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Fairport Have-A-Heart, Start-A-Heart Receives VFW Contribution



Bro. Pete Swanson Jr.-Member of Fairport Lodge and Vice Commander, VFW 8495; W. Tom Richenderfer-Master, Fairport Lodge; Bro. Mike Morris-Member of Fairport Lodge and General Chairman HAUSAH; R.W. G. (Chick) Becker-Fairport Lodge, Chaplain & Past Commander, VFW; Andy Mendes-Past Commander, VFW; and Brian Page-Chief of Police, Fairport, receiving check for HAUSAH, (Automatic External Defibrillator Fund). More information in Fairport Lodge article.

(Photo courtesy Tom Richenderfer)

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The Excitable Heart

By Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director, MMRL

Part III

Like a metronome, our heart maintains a steady beat helping us to keep time with the musical interludes of life. But that faithful pace can be interrupted, slowed or accelerated disrupting the harmony of our lives. As discussed in Part II of this series, cardiac arrhythmias can take

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Genesee Country Museum Masonic Project

By Doug Poole,

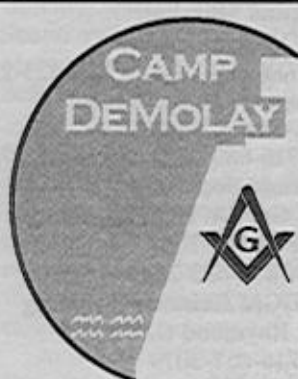
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Genesee Country Village and Museum is in the process of recreating an 1820's Masonic Lodge upstairs at Hosmer's Inn. This project has been in the discussion stage for several years and has just been given the go ahead. Masonry played an important part in the development and establishment of this area and we feel that this contribution should be illustrated.

The reason for choosing Hosmer's Inn is two-fold. Early Masonic Lodges quite often met at inns and taverns, usually in the upper rooms. Secondly, Sylvester Hosmer's father, Dr. Timothy Hosmer was, a Mason, joining the Fraternity in Connecticut in the 1780's. So, the Tavern Ballroom seemed the natural location.

As a Mason I am very proud to be involved in this undertaking. A major part of my task in the project has been collecting artifacts and researching the lay-out of a typical Lodge Room of that era. In this endeavor we are being aided by the Livingston Library and Museum of Grand Lodge in New York City.

If you have artifacts of information you think will be helpful in this project, please call me at the Museum at 538-6822 ext. 218. □



Gift of Love Help Endow the Camp

By Vern Goodrich, Exec. Dir. Masonic Service Bureau

Let us assume you purchased 1000 shares of CISCO at \$30 per share, or a total cost of \$30,000. CISCO has had great growth and has recently split 2 for 1 and its current price is about \$75, after the split. This means your split adjusted cost is now \$15 per share and you own 2000 shares for the same total cost of \$30,000.

If you contribute those 2000 shares to the Masonic Service Bureau for Camp DeMolay, the value of that gift is \$150,000. The full value of the gift (\$150,000) is a tax deduction and, if you are in the 31% tax bracket, it would save you \$46,500 in taxes, or \$16,500 more than your original cost. You also save 20% capital gains tax on the gain of \$120,000 or an additional tax savings of \$24,000.

Are there limitations on deductions? Yes, deductions are limited to 50% of your adjusted gross income for cash and 30% for appreciated stock, but any amount not used can be carried forward to future years.

This is a tax efficient way of making the government a partner and paying 47% of your gift of love. Why not make a significant gift to help endow our Camp DeMolay? Lifetime Charitable Gifts of appreciated stock are usually better than gifts of retirement assets.

The next two articles will be on Charitable Remainder Annuity Trusts and Charitable Remainder Unitrusts. □

The Challenge is Accepted

By Richard Snyder

To all Masters of Lodges, the DeMolay Camp needs the hands of your Lodge to help, aid and assist in its upkeep. When making your plans for this coming year, why not accept the challenge and plan two days into your program? They can be weekdays or weekends. The Camp has running water, showers, grills and all the right stuff to plan the makings of a fun event for your Brothers.

Valley/Simes Lodge has picked up the gauntlet, or should we say work gloves, to help get the DeMolay Camp ready for the coming season. The Lodge's Fellowship Club has planned a day of Community Service at the Camp on May 13th.

Each year over the Winter, branches fall. Leaves pile up and grass and weeds encroach the entrance to the Camp. The area along Lake Road will be the targeted zone to begin what hopefully will be a twice a year event in the future. The Brothers will finish the day with a picnic. □

Spring Brings New Crop of Grand Lodge Officers

By Richard Friedman, Vice President, Monroe County Purple Club

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York has approved the recommendations of the Monroe District Purple Club and has designated W. William R. Lindsay as the District Deputy designate and W. Clifford H. Short and James A. De Lorenzo as the Staff Officer designates. Following successful completion of their training programs, these Brothers will lead our District effective the second day of Grand Lodge in May, 2000, and will hold office at the pleasure of the Grand Master until replaced.

