. The Judge Advocate, R.:W.: Daniel Semel, described the process that would be used and ordered the ballots distributed to the District Deputies. The protracted process of balloting, we were told, has remained essentially unchanged since its inception in the late 1700's. Each District Deputy, or his alternate, distributed the ballot to the Master or proxy of each Lodge in their District. (Within the Monroe

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R.:W.: Ray Barber Second Term G/W - DDGM



W.: Arthur Drew, Appointed G/W Grand Director of Ceremonies



By Don Brugger

R.:W.: Brother Drew was raised in Triluminar Lodge No. 543 in June of 1992 and served as Master in 1996-97. He is a dual member in Arcade Lodge No. 419 and is currently serving there as Master. Brother Drew served as

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Quintessential Local Mason Passes



By Robert Franzen

R.:W.: Harold R. Miller of Seneca Lodge No. 797 was called by the Great Architect of the Universe on April 27, 2000 in Charlotte, N. C.

Hal was born on March 18, 1921 in Syracuse, N. Y. to the late Albert and Elizabeth Marquart Miller. He served in World War II as an AAF Gunnery Instructor at SAAF, Fort Myers, Florida.

After service Hal lived with his wife, Catherine, in the Rochester area where he worked in the mattress business with Simmons Co., Sealy Co. and Serta Co. from 1940 to retirement. He was Sales Manager for fifteen years.

Hal was Raised in Seneca Lodge No. 797 in March 1952. He served as President of the Fellowship Club from 1956-60, and was Vice President of the Masters and Wardens Association. He was Master of Seneca Lodge in 1974.

In 1981-82 Hal served the First Monroe District as District Deputy Grand Master, and became a member of the Past District Deputies Association and the Purple Club.

He was a member of Hamilton Chapter-later Hiram Chapter No. 62 of Royal Arch Masons, Doric Council No. 19, Cryptic Masons and Monroe Commandery-later Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12.

In 1987-88 Hal was High Priest and Prophet of Damascus Temple, AANOMS. He was a member of Genesee Council No. 5, Allied Masonic Degrees and

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R.:W.: Carl J. Fitje Elected Deputy Grand Master



At the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York, R.:W.: Carl Fitje was elected Deputy Grand Master. R.:W.: Fitje is a proven Masonic leader possessing outstanding leadership skills, making him capable of instituting policy and delegating effectively.

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R.:W.: Richard Friedman, Appointed Junior Grand Warden



R.:W.: Richard C. Friedman was born and raised in the New York Metropolitan Area. Brother Friedman graduated with honors from the State University of New York at Genesee and the Columbia University Graduate School of Social Work. Brother Friedman resides in Fairport, New York, with his wife, Leslie, and sons, Samuel (9) and Jacob (6). He is a psychotherapist in private practice.

Right Worshipful Friedman was raised in Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943 in June, 1985 and served the Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1989 and 1992. He has been Secretary of the East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943 since 1996. He was the solo Ritual Contest Winner for the Western Region in 1991. He served as District Brotherhood Fund Chairman during the LEAF

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Brothers of Webster Lodge, Adopt-A-Highway



Bros. Brad Lewis, Emil Schirano, Bill Edwards, Joe Provost and Peter Bowers, one of the crews from Webster Lodge who maintain a section of Highway during the Summer months as a Community Service Project. Crew member, Bro. John Clapp, is behind the camera.

Save the Date

The Masonic Interfaith Service and Breakfast

October 22, 2000 - Logan's Party House

We are open for suggestions for the Distinguished Community Service Award

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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Survival, an open letter!

Dear Reader,

"All endeavors require support." I'm sure most of you would agree with that statement. Although the *Masonic Times* was created for and desirous of supporting all Masonic endeavors, we have to consider the unrelenting pressure of financial viability. Just like every other Masonic organization in the area, the cost of operations has increased, but our subscription rate has not increased since January of 1991.

Although we have been able to keep costs down by internalizing some operations that were previously done outside and increasing our number of patrons, the increase in the cost of printing and mailing have more than offset the effects of these changes. The almost 30% decrease in Masonic membership over that same time period, with resulting loss of revenue, has not helped either. There are also many organizations who still do not choose to subscribe.

As I have pointed out in the past, the cost of the *Times* is still low for what you get. Ten issues, of what has been called the best Masonic Newspaper in the State, for only \$4.00 per member per year is a bargain. Compare this to \$.33 per piece for mailing one newsletter to your membership. As a matter of fact, it costs the Masonic Service Bureau more to publish the *Times* than the subscription fee alone brings in.

We will continue to support our subscriber organizations while giving support, where possible, to the entire Masonic Community. In all fairness to our regular subscribing groups, however, we cannot give space away.

Volunteers still needed

Got nothing to do? Life's a bore? Set aside an hour or two a month to fill an important need. Come up to the Downtown Temple and help put the Service Bureau's loan equipment in shape. Your personal reward will be great. Contact the Bureau, at 473-4351, between 9 a.m. and noon and volunteer. Nothing could be simpler. Better yet, bring along a friend or two to commiserate with while you perform this useful chore.

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Health-Yours and Mine

Since the age in the Masonic Community dramatically increased, so too did the health problems, both present and future.

How we handle those medical problems will greatly influence our recovery and rehabilitation. We should not and cannot ignore the medical diagnosis or the doctors suggested treatment.

However, we can materially assist and affect the recovery process and the degree of recovery, or, in some cases, the acceptance of the diagnosis. First let us look at how we can assist in the recovery process. Probably the most difficult period is when we recognize the need for testing, or after testing but prior to the results. An equally difficult time is after the prognosis, but before the treatment is determined and started. Once the results are in and a treatment course is suggested, that is when we can materially affect the results.

How? By taking charge of the disease or problem, rather than letting it take charge of you. Easier said than done? Not really.

First, using cancer as an example, accept the fact that you have cancer and do not refer to cancer as "it" or the "disease". Do not be afraid to talk about "it". Realize that attitude can have a significant affect on your treatment and recovery—perhaps as much as 60% to 70% of your recovery. Mind over matter is real. If you think you are sick, you are. If you think you won't recover, you won't. A positive attitude is the beginning of your recovery. Talk about it in depth with your doctor. Let your doctor know that you want to know about your type of cancer, your treatment, and your intent to assist. "Take charge" of your disease, don't let it take charge of you!

Taking charge

Read only current articles, and even then don't let it scare you. Medicine has come a long way in the last five years.

Adopt a holistic attitude—I do not mean ignore your doctor or your medication. I do mean use every method at your disposal to help the medication work.

Stress kills. Excess stress is dangerous by itself, however, it also interferes with your recovery.

Tension works against you. Use relaxation tapes, bio-feedback, imaging, a psychologist, or any other method that will help you relax. I used all these—they work!

Be positive about all things, it's contagious. A positive attitude and relaxation will work wonders.

Faith and prayer help. I did not pray to be cured. I prayed for help to cope with whatever comes. Your faith is also part and parcel of handling the cancer or other diseases.

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Search for a doctor you have faith in and then believe in his suggested approach and medication. Yes, chemo has many different and difficult side effects. Learn to cope, the alternative is much worse. Always remember, this too, (the treatment) will pass and every night turns into day.

Remember, you are not a statistic. You are a unique individual and you can beat the rap, you can win, you can! Think and act positively.

Do not give in! Do not quit working or playing. Your body will tell you when you may have to rest for 15 or 20 minutes. Let your body, not your fear tell you to ease up for a few minutes.

But wait, who am I to tell you about cancer or any other serious disease? I have had cancer 5 times; non-Hodgkins lymphoma 4 times and colon cancer once. I have been on chemo more times and for longer periods than I even want to remember! I even came down with colon cancer when I was on chemo for my lymphoma.

Thru all of this I continued to work and be active in all my Masonic functions. Yes, at times I had to go into Ionic Hall and rest for about 20 minutes, but I refused to give in. I treated my cancer holistically, remained positive and strong in my faith. I have now been in remission for 5 years. I've been there, done that! So can you.

Keep the faith, be positive and take charge of your life! "He makes all things beautiful, in His time".

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Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

Children's Hospital Telethon

To my disappointment, I was notified that we would not be needed at the Telethon for the Children's Hospital in June. The segments were assigned to the various groups and individuals who had made contributions to the Hospital during the past year.

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Future events

On Saturday, May 27th, Spikes Hike of the Monroe County Special Olympics will start at Frontier Field.

The Track and Field Day of the Monroe County Special Olympics will be at the RIT Athletic Field on June 3rd.



Camp DeMolay

By Richard Snyder

Since my last article on "Accepting the Challenge", where I had asked each Lodge Master to plan two days a year in their schedules for their membership to contribute a group labor effort to help keep our Youth Camp presentable by removing overgrowth, fallen branches, and other related chores, things have started to happen.

Valley/Simes Lodge was the first to volunteer a Saturday during the month of May, and word has it that another Lodge is working at getting a work party organized now. The first project to be worked on will be the installation of a new sign at the Camp entrance, and the clearing of brush and weeds 150 feet on each side of the entrance along Lake Road to plant grass to beautify the entrance.

The first project is estimated to take more than the one day, depending on the number of volunteers. The second project will be the clearing of the driveway, along the sides and overhead.

Lodge Officers, consider the opportunity this will offer you and your membership. A day of Brotherhood. A day of service to

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Start planning now. Call the Service Bureau at 473-4351 for available dates and information.

Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Medicare

Medicare is a health insurance program available to all Americans 65 or older. It is an entitlement if you qualify for Social Security monthly benefits, and are 65 or older. This means that you automatically qualify. In certain circumstances, a person younger than 65 can qualify for Medicare if they qualify for So-

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cial Security Disability Benefits for a 2 year (24 month period), or are classified as working disabled.

Medicare consists of two parts, Part A and Part B.

Medicare Part A pays for hospital care, care in a skilled nursing facility, home care or hospice care during a defined benefit period. There are no asset or income limits to qualify. Part A covers all inpatient hospital care during a defined benefit period. Part A will pay for up to 90 days of care in either a inpatient hospital care (plus 60 additional reserve days) and 100 days of care within a skilled nursing facility following discharge from the hospital.

While an inpatient in a hospital, Medicare will cover: bed and board (excluding private rooms); nursing and related services (excluding private nurses); blood transfusions; hospital services; social services; medical supplies, appliances and drugs; diagnostic and therapeutic care.

If extended care in a skilled nursing facility is required, then Medicare will cover: bed and board; nursing care (no private nurses); physical, occupational or speech therapy; social services; medical supplies, drugs and appliances; and all other necessary treatments that are generally provided by the skilled nursing home to patients.

If qualified, a patient can obtain Medicare covered home care. Services covered include: part time or intermittent nursing home care; physical and speech therapy; social services; medical supplies (excluding drugs); durable medical equipment and part time or intermittent care by a home health aide.

Medicare Part A will pay for the full cost of medically necessary home health care and 80% of the cost of approved durable medical equipment.

While in hospice, Medicare will cover treatment if your doctor certifies you as terminally ill; you elect to receive hospice care instead of Medicare benefits for terminal illnesses and the hospice is Medicare-certified. If hospice care is elected, then Medicare will cover: nursing care; therapy; physician ordered social services; home health aide; medical supplies; medical appliances; short term inpatient or respite care; counseling.

These three areas: hospital inpatient care, subsequent skilled nursing home care, and hospice care are paid for by Medicare Part A during a defined benefit period. Home care currently has no limits as to duration of coverage, so long as the patient qualifies.

A defined period is a period of time that begins the 1st day you receive inpatient care in a hospital, and occurs in a month in which you are entitled to Medicare coverage. Medicare will pay for services once the medical charges exceed a deductible. The benefit period lasts for 60 consecutive days during which: the person was neither an inpatient of any hospital; or inpatient of any skilled nursing facility; or was a patient in a skilled nursing facility but didn't receive skilled nursing care for 60 consecutive days.

For example: you enter a hospital and remain for 200 days, and are then discharged. This is what Medicare will cover: day 1 through 60, you pay the initial Medicare deductible of \$776. For days 61-90, you pay a deductible of \$194/day. Provided you haven't used Medicare in any prior hospital stays, then days 91-150 are covered by your lifetime reserve days (60 days maximum). You

would have to pay a deductible of \$388/day for a hospital stay extending from days 91-150. After day 150, Medicare will no longer provide coverage for this particular hospital stay. You would be fully responsible for days 151-200 in the hospital.

A shorthand way to remember this is that Medicare will only pay for 150 days in the hospital per spell of illness. In order to obtain Medicare coverage for future hospital visits, you have to be discharged from the hospital and go for 60 days without needing hospital or skilled nursing home care. If you can get past the 60 days post release from the hospital, then a new benefit period will begin. The only difference is Medicare will only pay for 90 days of inpatient hospital care. Why not 150 days of coverage? Because in the prior example, you used up your 60 day lifetime reserve. Once it's used, it's gone for good; even if you do qualify for a new benefit period.

Medicare Part A will pay up to 100 days of skilled nursing care for patients discharged from a hospital who had been receiving inpatient care. To qualify, the patient must: have been a hospital inpatient for 3 consecutive days; certified by a physician in need of skilled nursing care; and suffering from the same condition that was treated in the hospital. The first 20 days are fully covered by Medicare; days 21-100 require the patient pay up to \$97/day deductible.

Payment-hospitalization

There is a \$776 deductible. In addition, co-payments are required as follows: days 1-60 (\$0/day); days 61-90 (\$194/day); 91-150 (\$388/day). This last co-pay range applies if the 60 day lifetime reserve needs to be used.

Payment-skilled nursing home

If you are subsequently transferred to a skilled nursing home, Part A will pay up to 100 days following hospitalization. A co-payment of \$97/day is required for days 21-100. Home care and hospice services are also covered. In the next article, I'll discuss Medigap Insurance.

Money Tip\$

By Dave Larson

Fear and greed

In this final installment of my review of "The Roaring 2000's" by Harry S. Dent, Jr., I will cover two extremely important principles near and dear to my heart: 1) take the emotions out by investing systematically and 2) find an objective Financial Advisor.

Fear and greed often drive our investment actions and cause us to sell at market bottoms or buy at market tops. (The last six months could serve as a textbook lesson for many investors!) Dent states that the best way to overcome these emotions is to follow a simple model that instills a diversification discipline in your investment portfolio. For the sake of simplicity, let's suppose there are four different investment classes: large company, small company, international and fixed income (bonds). Depending on your tolerance for risk and your investment objective, you will allocate a percentage of your portfolio to each sector in such a way so that you achieve the highest possible returns with the least

amount of risk. For example, your appropriate model may be to allocate 25% to each of these four sectors.

Over the course of a year, each sector will perform a bit differently. On a regular basis, therefore, you should rebalance the weightings to the original 25% which means you will take money from the higher performing sectors and put it into the lower performing sectors. Essentially, you will be selling high and buying low—just the recipe for long term investment success! If you will be adding new money to your portfolio, you should also follow this strategy by investing more in the out-of-favor sectors and less in the better performing sectors.

An objective advisor can help you establish this type of systematic program for your "serious" money. In addition, before you invest a dime, he or she can help you evaluate your financial goals, tolerance for risk and keep you on track with an appropriate investment program. Dent claims that the fee paid to a professional advisor to keep the investor from caving into the temptation to buy near the tops of strong surges or sell near the bottoms of strong corrections is a bargain. Using an objective advisor can improve your investment results over time and allow you to spend your valuable time on what you love most: your career, your family and friends, and leisure activities. If you are not willing to pay for a professional advisor, at least get an experienced friend to be your mentor who can help you with your decision making. Meet with a number of financial advisors through word-of-mouth references, and take the time to choose the one that you trust and best understands investors like you.

The terrific bull market we've been experiencing (up until the end of March, anyway) has given many investors a great deal of confidence about managing their investments, and many have tried to educate themselves and invest on their own with little or no professional guidance. During the past few weeks, I've been reminded of the adage "it's easy to swim in waist deep water, but it's much more difficult when the water is over your head". Good luck and good investing...more to come in September when we'll discuss the impact of Presidential elections on the stock market.

Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee



R.W. THOMAS M. PAGLIA
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This is a reprint from the Masonic Service Association of North America:

On behalf of all the veteran patients in our VA Medical Centers, MSA says thanks to more than 3,000 individuals, Lodges and other Masonic groups who responded to our Green Envelope appeal. Because of your support we will be able to continue our work with veterans who spend many lonely hours in the VA Medical Centers. Staff alone cannot provide all the little extras

for which our volunteers are famous. MSA is very proud that out of the 57 volunteer groups registered with the VAVS, our visitation program ranks No. 7 in volunteer hours. Last year we put in an excess of 250,000 hours in the VA system alone and we estimate at least another 15,000 hours in State Veterans Homes and military hospitals.

With a goal of 85% outpatient and 15% inpatient treatment the VA system needs even more volunteer hours. Outpatient treatment means the clinics see many more patients requiring volunteers to assist them in getting to their area of treatment.

Thanks for supporting this vitally needed program. May 3rd saw volunteers from Canandaigua Veteran's Medical Center receive their Awards and we have three which are: R.W. Lawrence and Margaret Hood receiving their 100 Hour Pins; R.W. William Whittaker-750 hours and R.W. Tom Paglia with 2500 Hours Pins. Congratulations to you and big thanks to all of the others who unselfishly gave of their time and finances.

There were about 200 attending the Awards Banquet at the Burgundy Basin Inn. For 100 hours there were 28 recipients; 300 hours-28 recipients; 500 hours-10 recipients; 750 hours-19 recipients; 1000 hours-15 recipients; 1750 hours-6 recipients; 2500 hours-12 recipients; 5000 hours-1 recipient; 6250 hours-4 recipients; 22,500 hours-1 recipient; 35,000 hours-1 recipient; 89,200 hours-1 recipient (this lady is 92 years young and still visits—her name is Helen Gladwin.)

As you can see, a lot of volunteers make many visits. Kindly send in your contributions to the VA Medical Center, 400 Fort Hill Avenue, Canandaigua, NY 14424 and make check payable to Christmas Fund or split your donation and the other half to the Executive Committee. This Committee supplies various donations to Veteran's Week, entertainment for veterans, and awards gifts to both the youth and adult volunteers. On behalf of our Masonic volunteer group and the veterans, we thank you for your generous donations. Christmas, birthday parties, celebrations of various kinds throughout the year and other functions are solely supported by what you send in.

Remember, these are veterans who helped keep this great country what it is. When this country needed help, they went. Now it is our turn to help them. Don't let them down. Honor our veterans.



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Thanks

My thanks to the members of the Post for having the confidence in me to be your Commander for the ensuing year.

I thank the officers, elected and appointed, who said "Yes" when asked to work with me.

Unique group

The Post has come a long way in the past year with the gung-ho approach of Past Commander, Al Pulcino, and his Officers and members. We all got behind him and got recognized through out the city and county with our participation. We have already been booked and put on mailing lists for events for this year. My trestle-board shows some of the priority ones, and there will be more.

Though we are a social group, we are a very unique group, and the most active Masonic War Veterans Post in New York State.

Ladies invited

The June meeting will be short and the ladies are invited for an Ice Cream Social for \$3.00 each. This is a fund raiser for the Post. There will be no dinner. To save postage, the Calling Tree will be activated for reservations. Some flyers will be mailed, so keep your eyes open for all the news and events.

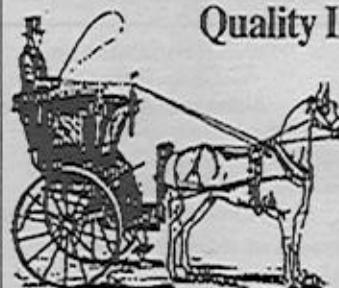
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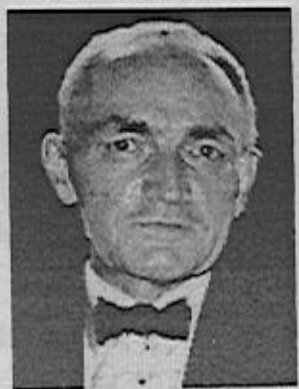
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District Deputy Grand Master Monroe District



R.W. William Lindsay
621-3573

In this, my first article as DDGM for the Monroe District, I want to heartily commend the efforts and actions of my predecessor, R.W. Don Darrohn. In my limited travels so far, I have never failed to hear Brothers who commend him for his decency, sensitivity, and commitment to Masonic principles. I know that I will have done a good job if I can begin to approach the high standard he has set for this office. The immediate members of his leadership team included R.W. Ruel Lovett, Grand Sword Bearer; V.W. Dan Walker and V.W. John Zabel, AGL's. Each has used his position to make a positive contribution to Masonic life in our District. I thank them.

The new Staff Officers, R.W. James De Lorenzo, R.W. Clifford Short and I have been quite busy planning our program for the year. It is an eye opener to begin to grasp the scope and depth of the responsibilities inherent in these Grand Lodge appointments. It is equally rewarding to receive support from Brethren in the District who have stepped forward and volunteered their time, energy and expertise to carry forward programs aimed at strengthening Masonry in Monroe County. When we have finished the planning process, we will lay out the goals and objectives which will be set for the ensuing year. We will visit each Lodge in the Fall, not only to present the Grand Master's Message, but to share the plans that have been developed. Our efforts grow out of the enduring Masonic principle of "making good men better". We see it as a journey, not just a destination, and we invite each of you to participate with us. Call anyone of us if you would like to be involved in a District project.

Junior Grand Warden

The recent Grand Lodge Communication brought exciting news to all of us in Monroe. First and foremost was the Election and Installation of our own R.W. Richard Friedman as Junior Grand Warden. I have known and worked with Brother Rich for many years and am

among his most ardent fans. To me, he epitomizes the notion of "a good man becoming better". While he is well known for his sincerity, his articulateness, his ability to listen, his ritualistic prowess, and his energetic commitment to the Craft, I am always amazed with his freshness and creativity. He comes up with more good ideas in a day than I can generate in a month. He is a voracious reader of Masonic texts and is more up-to-date on Masonry around the Jurisdiction than anyone I know. I think his strongest quality is his wonderful ability to be very practical about Masonry. He knows what will play in Peoria and is always on the level. Our Grand Lodge has made a most fortunate choice and will be well rewarded.

Consolidations

In other news, Grand Lodge has formally approved the consolidation of the two Monroe Districts, and we are now officially one District-Monroe District.

The ERAC/Towpath consolidation was approved and will now be known as ERAC No. 163, meeting the 2nd and 4th Mondays at the East Rochester Masonic Temple.

Other items of interest

The proposal to allow the use of electronic mail for Summons notification was referred to committee in order to develop specific guidelines for its use. That proposal is expected to be brought before Grand Lodge at its next communication.

A proposal to recognize Prince Hall Masonry was also referred to committee in order to develop a specific proposal for Grand Lodge action. Monroe is fortunate in having a Prince Hall Lodge (Eureka) consisting of men and Brothers whom anyone of us would welcome into our Lodges based on their commitment to Masonic principles we share. Apparently, in other areas of the Grand Jurisdiction, there are numerous "Prince Hall Lodges" of questionable pedigree, whose claim to Grand Lodge recognition is doubtful. Grand Secretary Henningsen has labored on this issue since his days as Grand Master. He is to be congratulated and supported for his enduring commitment.

Assistant Grand Lecturers

Monroe District will continue to have 2 AGL's. John Zabel will continue to serve the District in that capacity and he will be joined by R.W. R. Keith Stambach, who will replace V.W. Dan Walker. As I congratulate Keith on his appointment, I sincerely thank Dan for his efforts in strengthening Ritual in this District. He has earned the respect of many Brothers for his ability to teach Ritual and to provide education leadership. Dan is the kind of Mason who will continue to serve the Craft and we wish him well.

Keith, a Past Master of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge, has long

been known for his command of the Ritual. Having earned a Grand Representative Apron (as noted in last month's *Times*) all of us can be sure that he is well able to provide leadership in the Craft.

Visits

The Staff Officers and I have been visiting Lodges for Installations. We are deeply grateful for the warmth of our reception, and pleased with the courtesies extended to us. Each Lodge has its own style of doing things and the atmosphere varies considerably. We are all Masons and very proud of our Craft. I strongly encourage the new Masters of Lodges to plan for interlodge visitations so that all Brothers can have access to this wonderful insight.

Wouldn't it be nice if your best friend was your Brother?

At 21, I did not ask, because he was young and sowing his oats.

At 31, I did not ask, because he was married with a young family.

At 41, I did not ask, because he was too busy with his career.

At 51, I did not ask, because he was already heavily involved in the community.

At 61, I did not ask, because he was having some health problems.

At 71, I did not ask, because he lived out of town half the year.

At 81, I did not ask, because...I couldn't ask.

Calendar

July 22nd is the Grand Lodge Scholarship Awards meeting in the Downtown Temple.

October 14th is the Grand Master's Town Meeting at the Downtown Temple.

October 14th is also the Grand Master's Ball in Amherst, NY. Each Lodge has information. □

Assistant Grand Lecturers MONROE DISTRICT



V.W.
John
Zabel



V.W.
Dan B.
Walker



By V.W. Daniel B. Walker

Last column

It is with great sadness that I write this, my final column as Assistant Grand Lecturer. The last 2 1/2 years have been a wonderful time. The enjoyment of working with the District leadership and most of all, you, my Brothers, has been most rewarding.

What I have learned in this time will stay with me for the rest of my life. John and I tried some different things. Many worked well, and others we can learn from for the future. Our main intent was to make the Schools of Ritual fun and educational.

Priority

The reasons for stepping down as AGL are simple. Linda and I have a daughter, Lindsey, and she is our no. 1 priority. Also, a recent promotion at work will require more of my time. I need to focus more attention toward my Blue Lodge.

Thanks

Thank you all for your encouragement, assistance and most of all, being a Brother. Rest assured that you have not seen the last of me. I will remain active with the Bureau of Masonic Education, as well as Northfield and Germania Lodges.

In conclusion

I leave you with this thought, to understand the beauty of our Ritual one needs only to read it and live it from your heart. You need not learn it letter for letter, but understand the meaning behind the words. It is much easier to render the work when you feel it in your heart. Take care and may God bless you all. We will see you in Lodge. □

Bureau of Masonic Education Monroe County

President:
V.W. John Zabel

By V.W. John Zabel

Knowledge and power

George was enjoying the warm weather of late Spring. He was walking in a park in the next town, smelling the flowers and thinking. Rounding a bend in the path he ran into Lou, Senior Warden of Waterford Lodge.

"Hi, Lou, it's good to see you here on this great day," said George.

"Hey, George, good to see you too," replied Lou.

"How are things? Are you looking forward to being Master of your Lodge next year?" asked George.

"I sure am, but maybe you could answer a question or two."

"Sure, if I can," said George.

"Well, I've tried to follow what I learned about planning the Lodge year and have tried to come up with some really good programs and activities, but, when I mention some of them to some of the Brethren they say that we can't do this or that. They won't tell me why other than 'we have never done that' or 'that will never work'. What am I to do?"

George thought for a minute then asked, "Do you have any support for your programs?"

Lou replied, "Yes, from many of the members, including most of the new Brothers. The opposition seems to come from members that have been around for a while."

"Are your programs sound? By that I mean are they interesting and do many of them cover Masonic topics?" asked George.

"Yes, I've been working with the officers and a group of sideliners. They are happy with my program ideas and plans," said Lou.

"Then to answer your question, I would say that you are doing things right. I would suggest though that you set aside one or two program evenings and see if some of your detractors would be interested in planning a program for one or more of those evenings. You will find out if these Brethren are willing and capable of planning and carrying out a program of their choice. The Master of a Lodge is responsible for the running of the Lodge, but does not have to do everything himself. You have the power to ask others to help you. When asking for assistance offer yours in return. Now you can't sit back and watch, you have to be involved in setting goals and guidelines for

those who are helping you," answered George.

"Come to think of it, this could be fun. I don't think that some of these Brethren have ever been asked to help before. I'm going to make some calls as soon as I get home," exclaimed Lou.

George decided to follow up on this discussion. Several weeks later he called Lou and asked him about their discussion. "Well, I talked to some of the guys and I have a couple of them planning a program. They picked a topic that I hadn't thought of, but sounds interesting. We worked out a planning schedule, a date and a small budget since they said it may cost a little bit. Oh, they were very happy to be asked," replied Lou.

"That's great," said George. They continued to talk about other things for a while before the conversation ended. After he hung up, George was thinking that Lou would probably have a great year, in part because he was involving the members in his program planning.

What's happening

The Bureau of Masonic Education is looking forward to the new Masonic year. We are continuing our planning for seminars on the Degree Lectures for newly initiated and passed Brothers. We will be planning the Leadership Development Course and working with the newly appointed Grand Lodge Staff Officers in preparing for the "Road to the East" Program. Brothers interested in helping with any of these programs are encouraged to call me at 223-3228 to volunteer. Any commitment will be based on your schedule and availability. □

Membership Retention

R.W. Joseph Privitera
Monroe District



I sit here writing this article at the beginning of a new Lodge year. I look forward to what we can accomplish in this new year. Notice I did not say a new millennium, 21st Century, or any other such rhetoric. We need to be concerned about the Lodge year of 2000-2001. Are the trestleboards all lined up? Is the Degree work set up? Is the planning for the social functions in process? Most important, will that trestleboard, that plan of Lodge activities, be communicated to all the Brothers through mailings and phone committees?

I know that our new District Officers have been working hard, meeting and making plans. I know that most of the Masters of Lodges are prepared to do the job that has to be done. It is up to us to support these activities. If you enjoyed some activity, tell the Master of your Lodge. He needs all the encouragement he can get. If you'd like to see something that is not planned or have some criticism, tell the Master or one of his Officers in a constructive manner.

While looking toward the future, we should look back on the last few years to see what we have succeeded at and what didn't work very well. For example, one Lodge will replace its annual family Christmas party, that has had a low attendance over the last few years, with a Christmas party at a local charitable organization. This is what we would call recognizing something that hasn't been working well and replacing it with something that is worthwhile.

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Before I close, I thank R.W.: Don Darrohn and R.W.: Ruel Lovett for the privilege of working with them these last two years. These Brothers have worked very hard for the Craft. They faced circumstances they could not have possibly imagined when they became the District Officers two years ago. They have both served above and beyond the call of duty.

Hope to see you in Lodge. Have a good and safe Summer. □

Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.



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

By Phillip R. Hurwitz

Masters and Wardens will be meeting on June 10th at 10:00 a.m. at ERAC No. 163, 152 W. Commercial St., East Rochester.

Pursuant Article 11 of our By-Laws, I have adjourned our Annual Meeting to June 10th for the purpose of electing officers of Masters and Wardens for the ensuing year.

The positions are: President; Vice President; Secretary and Treasurer. I request that all installed Masters and Wardens attend this meeting. This will insure that we satisfy the quorum requirements called for in our By-Laws.

At this meeting, we shall also coordinate our efforts in the Monroe District. Participation from every Lodge will insure our success. □

CLIO LODGE No. 779



W.: Robert D. Pedersen,
Master
865-0849

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

W.: Sean Noonan
Secretary 392-8156
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Annual communications are over, elections are complete, and the Officers have been installed. However, this does not mean we stop and smell the roses. Much work is ahead in the new year and the other Officers and I are eager to take you into the new millennium.

Welcome

W.: Jeffrey Ross commanded the East to welcome our new Brother, William Hunn, who was raised on May 2nd.

Ox Roast

The Ox Roast, held on May 6th, was another success. Thanks to SW Gordie Smith and all the volunteers who helped set up, cook, and serve the many who ate the great food, and lastly, those who endured to clean up after a very long day. It was good to see friendly faces from afar: Brothers

Bob Quackenbush and Marty Wright from Florida and Brother Myron Waterman from the Boonville area.

Congratulations

I have the honor to announce the presentation of two Awards to members of Clio Lodge. Brother Thomas Burger was presented the DeWitt Clinton Award, and Brother David Goodrich received the Dedicated Service Award. The Awards exemplify their devotion and dedication to serve the community. R.W.: Jay McCullough and Brother Charles Tucker, DSA, assisted in the presentation.

Upcoming meetings and events

The 1st meeting for the new Officers will be June 6th. Show your support and join us for this interesting meeting. "What's wrong with this Lodge?" will be the agenda. Brush the dust off your Blue Books and get ready to test your knowledge of the Fraternity. See how you score.

Steak anyone?

At the June 20th meeting we will have a cookout in casual dress (sport shirts). A Steak Dinner with the trimmings will commence at 6:30 p.m. RSVP by Friday, June 16th, to either W.: Dave Upham, 392-6486, or me at 865-0849. Reservations are a must and a reservation made is a reservation paid. A brief meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Blood Drive

The Annual Blood Drive will take place at Clio Lodge on July 29th. What a great cause to support the community. SW Gordie Smith and his staff hope to see you there.

We need helpers

We will be setting up work teams to spruce up our building, inside and out, during the Summer. We look forward to those who can find the time to help. Led by the Trustees, please give them a "yes" when called to assist in this effort.

Birthdays

June: Thomas Burger, Harry Clapper, Carl Doell, Robert Hulek, Leslie Lobo, Don Littlefield, William Schmitt, and Myron Waterman.

July: Stu Brickman, Stan Durbin, Dave Pestell, Aaron Thompson, and Norman Wright.

August: Dick Barnes, Robert Corbitt, Larry Justice, Ralph Massey, Gordon Smith, Roy Steinbronn, Jr., Tom Tanner, and Doug Trembeth.

Closing

The newly installed Officers thank all the Brothers who gave them the support, guidance, and confidence to represent you and Clio Lodge as we go forward into the new millennium.

Moved? We have received many of the Annual Summons Communications back. Not only is it costly to the Lodge and a nightmare to the Secretary, we are losing contact with our most valuable resource - YOU. Please contact the Secretary with any change in your address or phone number. You may not be able to attend the meetings, but we sorely miss knowing that we are not in touch.

Car broken? Don't like to drive at night? Need to get out of the house for some good fellowship, see old friends, or meet the new Brothers? If you ever need transportation to attend Lodge, please call to arrange transportation. □

Churchville Lodge No. 667

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



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

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

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

Well, it's June and we are getting ready to go dark for the Summer, but we still have our June 10th Family Bar-B-Que at Churchville Park. Jesse Noble is Chairing this and we are all looking forward to coming. Please bring a dish to pass and the chicken will be provided.

Congratulations

In May we had our Election and Installation of Officers with John Hennessy elected as Master, Larry Bright as Senior Warden, and Alan Jeerings as Junior Warden. We wish them the best for the coming year. Let's give them as much help and support as we can.

We wish our outgoing Master, George Pfeiffer, the best and hope he enjoys his golf this Summer. Most of us hit the links. It has been a great millennium year and we will see you all in the Fall.

Our Master will have the trestleboard and a list of Officers posted on the Bulletin Board in Lodge for all our Brothers for the coming year. □

NORTHFIELD

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No. 426
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March 1857



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Thursdays
7:30 P.M.

W.: James P. Weick
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924-1666

W.: Donald C. Smith
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14534

While this may be my last article in the *Masonic Times* as we conclude our 1999-2000 term, I will continue to make your mailbox a popular site for additional Lodge information in the future with the "Northfield News". Your next issue will be filled with the term plans and Summer events. It will be out once plans are established. Until then, be aware of the following:

Elections

Our 143rd election has W.: Randy Griswold elected to serve as your Master. This is Randy's 2nd term, offering experience to this most important position of leadership. Jim Knapp has moved up to Senior Warden. V.: W.: Dan Walker has extended his service to the Lodge by continuing as Treasurer. I have moved into the 3 Year Trustee position while the Junior Warden and Secretary's election remain as Open Business. Formalities are delaying the JW election and, as of this writing, no one is in contention

for the position of Secretary. Our search continues.

Clean-up

Saturday, May 13th, saw Brothers Zahn, Dudley, Van-Duzer, Smith, Knapp and your Master investing sweat equity into our fine building in one of our two annual Lodge clean-ups. All Brothers not attending owe a special thank you to those who have done their part to maintain our building. We often forget that as member of Northfield you are an equal owner of the building.

Degrees completed

At the Degree Fest on April 15th, Northfield and Webster Lodges began the 3rd Degree that was concluded by a District Degree Team. Some of the finest Ritual to be enjoyed was portrayed at the Downtown Temple for eight new Brothers in four Lodges. Our two newest members are Richard J. Muto (RJ) and Pedro M. Ugalde. Be certain to welcome them at the next activity.

Widows Luncheon

The Lodge is grateful for all the efforts of W.: John Williams and Fred Hull, DSA, for arranging Northfield's participation at the Annual Widows Luncheon. A lot of work pays off in a big way as we keep steadfast to our commitment to the widows of our departed Brothers. Thank you.

Strawberry Festival

Our most challenging Strawberry Festival ever will take place at the Lodge on Thursday, June 22nd. It is challenging for two reasons. Without a Sausage Stand fundraiser this year, it will be paramount that this be a financial success. The larger challenge is getting all the support of our local Brothers to pull it off. This is the 1st year that Linda Zahn will not be at the helm masterminding the event. She and Bob will be cruising Alaska while we cruise the kitchen with all hands on deck! We have 40 pages of instructions from Linda to help us

pull this off and now we need 40 Brothers to implement them. Please set this date aside now for your June planning. We'll be calling you!

Ladies Night

A special evening for the special ladies of the Lodge was held at the Mapledale Party House on May 13th. Eleven Northfielders attended the event, along with 90 others from around the District for a very enjoyable night of food, music and fellowship.

Sickness and distress

Expressions of get well have been extended to W.: Glenn Hedges as several members of his family continue to recover from an auto accident. We have just learned of the January passing of Brother Harold D. Stafford. Our condolences to his family.