District Deputy

W. William R. Lindsay is known throughout this Grand



W. William Lindsay
DDGM Designate, Monroe



W. James De Lorenzo
Staff Officer Designate, Monroe



W. Cliff Short
Staff Officer Designate, Monroe

Jurisdiction as a Masonic scholar, educator and trainer of leaders. W. Lindsay was raised in Zetland Lodge No. 951 (now Towpath No. 163) in September of 1986. He was Master of Towpath in 1991. Within his Lodge he

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The Charles J. Schwenk, Sr. Scholarship Program

By Mollie Denslow, Secretary, Camp Turk

Camp Turk is in need of scholarship donations! The Charles J. Schwenk, Sr. Scholarship Program was set up to send children whose families cannot afford to send them to the Camp. This year's donations have been minimal and we have several children on a list anxiously waiting to hear if they can attend Camp Turk.

I am asking any Lodge, District or individuals that could help support these needy children to do so. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Any dollar amount would be helpful. □

Masonic Widows Luncheon a Great Success

By R. W. Richard Friedman, Co-Chairman

The Masonic Widows Luncheon held on March 18th, 2000, was a great success. One hundred and forty-eight ladies of Masonry were treated to a wonderful lunch and the full attention of a grateful Fraternity.

This year's Luncheon marked the first time that the ladies and Brethren heard a non-Masonic guest speaker in Betty Perkins-Carpenter. With all due respect to the Masonic leaders who honored us in the past, Mrs. Perkins-Carpenter was a dynamic speaker who touched on topics relevant to the ladies. Mrs. Perkins-Car-

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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Another subscriber lost

We received word on March 29th that our Brother Frank Cook, of Oakland Lodge No. 379, had passed away in Anchorage, Alaska, at the age of 74. Another subscriber lost.

Since I have been Editor of the *Masonic Times* I have watched our subscriber list plunge from 5994 in December 1991 to 4639 in April of 2000.

In previous issues I have mentioned the many places we send the *Times*, Anchorage Alaska was just one of these places. We still send papers to England, Thailand, Canada, Japan, and the Virgin Islands. Our retired Brothers, who receive the *Times*, are scattered all over the United States from Florida to California.

It is because of this diverse viewing of the *Times* that I have tried to feature, on our front page, the Universal character and community oriented aspects of our Craft. This, I think, is the genius of the Fraternity and is becoming, to the younger generation, one of its more appealing aspects.

I think giving the *Times* to a friend or relative is an excellent way to advertise the Craft. So, just don't throw it away after you've read it, and I promise to keep up the quality so you will not feel embarrassed about that.

New Associate

At the present time we have an intern, namely Ruel Lovett, working with me on the *Masonic Times*. Time will tell if this will result in our having a permanent Associate Editor. This is not to say that those interested will not be welcome to try their hand at this interesting and essential job.

Page 1 Index

Nothing bothers me more than seeing a Brother thumbing through the *Times* looking for a particular article. On page 1 there is an Index which tells you just exactly where all the features and articles are in the paper. I suggest you take a few minutes to peruse this useful tool and you might be surprised at all the information there is in your *Masonic Times*.

The *Times* Staff wishes you all a happy and fulfilled Spring. □

MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

A new opportunity

In conjunction with the National Miracle Children's Hospital Network Telethon to be broadcast in June, the Strong Children's Hospital will participate with a local Telethon on our TV Channel 10. This will be televised from the Strong Children's Hospital on Saturday, June 3rd, from 9:00 a.m. to Sunday, 1:00 a.m. Then again, on Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Richard Funke and Janet Lomax of Channel 10 will officiate.

I contacted the Manager of the Strong Children's Telethon and offered the services of the Masonic Service Bureau and the Masons to take part in a segment of the Telethon to man the phones and receive donations. There may be a chance for us to be in one of the live broadcasts.

The Manager was receptive to my offer, but indicated that the assignments on the Telethon will be allotted first to the various groups who volunteered in previous years. So, at the time this article was submitted to the Editor, I have no knowledge that my offer will be successful.

Volunteers needed

In the event that our offer is accepted and assigned, volunteers from all Masons will be urgently needed. Watch for more details in the June issue. If anyone is interested in taking part in this worthwhile project if we are successful, please telephone me at 342-5865. □

Money Tip\$

By Dave Larson

Turbulent times!

I am writing this column during one of the most turbulent periods in the stock market in recent memory. Now is an excellent time to review the fourth principle for building wealth presented by Harry S. Dent, Jr., in his book, "The Roaring 2000's": Use asset allocation for the biggest risk versus return.