Sport Shirt Night

Don't forget the Hot Dog Roast and Sport Shirt Night at the Lodge for our June 1st meeting. Come and enjoy the fellowship in the Summer breeze.

My final comments as your Master will be issued, along with the incoming Master's address, in the next "Northfield News". Until that time, I encourage everyone to attend Lodge. □

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Don't Forget! Monroe Masters & Wardens Meeting

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Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109



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

2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

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

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

By W. Michael Batz, Master Elect

The buds are blooming, trees are greening up nicely, the temperatures are starting to go up, and we are starting a new Lodge year as well. We passed a new budget at the May 10th meeting that allows for more charity work and special efforts to grow the membership of the Lodge. I thank our lead Trustee, W. Richard Snyder, for his exemplary efforts in this job. By the way, we did elect him for another three year term. Well done, good and faithful servant!

I have cordially agreed to man the helm as your Master, and have appointed an eager staff of officers and committeemen, and intend to complete much this year. We will put out a short newsletter with a trestleboard as an addendum to this *Times* article. Look for it around June 3rd.

New officers

Your elected officers are:
Master - W. Mike Batz
SW - Joseph Gingold
JW - Bob Hill
Sec. - R.W. Herb Spencer
Treas. - W. Howard Belt, DSA
Trustee - W. Dick Snyder
TCC Rep. - W. Dick Snyder

Many chairs are filled with new Brothers and this coming year will be a wonderful opportunity to see them learn the work (as if we ever stop learning).

Come on out

We are seeing a Renaissance of sorts, and I encourage you to come out for a meeting or event real soon. You can call Herb Spencer or Dick Giedd with your dinner reservations (still only \$5.00 for a great meal with beverages and dessert!). We also have great fellowship after the meetings with more pickin's and beverages. The business of the meetings is kept brief and we do our floor work as proficiently as we can. I look forward to a memorable year.

Audit

Our Lodge conducted an internal audit, at the suggestion of

DDGM R.W. Don Darrohn, and last year's Master, W. Rich Ferris. We are, of course, just fine. A special committee, led by Brother Michael McBride, Sr., was given the task of looking back to the merger of Valley Lodge and Frank L. Simes Lodge, when the last full financial audit was conducted. This was a great opportunity to see how the Lodge has changed since then. Our books balance and our Trust Funds are in good shape. We have had a good and adhered to procedure for protecting our assets, and we have a very good financial manager in George Karpus.

Events

We have 183 members to start the year and look forward to having one big Brother Bring-a-Friend Night in the Fall, with a single set of Degrees conducted in October, January and March, barring major difficulties. Please help us in these efforts by participating in the floor work or encouraging from the sidelines.

Open Installation

There will be an Open Installation of Officers on Tuesday, June 13th, in Doric Hall in the Downtown Masonic Temple. Please come with a guest or two or three. Finger foods, beverages and snacks will be served before dinner while we gather (5:30 p.m.). There will be a special dinner before the Installation at 6:30 p.m. sharp.

Awards will be given to 13 Brothers for their years of service to the Craft and the "Mason of the Year" Award is to be given out by W. Rich Ferris. We will be sure to have plenty of cooling fans for your comfort. Please do come and feel free to bring a guest or two.

If you are coming for the dinner, please call Herb Spencer, 271-8577 or Dick Giedd, 621-3045. If you have special dietary requests, do not hesitate to tell us early! See you there!

Fellowcraft Club

By Mike McBride

We got the Traveling Gavel again! W. Richard Snyder, Brother Mike McBride, W. Glen Stahl, DSA, W. Dick Giedd, R.W. Mat Gingold, Brothers Raul Fernandez, and Mike McBride, Jr., W. Howard Belt, W. Bob Belt, and R.W. Herb Spencer went to Webster Lodge on April 20th to get it. Many extra thanks to all who attended as it was a dark and rainy night. We were well accepted by the Master and invited them to come to our Lodge and get it back. We also invited them to call ahead for dinner. Afterwards some of us went out for ice cream. A good time was had by all.

Clean-up

The Camp DeMolay clean-up on Saturday, May 13th, accomplished a lot. Everyone enjoyed a good day of fun and fellowship. This was the Fellowcraft Club's first, of a twice-a-year, project.

Meeting

We had our first Fellowcraft meeting on Tuesday, April 15th. We had chili and wings. We have had great success with our informal get-togethers, discussions and rehearsals. The June 20th meeting will be at my house, call 633-4636 for directions.

Picnic

The Lodge Summer Picnic will be held at Camp DeMolay on July 16th. More discussion will be held in Lodge.

We lost it

We lost the Traveling Gavel to Craftsman/Robertson Lodge at our May meeting! We only enjoyed it for 25 minutes or so. The Lodge was pretty full with the visiting Lodge taking up a whole section in the North. This contest is great fun and I encourage other Lodges to join in. The rules are simple: take your Master and six more Brothers to the host Gavel Lodge and you qualify. My experience is that you need 10 or more to be in the real competition. Plan it around dinner at the host Lodge, you won't be sorry.

FAME Lodge No. 945

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7:30 P.M.

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Brethren

A while back some of my grandchildren visited...and helped me to start this year's garden. We planted carrots, peas, beans, and a variety of flowers. The peas have already pushed their heads above the ground. The flowers are expected momentarily.

The vegetables should be a joy, providing a bounty of delicious freshness. The flowers will offer beauty and color. More precious, however, will be the memories that are evoked. Each time I pick a bean, or smell a flower, or just gaze at my garden, I will remember the wonderful time I had with Jess and Teddy this Spring. My Summer will be a harvest of great memories. I hope all your Summers are as delightful.

Merger news

The merger process continues to snail along. We bumped into a minor snag in dealings with Grand Lodge. Fortunately, no real time was lost. We arranged for Election and Installation at the regular meeting on May 9th, so that chore is now behind us. All that remains is the final Grand Lodge approval, and the initial meeting of the "new Lodge".

R.W. Bob Hebner visited with us on May 9th, at the regular communication. He provided us with some music and a lot of good cheer.

We are scheduled to be visited by the newly appointed Grand Officers on May 23rd; apparently

just a get acquainted affair. Still, a Roast Beef Dinner will be provided.

Please keep me, or another officer, advised of anything of note during the Summer hiatus. Particularly, we need knowledge, and news, of Brothers or relatives of Brothers in sickness or distress.

Have a great Summer. Come along baby, really got the bull by the horn. Goodness gracious! Great balls of fire! You leave me breathless. The killer has left the building.

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969

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By Robert Ogden

New Master-elect

On June 6th, W. Gabriel J. Milonni will take over the reins as Worshipful Master of our Lodge. Brother Gabe possesses the qualities and the leadership required of a Master. We all wish him the very best. W. Chuck Strickland is to be commended on the great job of "turning Craftsman/Robertson Lodge around" and in the right direction. Nice job, Brother Chuck!

Picnic

On August 19th, Lodge will hold its Picnic at Linear Park in Penfield, same location as last time. Brother Skip Waterstreet states the menu will consist of steak, chicken, hots and hamburgs. Please bring your own lawn chairs.

In memoriam

Brother William C. Staats passed away in Los Vegas, NV, on February 19th. Our sincere sympathy to his family and friends.

Gavel retrieval

Nineteen members of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge visited Valley/Simes Lodge the evening of May 9th. W. Chuck Strickland received the Gavel from W. Richard Snyder. Our own Brother John Skalny created the Gavel in 1970.

Special Olympics

Brother Ken Schumacher is again representing Craftsman/Robertson Lodge in several separate programs of Monroe County Special Olympics. Brother Ken is looking for volunteers. Please call him at 436-2076 or pager 738-1732.

Brotherhood Fund

To date 128 donors have contributed \$5071.05—approximately 72% of the membership. Another big "thank you".

Birthdays

Again, greetings to the following Brothers born in June: John Beach, John Brown, Ed Fulmer, Norm Gauch, Alan Goodrich, Vern Goodrich, Bruce Hinkley, Fred Lang, Phil McCaskill, John Meier, Ken Mertz, George Reiber, Len Schmeer, Ray Smith, Chuck Strickland, Chuck Walker, Ralph Jurgens and Mike Schum.

June meetings

There will be an Open Installation on June 6th, with a dinner preceding it. Ladies invited.

On June 13th the Fellowcraft Club will meet to plan for the Annual Meeting.

June 20th will be Wild Shirt Night; Masters will talk on upcoming events.

I wish all a peaceful and pleasant Summer.

Flower City Lodge No. 910



W. Jerry
Spero,
Master
334-7616

2nd
Thursday
7:30 P.M.

R. W. Philip Averbach,
Secretary 458-1817

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

Reflections

I thank the Lodge for allowing me to remain Master for a 2nd year. Four new Brothers were brought on board during the past 2 years. I am pleased that three of them will be Officers this year. Our Lodge had picnics, steak roasts and Latka Parties (potato pancakes) as annual events. We traveled to Utica to visit the Research Labs and the Masonic Home in April of this year. Flower City Lodge also had a dinner out with our ladies about every 2 months, which were better attended than our regular meetings! We even had a Sunday morning breakfast on May 7th.

On a sad note, several of our older Brothers passed on during the last two years. This has reduced our membership to approximately 100 Brothers. Just 10 years ago we had 200 names on our mailing list. The officers have indicated that they feel that it is necessary that we merge with another Lodge. We are currently in serious discussion with Fairport Lodge regarding a future merger.

Finally, I will offer my support and best wishes to W. Douglas Higgins and our entire new line of officers for 2000-2001. W. Douglas will be installed as Flower City Lodge's next Master at our June meeting.

Awards Night and Open Installation planned

We have planned an Awards Presentation at our Open Installation on Thursday, June 8th, at 7:30 p.m. We will not have a dinner for the Installation. Since this is an Open Installation, our ladies and friends are cordially invited. Once again I ask all Brothers to be at this meeting to welcome and support our new line of officers and to be there as we award many of our Brothers for their years of service.

Steak Roast and Picnic

The Annual Steak Roast will be at the Bushman Cabin in Henrietta Town Park on Thursday, June 15th, starting around 5:00 p.m. We will start serving the steaks, chicken and baked potatoes at 6:00 p.m., but only for those who have a reservation.

Sunday, July 30th, is Flower City Lodge's Summer Picnic in Stevens Shelter, Henrietta Town Park located by the playground area. Please contact either Phil, Doug or me with your reservations for both events.



Brother Michael McBride - SD, Valley Simes, receiving the Traveling Gavel from W. Bernard Russell, Master of Webster Lodge. It has changed hands 3 times since, but is back with V/S at press time (5/19).

Wakan/Hubbard**Lodge No. 154**

W. Gordon J. Ball,
Master
986-2964
•
2nd & 4th
Mondays
7:30 P.M.

W. Theodore J. Snyder, Sec.
467-0165
W. Donald C. Bell, Asst. Sec.
334-7768
1822 Penfield Rd.
Penfield, N.Y. 14528

Thanks

I thank the members of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 for electing me Master. In addition, I thank the following Officers for accepting their new offices:

SW - Steve Maynard
JW - Steve Xander
SD - Joseph Oelgoetz III
JD - William Cobb
Sr. MC - Ernest Swan, Sr.
Jr. MC - Michael Robinson
Marshal - W. Richard Brockmann, Sr.

Tiler - R. W. Wayne Slack
Sec. W. Theodore Snyder
Asst. Sec./Advisor - Donald C. Bell

Treas. - Paul Kober
Chaplain/Advisor - R. W. Charles C. Spiegel, Jr.
Stewards - Elwood Kain and Steven Clapperton
Organist - William Fay
Trustee - W. Raymond DiJames

Sad news

The Lodge has been saddened with the loss of Mrs. Susie DiJames, mother of R. W. Louis and W. Raymond DiJames, and the loss of the daughter of W. Ansel Shubert. In addition the Lodge lost three members with the passing of Reginald Doescher, Elbert Outermans and Leonard Latta (Mr. Chocolate).

Installation

Our Open Installation of Officers will take place on Saturday, June 3rd. I hope you will make every effort to attend.

Strawberries anyone?

Make your reservation now for the dinner preceding our Strawberry Social and Wild Sport Shirt Night on Monday, June 12th, with Paul Kober or Frank Denton. I will not be able to attend this affair as the Spiegels, Vicky and I will be in Palm Springs, CA, attending the Daughters of the Nile Convention.

Parade

On July 1st we will participate in the Penfield Parade. R. W. Wayne Slack is Chairman.

Steak Roast

Our Fellowcraft Steak Roast will be August 12th at Damascus Temple from noon - 5:00 p.m. W. Rich Brockmann, Sr., is the Chairman.

Enjoy the warm and hot Summer. See you in September. □

D.S.A.

W. Angelo DiCataldo receiving DSA from W. Ray DiJames.

WEBSTER**Lodge No. 538**

30 Orchard St.
Webster, N.Y. 14580



W. Emil Schirano,
Master
265-3932

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

W. Paul Sobtzyk, Sec.
671-8980

Brethren

I will begin by saying that I am honored and privileged to have been elected as your Master for the year of 2000-2001. I am very proud of our Line Officers and they are as follows:

Chaplain R. W. Bruce Chilton
Sr. Warden John Merz
Jr. Warden Brad Lewis
Secretary W. Paul Sobtzyk
Treasurer W. John Clapp
Sr. Deacon Douglas Koenig
Jr. Deacon David Sylvester
MC Joseph Provost
Jr. MC Donald Yakopcic
Marshal Vance Collom
Stewards Walter Cone
Jimmi Lindstrom

I know the Officers will be working hard to make the Brothers of Webster Lodge proud of them.

All of the Officers are asking for the support of all the members because without your support and attendance, we are nothing. Come in and see some old friends and meet some new ones. If you haven't been to Lodge for awhile, just remember you will never be a stranger and will be welcome with a big handshake.

We are going to have a Committee to visit members and renew their friendship.

Service Awards

R. W. Bob Zabel, 50 years.



Brother Charles Delles, 50 years.

I would also like to say that if there is a Brother or family member in sickness or distress, please let one of the Officers know. If you can't do it yourself, have one of your family contact us. We would love to come and visit or help in any way we can.

I will try to keep you up to date on Lodge activities as much as I can in the *Masonic Times* or with our newsletter.

Thanks

Special thanks to my wife, Joyce, who has given me a great deal of encouragement on my journey to the East. I thank all Past Masters and Brothers for all their support and help, for without them I would never have made it to the East. Again, thank you all.

Programs

Tentative programs for the year have been planned by the Officers and me. These programs are subject to change on a month to month basis, depending on circumstances and availability. A program will try to be arranged for each meeting. I will try to keep the business sessions as brief as possible so we can enjoy our program for the evening. Brothers, Webster Lodge is a great Lodge and with your support and attendance it will stay that way.

Summer events

June 1st is Sport Shirt Night and Card Party.

June 8th is Fellowcraft meeting.

June 15th will be a Father's Day Program with the Shrine Clowns coming in to put on a demonstration. This will be open to all family and friends, so bring your children and grandchildren. There will be hots and sausage with all the trimmings and it will start at 6:30 p.m. Don't miss this.

On July 13th we will be marching in the Webster Parade. We will carry our Banner and wear our Aprons. We will meet on Phillips Road at 5:30 p.m. Let's have a big turnout for this event. We need as many Brothers as we can get for this, so put this date on your calendar. Please call me if you plan on going at 265-3932.

We will see you in Lodge and remember to visit a friend. Please take some time to stop and smell the roses. □

The following poem was written by Judy Schatner Montanarella for her father, R. W. Walter Schatner, as he celebrated 50 years in Masonry in Webster Lodge No. 538 in April.

Thursday Night Man

He went out every Thursday night.
It was routine.
With my little girl mind providing only snapshot understanding, it was mysterious. □



Bro. Arthur Johnson, 25 years.
(Photos Mike Robinson)

It was a brick building, near the school...the Temple. They called themselves Masons. Their home, a Lodge with a number. Grandpa was a Mason with concrete and stone, a stone-cutter. He wore a ring with a symbol. The place he went on Thursday night? My little girl mind could hardly get it straight.

As the little mind died off making room for the bigger mind, the picture changed.

It's a Temple
Filled with male voices
Old-time rituals,
True-ried traditions, and
Common goals...
Fellowship
Family
Service
Faith

Devoted to general ideals...
Fraternity
Religious tolerance
Equality
Charity
Peace

I knew he was a "regular",
He was as devoted as you could imagine.

Connected
Responsible
Charitable

(with time and talents...
fixing boilers, building,
serving pancakes)
Leadership
Loyal
to the Order of the Shrine.

And now
He's going back to that Temple
where it all began.

To stand among fellow men
accepting the Pin offered
by the tradition of time...
50 years of being a Thursday
Night Man.

I wonder if he misses those
whom he once knew but are
not there.

I wonder if he misses the
fraternity.

I wonder if his memories bring up
a nostalgic feeling.

I wonder if he misses the brick
building.
(I wonder if he misses Grandpa)
I wonder if he is proud
of this accomplishment
or sees it as mundane.

If I could, I would
mortar a "W" brick in the
corner of that Lodge,
Wedging it secure in its
foundation,
Like his presence, both adding
solidarity and strength
To that gathering of men
on Thursday Nights.

Good job, Dad!!!
Judy Schatner Montanarella □

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

This is my final article as Master of Etolian Lodge and I am taking this opportunity to thank all of my officers for their dedication to the Craft and for all their help in making my year as Master successful and personally rewarding. I am proud of our accomplishments this year and I am confident that Etolian Lodge will continue to flourish under the leadership of Master-Elect John Dyer.

Annual Communication

At our Annual Communication on May 8th, Lodge Historian, David Hagmier, gave his Annual Report, which was approved to become an official part of our archives. After the third reading of the amended By-Laws, the Brethren voted to adopt the changes. The new By-Laws and membership list will be printed during the Summer break and will be available in the Fall.

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New Officers elected

I am pleased to announce the election of the following officers for the ensuing year:

Master - John Dyer
S.W. - Karl-Heinz Reich
J. W. - James Toogood
Sec. - W. Michael Schwartz
Treas. - W. Thomas Michielsen
Trustee - Robert Spencer

There will be a Public Installation of Officers on Sunday, June 4th, at 2:00 p.m. The Installing Master will be R. W. Don Darrohn, and the Installing Marshal, R. W. Ruel Lovett. Please plan on attending as a show of support to your new slate of Officers.

Grand Lodge Report

I thank you all for the opportunity to represent Etolian Lodge at the 219th Grand Lodge Communication. The Freemasons of New York certainly have a gorgeous facility in New York City and I certainly enjoyed discovering the beauty of the many different Lodge rooms and the Livingston Library, where I was able to review the archives of Etolian Lodge No. 479. The major events affecting our Lodge were the official consolidation of the 1st and 2nd Monroe Districts into a new Monroe District, and the election of R. W. Richard Friedman of ERAC to the Office of Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

Looking ahead

The June 12th meeting will be a Sport Shirt Night followed by Euchre and fellowship.

On June 19th we join Etolian Chapter, OES, at Pineway Ponds Park at 6:00 p.m. for our Annual Summer Picnic. Bring your table setting and a dish to pass.

A Brother Bring-a-Friend Night will be held on June 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Contact Master-Elect John Dyer with the names of friends who you believe will make worthy Brothers so that he may personally invite them to an evening of learning and fellowship.

The Annual Etolian Pancake Breakfast fundraiser will be held at the Lodge during the Spencerport Canal Days on July 22nd and 23rd. Please stand at the ready to volunteer to help make-ready, cook, serve, and clean-up, for many hands will make the work easier.

Once again, thanks to all my Brethren for your support last year. May the Great Architect grant you a safe and happy Summer season, and bring you back to the quarry energized for the Work to be done in the Fall.

Etolian Lodge Service Award Recipients



Back-Bos. Don Stollery (hidden), Ed Gillott, R. W. Don Darrohn, W. Marty Zillman, W. Mike Schwartz. front-Bros. Frank Chennels, Richard Kessler, L. Thompson, C. Raab, Tom Michielsen, Ed Zorn and kneeling W. Russ Holmes. (Photo M. Schwartz)

Charlotte/Corinthian

Lodge No. 1088

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

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

C. William Flemming, Secretary
723-0083

4550 Lake Avenue
Rochester, New York 14612

Thank you

This will be my last newsletter article as my year in the East comes to a close. I thank all my Officers who faithfully attended Lodge and executed their duties to the best of their abilities. Their efforts enable the Master to proceed in accomplishing his trestleboard and make the Lodge function according to plan.

Sadness

My year ends on a note of sadness with the passing of our beloved Marshal, Nick Vlahos. Our personal friendship grew as Nick and I travelled together to and from Lodge, Shrine, and errands/business he had to conduct. He shared his life experiences with you as he related his travels to his native Greece and the Holy Land. As you listened you knew this was a good man and true to the ideals by which he lived his life. We shall all miss him and his cheerful sunny nature.

Installation

The Open Installation of Officers will take place on June 6th. Our rehearsal for this will be on May 30th.

Family Picnic

Our Annual Family Picnic will be Sunday, June 4th, at Camp Eastman. We will be getting underway with the snacks and meal preparation at 11:00 a.m. The Lodge, under the direction of JW Bill King, will provide barbecued chicken, hots, burgers, salads, rolls, condiments, paper plates, napkins, plastic utensils, soda pop, and iced tea. Bring your appetite and a dessert to pass equivalent to at least two portions for every person in your party. We plan to eat at 1:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet at Lodge or call Bill at 266-5676 and let him know how many will be in your party. He is looking for volunteers for cooking, clean-up, and games for the kids.

GERMANIA

Lodge No. 722

4275 Culver Rd.
Rochester, N.Y.
14622



W. Nelson
Berch,
Master
671-4792

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

Secretary

W. John H. Foster 467-1677

By W. Dave Foster, SW

Well, apparently we crossed some's and dotted some's. Grand Lodge has bounced our consolidation paperwork back for some corrections. We are in contact with DDGM Bill Lindsay and will be making the necessary changes and resubmitting the forms for Grand Lodge approval. Once everything is approved, a letter will be sent out to inform you about the new Fame Lodge No. 722. As I wrote last month, life and Germania Lodge goes on.

One meeting in June

This month we have only one meeting, on the 1st Tuesday, June 6th. We will have a short business meeting followed by "Ice Cream and Strawberries". As usual, the meeting will be preceded by our Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Summer event

As of this date, we haven't made any plans for the Corn and Sausage Roast, usually held during the Summer, primarily due to the uncertainty about our merger status. If we decide to have it we will send out a flyer with all the information.

Brotherhood Fund

I thank all of you who have made donations to the Brotherhood Fund this year! Although we didn't have as high a participation rate as I had hoped for, our total giving was commendable given our membership level. Thanks again for helping your Brothers who depend on our help.

Dues

The Secretary asks that any of you who haven't sent in your dues yet to do so. Thank you.

All OK?

I hope this finds you all healthy and enjoying yourselves. If you are aware of any Brother who is 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 June birthdays.

See you in Lodge.

Seneca Lodge

No. 797

Second Tuesday
6:00 P.M.



W. Michael C. Ferguson
359-9052

Robert C. Green, Jr., Secretary

223-5953

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

I thank all of you who have expressed your confidence in me for the coming year. For all of you that came to me after the meeting and said you would be glad to help, I am extremely grateful.

Activities

Many of you have commented favorably on the list of activities that are planned for the coming year. I am sure we will have a great year, socially and Masonically. These activities will go even better if we have more people involved. Please pick out your favorites and volunteer. It's a great way to insure that the event goes off without a hitch, and meets all of our expectations.

Volunteer

I am confident that you will not allow any Brother to get over-extended. Don't wait until someone asks for assistance, step up and volunteer. It will be more fun for all of us, and maybe we will find some, as of yet, undiscovered talent.

Awards Night

Our first task is come out and say thank you to our Brothers who will be honored at our Awards Night on June 13th. These gentlemen have given much to our great Lodge, and they deserve recognition:

80 years - Howard Hill

70 years - Frederick Bush

60 years - Roy Dement

55 years - Robert DuBois and Edward Matthews

50 years - Douglas Blue, Jr., Hubert (Fritz) Friedrich, Henry Dutcher, Jr., and James Smith

45 years - John Frazier, Jack Pearson, Richard Peck and William Dodenhoff

40 years - A.W. Clarke, Fred Russell, Frank Martin, Jr., and Charles Brown

35 years - George Fogarassy

30 years - Thomas Hendrickson and George Zutes

25 years - Howard Rowe, Jr. and Edward Kinzie

20 years - John Kohmann

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge and at our Summer activities. Keep an eye on your mailbox for details of all our upcoming events. When you see an activity that sounds interesting, don't hesitate to call and volunteer.

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.

Robert Sweeney, Sec.
(h) 381-5286 (w) 272-2481
38 Cullens Run, Pittsford, 14534

Festival Time

Spring brings not only the flowers and the buds on the trees, it brings Festival Time. On Father's Day weekend we will be

100 Years of Masonry



Brother Howard A. Stanley - 40 years and Brother Robert O. Harnish - 60 years, with Master of Union Star Lodge, W. John H. Williams.

participating in the Festival on the Green, which will be held in Harry Allen Park, just a little ways North of our Lodge and just North of the center of Honeoye Falls. This is our major fundraising activity and we will be setting up our booth to serve hamburgers, cheeseburgers and Italian sausage sandwiches.

Brother Jerry Wiedemann will again be our Festival Chairman for this event and of course we will be needing a lot of help from our members in order to make it a success.

We will be needing help in cutting up onions and peppers, setting up the booth, picking up the grill and the supplies. These all need to be done ahead of Festival Time. Check with Jerry to see how you can help.

On the Festival Days, all day Saturday the 17th of June, and on Sunday afternoon, the 18th, we need at the booth, servers, cooks and cashiers. On Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m., we will need a clean up crew to help in the booth area, dismantle the booth and return it to the Lodge and return the grill. Give Jerry a call to let him know when you can be available; he has a sign-up sheet ready to add your name. We need everyone's help on this one.

Installation

At our next regular meeting on Monday, June 12th, we will have our Installation of Officers. This will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required, so give a call to Brother Jim Nersinger to let him know you are coming.

Come join us at our Fellowcraft Club meeting on Monday, June 19th. This will be the evening of our Annual Steak Roast. All of our members are invited to this. Give Brother Gary Sanford a call to make your reservation. A nominal charge will be required for non-members of the Fellowcraft Club.

Congratulations

At our May meeting, a Forty-five Year Certificate and Pin were presented to W. Jackson R. Valley and a Fifty Year Certificate and Pin were presented to Brother Arthur C. Sheeler. Grand Honors were also extended to these Brothers for their dedicated service to the Craft.

We Hate to Nag you....



But!...return postage is expensive. Please let us know if you move. Tell us in advance!

District Deputy Grand Master

Genesee/Wyoming



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

Looking ahead

Our District Go-to-Church Sunday will be August 6th. The Service will be at St. Paul's UCC Church, Attica, NY at 10:00 a.m. I believe there will be a breakfast before the Service, and I will let you know for sure.

Thanks

I thank R.W. Dennis Turton for the fine job he did as Staff Officer the past two years. Dennis not only made my job easier, he made it much more enjoyable. On behalf of the District, again I thank you, Dennis, for a job well done.

Masonic Vets

The District is still looking for a few good men to fill the ranks of a Masonic War Vets Post in the District. If you are interested, let me know. As soon as we get 15 men we will hold a meeting to get started.

Congratulations!

For the first time in the history of our District we have a Grand Master elected from within. Congratulations to M.W. Carl Smith, and to R.W. Ken Kohlhausen, on his move up to Grand Standard Bearer. The Genesee/Wyoming District can be very proud.

This month's bumper sticker "Time is the best teacher, unfortunately, it kills all its students." □

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 and distress

It is with sadness that I announce that Brother Raymond Hart passed away on April 20, 2000. Our condolences to his wife, Joyce, his children and other family members.

R.W. John Bater is feeling good, but his knees are giving him some trouble.

W. Van Hulburt has started chemo and feels sick after the treatment. He does have some of his appetite back and has even put on a couple of pounds.

Craig Bateman's mother, Dora Jones, has some good days and some not so good days.

Sister Rosie Marsocci is out of the hospital and is recuperating. Brother Gib Blue will be going (or has been) in the hospital and by the time you read this he should be on the mend at home.

Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund is at \$835.00 from 38 Brothers. By the time this is printed, it will be too late to contribute for this year, but you can get an early start on next year.

Molly

Molly was back home from Varysburg, but has already gone on vacation to Attica Lodge. By the time that this hits the press, Molly should be back home again. If you do not know who Molly is, then come on down to the Lodge and meet "her". I am sure that there are several members who could tell you a story about her!

New Officers

May 4th was the Annual Meeting for Hesperus Lodge and the Election of Officers. The following were elected:

Master	Norman Austin
Sr. Warden	Marty Krause
Jr. Warden	Ralph Marsocci
Secretary	W. John Specht
Treasurer	W. Ken Barons
3 Year Trustee	W. John Cooper

The Installation of Officers will be on Sunday, June 4th. Dinner will be at 1:00 p.m. in the Lodge dining room with the Installation at 2:00 p.m. in the Lodge room. Please call Brother Marty Krause for dinner reservations at 494-2147.

Many helpers

May 13th was the Annual Spring Chicken Bar-B-Que. W. George Springett did a great job with the help of W. Dick Sands and Coke Busmire chairing the Bar-B-Queing. George Springett and Margie Busmire slaved away in the hot kitchen, along with Brother Jim Hicks and his wife. There were numerous volunteers to help serve. Brother Harry Tyson came with his family to eat before going to Caledonia Lodge's 100 Year Celebration Dinner.

June

June 1st will be Youth Night. I know that my son, Jeremy, has been working on the Ceremony of Lights to present to the Brothers for DeMolay. I would like to say thank you to him.

June 15th will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the 3rd Degree at 7:30 p.m. This will be the last meeting before the Summer.

The Annual Steak Roast for Hesperus Lodge will be Sunday, August 13th, at the Summer home of Marty and Donna Krause. Fun will start at 1:00 p.m. Call Hodie for reservations at 225-2204 by August 4th. Remember to bring your lawn chairs, a dish to pass, a gift for the silent auction (something inexpensive), and if you have a special talent where you would like to make something special (such as the ceramics that Maria Chimino made or the "Bad Boy" that Pam Cooper made last year) please let Hodie know or surprise us at the Picnic. We have been moving the date around to please everyone and ended up moving it from the OES Picnic date of August 5th to about 5 other dates and landed on a District function for OES.

Volunteer

This year has gone by very fast and there are plenty of projects I wanted to do that I did not get done, so I guess that means that I

have to keep coming to Lodge and volunteer to work on, or even chair those projects. One of the things that I found hard to do was to make someone "volunteer" to do something. My son would say that was an oxy moron, because a volunteer has to decide for himself to do something.

Thanks

I thank everyone who supported me this year and filled in for me when work would not permit me to be some place. To my wife, Pam, who wanted to be put on my calendar so she could spend time with me, to Ken Barons for trying to keep me on track (yes, we can now say "after proper audit"), to Joe Chimino and George Springett for filling in all over, to all of the Brothers who showed up and asked what they could do, and especially to W. John Specht whom I have probably called about every day this past year (I even e-mailed him while he was in Georgia when Neil was in the hospital).

I guess that I will close by giving a couple of sayings:

"If it is to be, it is up to me".

"If what we do is what we have always done, then what we will get is what we already have".

God bless everyone and I wish Brother Norm a totally excellent year. □

CONSTELLATION Lodge No. 404

21 N. Main Street,
Perry, NY 14530



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Stickley
Master
237-3442
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Thursdays

John Miller,
Secretary 237-2435

Installation

The Purple Apron Club admirably installed the newly elected and appointed Officers for the coming year:

Master - Paul Stickley
SW - John Cook
JW - Robert Burt
Treas. - Gerald Sahrle
Sec. - John Miller
Chaplain - Dale Cooley
SD - John Butler
JD - Lowell Osborne
Marshal - William Barrett
Organist - John Barnard
Tiler - Leo Milhollen

The focus for 2000-2001

1. Attendance: issues, problem, and resolutions.
2. Membership: the issues, problems and resolutions. Is Constellation Lodge unique in the decline or is the decline universal? What is the perception and reaction of loss of members in the Masonic community? Do we bury our heads in the sand and await Masonry's extinction? Do we sit back and observe the tail wagging the dog?
3. Resolving the complaints: The catalogue while thin, contains some serious ones, namely the cost of being a Mason for retired members with limited incomes; the waste of time, money, energy in questionable pursuits; and the failure to recognize that a once desirable pursuit may have had its time in the universe, and should be discontinued.
4. The time has come, the turtle said, to speak of many things: So mote it be. Let us speak out!

Retirement

R.W. Charles Myers, after 17 years as a faithful, hard-working Secretary, has retired. Words can't describe the debt we owe him for these years of faithful service. Let each of us individually congratulate him for a job well done.

Breakfast in Letchworth Park

Sunday, June 18th, is Father's Day. Before sunrise you will find us at the Temple packing our wares, foodstuffs, and various pieces of sundry equipment for transport to the Letchworth State Park, near the old swimming pool, where we will offer a scrumptious breakfast menu for any Masonic palate. Come as early as you can. As usual, we will be closing down 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. □

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By R.W. Robert Dagen, Sec.

Fraternal greetings

Generally speaking, an item of discussion which always seems to fill a void is the subject of the 'weather'. Well, the following is not meant to fill a void, but rather relate personal feelings, my feelings to be exact. When preparing last month's article, I was stuck in the house due to the cold temperatures, but as I prepare this article, I have just come in from the outdoors where the temperature is well into the 80's! I think, quite possibly, that I fit into that age group known as "the Golden Years", due to the fact that I personally cannot seem to tolerate the frigid temperatures anymore. Am I alone in this, or do I have some company? Well, so much for my complaining about the weather!

Lodge matters

I would like to take this opportunity to briefly bring you up to

date on Lodge matters. We had our Annual Dinner and Program to honor 'special people' this past month. In attendance were eight of our widowed ladies and two Brothers who were presented Awards in recognition of long and faithful service to our Fraternity. I should mention that Thelma Kaumeyer, one of our ladies, had taken a fall on the day of the event and could not be in attendance.

W. Robert Clement was present to receive his Award for 70 years and Brother Harry Morith received his Award for 55 years. I ask each of you to give them a round of applause from wherever you may be at the present time, and to personally thank them at your earliest convenience. I think I can speak for those of the Brethren and their ladies who were in attendance this evening was an evening to remember. The food and entertainment were exceptional.

If you did not attend this year, keep the last Friday or Saturday evening in the month of April open next year. We will do everything possible to make sure you do not miss out on this occasion in the future.

I invite each of you to come to the first communication of Lodge in June and welcome the new Officers for the ensuing year. Your support is extremely important.

Reminder

One final note is to remind you of the Brotherhood Fund Drive. If you would like to make your contribution for this year, you can still do it by forwarding the same to the Brotherhood Chairman at this time.

I do not have anything to report concerning who may be ill or confined to their home at the present. I remind you of those who were mentioned in last month's article, indicating those who are more or less permanent residents of nursing homes, etc. They still need to know that we care about them.

Information concerning Summer events, the Summer Picnic in particular, details will be made known to you just as soon as possible. Plans are underway to publish a new Roster of Batavia Lodge prior to reconvening this Fall.

May each of you have a beautiful and bountiful Summer, materially and spiritually. May God bless us all. □

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I am looking forward to the June issue of the *Masonic Times*.

May

On May 3rd there was a discussion of the status of our building and property. There is the potential of moving the top of our building (the Lodge room) to a new site and placing it on a new basement. At the present time our options are not clear, and the offer on the property is not sufficient for us to accomplish our goal and keep our financial integrity.

The 17th of May was the Election of Officers, and you will be informed of the new Line.

Our Annual Awards Night was May 20th. Mary Alice Panek and the ladies of the Eastern Star served our traditional Swiss Steak Dinner, and we all had a great time.

Olive Branch Works Bingo at Batavia VA



Clayton Dimick, DSA, Wthy. Helen Smith and Rt. Wthy. Leone Nicoll, assist patients to play at Batavia MC. (Photo R. Nicoll)

June

In June we hope to have an Open Installation of Officers, with a dinner, on a Sunday afternoon.

Our Annual Masonic-Star Picnic and Chicken Bar-B-Que will be June 21st.

Each day I feel stronger and I am able to do more. Prostate cancer is nothing to fear. Brothers, have your annual physicals and a PSA test. Find your condition early, and get treatment. The doctors are now recommending early testing by 40 years of age. □

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Grand Lodge

My first trip to New York City and its sights was very interesting. Grand Lodge was a special occasion. The Grand Master's Reception was a great night, and it left time.

me with a shorter belt. Thanks to Dennis Turton and Art Drew for the tours and companionship.

Pumpkin Contest

The pumpkin seeds will have been handed out to the school children by this reading. Any Brother interested in growing his own giant or carving pumpkin over the Summer can bring it to West Star this Fall for judging. The date has not yet been determined.

Molly

It was a sad night when Molly left us. Hesperus Lodge told us it was time for the snowbird to go back North to Bergen. Enjoy your Summer, Molly.

Bar-B-Que

On June 17th West Star will host a Chicken Bar-B-Que to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Come to Varysburg Neighborhood Days, check out the yard sales, and enjoy a chicken. The Bar-B-Que will be in Varysburg at West Star Lodge from 11:00 a.m. until it's gone.

Enjoy a great Summer, my Brothers. I will need your help this Fall. There are empty chairs and only you, my Brothers can fill them. □

Mount Vernon Lodge No. 263



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Hello, Brethren!

Finally, we are able to enjoy some great weather. Let's hope it lasts!