As our stock portfolios climbed increasingly higher over the past few years with just a few short-lived downdrafts, some of us might have forgotten the inverse relationship between risk and return in the stock market. Some investors may have recently begun investing in stocks and ignored the concept of risk altogether. The past few weeks have been a wake up call to many stock market and stock mutual fund investors wondering what they could do to temper the ups and downs of their portfolios.

To reduce the volatile swings of an all-stock portfolio, financial advisers usually recommend a strategy of holding different types of assets (stocks, bonds, cash) and even different types of stocks, (international, small company, large company, growth, rising dividend). Spreading investments across these categories is known as asset allocation.

The biggest returns over time come primarily from having an appropriate asset allocation, and not from picking the best funds or from market timing. For example, overweighting stocks during this long running bull market has been a good strategy, but hav-

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ing a portion of your portfolio in government bonds since the beginning of the year has actually increased the overall return and reduced the risk or volatility of a more diversified portfolio. A good example of the power of asset allocation is in the simple addition of international stocks to an all US stock portfolio.

History shows that having a 20-30% allocation to international stocks can actually increase the returns on the portfolio while reducing the volatility (risk) of the portfolio. This is possible because the gyrations of these two categories of stocks, US and international, offset each other over time.

The appropriate asset allocation strategy for you depends on your risk tolerance, investment objectives and time horizon. A good discussion with an objective financial advisor or investment mentor can help you understand the trade-offs between different categories of mutual fund styles and asset classes. □

Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Social Security

For the aged, Social Security serves as some protection against the expenses of illness, and provides modest retirement benefits. The basic programs are: Retirement Insurance, Survivors Insurance, Disability Insurance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Hospital and Medical Insurance for the aged, disabled, and those with end stage renal failure (Medicare A & B).

Retirement Insurance

A monthly stipend is paid to persons, 62 or older, who have paid into the Social Security System through payroll or self-employment tax. To be eligible, a covered worker (assuming a birth

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date after 1929) must have 40 credits or more to qualify. A credit equals one quarter or 4 months. To obtain a credit, earned income has to exceed \$590 each quarter (SSA Handbook 212). The amount of the stipend depends on your contributions during your career. Mistakes in reporting your income by previous employers do occur. To safeguard your earning record, you must verify its accuracy. Social Security will not do it for you. Fortunately, Social Security makes this process of verification very easy. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (or visit their web site at www.ssa.gov) to request a Form SSA-7004SM (Request for Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement). It will show how much you have paid into the system, and what your retirement benefit would be. If the earnings information contained in this statement is inaccurate, then you must contact Social Security to correct the error. The time to correct your earnings record is limited, and may be as little as 3 years from the date the income was reported.

Retirement benefits can be obtained beginning at age 62, but full retirement benefits aren't paid until age 65 is reached. Beginning this year, and for those born after 1938, the full retirement age will be increasing gradually to 67 in 2022 (SSA Handbook 723).

As of January, 1998, Social Security estimates that a retiree, at 65, who steadily earned: \$12,000/year, would get a monthly stipend of \$568/month (\$852 if married); earnings of \$27,000/year, would get a monthly stipend of \$938/month (\$1407 if married); earnings of \$65,400/year, would get a monthly stipend of \$1342/month (\$2013 if married). (SSA Publication #05-10080).

Survivors Insurance

Survivors benefits are paid to a deceased worker's family, provided the deceased worker was

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fully insured at the time of his/her death. A widower with 2 children can expect a monthly stipend of about \$1500/month. This amount will increase annually as the cost of living increases. Social Security estimates that this survivors benefit is the equivalent of a life insurance policy worth \$313,000 (SSA Publication #05-10080). Children up to age 18 (age 19 if still in high school) can obtain survivors benefits. A child over 18, but disabled before age 22, can also obtain survivors benefits. A widow(er) who is either: caring for children under age 16; age 60 or older; age 50 or older who is disabled, can also obtain survivors benefits. A survivor who is divorced from the deceased worker, may also qualify for a survivor benefit if he/she is over age 60 (age 50 if disabled) and hadn't remarried prior to age 60 (age 50 if disabled) (SSA Handbook 406).

Disability Insurance

A disabled worker and his family are entitled to disability benefits after meeting certain eligibility requirements. These re-

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quirements are essentially: inability to work; earned at least 20 quarters into the Social Security System (a quarter is 4 months in which the worker has earned at least \$590 per quarter) at the time he is determined to be disabled; completed a 5 month waiting period (unless exempted from waiting); and is under age 65. The disabled worker's benefit rate is the same as his retirement benefit; both of which are based upon the worker's average lifetime, taxable earnings. A disabled widow(er) can also qualify for the deceased spouse's disability benefits if the survivor's disability came about within 7 years (SSA Handbook 513). The average monthly payment to a disabled worker is \$720/month; \$1200/month if married with children. A person collecting disability for 2 or more years becomes eligible for Medicare. (SSA Publication #05-10080).