Congratulations

We are all quite proud of M. W. Carl J. Smith for being elected as Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York!

Election of Officers

At our meeting on May 8th, the following Officers were elected:

Master W. Michael Driver
Sr. Warden Bernard Whaley
Jr. Warden Kay Dinker
Treasurer R. W. Ray Barber
Secretary W. Rodney Dinker

Installation of Officers

We will be installing our own Officers this year together with Arcade Lodge No. 419. This will take place on June 12th at our usual 8:00 p.m. meeting time at Mt. Vernon Lodge.

Rededication of Mt. Vernon Lodge

On October 20th, 2001, we will be having a Rededication Ceremony for our Lodge's 150th Anniversary. The committees are already being formed and WE NEED YOUR HELP, my Brothers. This isn't a job that should fall on 10% of the Lodge members for all to enjoy! Take part, everyone, and let's make this an event that we can all be proud of and remember. Contact Brother Bernie Whaley at 457-9905 to see where YOU can help.

Lodge Yard Sale

The last money making event for this year is a Yard Sale which will coincide with Strykersville Yard Sale Days on the 3rd and

4th of June. W. Sherrel Holmes is letting us set up a few tables at his house on Main Street. Please contact me at 457-3079 about bringing items for and to the sale. At the end of the sale everything must be taken away from Sherrel's property and tables returned to the Lodge, etc. I'll need some help from Brothers with trucks or vans to cart away anything left.

Farewell as Master

If has been a rewarding experience and indeed an honor to have served as Worshipful Master this past year. We have a couple of exciting and challenging years ahead of us, my Brothers. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge. Have the best of Summers. □

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



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Election of Officers

At the first meeting after Grand Lodge Communications, Attica Lodge held its Election of Officers for the ensuing year with the following results:

Master R. W. Jerald Brade
Sr. Warden Paul McCullough
Jr. Warden Bruce Anderson
Sec. W. Norman Steinbaugh
Treas. W. William Walters
Trustee V. W. Robert Strang, Jr.

The Line Officers not listed will be published in the next issue of the *Times*. An Open Installation by the Genesee/Wyoming District Purple Apron Club will be held on June 7th at 8:00 p.m., with refreshments to follow.

Mother's Day event

The 32nd Annual Mother's Day Chicken Bar-B-Que was again a success. Chuck Lapp, John King and Bruce Anderson were in charge of cooking the Chicken and did the usual outstanding job. Thanks also to ev-

June 2000

everyone who worked in the kitchen/dining room, gave donations and ate chicken. Many hands make light work.

Dues/Brotherhood Fund

As of this writing, 90% of our annual dues have been received and we thank you for this extra effort. Dues notices and Brotherhood Fund information were sent out last November. If you haven't sent your dues or a donation to the Brotherhood Fund, please do so as both are needed and time is running out.

Summertime

Our last session until the Fall is on Wednesday, June 7th. Attica Lodge Officers wish all the members a safe and happy Summer and hope to see everyone in Lodge in the Fall. □

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



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My Brothers

As this Masonic year is coming to a close, I thank you for a successful year in our Lodge, with five new Brothers in the fold.

Important dates

May 29-Annual Memorial Day Breakfast from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.-Garage Sale in the afternoon.

June 12th-Installation of Officers with Mt. Vernon Lodge at their Temple in Java Village at 8:00 p.m.

June 13th-Open meeting at Arcade Lodge for Apron Presentation to Arthur Drew, new Grand Director of Ceremony. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations requested. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

We still need garage sale items that we can sell at the Lodge.

Many thanks to our faithful Brothers for their participation this past year. You are the best! □

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Thank you

I personally thank Constellation Lodge for letting us use the lighted sign again this year at our Annual Fish Fry. We believe that this sign makes a big difference, so thanks a bunch, Brothers.

Fish Fry Report

It gives me great pleasure to announce that we had the best Fish Fry we've ever had! We served 183 people and our profits were up greatly. Thanks to all the Brothers and their wives who donated pies, coffee, etc., and helped out at the Fish Fry. We could not have done it without you. Thank you to all the Brothers who came out and supported by buying a Fish Fry.

Sickness and distress

It saddens me to announce the passing of Brother Clifford Jenison, who passed away on April 7th. He was raised to the Degree of Master Mason on September 6, 1955. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Brother Layton Vogel visited Wyoming County Community Hospital, but this time as a patient. I know he's feeling better and is out of the hospital because I have seen him in church.

Installation

Again this year we will be having a dual Installation of Officers with Warsaw on June 6th. I encourage all Brothers to attend if able.

Brotherhood Fund Report

The final report was given to me by W.-. David Beardsley and is \$160.00. Thanks to all Brothers who donated and to W.-. David for being our Brotherhood Chairman.

Bingo Night

June 27th is Veteran's Bingo Night at 6:30 p.m. at the Batavia VA. Any extra help will be appreciated.

Ladies Night

June 20th is Ladies Night at Hallies. Anyone interested contact me. We will not be going back to Lodge after dinner.

Golf support

This is a reminder to all golfers out there to get together to go to Pike and support Triluminal Lodge's Annual Golf Tournament. A good time will be had by all.

Clean-up

By the time everybody reads this we will have already had our Spring Highway Clean-up. Thanks to all the Brothers who participated.

Final Report

This will be the final communication until September, when Henry Robinson is coming back as Master. I thank all my Brothers who helped support me this year. Though it has been a rough and less fulfilling year, I know I had

everyone's support. W.-. Henry Robinson will do a great job as Master, but he can't do it alone. Though I am going on the sidelines for the first time since being raised, I plan to stay active and I hope that you Brothers who were inactive will please join me.

Bowling

Congratulations to Oakland Lodge Team No. 1 on your 2nd Place finish at the State Masonic Bowling Tournament. Great job! Special congratulations to W.-. David Beardsley and W.-. Henry Robinson on taking 1st Place on the doubles. W.-. David also finished 1st in the All Events. W.-. Beardsley and W.-. Robinson told me both teams did well and a great time was had by all. Way to go, guys!

Have a great Summer and God bless.

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St. John's Weekend June 23, 24, 25, 2000

In just a few weeks the Campus of the Masonic Home will transform into a carnival-like atmosphere. Plans are now under way to expand the weekend to make it the most memorable Masonic event that takes place on your Campus.

Although the primary purpose for this weekend is the Investiture Service of the newly appointed District Deputies and Staff Officers, it also is an opportunity for the Brethren to visit with residents and other Fraternity Brothers.

The carnival-like atmosphere is a way of bringing families together to enjoy not only a tradition that Masons participate in, but also provides entertainment for the entire family. The air will be filled with musical sounds, kiddie rides and the aroma of great food.

Tour guides will be available to give you a tour of Wiley Hall and our Nursing Facility. If you would like to sit back and relax and see our entire Campus, join us for our popular "Wagon Campus Tour". The Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Library and Museum will also be open so you can see the Masonic Home memorabilia and the various items highlighting the Masonic Fraternity. The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory will offer a slide show, research updates and tours of the laboratory every 45 minutes.

While Mom is strolling through the 40 Arts and Craft Booths, Dad will have an opportunity to check out the Antique Car Show, located in front of the Chapel. The children will have a great time on the free kiddie rides and will enjoy the games, clowns and musical entertainment. This year we have added Scotty's Train Ride where the children can hop on the train to the Child Care Center where free Child ID Video taping will take place.

The highlight of Saturday will be the parade at 3:00 p.m., led by a marching band. The parade will bring the Grand Lodge Officers to the Chapel where they will be

invested in their office for the next year.

On Sunday morning (June 25th) the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home invite you and your family to join together for a "free" Breakfast Buffet, to be served in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., prior to the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Chapel Service in Tompkins Chapel. If you plan on attending the Breakfast, please call Angie Caiola at 1-800-322-8826 with your reservations.

As you can see, the Masonic Festival offers something for everyone in the family. Take the family out for a day of fun, food, and relaxation. If your family travels in a motor home, we will be happy to make arrangements for parking your "home" on the Masonic Home's Campus. Make no mistake, we want to do everything we can to make you a part of this great Masonic event. Now it's up to you to do your part. Rain or shine—make plans now to attend this Masonic event—an event that takes place on your Campus each year. If you come, we guarantee you will have a great time!

Electrifying Bloopers
Tom Paglia

Case Number 1

I have been in the electrical field almost 50 years and I have seen all kinds of things, so very little surprises me when I go into the field. This incident concerns a man who is highly respected in his profession, but when it comes to construction—well!

I received a call asking if I had some time, would I look at some wiring? I asked the caller what was wrong, his reply, "No power to his outlets." Upon arriving at the house, guess what? There was construction going on, sort of a do-it-yourself project. I looked at the wall and saw cut marks made by a saber saw, which was used to cut some dry wall and you guessed it, there were wires right where he cut. The Code states "No buried junction boxes in a wall".

I had to rewire that section. The thermostat wire had been removed and someone had rewired it back again on the wall. Yep, try for heat, the air conditioning unit would come on, try for air conditioning and only the fan would start. Anyway, it was all corrected.

Professional people in the field don't cut blindly. If you try to get someone to install a telephone or TV cable in your basement with a finished ceiling, most will refuse to do it because it never fails, there will be wires where they are not supposed to be.

Case Number 2

This one is about a roof fan. The problem occurred when the fan started it would make a loud noise which could be heard throughout the house. On opening the door that led to the attic, I found no steps, but a small step ladder lying on the stairwell ceiling. This was used for steps.

Very gingerly feeling my way up, not knowing if I was going to go through the ceiling (done that before, being in business for a long time, your foot does slip) I managed to get to the attic.

First I looked for a switch to isolate the fan so that I could work on it, but, found none. There was a direct wire, which is a Code violation. To make the fan work to see what was wrong with it, I had to install a jumper wire

on the fan. **Don't do this if you do not know what you are doing.**

The motor started with no noise. I was looking for something else, but could see nothing. I told the home owner that the fan was losing the bushings because of age and probably would need to be replaced. Taking the fan unit out of the housing, I found that the housing was cracked and there were two holes in the hood. I did not see these before because the blades hid them from view. I asked if any work had been done on the roof and was told that a new roof was put on over the old shingles. What had happened was that when putting on the new roof, the roofers, while hammering the nails had cracked the housing (made of plastic) and probably missed a couple of times to put the holes into the housing. They used a 20 oz. hammer and anyone who has been hit on the thumb with this tool knows it kind of stings. The housing could not take it and apparently did not withstand the abuse. What was happening was that when the wind blew in a certain direction, the housing only being held by one strap, it would jump like a rabbit. Putting in a new fan was not difficult, but climbing up the steep roof was a sight to behold. While up there, I had to put one foot on the exhaust stack (one foot over and one foot down from me spread eagle). You can imagine what I looked like.

I installed the fan, but here is the good part. When looking for a switch to shut off the power to the fan, I traced the wire that was strung along the roof rafters like a clothes line and found it dropped down at least 6 feet with no support under loose plywood.

Lifting up the drywall, I found what looked like a bunch of snakes looking at me! Someone had cut the armored cable, and not installing a junction box had

made open connections, a Code violation. When taking the connections apart, I found the wires black from heat, because of the poor connections. All ended well. The proper connections were made, a junction box installed, a switch added to shut off power to the fan and a pull chain fixture installed.

The original wiring for the light in the attic had two lamp cords hooked together, plugged into an outlet in the second floor bedroom with a ceiling goose-neck fixture at the other end just hanging on a nail in the attic on a roof rafter. When you jury rig electrical devices, it is like putting a penny behind a fuse. You all know what that reads: "In God we trust", and God must have been looking out for them because the fan was a warning sign.

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A lesson to be learned

What is so special about being a Mason? The question was posed to me recently. The context was adversarial in nature. The person asking the question was reacting to something one of our Brothers had done. What he had done was not very flattering or exemplary. I don't need to go into the details.

As a leader he had acted in a public setting in a manner that did not reflect very favorably on himself or on anyone with whom he might be associated. His ring and lapel pin identified him as a member of the Craft to those outsiders who recognize the Square and Compass. The question was posed with a sense of disappointment. The question was posed as if the asker was surprised and yet disappointed that his expectations had fallen short. The question was posed as if the asker had witnessed a failure of someone not measuring up to an expected standard of performance.

Our Brother had reacted in frustration to a situation he apparently felt he could not control. He had lashed out verbally and physically in a manner that might be understandable had he been a child on a playground. He allowed his emotions to rule his better judgement. He paid a ter-

rible price in the loss of respect he earned from those around him at the time. His words and actions were indefensible. For the asker of the question he had just demonstrated, in his case, there was nothing very special about his being a Mason.

I've been thinking long and hard about this incident. For those of you who have been reading my monthly messages, you know that I have been encouraging you to "Lead by Example". But, what does that mean? Obviously, I don't want anyone to think that the negative impression of the example above is any indication of what I meant.

When I use the term "Lead by Example" I mean for you to act in a manner that is worthy of emulation. I mean for you to lead your life in such a way that others will want to follow your lead willingly. Your example should be a good one.

In other Masonic Jurisdictions it is still required that a potential candidate ask to be considered for membership. In order to be motivated to ask to join any organization, one who would ask must think that there is something of value to be obtained by joining. If the Brother in the illustration were to be our representative, we as a group don't have much to offer. I have to ask each of you if you are a good example. If you can see your actions as not being in the best interest of the Craft, perhaps you need to go back and reconsider your obligation. Ask yourself if you are living your life in such a way as to be a good and positive role model that non-members would want to emulate.

But more importantly, are you satisfied with the way you are living your life? The lessons we learn from the Craft and from those Brethren in leadership positions about how to live as upright citizens should be the rule and guide for our lives. If we can learn those lessons and use them to change

our way of life, we can avoid becoming like the Brother in this example. We can, by our actions in every day life, provide the positive role model that will attract the interest and the respect of our fellowmen. Maybe this is a wake-up call for all of us to reassess how we individually are seen by others.

As Scottish Rite Masons we are taught through a system of 29 Degrees how to live our lives. WE need to continually reassess our understanding of those lessons and how they should be interpreted. The Millennium Passport system is one way of encouraging us to do so. When in a position of leadership we must always act as a leader should. The leader must always put the interest of those following in the forefront. If the leader doesn't think first of his followers, soon there will be none.

When we lead, in whatever capacity, we must consider that those working with us must be treated with dignity and respect. Otherwise, there is no reason for them to follow.

Random reading I share with you:

Utopia Found?

There is a place that you can find
Where everyone is always kind,
Where everything is harmony,
Where every man is always free.

No politics are spoken there,
No arguments to rend the air,
Where smiles glow bright on every face,
A joyful and a friendly place.

A place where men can do good deeds
And share their lot with those with needs,
But still have fun in all they do
While being good and firm and true.

A place where God is still revered
And tyranny is never feared,
A place where virtues still are taught,
Where goodness is not sold or bought.

"A Shangri La?" you say to me,
"Why such a place can never be!"
Untrue, my friend, there's one I know,
A place where good men often go.

And not just one, but many more,
Both here at home, on distant shore,
Thousands and thousands, I would guess,
There might be more, but never less.

They've been around hundreds of years,
These places where men need have no fears,
So now you ask, "Where do I go?"
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Look for a sign with compasses and square,
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To know where Masons go to meet.

Anonymous

Ill.: Bruce Widger, 33° Active, Class

Members of the Ill.: Bruce W. Widger, 33° Active, Class who received the 32° on Saturday, April 29th are: Randy A. Darling, John A. Dudley, Kenneth L. Goodrich, Robert A. Graff, Jacob J. Jarosinski, Edward L. Kelley, Jr., Chester H. Mollon, Wade S. Oliver, Keith A. Pinto, Bruce A. Turner, Dwight E. Turner, Pedro

Ill.: Bruce W. Widger, 33° Active, Class



Rochester members of the Ill.: Bruce W. Widger, 33° Active Class. (Below) Class of new members from the Valleys of Buffalo, Jamestown, and Corning with Ill.: Harold Aldrich 33° Active and Deputy for the State, Ill.: Bruce Widger, 33° Active, and Charles O. Hancock, 32°-C-in-C. (Photos Richard Snyder)



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well as help new Brothers start their path through life on the right foot. Many of you will be asked to participate in one manner or another, but please don't wait to be asked, volunteer. By volunteering you can pick your method of participation. To volunteer, call me at 223-3228 or the Scottish Rite Office, 271-0715.

In the world of business and commerce, training is usually supplied for new jobs. So will training be supplied for your participation in Degree work. Whether you are behind the scenes as stage crew, make-up or wardrobe, or on stage, we will insure that you receive the training you need. Putting make-up on your Brethren is fun. Helping build or set up scenes is creative. Maintaining and selecting costumes teaches an appreciation for fashion, not always a guy thing. Taking a part brings out the 'ham' in one. Any and all of it is fun. It can help relieve stress. It can build self-esteem. Your participation will always be appreciated by the candidates, even if they never see you. Your good work will help make the Valley of Rochester a worthy organization in the world of Freemasonry.

Degree Participants

5° Perfect Master

Thursday, April 27, 2000

Directed by James A. Slocum
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James P. Kahn
Mathew L. Gingold, 32° MSA
Edward A.W. Brereton
Steven B. Thayer
Lee W. Shanks
Kevin R. Estee
Richard G. Giedd

14° Grand Elect Mason

Thursday, April 27, 2000

Directed by John E. Zabel, 33°
Lawrence Bright
G. Michael Morris
Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°
Thomas J. Hueston
Mathew L. Gingold, 32° MSA
David W. Taber
Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA
Vernon J. Henderson
Norman P. Austin

16° Prince of Jerusalem

Saturday, April 29, 2000

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John E. Zabel, 33°
William R. Zufall
Bruce R. Horncastle
Charles R. Frear, 32° MSA
Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA
Norman P. Austin
Arthur F. Maupin, 32° MSA
Ernest L. Swan
Bruce D. Chilton
Craig T. Mollon
Derek E. VanHouten
David W. Taber
Richard G. Giedd
Charles O. Hancock
Ronald L. Weber
Joseph F. Oelgoetz III
James H. Pray
Norman F. Smith

18° Knight of the Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.

Directed by Norman P. Austin
John E. Zabel, 33°
Bruce D. Chilton
Ronald L. Weber
Robert D. Pedersen
William R. Zufall

Philip A. Trautman
Donald P. Fox, 32° MSA
Charles O. Hancock

29° Knight of St. Andrew

Directed by
Clifford N. Hayner II

Charles M. Roberts
Michael C. McBride
Joseph F. Oelgoetz III
Gary L. Burke
Garry R. Hutcherson
James R. Spencer
Robert D. Pedersen
Warren G. Doerr
John E. Hennessy, Jr.
Ronald L. Weber
Laszlo Tuczi
Kenneth W. Ratliff
James P. Kahn
Norman P. Austin
Craig T. Mollon
Bruce R. Horncastle
Donald J. McDill
John Bruce
Edward A.W. Brereton

32° - 1st Section Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret

Directed by
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Charles R. Frear, 32° MSA
Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°
Robert Franz
Gary L. Burke
William R. Zufall
Richard A. Henderson
Myron L. Dox, 33°
William R. Hook
John E. Zabel, 33°
Donald A. Rose, 32° MSA
Arthur F. Maupin, 32° MSA
Mathew L. Gingold, 32° MSA
Donald E. Freeman, 32° MSA
Donald A. Fox, 32° MSA
Derek E. VanHouten
Ernest L. Swan
Garry R. Hutcherson
McKinley H. Gath

2nd Section

Directed by
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and John E. Zabel, 33°
Duane W. Smith
George N. Romanyshyn
James H. Pray
Joseph J. Privitera
Warren G. Doerr
James P. Kahn
Donald J. McDill
Richard A. Henderson
James R. Spencer
Charles M. Roberts
John D. Bennett
Norman P. Austin
Ronald L. Weber
Paul L. Farnung
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Joseph F. Oelgoetz III
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Robert D. Pedersen
Frank T. Jansson, 32° MSA

Hospitaler's Report

By Tom Paglia, 32° MSA
Jerold Gilmore - recuperating from hip surgery.
Harold Donish - broke his hip.

Cy Kloner - was hospitalized with a slight heart attack.
Robert Sackel - is quite ill.
Robert C. Pettit, 33° - having breathing problems.
Please remember these Brothers with cards and phone calls.

Scottish Rite

Dedication Ceremony July 29th Celebration an all day family gathering

The Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite will hold a Cornerstone Laying Ceremony on July 29th for its newly renovated Headquarters in Lexington, Massachusetts. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, Fred K. Bauer, will perform the Ceremony. A representative from each of the 15 Grand Lodges will assist the Grand Master.

The Dedication marks several new beginnings for Supreme Council Headquarters.

The Supreme Council and support staff, the Information Systems Department, "The Northern Light" magazine editorial office and administrative personnel of the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children will be housed under the same roof for the first time.

More importantly, a new 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children will also be on site. The Center will tutor up to 60 dyslexic children free of charge and become one of a network of 55 proposed Masonic Learning Centers across the Jurisdiction.

The Ceremony kicks off an entire weekend of festivities planned at the Lexington Headquarters and the adjacent Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of Our National Heritage. To commemorate the newly renovated Headquarters and Learning Center, as well as the 25th Anniversary of the Museum, the Scottish Rite has planned family-oriented events on the grounds throughout the day. Events include a family-style picnic, roving barber-shop quartets, an antique auto display, and more. The Museum will be hosting musical entertainment during the afternoon.

Masons from all over the 15 State Jurisdiction will be in attendance to witness the Ceremony.

For details, contact: Robin Robinson, Supreme Council Headquarters, PO Box 519, Lexington, MA 02420. The telephone number is 781-862-4410, FAX: 781-863-1833 or check the web site, www.supremecouncil.com.

Supreme Council September 24-27

Pittsburgh will be the site of this year's annual meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. More than 2,500 Thirty-third Degree Masons and their ladies from 15 Northeastern States are expected at the meeting on September 24th-27th. The Supreme Council last met in Pittsburgh in 1989.

The 2000 Session will be highlighted by the conferral of the organization's Thirty-third Degree upon 318 Scottish Rite Masons who were elected for this high honor at last year's meeting in Atlantic City, NJ. This year's millennium class will be the largest in recent years.

The Thirty-third Degree is awarded for outstanding achievement in the Fraternity or for significant contributions to others, reflecting credit on Freemasonry.

The impressive Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, September 26th, in the Pittsburgh Convention Center.

Introductory luncheons honoring the Thirty-third Degree candidates and their ladies will be on the schedule for Sunday noon.

Earlier business conferences attended by the Active Members and Officers of the Supreme Council will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 22-23.

The larger-scale events will begin on Sunday afternoon, September 24th, when the Pittsburgh Convention Center will be the scene of the traditional Supreme Council Vesper Service. The Rev. Dale R. Smith, 32°, will deliver the Vesper message. He is Senior Minister, Level Green Community; Past District Superintendent of the Western Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church; and Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Assisting will be Sovereign Grand Commander, Robert O. Ralston, 33°; Grand Prior Kenneth V. Kettlewell, 33°, Interim Pastor, Second Presbyterian Church in Cambridge, Ohio; and Rev. Richard G. Morledge, 32°, Pastor Emeritus, First Presbyterian Church in Bakerstown, PA, Past Dean of the Chapel at Grove City College, and Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Grand Commander Ralston will preside over the General Sessions of the Supreme Council on Monday, September 25th. In the course of these sessions, prominent leaders from other Masonic organizations in the United States and throughout the world are expected to be in attendance.

A number of other events have been scheduled, including a Monday luncheon for all ladies attending the Pittsburgh meeting. Mrs. Susann Ralston, wife of the Grand Commander, will preside over the luncheon and program. At the same time, another luncheon will be served for all Supreme Council members, distinguished guests, and members of the millennium class.

That evening, the Pittsburgh Pops Orchestra will present a concert in Heinz Hall. During the week, special sightseeing tours will be available for those attending the meetings.

In addition to the major events sponsored by the Supreme Council, a Masonic Marketplace will allow vendors to display Masonic related items.

A series of seminars on Tuesday will cover topics of interest for those attending the session.

Throughout the week, there will be many smaller social functions occurring under the auspices of the 15 participating States and

the 108 Valleys comprising the Northern Jurisdiction.

The 2000 meeting will end with the announcement of the names of those elected to receive the Thirty-third Degree at Indianapolis, Indiana, in September, 2001.

The Low Cost of Giving By David E. Larson

Giving highly appreciated stock to a charity of your choice (32° Masonic Children's Learning Centers, perhaps?) can actually benefit your financial picture through both the reduction of income taxes and the avoidance of capital gains taxes. The following example will show how clever we can be in helping you give away your stock. It will also feel great to know you're helping perpetuate and grow this fantastic philanthropy.

Let's assume you bought 200 shares of AT&T in 1996 for \$7,700 and received the spin-off of Lucent Technologies in October, 1996. After stock splits, you would now have 300 shares of AT&T and 256 shares of Lucent worth a combined \$27,000.

How about keeping your AT&T (which is worth about \$12,000 and will soon spin off its tracking stock of AT&T Wireless) and giving your Lucent to charity? This would provide you with a charitable tax deduction of \$15,000, which saves \$4,200 in federal taxes in the 28% tax bracket. You also avoid the capital gains tax on the future sale of Lucent.

In summary, you paid \$7,700 for an investment four years ago, you save \$4,200 in federal taxes and your investment is now worth \$12,000. The best part of this deal, however, is the satisfaction you will have knowing your gift will help your charity of choice continue its important work. Similar concepts can be used in Charitable Trusts that can either continue to provide you with annual income or pay the income to the charity while returning your original gift amount to your heirs at some date in the future.

Please call me anytime with questions.

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Royal Arch Masons
27th Capital District



R.E. Paul B. Josephson
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Official Visit

On May 9th I, along with four other Companions from Hiram Chapter, traveled to Dansville for my Official Visit. The Dansville Chapter Companions received us with warmth and Brotherly Love. We had a great meal and then retired to the Lodge room where Dansville Chapter did a fine job of Opening. V.E. William Zufall and I delivered a short talk on what we found good about Dansville Chapter and the way that their High Priest, E. Benjamin (Skip) Thorpe was going forward with his plans to revitalize the Chapter. All Chapters should have as energetic a High Priest as Dansville has. I have great hopes that this Chapter will turn around under Skip's leadership and become a strong and vibrant Chapter once again.

Membership

Membership is a problem for all Masonic Bodies. The way that Dansville Chapter is addressing this problem is not new, but it is effective. They are going out to the Lodges in the area and are expounding the rewards that are to be found in joining the Holy Royal Arch. This is a great idea, but it has one drawback, it is only as strong as the area Blue Lodges are. Any structure is only as strong as its foundation, and all

Concordant Bodies must derive their membership from the Blue Lodges.

We, as Royal Arch Masons, must strive to strengthen our foundation. All Companions should attend their Blue Lodge and take an active part in its activities. Bring a new Brother into your Blue Lodge and be his mentor so that he will want to complete his 3rd Degree by becoming a Companion in the Holy Royal Arch. The only way the Holy Royal Arch can dispense its light is by conferring its Degrees. Something is great only if it is shared.

Annual Picnic

Attention! The Holy Royal Arch Annual 27th District Picnic has been rescheduled for August 6th at R.E. William Kuehne's estate in Italy Hills.

Up-coming events

Hiram Picnic will be at Henrietta Town Park on Thursday, June 8th.

July 21st is the day of our Hiram Boat Trip.

Hiram Chapter



E. John A. Dudley, High Priest
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Richard J. Oliver, Secretary
594-2380
875 Main Street East
Rochester, N.Y. 14805

We had a great turnout at our Past High Priest Night with the Past High Priests filling the chairs. Thanks to R.E. Raymond Beardsley for organizing and filling the chairs for the event. What a great Opening and Closing. V.E. Bill Zufall's outstanding training over the years really paid off and the wonderful job by the Past High Priests made us all appreciate Bill's work. It was nice to see Clifton Field at our meeting.

Sadness

Raymond had the sad duty of draping the Altar for M.E. Harold Miller who joined our Heavenly Father on April 27th. Ray, who was a close and personal friend of Hal, gave a very moving Eulogy.

Thank you

A special thanks to Haggai Chapter's High Priest, James Ghent, Jr., for sending me a set of photos of the Banner's Presentation from last month.

Boat Cruise

You should have had your Boat Cruise reservation in to R.E. Gerald Jones by the end of May. The 2 hour Genesee River Cruise will take place on Friday, July 21st. The cost, including a Buffet Dinner, is \$14.00 per person. Please send your check payable to Gerald Jones at 10 Jackie Circle West., Rochester, NY 14612-3608. If you have any questions, please call him at 225-5207 or me at 586-6426.

Hiram Picnic

Our Summer Picnic will again be at Henrietta Town Park on June 8th. We look forward to a good showing. Two Scholarships will be presented during the picnic to Crystal Roberts and Tyler Gellash. Congratulations and best wishes to them.

District Picnic

The Kuehne District Picnic has changed to August 6th. This has always been a great event. Call me if you need directions.

Canadian visit

We have confirmed a date for our visit to our Canadian Companions. Please plan to join us on our sojourn on October 28th.

Assistance needed

Vern Goodrich has asked for assistance in cleaning and repairing the medical equipment at the Masonic Service Bureau. Please give him a call if you can help, even one day a month would be appreciated.

Check presented

Vern, along with the Grand Line, presented a check in the amount of \$21,000 to the hospital in Dansville for the purchase of medical equipment. Thanks to all the Companions who have contributed to Royal Arch Charities.

Remember them

Cards or phone calls would be appreciated by Glen Ide's wife who had a fall and was taken to the hospital. She is now resting at home. Robert Pettit has a lung infection and Tom Kendig is recuperating from cataract surgery.

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

Addition

By R.E. Thomas M. Paglia
In the previous issue of the Times, the High Priest thanked

those who assisted in the Homecoming Dinner for M.E. Arnold Palmer. The list of persons who helped with the Homecoming Dinner, however, was incomplete. We must thank R.E. Paul Josephson, for coordinating the affair and securing the hall, E. John Dudley, who created the programs, Joanne Palmer, Cora Paglia, Nancy Josephson, and Crystal Dudley. It was the ladies who were consultants on the decor. To all of these people, we owe a great deal of thanks for a job well done.

June

The June meeting will be Move-Up Night. Our King, Companion George R. Springett, will be in the East as I will be unable to attend. I'm confident that the meeting will proceed smoothly.

Announcements

A Fellowship Luncheon Cruise on the Keuka Maid out of Hammondsport, NY, will take place on Saturday, July 15th. This is being sponsored by the 22nd Capital District. The cost is \$25 and reservations are to be made with our Secretary, R.E. Karl Reich.

The Annual Picnic of the 29th Capital District will be held on August 23rd at the Kiwanis Park, two miles West of the City of Batavia on Route 5. Again, advanced reservations are necessary with our Secretary for this Steak Roast. The \$10 fee will help support the District Apron Fund and the Scholarship Fund.

I wish all our readers a safe and healthy Summer and 'til the Fall issue, I leave you with this poem:

Man-Making

We all are blind until we see, that in the human plan
Nothing is worth the making if it does not make the man.
Why build these cities glorious if man unbuilt goes?
In vain we build the world, unless the builder also grows.
(From "Brotherhood Poems" by Edwin Markham)

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(Photo courtesy Karl-Heinz Reich)

Triple Tau Shield

By Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr.

With respect to the shield of the Royal Arch Masons, and the use of the Triple Tau, I am unfamiliar of the shield and am unable to find a reference for it. With respect to the Triple Tau, the reader is referred to Section (Chapter) 22 of the "Freemasons Book of the Royal Arch", by Bernard E. Jones (London: Harrap, 1991).

Jones states that the "T" (tau) symbol is an early form of the cross. In England a Royal Arch lecture explains that the tau was used as a sign on a warrior who had survived a battle without being injured. Ezekial 9: 3-4 reads where the Lord commands "the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side" to "go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a tau upon the foreheads of the men that sign and that cry for (because of) all the abominations that be done in midst thereof."

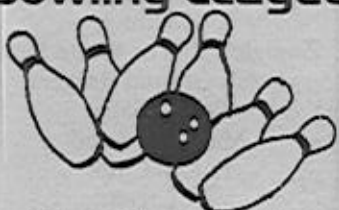
The Triple Tau was originally "T" over "H" and meant the Temple in Jerusalem. It was not seen in the Triple Tau form until 1820.

There would be no physical connection between the Templars and the Royal Arch Masons due to the 500 years between the Templars and the development of the Royal Arch Mason Degrees. The evolution of the American York Rite (Chapter, Council, Commandery) is an early nineteenth century phenomenon. This would account for the cross pollination of the emphasis of the two degree systems, only if one was unaware of how the Royal Arch developed in the British Isles and in the Northern United States. The Royal Arch and Cryptic (Council) Degrees do not depend upon the Templar Orders for the respective teachings or symbology, as they are self contained philosophically within themselves. (So is Templary contained also with itself.)

Though Royal Arch membership is a prerequisite to Templar membership, there is no direct linkage between the Capitular Degrees and the Templar Orders. The membership requirement is changing as some Grand Commanderies (or Grand Priorities) now require both Capitular and Cryptic membership as a prerequisite to Templar membership.

In summary, one would be advised not to take the Templar model too far from its field of emphasis, as scholarship does not support those conclusions. Additionally, in many areas of the globe, Royal Arch Masonry is all that is known of what in the US is called York Rite Masonry. □

Masonic Gothic Bowling League



John J. Flynn, Secretary
227-6106

Congratulations to the Wolf Pack for winning the 1999-2000 Masonic Gothic League Championship. The winning team members are Chris Masi, Derek

Y2K Masonic State Bowling Tourney Entrants from Masonic Times Country



Dick Giedd, Fran Murrer, Don Hargrave, John Specht, Dave Liles and Jay McCullough, standing - John Mattern and Neil Laundry, front.
(Photos J. McCullough)

Masi, Bob Eckman, Jeremy Fromm, and Ken Masi. They defeated the second half leaders, The Dudes, by winning eight points the last night of the season. The Dudes joined the league the 14th week of the season and had the best record for the final 17 weeks. The Dudes are Brendon Dady, Mark Dinitto, John Feeny and Jason Dale.

Final 1998-1999 Second Half Standings

Dudes	81-47
Alley Gators	77-51
Wolf Pack	75-53
Big Balls	66-62
Maiden Lanes	64-64
Northfield	60-68
Hubbard	57-71
High Average-Rick Flanagan-196	
High Scratch Series-Rick Flanagan-722	
High Handicap Series-John Flynn-799	
High Game-Bill Rubert-297	
Scratch, 331 Handicap	
Most Improved Bowler-Scott Kozlowski-+6.86 pins	
High Team Series, Scratch-Big Balls-2299	
High Team Series, Handicap-Maiden Lanes-2935	
High Team Game-Wolf Pack-819 Scratch, 1014 Handicap	

For this season, league bowlers rolled 48-600 and over series and 265 200 games. In the final seventeen weeks, they rolled 23 600 and over series and 137 200 games.

Craig Russell rolled a 613 series (218) that was 151 pins over

his average. He received an ABC Award Patch.

Rick Flanagan rolled the league's only 700 series of the season. He received an ABC Patch for his 722 series (248, 268, 206).

600 series were rolled by Jeremy Fromm-654 (229) and 606 (224), Ken Masi-651 (220, 254) and 607 (237), Dave Mawhiney-650 (227, 218), 635 (243) and 634 (223), Don Weis-649 (268), 625 (222), 619 (226, 223) and 617 (235), Rick Flanagan-636 (254), 633 (225) and 624 (225), Bob Eckman-631 (256), John Flynn-619 (257), Bill Rubert-615 and 612, Rob Goodyear-606 (227, 223), Mark Dinitto-606, and Mitch Wright-602 (223).

Other notable games were rolled by Mark Dinitto-256, Chris Masi-246, Derek Masi-248, Bill Rubert-245 and 233, Dave Mawhiney-245, Jim Flanagan-234, Rob Goodyear-232 and 221, Rex Edwards Jr.-230 and 224, Rick Flanagan-228 and 220, John Flynn-228 and 223, Mike Metheny-227, Scott Weis-227, Bob Eckman-225 and 224, John Parker-225, Harold Reynolds-223, Ken Masi-222, Mark Dinitto-221, Scott Sulatar-219, Brendon Dady-208 and Bud Crane-202.

We will be returning to Maiden Lanes on Wednesday nights again next season. Individuals and teams interested in any openings we may have, please contact me at the above telephone number. The league is open to both Masons and non-



Y2K State Masonic Bowlers, Len Mack and Jack Thibaut.

By Jay McCullough

At the end of April and during the 1st weekend in May, the 51st NYS Masonic Bowling Association Tourney was held at Del Lanes in Bethlehem Center, Elmsire, N.Y. (South side of Albany). As always, the event was sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress.

Following the 2nd weekend, the lanes were closed for the season. It has been several years since the last event held there. This time, attendees found the latest in hall treatments, with computerized scoring, cheese, crackers and dips, chips and all the goodies, which the locals say are offered at all league and tournament play, pins with a lot of life, and constant attention to detail by a well schooled staff.

The scores have yet to be tabulated, so we don't know if there

Masons. This is a good opportunity to introduce your non-Masonic friends to other Masons and possibly gaining new members.

I thank all the Masonic Bowling League bowlers for their cooperation again this season. I especially thank President, Harold Reynolds, and Vice-President, Rob Goodyear for their help. It takes more than a Secretary to make a bowling league run smoothly and for it to be enjoyable for everyone. □

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Shrine News

Potentate - George Simon



FROM THE POTENTATE



GEORGE SIMON
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Shrine Office
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I congratulate all the Brothers who received the 32° and joined the Shrine. I am sure that you will join in the workings of the Craft and find fulfillment in your endeavors.