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

SSI is a disability program, too. It provides cash assistance to meet the necessities of life. It differs from Social Security Disability because its benefits are not paid from the Social Security Trust Fund, but from general tax revenues. Unlike Social Security Disability, SSI benefits are based on need, not amount of earnings that a recipient has contributed. To qualify for SSI, the applicant must be either: age 65 or older; blind; or age 18 and over and disabled as defined under Social Security disability rules.

Because SSI is based on need, an applicant must basically be poor in order to qualify. The qualification rules for SSI are similar to Medicaid qualification. An applicant cannot have cash income exceeding \$587/month (\$855/month if married). Additionally, an applicant cannot own assets (resources) exceeding \$2000 (\$3000 if married). The applicant can exempt from these resource limits: a very used car (can't exceed \$4500 in value); \$1500 burial fund (or any amount set aside for burial if placed in an irrevocable burial trust), and household items not exceeding \$2000 in equity. An SSI recipient qualifies for Medicaid.

I'll cover Medicare in next month's article.

ments of cake, coffee and tea afterwards, downstairs.

Reservations announcements will be sent out to all, and a RESERVATION MADE IS A RESERVATION PAID, unless 24 hour notice is given for sickness or emergency.

Activities for May

1. Service at the War Memorial on May 29th.

2. Town of Greece Memorial Parade, times will be announced by Captain of the Color Guard, Past Commander Al Pulcino III.

We are going to have a very active year with several activities to be announced at a later date by flyers and the Calling Tree.

I am looking forward to working with all the members to make this a fun and good fellowship Post.

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

To a Very Old Soldier-Best Wishes

July 13, 1951

Dear James A. Hard:

This is the first time we have ever written to anyone 110 years old, and the fact that you will reach that extremely special state on Sunday leaves us a little embarrassed at our inadequacy of expression.

There doesn't seem to be much that any of us can tell a man of your age, your experience and your stature. All we can do is ask, knowing that somewhere in your miraculous memory you have most of the answers.

You have said several times that you have faith in the United States and all for which this nation stands, that you hate tyranny, that you love liberty and that you are convinced that oppression must be fought and freedom is worth dying for.

These are sentiments in which all good Americans concur. It is to be hoped that all will continue to hold them fast long after we and even you have gone.

What your faith in America does for us is something very good indeed.

For along the years of your tremendous life span you have gleaned the kind of knowledge that few men can acquire in their small lifetimes.

You have known men who could have known Washington and Jefferson and the Adamses. You have met Lincoln and seen Grant and been contemporary with Lee and Sherman and Sheridan.

You have seen what fool politicians and well-intentioned statesmen have done to the greatest land on earth and seen that land become involved in six major wars in your own time. You have seen it survive and grow stronger even while ineptness and stupidity and wastefulness have gnawed at its innards and corroded its outward beauty.

You have remained constant and your faith has remained firm and your judgement sound.

You have not preached, and this is refreshing to find in any man. You have not scolded and that, too, is a virtue. You have not prescribed either for long life, or for morals or for human conduct. You have not filled us full of recipes or formulae.

You have exercised two of the American's greatest privileges—to fight for his country and to vote for his candidates, and in fighting and voting you have helped keep our America intact.

And Sunday is your birthday—several lifetimes after your first—

Grand Officers

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has completed many projects, most recently involving himself in Towpath's efforts supporting a Soap Box Derby participant from East Rochester. W. Lindsay has prepared Master's Trestleboards for the past several years and continues as a Trustee of the Lodge.

In the Monroe District, W. Lindsay has served as a member of the Editorial Board of the *Masonic Times*, as a past President of the Monroe Bureau of Masonic Education and served as an Umbrella Chairman.

W. Lindsay is serving Grand Lodge in several capacities. He is the Area 15 Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee for Education and Leadership Services. In that capacity he has served as a Trainer for Grand Lodge Officers for 5 years and is currently working with a team to revise the Leadership Development Course. W. Lindsay received the Grand Master's Award of Appreciation for his efforts in assisting Grand Lodge when it was held in Rochester in 1993.

W. Lindsay has been active in the Concordant Bodies as well. He is the immediate past President of the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Philalethes Society. He is a member and Scribe of Hiram Chapter No. 62, RAM, a Past Illustrious Master of Doric Council No. 19, and a member and Senior Warden of Genesee Council No. 51, AMD. W. Lindsay is also a member of the Valley of Rochester, AASR, Rochester Chapter No. 314, OES, American Legion of Research, Western New York Lodge of Research and serves on the Speaker's Bureau of the Masonic Service Bureau.