Be careful

The warm weather has come and with it all the outdoor work for those of us that have yards and gardens. Remember to take all the precautions when out in the sun, cutting grass, and all the bending that you will be doing in your flower and vegetable gardens. Remember, we are not as young as we used to be.

Programs

Each month we talk about membership, upcoming events, and events of the past, but for some reason, we still get calls to find out what is going on. Nobles, please read and save the *Masonic Times* and "Shrine News" so that you can look back to refresh your memory.

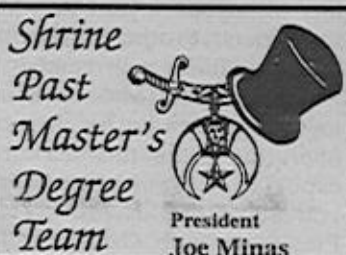
Thank you

At this time I thank all the ladies of the Masonic family for their help and support. I know I would be lost without the help of my Lady, and I am sure that there are many Brothers who are in the same boat. We may not say it enough, but for some reason "Thank You" is very hard to say. So to all Ladies who have put up with so much from us, and for your support, we say thank you.

"Things that Never Die"

The pure, the bright, the beautiful
That stirred our hearts in youth,
The impulses to wordless prayer,
The streams of love and truth,
The longing after something lost,
The spirit's yearning cry,
The striving after better hopes—
These things can never die.

The timid hand stretched forth to aid
A brother in his need;
A kindly word in grief's dark hour



President
Joe Minas

Good participation

We thank the Past Masters and Nobles who participated in conferring the 3rd Degree in Warsaw on May 16th. It was well attended and everyone did a splendid job. We don't have any more Degrees coming up 'til Fall.

If there are any Lodges in the Damascus jurisdiction that want us to confer the 3rd Degree for them, please let me know and if there are any Past Masters who want to join us, let us know.

Everyone enjoy the Summer. ☐

Director's Staff

We tried something different this past meeting. We went to the Phelps Hotel and had our dinner and meeting with our ladies. I thank Derek VanHouten for making the arrangements and for providing the entertainment for the evening. Rich Friedman and Bruce Chilton told the story of the Forget Me Not, starting before and continuing during and after World War II.

At our regular meeting, Derek was a spokesman for the Director's Staff and introduced the new Nobles to the different Clubs and Units that belong to the Damascus Temple. ☐

Damascus, "I Arrives at Succ



Zama Temple

*Daughters
of the Nile*

By Jean R. Friedrich, PQ

Our Annual Luncheon and Card Party was a rousing success thanks to all of you who attended and contributed. It took many hours of preparation to make sure the event ran smoothly. Our thanks to all who worked so hard behind the scenes.

Our new Officers performed very well in their roles at our Sessions. Our compliments to them and our Queen, Corinne Roulle. We are happy to have two of our new members as Officers. Princess Debra Denz is Lady of the Keys and Princess Carol Gridley

Zama Temple No. 14, Daughters of the Nile

cordially invite you and your friends to attend a luncheon in honor of the First Lady of Damascus Temple

Lula Simon

Saturday, June 24, 2000

at

The Party House, 677 Beahan Road

Social Time: 11:30, Lunch at Noon

Choice of: Roast Pork w/gravy, Chicken French or Seafood Salad
Rice or Potato, Chief Salad, Rolls & Butter, Raspberry-filled Layer Cake,
Beverages



Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Patrol
Legion
Caldron



Leon J. VanHuben, Monarch

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



Leon VanHuben

Monarch's Message

This will be the last article until the September issue, so there is a lot to cover. The bus trip to Turning Stone Casino was well attended with a full bus. Thanks to Joy Woodley for the arrangements and all who went for the day.

The Spring Ceremonial was well done with 7 new members for the Grotto.

The Grotto Golf Tournament is on June 3rd at Old Hickory Golf Club in Livonia.

The Grotto Picnic is on Wednesday, June 21st at Henrietta Town Park.

On June 26th thru July 1st, your Monarch, Chief Justice, Master of Ceremonies and the Secretary, along with their ladies, will be in Columbus, Ohio, for Supreme Council Convention of the Grottoes of North America.

On Sunday, July 23rd, we will be having our "Day at the Race Track" at Finger Lakes Raceway. Get your reservations to me at 647-1391 by July 15th. The cost is \$15.00 per person and includes your program, entrance fee, clubhouse seating and a brunch. Gates open at 12:00 noon.

I hope you all have a healthy Summer. We'll see you back in September.

Don't forget the ESGA Fall Convention in Canandaigua on September 14, 15 and 16. Remember that Lalla Rookh Grotto is the Host Grotto and we will need all the help possible to make this a Convention to remember in honor of PM Ken Milner and his lady, Elaine.

Until next time, give sympathy and good fellowship.

Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

I am happy to report that we took in nine new Prophets at this year's 2000 Spring Ceremonial on May 18th. Thank you for your efforts to make it happen. With Summer around the corner, we need to continue our membership efforts. Remember, membership is something every Prophet should be working on constantly. One way to spread the word about Grotto is to invite a Brother Mason to one of our Summer programs.

I hope everyone has a great Summer.

Master of Ceremonies

By Al Pulcino III

Spring is here and Summer is coming—that means we have only one more meeting which is our Annual Picnic at the Henrietta Town Park.

The date is Wednesday, June

21st. The activities will begin at 3:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. There will be a short meeting to follow.

The menu will be hot, hamburgers, Italian sausage and salads. There will be appetizers and "oh, ya" beverages.

Reservations are requested no later than Friday, June 16th, as food and beverages need to be purchased by that date.

Reservations will be honored; walk-ins take their chance, but this is not fair to those with reservations, as they might not get seconds.

Call me at 225-8471.

Chief Justice

By Ken Hutchinson

On the weekend of April 28-29th, 19 Prophets and their ladies journeyed to the Holiday Inn in Painted Post for the ESGA Spring Meeting. It was hosted by the Past Presidents and they outdid themselves. All had a top notch time.

Edna and I had the Honey-moon Suite, complete with a refrigerator. One of the highlights of the weekend was the surprise visit of the Grand Monarch, Bill Wears, to our Monarch's room, which delighted the Prophets present.

Al and Shirley won a cash prize coming in third in the Bocce Ball Tournament. Shirley did great, and I personally saw the point Al made.

I did take my own suggestion. On May 8th Dick Topel, Zone Director, and I attended a meeting of Anar Grotto, Auburn, NY.

The Monarch's Bus Trip will transpire after this is written.

The National Convention in Columbus is just around the corner, Prophets. Everyone attending should have a good time, as they have a very well planned program.

While this is the last writing 'til September, there are still many get-togethers in the meantime.

Wear your Fez and a smile.



Chefs Extraordinaire Bob Sanford and Les Moore.

The Grotto Story

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

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

As all good Masons, just having fun was not enough. It was felt that there was a need to help the less fortunate, so in June 1949, our Humanitarian Foundation was born. At that time the need was in cerebral palsy research. Our donations since have amounted to more than \$2,000,000 and increases each year.

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

All Master Masons are welcome to join our local Lalla Rookh Grotto Organization and become part of a group that not only has Fraternal fun, but tries to help others in need. For more information about the Grotto program, contact Ron Morthorst at (716) 334-4196, Membership Chairman.

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GROTTO HUMOR



"THE MONARCH DIDN'T TELL ME THE CONVENTION WOULD BE A TRIP OVER THE HILL TO THE POOR HOUSE"

Legion of Honor

By Al Pulcino III

Our next get-together will be combined with our Grotto Picnic. I will take reservations for our big fund raising day. Please try to sell as many tickets as possible. Ticket proceeds will be collected at the Picnic.

See you all there.



Cast News

By George Knierim, Director

The Grotto Cast Steak Roast will be on Monday, June 26th, in Henrietta Park at 4:00 p.m. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. There is no charge for Cast members, but your lady or guest will be \$6.50.

Bring your own table service.

Please call for reservations by June 21st to Jan Lughart at 352-4698 or me at 865-0494.

Caldron News

Our Supreme Visit is now a memory. We were very happy to present SMCO, Jeanne Kay, with a large check for the Humanitarian Fund. Most of the money was raised at our Smorgasbord, which was a huge success. Many thanks to Bob for selling so many tickets.

Our June meeting was moved up to June 1st and we'll have a Pot Luck Supper.

Happy Birthday

June birthdays are: Mary Topel, Millie Painton and June Nash.

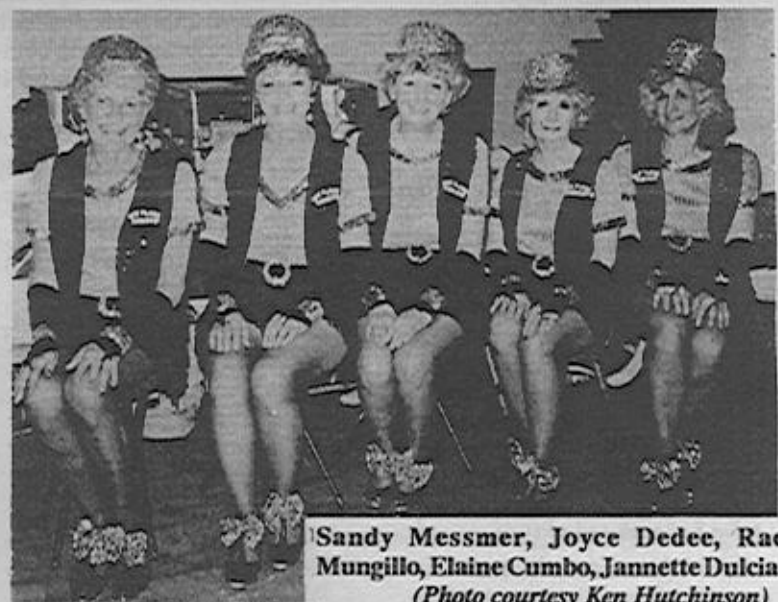
July-Beverly Murray, Helen Francis and Marcia Morrison.

August-Gerry Falk.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Summer.

Take care and God bless.

Hot Flash Dancers Entertain After April Meeting



Sandy Messmer, Joyce Dedee, Rae Mungillo, Elaine Cumbo, Jannette Dulcia.
(Photo courtesy Ken Hutchinson)

Lalla Rookh Grotto

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

Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 3, 2000

Old Hickory G.C.

6655 Big Tree road
Livonia, NY

Open to all Masons
and their Friends!

\$36.00 per person
Limit: 40 reservations
Deadline: May 25, 2000

+ 18 Holes of Golf
+ Cart
+ Steak Dinner
Tee off at 10:00 a.m.

LET'S PLAY



GRTGLF00

Make checks payable to & send with reservation form to:
Dick Topel, 949 Bennington Dr., Rochester, NY 14616
Please list names of people in party on separate sheet of paper.

Number in party _____ Amount enclosed _____
Name _____
Address _____ Tel. # _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DGM Fitje*Continued from page 1*

He is an efficient administrator, thoroughly familiar and concerned with the functioning and issues of our Lodges and Districts throughout the State. A man who has excellent interpersonal and communication skills and an inherent desire to advance the causes, projects and principles of Freemasonry in New York State.

Masonic history

R.W.: Carl was raised in Ridgewood Lodge No. 710 in 1980. He has served as Chairman of the Finance and Entertainment Committees; President of the Fellowship Club; Chairman of the Education and Leadership Committee; Membership Development Team; and Vice-President of Ridgewood Masonic Temple Guild.

District

R.W.: Fitje was elected President of the District, after working his way up from 3rd Vice-President. He was Chairman of the Blood Donor Program; President of Warden's Association and District Newsletter Coordinator. He has been District Service Representative; Chairman of Charities; DDGM's Testimonial Dinner and President of Master's Association; Chairman of Child ID Video Program, PDDGM's Long Range Planning Team and Trustee of the District and Brooklyn Masonic Temple Guild.

Grand Lodge

From 1990-1992, R.W.: Carl served as District Deputy Grand Master; member and Vice-Chairman of the Grand Master's Advisory and Planning Team; Vice-Chairman of Membership Development Team (Downstate); Vice-Chairman of Blood Donor Program and since 1995, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Convention Team. He served as Junior Grand Deacon and Senior Grand Deacon under M.W.: Gary A. Henningsen.

The Grand Master's Achievement Award and Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Medals have been awarded to him.

Concordant Bodies

R.W.: Fitje belongs to the Scottish Rite, Shrine, Royal Arch Masons, Red Cross of Constantine, Masonic War Veterans and Amaranth. He is Past Master Councilor of DeMolay and was awarded the Legion of Honor.

R.W.: Fitje provides leadership for the new millennium with youth, vitality and a focus towards the future. □

R.W.: Rich Friedman awaiting to be escorted to the East at Grand Lodge to be installed as JGW. (Photos Don Darrohn)

Grand Lodge*Continued from page 1*

District the nineteen Lodges had a total of 104 votes.) The more Lodge members the more votes each Master may cast. (Wakan/Hubbard Lodge had the largest number of votes with 8.) The Lodge must be represented to vote. The Master or proxy may choose to split his vote on the ballot among the 3 candidates. The ballots were marked, the Lodge name removed to make it a secret ballot, collected and counted.

The entire process was overseen by the Judge Advocate. He returned after what seemed an eternity and announced no one candidate had received a majority. In those circumstances the candidate with the least number of votes is eliminated-R.W.: Louis Juers. We re-balloted, unfortunately many Masters or their proxy had left Grand Lodge, and therefore there were fewer ballots and votes cast. (Among the Monroe Lodges there were 69 votes cast on the first ballot and 40 cast on the second.) Fortunately the decision was made to proceed with the election of the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens. Both were filled by unanimous vote of the Brethren. Shortly thereafter Judge Advocate Semel returned and announced that R.W.: Carl J. Fitje had been elected Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Master McCloud, at 12:50 p.m., stated that we were recessed until 2:00 p.m., at which time the Installation would commence, (only three hours after it was originally scheduled.)

It was an experience I will not soon forget and one that I truly am delighted to have had the opportunity to be present for.

Grand Lodge Officers for 2000 to 2002:

Most Worshipful Grand Master
Carl J. Smith
Deputy Grand Master
Carl J. Fitje
Senior Grand Warden
Reinhold Nelson
Junior Grand Warden
Richard Friedman
Grand Treasurer
Werner Kneisel



Grand Secretary
Gary Henningsen

JGW Friedman*Continued from page 1*

Campaign and as the Secretary of the Masters and Wardens Association.

At the Grand Lodge Level, Brother Friedman was appointed AGL in 1990 and held the Office for four years. He was appointed DDGM of the 1st Monroe District by M.W.: Gary A. Henningsen in 1994 and served until 1996. Brother Friedman served as an Area Chairman for the Leadership Service Committee from 1991-1994, served on the Long Range Planning Committee from 1992-1995, and served as a member and Vice Chairman of the Grand Master's Educational Task Force from 1992-1996, served on the Grand Master's Advisory Committee from 1993-1996 and again in 1999 to date. As part of the Grand Master's Task Force, he initiated and developed the "Road to the East" Program.

R.W.: Friedman has published two Short Talk Bulletins, including "Brother Bring-a-Friend Night". He has been published several times in the "Philaethes Magazine" and once in the "Northern Light". Brother Friedman was awarded the Chancellor Livingston Medal in 1993 and the Distinguished Service Medal from the Philaethes Society in 1991. He is currently President of the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Philaethes Society and Vice President of the Purple Club of Monroe District.

Brother Friedman is a dual member of Webster Lodge No. 538 and has several honorary memberships. He is in line in the Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix in the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R.; is a member of Hiram Chapter, RAM; Damascus Temple No. 2, Shrine, and Jester Court No. 3, Royal Order of Jesters. He is also a member of the

American Lodge of Research and Quator Coronati Research Lodge, and the Society of the Blue Forget-Me-Not. □

GDC Drew*Continued from page 1*

President of the Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities (1997-98) and is a current Member-at-Large.

In the York Rite he is a member of Arcade Chapter No. 322, RAM, and Nundawaga Council No. 92, R. & S.M., Cryptic Masons.

R.W.: Arthur Drew is a Machinist by occupation and he and his wife, Kathleen, reside in Arcade where he is member of the Planning Board of the Town and Village. They have three grown sons; Edward, Michael, and James; and three granddaughters.

We wish R.W.: Brother Drew an excellent term of service as Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. □

Miller*Continue from page 1*

Genesee York Rite College No. 25 where he received the Gold Honor Award in 1976, and Order of the Purple Cross in 1985. He was a member of the Past Masters Supper Club. Brother Miller was very involved with York Rite Masonry, and received the York Rite Mason Award in 1977. He was a member of the Regents Club in 1986 and 1987.

Hal joined the Grand Line of Royal Arch Masons leading to his election as the Grand High Priest of the State of New York in 1987. While in this capacity, he worked with the Companions to form Three Times Three Chapter No. 333, RAM, and became an Honorary Member of that Chapter.

tance from Tall Cedar, Paul Kober.

Speaking of Paul Kober, I wish to thank him for his efforts with the e-mail list. It is a terrific way to get the word out. If we don't have your e-mail address, please call Paul at 381-1058 or me at 467-0165 so we can communicate better and keep you better informed. So much easier than playing phone tag.

Tall Cedar, Don Brugger, thinks we should be performing our Degrees during the Fall season. We need new members and this would be an ideal time to do this. Please take a moment to think who you know that might enjoy this activity. It certainly is not time consuming and everyone seems to really enjoy our social functions.

If you have someone, please contact Don Bell or me for an application so we can plan on bringing him into the Forest during the Fall. You should also invite them to the Sausage and Steak Roasts so they can get to know some of our members.

Sickness and distress

We extend our sympathy to Tall Cedars, Raymond and Louis DiJames, on the passing of their mother. As of this writing, Tall Cedar, Robert Pettit, is fighting a long infection and we hope that he is fully recovered by the time you receive this communication.

Hope you all have a great Summer and we'll be in touch for our Fall outings. □



The way most remember Brother Hal and his zest for angling.

Hal insisted on good Ritual. He always spent plenty of time with his own practice and believed that others should do the same. He also believed in rewarding good work.

Everyone who knew Hal will agree that he was a top sportsman, but he was especially interested in golf and fishing. He not only took part in the sports, but organized fishing and golfing events for others to enjoy.

R.W.: Brother Miller is survived by his wife, Catherine, his sons and daughters-in-law, Eric and Donna, Gregory and Joyce, his daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Scott Schaeffer, and seven grandchildren.

A Masonic Service was held at Evangelical Lutheran Church of Atonement, 1900 Westfall Road, with Rev. Paul Gleason officiating. The Memorial Service was performed by Rev. John Macholz. Funeral Arrangements were by Crawford Funeral Home. □

HiLights

Order of the Eastern Star

GENESEE-WYOMING DISTRICT

Rt. Wtly. L. JANET LEE
DDGM

Rt. Wtly Timothy L. Bucknam
DGL

We welcome back all Genesee/Wyoming members who spent the Winter months in other states. All of us who stayed behind are glad you are back among us, for we missed you.