In private life, Brother Lindsay served as a teacher and most recently retired as an Administrator in the Greece School District. Brother Lindsay serves as an Adjunct Professor for St. John Fisher College. He has been involved in many community activities, especially coaching and leading boys and girls soccer. Brother Lindsay was involved in Scouting as an Assistant Scout Master and is a member of many professional educational organizations. He is a member of Bethany Presbyterian Church. Brother Lindsay served on the Board of Directors of the Rochester International Friendship Council, and was involved with PTSA for many years. Bill has a 20 year old son, John, at home, and daughter Allyson and husband, Jim, living in Buffalo. Allyson teaches 1st grade and has presented Bill with his first grandchild, Katherine, 7 months.

As you can see by his resume, W. Bill Lindsay is prepared and highly qualified to do an outstanding job representing the

and we want to wish you many happy returns and, God grant, many happy years.

We want to tell you that you are venerated not only because you are an ex-soldier, not only because you are a leading citizen, and not only because you have stood fast for certain things.

You are also held in special esteem because you have done what none of the rest of us dares hope to be able to do—defied time and the wind and the rain of the years and emerged perhaps a little worn, but still triumphant. (From "No Pure Delight", by Howard C. Hosmer)

Grand Master in the capacity of District Deputy Grand Master.

Staff Officers

Due to the unique circumstances of our District merger, the Grand Master approved our request for two Staff Officers representing him in the Monroe District. These Brothers will have major programmatic responsibilities in the new District.

Clifford Short

W. Clifford Short was raised in Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 in 1988. After preparing himself in the Chairs, he was elected Master in 1993 and served for 18 months. W. Short has served as Lodge Chaplain, Brotherhood Fund Chairman and Brother Bring-a-Friend Night Chairman. W. Short's leadership and ritualistic ability led him to be appointed as the first AAGL in the Monroe District. W. Short has been active in many District activities.

In private life, Brother Short is an honor graduate of RIT and has attained a national certification as a Certified Control Systems Technician, which he uses in his work at the Eastman Kodak Company. Brother Short has been very involved with his children serving as coach of t-ball teams, football teams, and working on plays. Brother Short has been married to Jan since 1973. They have two children, Cliff who is a sophomore at SUNY Brockport and Jaclyn, a junior at Greece Athena High School.

James De Lorenzo

W. James De Lorenzo was raised in Charlotte/Corinthian No. 1088 in 1993. He served as Master of the Lodge in 1996. W. De Lorenzo has served the District as Vice President of the Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association. He is currently the District Umbrella Chairman for Public Involvement and Awareness. W. De Lorenzo is a member of the Valley of Rochester, AASR, and Damascus Temple.

In private life, Brother De Lorenzo holds a Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from RIT. He is employed by Johnson and Johnson. Brother De Lorenzo has been married to Linda since 1972. They have one son, Jamison, who is an Eagle Scout and honor graduate of Gettysburg College, now studying for his Masters in Computer Science at RIT. Brother De Lorenzo has held several posts in Scouting, including Cub Scout leader, and Certified Assistant Scout Master, was on the team to build the Maplewood playground.

The members of the Purple Club of Monroe County have pledged themselves to the support of these fine men and Masons as

they lead our merged District. We hope that all Masons, regardless of rank and title, will join with us to ensure the success of our new Grand Lodge Officers.

Widows Luncheon

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penter is a renowned diving instructor, motivational speaker and author. She addressed the ladies on the importance of movement, exercise and stretching in keeping their overall health good. It was noted that no one left until Mrs. Perkins-Carpenter had finished.

Brothers Vern Goodrich and Joe Privitera were called upon to "dance with your pillow" and we are sure the ladies learned a lot from their performance! The ladies were inspired and motivated following Mrs. Perkins-Carpenter's address. We were very pleased to learn that Mrs. Perkins-Carpenter is a member of our Masonic family, being a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The Widows Luncheon is a very important annual event for our Craft. It is the one public time that we set aside to thank the ladies whose support made their deceased husbands labors in the quarries of Freemasonry possible.

Mark your calendars

The date is set for next year's Luncheon. It will be held on March 31, 2001 at Logan's Party House. Please mark your calendars for this date. It is the least we can do as a District to honor those who gave so much to our departed Brethren.

Masonic Plague

Do you know, and do you care, that a plague is upon the Masonic Fraternity? During the ten years from 1978 through 1987, 254 Lodges merged into 123 Lodges.


During the next ten years, from 1988 through 1997, 235 Lodges merged into 115 Lodges.

In a span of 20 years, 489 Lodges merged into 240 Lodges, and an additional 16 Lodges simply surrendered their Charters. A net loss of 264 Lodges in only 20 years is a disaster.

During the same 20 years individual membership dropped from nearly 180,000 in 1978 to a reported membership count of 60,000 in 1997. And this 60,000 figure includes double counting of many members who belong to more than one Lodge.