Grand Official Visit

The Grand Official Visit of M. Wtly. Sally A. Clark, M. Wtly. William A. Morse, and their staff of Grand Officers was held on May 18th at the First United Methodist Church in Batavia. There were about 170 for dinner and 225 for the meeting. Members and friends of the District from New York State, Halton Chapter of Milton, Ontario, Canada, and Edgemont Chapter of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, were in attendance. All enjoyed the messages given by the Grand Line Officers and the fellowship.

Our Official Visits

The Official Visit to Olive Branch Chapter No. 509 will be on June 5th and Stebbins Chapter No. 503 on June 7th.

Summer activities

With the Summer months approaching you would think that the District Activities would slow down, but the Genesee/Wyoming District will be very busy. For information on any of these dates ask your Worthy Matron, call Rt. Wtly. Tim at 237-3908 or me at 343-6285.

1. June 11th - District Go-To-Church Sunday - breakfast at 9:30

Rochester Forest

No. 133 Tall Cedars of Lebanon

4th Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.
1822 Penfield Road
Penfield, New York 14526
Grand Tall Cedar
Ted Snyder



Donald C. Bell, Scribe

Thanks

It is good to be back in Rochester after an enjoyable Winter in Naples, Florida. Many thanks to Tom Hueston for writing this column during my absence and to those Cedars who attended meetings in my absence and kept things going. Hopefully you will have received your trestleboard for the rest of the year by the time you read this and can plan to attend our meetings and social events.

The June 21st meeting will be one of those social events; our Sausage Roast at the Shrine Mosque on Bay Road. Festivities will begin around 6:00 p.m. Remember to bring a dish to pass, your own silverware and plates if you want to eat on something better than paper. You should receive a flyer on this with information about reservations. Tall Cedar, Angelo DiCataldo, will again be Chairman of this event with the more than able assis-

Monroe District Contingent at Grand Lodge

a.m. at the Pike Restaurant (\$5.95) and Church at 11:00 a.m.

2. June 17th - Study Club hosted by Vernon Chapter No. 611 in Java Village.

3. July 1st - District Chicken Bar-B-Que, Perry Masonic Temple.

4. July 16th - District Picnic and Walk-a-Thon for the District Children's Fund at Trailside, Letchworth State Park - 1:30 p.m.

5. July 19th - District Past Matrons - call Wthy. Sharon Stokes at 344-1077.

6. July 21st - Quint District Dinner, Twin Ponds Country Club, New York Mills. For reservations call me at 343-6285 before July 1st.

7. July 22nd - Pilgrimage Day, OES Home in Oriskany.

8. September 16th - Study Club Meeting, Arcade, 10:00 a.m.

Everyone in Genesee/Wyoming District wishes all the readers of the *Masonic Times* a safe and healthy Summer. □

Order of the Eastern Star Highlights

MONROE DISTRICT

DDGM

Rt. Wthy.

Doris Bell



DGL
Rt. Wthy.
Michael Bell

Thanks

The headline in the District for the month of June is: Campership Accomplished. We have met our goal to send the two youngsters to Camp Turk. It is extremely gratifying to see dreams fulfilled. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

The 2000 Official Visit Season has been successfully completed. Rt. Wthy. Michael and I thoroughly enjoyed visiting with all the members at the various Chapters. What impressed us the most, aside from the Ritual work, which was extremely proficient, was the way in which the members adapted to their environments. We were in big rooms, and small, and each had its unique appealing character.

June

The month is June, time for weddings, graduations, and the Grand Matron and Grand Patron's Official Visit, which will

be June 8th. Rt. Wthy. Michael and I look forward to seeing many of you that evening, also at luncheon for those who may be able to join us.

The Lilac Luncheon is coming up. Hopefully, many will be traveling to Utica to help us entertain the Sisters from the Home at lunch. I know they all look forward to joining with us in this festive activity each year.

Summer reminders

Pilgrimage weekend is July 21st and 22nd. Make your hotel reservations through Rt. Wthy. Michael or myself not later than June 18th. Please include a check for one night's lodging (\$109.00) with your reservation.

During the Summer hiatus, we will also be helping to host the Annual Peaches II Chicken Bar-B-Que. On August 12th come out to the Firemen's Field in Webster to have a great meal and some peach shortcake. Don't forget the Pancake Breakfast on the 13th. There are many activities in which to participate at Good Neighbor Days.

Rt. Wthy. Michael joins me in wishing you all a happy, safe, and healthy Summer, and look forward to resuming our activities in September.

From the District Lecturer

The winners of last edition's contest were Donna Laundry and the Leopold entry. Bev Van-Huben ran a strong third. Following is a list of the answers for May's quiz:

1. 7 Wonders of the Ancient World
2. 1001 Arabian Nights
3. 12 Signs of the Zodiac
4. 54 Cards in a deck (with jokers)
5. 9 Planets in the Solar System
6. 88 Piano keys
7. 13 Stripes on the American Flag
8. 32 Degrees Fahrenheit at which water freezes
9. 90 Degrees in a right angle
10. 99 Bottles of Beer on the Wall
11. 18 Holes on a Golf Course
12. 8 Sides on a Stop Sign
13. 3 Blind Mice (see how they run)
14. 4 Quarts in a gallon
15. One wheel on a unicycle
16. 5 Digits in a Zip Code
17. 24 hours in a day
18. 57 Heinz varieties
19. 11 Players on a football team
20. 1000 words-what a picture is worth

This edition's puzzle, "It's Hashhouse Greek to Me", is designed to evoke memories of late night coffee and early morning breakfasts. Most of us are old enough to have eaten at an old fashioned lunch counter, a soda fountain, or maybe even a real diner. Waiters, waitresses and cooks communicated in a type of verbal shorthand, drawing on short, easily heard, and sometimes humorous code-like terms. See if you can figure what is being ordered on the list below. Prizes will be awarded to entries with the most correct answers.

1. AC
2. Adam and Eve on a raft
3. Burn one
4. Axle grease
5. Moo juice
6. One in the country
7. Belch water
8. Black bottom
9. Bossy in a bowl
10. Harlem midget
11. Pin a rose on it
12. With sand
13. Burn the British
14. Midnight
15. Yesterday, today and tomorrow
16. Clinkers

17. Cowboy
18. Cat's eye
19. Down
20. Noah's boy
21. Put out the lights and cry
22. Eve with the lid on
23. First lady
24. Looseners
25. Radio

NOLA Chapter No. 368

Order of the Eastern Star

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

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

20 South Main Street
Churchville, N. Y. 14428

By Sister Alice Hassett

Official Summons

On April 28th, Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings, Secretary, had officially summoned a meeting to discuss two subjects: the consolidation of Oatka and Nola Chapters; and a possible increase in dues. The merger was approved by Nola members, contingent on the recommendations of a committee comprised of selected Nola and Oatka representatives. Nola Committee members are Wthy. Antoinette Jeerings, Wthy. Alan Jeerings, Wthy. Marianne Sovocol, Rt. Wthy. Susan Huff, Rt. Wthy. Wilda Robinson and Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings. At that meeting it was voted on and approved to include a provision in the By-Laws so that if the per capita cost rises, the dues (including the per capita) will automatically rise.

Meetings

The May 2nd meeting featured the Draping of the Altar.

On May 16th, honoring Mother's Day, there was a Pot Luck Supper and open meeting. Members of DeMolay and Triangle girls were invited as guests. Each member of Nola Chapter brought an item for a food basket which was given to the father of the family we are helping.

On June 6th, we will have a regular meeting.

Tentative plans for a picnic haven't been confirmed, so telephone one of the officers if you are interested.

Visiting other Chapters

On Thursday evening, May 4th, several Nola members were in attendance at the Oatka Official Visit. Three Nola members have attended other special events in the local area.

Monroe District Grand Matron's Visit

On June 8th, we will attend the Grand Matron's Official Visit at the Country Party House, 321 East Linden Avenue in East Rochester. Luncheon and dinner tickets are available. Each Chapter will be sending a representative to participate in the evening Flag Ceremony. Sister Alice Hassett will be representing Nola Chapter.

Committee for June

The Committee for June is: Sister Elizabeth Morris, Wthy. Jean Stewart and Sister Florence Smith.

Summer birthdays

June birthdays-Helen Linney, Joan Jacobs, Anne Mollon, Dee Maxfield, Mary Weinreber, Sherre Drake Albright, Mabel Gruendike, Dean Hiler, and Susan Huff.

July-Antoinette Jeerings, Doris Ray, and Sara Jane Stephens.

August-Leroy Lester, Jessie Johnson, Florence Smith, Joan Bright, Phyllis Broughner, Anita Drake and Craig Mollon.

I wish all of our Chapter members and friends a safe, healthy and prosperous Summer. Let us return in the Fall full of resolve and ready to participate in the marvelous program opportunities offered by our Order. □

Rochester Chapter No. 314

Order of the Eastern Star

Matron

Wthy. Evelyn Heller

621-5757

Secretary

Rt. Wthy. BARBARA MERTENS
482-0994

First Saturday 7:30 P.M.

875 East Main Street
Rochester, N. Y. 14605



Summer

It doesn't seem possible that it is June already. The year is going so quickly. Time certainly is flying. I hope everyone enjoys a safe and healthy Summer. We will have one, possibly two, impromptu get-togethers this Summer.

100 Years of Hats

Our Hat Show is just a few short weeks away. I hope you are all looking forward to enjoying a trip through time. The models are all set. We will have Wthy. Chuck Simpson modeling the men's hats, with Sisters Carolyn Dowling, Corinne Martelli and myself modeling the ladies hats. There may also be another "surprise" model. Tickets will have already gone out to all the members. Please come and bring some friends. This will be a fun afternoon, June 17th at 2:00 p.m. Lorrie Jones, daughter of Claude and Geraldine Wirght, is the person putting on this show. She makes it fun.

To purchase tickets, please contact any member of Rochester Chapter or call 244-1503. We need to know in advance if you are coming so we can make sure we have enough delectable desserts! Please come and join us.

HAT Show-100 YEARS OF HATS

Take a fun filled trip from the 1890's to 2000. See the hats we wore.

June 17, 2000
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Masonic Temple
875 Main St. E
3rd floor Dining Room

Dessert Buffet, Door Prizes
Everyone is invited.
Reservations 244-1503 by
June 10th
General admission-\$6.00
Seniors/students \$5.00

Sickness, distress and good news!

Sister Phyllis Prill has had knee surgery and is staying with a friend in Buffalo to recuperate. If you would like to send her cards, please contact the Secretary or me for the address.

Sister Georgia seems to be holding her own. Sister Kay Miller lost her husband, Hal. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Rt. Wthy. Ann Gagon has moved to Columbia, SC, and she is missing the cool Rochester weather. Please con-

tact the Secretary or me for addresses and send cards.

Sister Norma Gingold had some of her paintings displayed at the Irondequoit Public Library during the Art Club Spring Show. Please keep Brother Mat Gingold in your prayers.

Please remember these Sisters and Brothers with cards and prayers. If you know of any other sickness or distress, please let me know.

Summer events

July 22nd is the Pilgrimage to Oriskany. Remember to put the Chicken Bar-B-Que on August 12th and the Pancake Breakfast on August 13th on your calendar.

The Chicken Bar-B-Que features great Chicken, fantastic peach shortcake, not to mention your Worthy Matron dressed up in a chicken costume! So ya all come, now, ya hear?

Have a safe and happy Summer. Remember to let your light so shine. □

In Memoriam

April

Robinson, Howard W.

Howard was called Home on April 14th at the age of 69 years. He was a 42 year member of Fairport Lodge No. 476 and is survived by his wife, Patricia, and one son.

Hart, Raymond

The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Raymond on April 20th at the age of 82 years. A member of Hesperus Lodge No. 837, he leaves his wife, Joyce, 3 children, 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Vlahos, Nicholas C.

April 29th was the date that death claimed Nicholas. A member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, he is survived by many family members.

May

Outermans, Elbert J.

Elbert was 85 years old when he passed away on May 6th. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 and is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and two daughters.

Doescher, Reginald E.

Reginald was called Home by the Lord very suddenly on May 8th. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard No. 154, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. Reggie is survived by his wife, Mary, children and 6 grandchildren.

Latta, Leonard A.

Leonard, also known as Mr. Chocolate, entered into Eternal Rest on May 9th. He is survived by one daughter and two grandsons and was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154.

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

Jenison, H. Clifford

Clifford was a member of Oakland Lodge No. 379 and passed away April 7, 2000.

Stafford, Harold D.

Harold was a member of Northfield Lodge No. 426. He died in January, 2000 at his home in Lyons Falls, NY. □

Family Style Turkey Dinner

Sat.
June
17th
5 p.m.
to 7 p.m.



Fairport Masonic Temple
87 S. Main Street
Fairport, NY

Fresh Garden Salad,
Sliced Turkey w/Gravy, Dressing,
Mashed Potatoes, Peas w/Fresh Sliced Carrots,
Cranberry Relish, Bread & Butter,
Home Made Dessert, Coffee,Tea or Milk

Take-out available

Adults - \$8.00

Seniors - \$7.50

Children 5 - 10 yrs. \$3.50

Children Under 5 - Free

Tickets available at door

Sponsored by Fairport Chapter

No. 444, O.E.S.

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

Jul. 22	Scottish Rite Family Picnic, Shrine Mosque
Jul. 22	Grand Lodge Scholarship Awards, DTT
Aug. 25	Scottish Rite Outing, Avon
Oct. 14	Grand Master's Town Meeting, DTT
Oct. 22	Interfaith Service and Breakfast, Logan's
Oct. 28	Testimonial Dinner-III. Bruce Widger, 33° Active, Retiring A.A.S.R. Deputy for N.Y. - Syracuse
Nov. 16 & 18	Scottish Rite Reunion, DTT

Lodge Rentals Available

Etolian Lodge, Union St., Spencerport - Cap. 250 Tom Michielsen - 352-483, 1st Floor Commercial Space also available.
Fairport Lodge, 87 North Main St., Fairport Tom Richenderfer 377-7782, Greg Ludwig-388-1241, David Taber-388-0629
Fame Lodge, 4275 Culver Rd., Rochester John Rehback 338-7918
Northfield Lodge, 17 Church St., Pittsford - Cap. 80 Dan Walker - 429-6572, Bill Spillane - 436-0264, John Dudley - 586-6426
Webster Lodge, 30 Orchard St., Webster - Cap. 200 Frederick Cornell, Sr. 671-3102
ERAC Lodge, 152 W. Commercial Street, East Rochester - Cap. 75, 1st Floor Dining Rm. and Rest Rooms - Richard Schmanke 477-8191 (w) or 271-4473 (h).

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

Flag Quiz

Answer - True or False

1. There have been 27 designs of the U.S. Flag.
2. N. Y. never joined the Union.
3. The 25th design of the flag (48 stars) was in use the longest of any design to date.
4. In the early years of the nation the flag was primarily for maritime use.

5. Each of the colors in the flag has a symbolic meaning.
6. Until 1912, the arrangement of the stars in the flag was the flag maker's option.
7. It is improper to display the flag at night.
8. The stars and stripes were very important to early Americans.
9. Confederate flags are not American flags.

List of Potential Degree Ritualists

(This list has been compiled for emergency assistance only. Please contact those listed at least three, preferably seven days before the degree.)

Dave Jones	647-9896
M 1° & 2°, 1° Hist. Lec., 1 & 2° Q & A, Chrgs.	
Charles Ogburn	887-2372
1st, 2nd, 3rd° lectures.	
Joe Privitera	392-5583
W & W, Charges	
Keith Stambach	865-7416
Mid. Chmb. Lec.	

Classified

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

Wanted: Slate Pool Tables, any condition. Call: Angelo DiCataldo 738-9709.

For Sale: Drum Set-five piece w/ Snare & Trio Toms. Cam-Ride, Boom, Crash, Sizzle Cymbals. \$500 negotiable John Brugger, 637-5287 (h), 395-6095 x 4407 (w).

10. The proper way to dispose of a flag is to burn it.
11. All 27 of the designs have 13 red and white stripes.
12. It is improper to fly another national flag from the same staff as the U.S. Flag, even if the U.S. Flag is on top.

Philaethes 2000 International

Semi-Annual Conference
Sept. 28 to 30, 2000
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
at the Royal York Hotel

Hosted by
The John Ross Robertson Chapter

For information contact
George Springett
Secretary
Finger Lakes Chapter
716-247-3557

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Contributions welcome

YOU

You may wear an emblem on your coat,
From your finger flash a ring,
But if you're not sincere at heart
Than doesn't mean a thing.

It's merely an outward sign to show
The world that you belong
To that great fraternal brotherhood
That teaches right from wrong.

The things that really count
Are hidden deep within the breast,
Til Masonic teachings bring them forth
And put them to the test.

No Copy Received at Press time, or Copy Late!

Eagle Valley
ERAC
Fairport
Monroe 4x
Oatka 2x
Towpath 2x
Triluminar

"x" = months missed.

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

The Deadline for the September issue is:
August 11, 2000

Console a Brother when he's ill,
Assist him when in need,
And never give a thought to personal reward
For any act or deed.

Practice without the Lodge
The thing you've been taught within,
Be just and upright to yourself
And with your fellow men.

Walk and act in such a way
That the world without may see
That none but the best can meet the test
Laid down in Masonry.

Always be faithful to your trust,
And do the best you can,
Then you can tell the world at large
That you're a Mason and a man.
Author unknown

Don't Forget! Monroe Masters & Wardens Meeting

June 10th, ERAC, E. Rochester, 10 a.m. See M&W for more information.

Calendar June 2000

Masonic Times Deadline for September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Fly Our Nation's Flag Proudly and Often. Celebrate What it Stands for on Flag Day, June 14th.				1 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Lalla Rookh Caldron OES - Lea Court, Oatka		2 OES - Rochester Chapter OES - Grand Officers
4 Etolian Lodge Installation - 2:00 p.m.	5 West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club	6 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson Germania Oakland - Castile Warsaw OES - Fairport, Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster	7 Attica Damascus Shrine OES - Henrietta	8 Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City - Inst. RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Grand Matrons Visit Country House, E. Roch.		10
11 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon Union Star - Hon. Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club	12 Batavia Craftsman/Robertson-F Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes - Inst. RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming OES - Leah	13 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Service Bureau Luncheon OES - Batavia, Corinthian/Fellowship Flag Day	14 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster RAM - Western Star OES - Lea Court, Oatka		16 100 Years of Hats Rochester Chapter	17
18 Father's Day	19 West Star - Varysburg Etolian - Picnic OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club	20 Craftsman/Robertson Clio - Hilton Warsaw OES - Fairport, Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster	21 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Grotto Tall Cedars of Lebanon Sausage Roast First Day of Summer	22 Eagle Valley - Bliss Etolian - BBAF	23 St. John's Weekend	24 St. John's Weekend
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