The membership has toppled to a pre Civil War low. Not since the 1850's has the membership in New York fallen to such depths.

Author unknown



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

Dean Marsaw, Commander
865-00461
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223-3113

Installation

It is my privilege to announce the Public Installation of my Staff of Officers and myself for the ensuing year of 2000 on Thursday, May 25th at Fame Lodge, 4275 Culver Road.

There will be a Roast Beef Dinner served at 6:30 p.m. sharp, with the Installation at 7:00 p.m., followed by entertainment: songs and slides of "Her Country and Ours", by Jean Izard. Refresh-

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District Deputy Grand Master

Genesee/Wyoming



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

Calling all veterans!

We are still looking for Brothers who are veterans. It is hoped that we could start a Masonic War Vet's Post in the District. You do not have to have seen service in time of war, all servicemen who are Masons are eligible. If anyone knows anything about the old Batavia Post Charter, let me know.

Grand Steward

Genesee/Wyoming



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

Lasting memories

As my two year term has come to an end, this will be my last article in this publication. I have had many enjoyable times which will make for lasting memories. I was fortunate to be paired up with a caring and active District Deputy, R.W. Raymond G. Barber. Our incoming Grand Lodge Staff Officer, R.W. Arthur Drew, is a very qualified and dedicated Mason. This District will surely benefit from his tenure as one of its leaders. I wish the best for both of them and applaud the District Deputy for consenting to carry the load for yet another term. I sincerely hope you can gain the respect and support of the District.

While traveling around the District these past two years, I've come to meet many people and acquire new friends. I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting all the Lodges in our District and can

3rd Degree

On April 1st Arcade Lodge conferred the 3rd Degree on 5 Brothers. Good going, keep up the good work.

Thanks

I thank the Brothers who were part of the District Umbrella Committee over the last two years. We may not have accomplished as much as we had hoped, but I think the District is as good, if not better, than it was. I hope most of you will stay on. If you can't, please let me know.

A little more history

LeRoy Lodge No. 39 had its birth as Olive Branch Lodge No. 215 in Batavia on May 20, 1813. In 1821 the Lodge moved to Bethany. In 1839 their number was changed to No. 39. In 1845 the Lodge moved to Attica, but this was not successful. At this point Lucius Parks and a few other LeRoy Masons came to the front and had Olive Branch moved to LeRoy on December 8, 1846, where it is today.

"Great people talk about ideas, small people talk about other people". (Author-Tobias Gibson).

God bless and keep you. □

honestly say that the District Deputy and I were treated well where ever we went.

Congratulations

I congratulate the participants of the Road to the East Program and wish them well in their Masonic careers. Thank you to the volunteer instructors who helped make this program so much easier for me, especially R.W. Len Mason, who was there for every session. Although there were many Brothers who helped and encouraged me during my term, one person stands out and I feel that I need to publicly thank him. R.W. Kenneth Kohlhaugen has been an inspiration and a constant traveling companion. He has made this experience a truly rewarding one for me. Men of this caliber are hard to find; this District is fortunate to have him.

I hope I can assist the leaders of our District in the future and will make myself available to our Purple Apron Club. It's now time to say good-bye, but I won't be very far away! □

Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities



W. George Springett, Pres.
W. Dennis Turton, Sr., Sec.

Reservations needed

A Council meeting has been called on May 26th at Hesperus Temple, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge room. Bring

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the lady who is most important to you along, because we have an activity planned just for them. Dinner cost is \$6.00 per person. Reservations must be made by May 19th to either Dennis at 591-1179 or me at 247-3557. If a reservation is not made, there will be no food planned for you. A reservation made and not kept-you pay because the Council cannot eat the food for you.

Reminder

All of our meetings are open for any Master Mason in the District. As Master of your Lodge, you will be called upon to give information about your Lodge's trestleboard to obtain the support of the other Lodges in the District.

Agenda notation

There will be the first presentation of a change to the By-Laws to include the Concordant Bodies' leadership in the Executive Committee of the Council, and the presentation of the Council's Annual Budget. □

Eagle Valley Lodge No. 1161



W. William
Olsowsky
Master
567-8384
2nd & 4th
Thursdays
8:00 p.m.
R.W. Sheldon Moden
Secretary 322-7343
Liberty St.
Bliss, NY 14024

Awards

Your correspondent and two other Eagle Valley Brothers traveled to Mt. Vernon Lodge in Java Village on Monday, April 10th, to witness 50 and 70 Year Award Ceremonies. The event was a happy one and well attended.

Bar-B-Que

Eagle Valley's renowned Chicken Bar-B-Que approaches! It will be held on Saturday, May 20th, with feasting beginning mid-afternoon. Y'all come!!!

News anyone?

Remember to call 322-7221 when you have news for the *Masonic Times*, or even if you just have the urge to converse with a Brother Mason. □

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



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

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

Brethren

Grand Lodge will be meeting the first week in May and the membership of Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 extends their best wishes and support to our new Grand Master, Carl Smith. Due to my radiation-seed implant, I will not be ready to travel.

At our May 3rd communication we will have a Status Report of our building and property. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated.

May 17th will be the Election of Officers. W. Bob Forbes does

not wish to continue as Secretary. It is essential we have a good turnout to keep our Line of Officers intact. There will be a Summons mailed for the meeting.

On May 27th, a Saturday, we will have our Annual Awards Night. We will honor Brothers for: 50 years of faithful membership-James I. Baldwin, C. Donald Fiero and James M. Davis; 45 years-R.W. John C. Roth and R.W. Paul H. Smith; 40 years-Sheldon M. Tygert, W. Strobel and D. James Mastelani; 35 years-Roger Dills and Perry M. Schiller.

Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. for \$7.00. Awards at 7:00 p.m. Please call 768-7922 for your reservation. □

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



W. Thomas
Scott
Master
493-2123
1st and 3rd
Tuesdays
(Jan/Feb/Mar:
1st Tues only)

W. Richard L. Smith, Secretary
493-5408
134 South Main St.
Castile, N.Y. 14427

Miscalculated

I apologize to the Lodge for not advertising our Fish Fry in last month's *Times*. I thought I had enough time to put it in this month's issue, but the Fish Fry was April 21st, Good Friday.

Bowling team

I wish the Brothers who are going to bowl in the State Masonic Tournament, good luck. I am sure you will represent Oakland Lodge well.

Grand Lodge

"Snorer", without mentioning his name and a former roommate of mine at Grand Lodge, will represent our District and Triluminal Lodge well. I hope you have a nice bus trip and fun on Broadway. Don't keep yourself up with your loud snoring.

Dues and Brotherhood Fund

I thank the Brothers who have paid their dues and contributed to the Brotherhood Fund. A special thank you to a couple of Brothers who were a few years behind, but are now in good standing. Your contributions help very much. □

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

R.W. John Bater was at dialysis and his heart rate and blood pressure dropped to about half, but he says that he is feeling good, better than he has in a while so he is getting tested to see if it was a testing equipment problem or if he has a problem with his heart. Not that John has ever had a problem with his heart because he is all heart when it comes to others.

W. Van Hulburt had not been feeling well after he was in the hospital for pneumonia and went back in for several tests and they finally found the cause. He has started chemo and will see how things improve. Some days he does not feel up to visitors, but please drop him a line and let him know you are thinking about him.

Jean Lambein should be back home by the time this article is printed. I am sure that her kids and her cats are looking forward to getting her back home.

Ray Hart is back from Florida. When you get a chance, call him or stop by for a visit.

Craig Bateman's mother, Dora Jones, was in Strong Memorial Hospital for a time.

Sister Rosie Marsocci is currently in Highland Hospital, but should be out as this article goes to press. She has not been feeling good for a while, but she has kept right on going.

Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund is at \$705 from 29 Brothers. We still have a little more time before the end of the Fund year so hurry up and get your donation in to Brother Norm Austin. There are so many good things that are supported through the Brotherhood Fund and everyone's dollar counts and adds up.

Circus

Hesperus Lodge was represented at the Shrine Circus this year by R.W. Holden Miller, PMC Jeremy Cooper, Pam Cooper, and me. We look forward to doing this again next year.

Molly

At press time for this issue Molly should be back home again. If you do not know who Molly is, 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.

Grand Lodge

It is with regret that I will not be able to attend Grand Lodge this year, but I am only working as a temporary sheet metal mechanic so I do not have benefits or vacation time to take off. Hopefully the future will be brighter and I will be able to attend in 2001.

May events

Our Annual Meeting will be on May 4th and will be the Election of Officers. It is also "Cheeseburger Night".

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

May 18th is the date of the 2nd Degree. We will have dinner at 6:30 p.m. (call Marty Krause for reservations at 494-2147). The Degree will start at 7:30 p.m.

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

May 26th is the Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities Dinner with the women, the meeting will follow. One of the items on the agenda near and dear to myself and the President of the Council is DeMolay. There is interest in the District to start a DeMolay Chapter and they would like the support of all the Lodges in the District.

Looking ahead

The Annual Steak Roast will be Saturday, August 12th, at the Summer home of Marty and Don-

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na Krause. Fun will start at about 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 for the separate raffle (such as the ceramics that Maria Chimino made or the "Bad Boy" that Pam Cooper made last year) please let Hodie know or better yet, surprise us at the picnic.

Scholarships

The Grand Lodge Scholarships are now available for any children or grandchildren of Masons.

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

Mount Vernon Lodge No. 263



W.: James Allan Master 457-3079

2nd & 4th Mondays

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

Hello, Brethren!

My usual weather update for my traveling Lodge Brothers is cold, wet, snowy and windy! My advice: catch some more sun if you can before your homecoming!

Awards Night

On Monday, April 16th, in an open meeting, we presented R.:W.: Trevor Rogers with a 70 Year Award and Pin and also honored W.: Craig Landphair with a 50 Year Award and Pin.

Approximately 60 Brothers and guests were in attendance from various Lodges and Districts. It was a fun filled evening with plenty of warm laughter as

both honorees, Brothers, and guests shared stories and anecdotes from the past.

Special thanks

I thank R.:W.: Carl Smith, R.:W.: Ray Barber and R.:W.: Harold Aldrich for their assistance in the presentation of the Awards.

On behalf of Mt. Vernon Lodge, I give a heartfelt thank you to Brother Trevor Rogers for his surprise donation that evening of \$1,000 to our Lodge.

More thanks

The Order of the Eastern Star put on a wonderful supper and dessert and it was enjoyed by all. Thank you, ladies!

Brotherhood Fund

This will be my last appeal for donations to this very worthwhile Fund. If you don't have the return envelopes that I've mailed out over the past months, you can just send a check to me at the following address: 4846 Michigan Road, Arcade, NY 14009. Let me know which area to apply your donation. They are as follows: Grand Master's Allocation, Masonic Medical Laboratory, Masonic Home in Utica, Veteran's Hospital Program, Masonic Youth Foundation, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, and Livingston Masonic Library.

It saddens me that only 1/3rd of our total roster has responded to my repeated requests. □

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



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

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

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

Last until Fall

April 2nd was the last monthly Pancake Breakfast and the grill

has been shut down until October. Thanks to the members who worked and all who supported these fund raisers. It has been another successful year enjoyed by all who participated.

Election

We will hold Election of Officers for the coming year at our May 3rd communication. Your input is needed. Come and take part in the election and show your support for your new Lodge Officers.

Chicken Bar-B-Que

Attica Lodge's 32nd Annual Mother's Day Chicken Bar-B-Que will be held on May 14th, with serving to start at 11:30 a.m. Along with the chicken, the menu includes baked potato, cole slaw, rolls, beverage and dessert. Come and bring MOM for Mother's Day Dinner. □

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

By R.:W.: Robert Dagen, Sec.

Greetings, my Brothers

In last month's article I mentioned we were making plans for the Annual Dinner and Awards Program. The actual date will be Friday, April 28th at Bohn's Restaurant. Invitations were sent to all those who have given me a local address or informed me they would be in the area at that time.

Support your new officers

I'll remind everyone once again, even though you will be getting the written Summons, please mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 9th. This will be Election of Officers of Batavia Lodge No. 475 and the Installation will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd. It is imperative that each of you make every effort possible to attend these two communications to show your support for the new officers and the potential of your Lodge.

We, who have been active at the Lodge in the recent past, continue to have no doubt that each of you know of someone you would like to introduce to Masonry. In so doing you will give reason for growth and the sharing of the beneficent qualities of our Fraternity, which in turn will 'take a good man and make him better'.

Spring cleaning?

We are still in need of a few items for the lounge area of the Lodge. As you perform your annual Spring cleaning, we ask you to keep the Lodge in mind before

setting those items out to the curb for disposal. Those items may seem worthless to you, but may be a treasure to someone else, in this case your Lodge!

Good news

Of those who are on the mend, I have the following to report. Brother Dan Wiatrowski continues his healing process at home, but whenever possible, he makes it to Lodge meetings.

Brother Richard Rung continues to heal. He has informed me that it will probably be a little while before he is one hundred percent, but each day is one day closer to that point in time.

Brother Gerald Sawdey remains a resident of the New York State Veteran's Home in Batavia.

It is our hope and prayer that these Brothers will have a complete and speedy recovery. I would also like to remind each of you to remember and visit with those of our Brethren who do not get out and around like they were accustomed to doing. They might not be listed as 'shut-in', but I am sure they would appreciate knowing we have remembered them through a phone call or visit.

One final comment-check your dues card, does it indicate the year 2000? If not, you know what to do. Enough said!

Until next time, may God bless us all. □

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Welcome

Whoever said that time doesn't fly? Two years have passed and it is indeed time to greet our new Grand Lodge Officers. These Brothers have been meeting regularly planning the transition and laying the groundwork for their focus in the coming year. I know from my involvement with them that they are well prepared and have established a strong sense of support for one another and for the interests of our District. I am personally delighted to welcome Brothers Lindsay, Short and De Lorenzo to the mantle of active Purple. Congratulations!

Thanks

To all my Brothers I am truly grateful for all your support and fellowship over these past 24 months. I have enjoyed the companionship and working relationship with our Staff Officer, R.W. Ruel Lovett, for which I am most appreciative. The opportunity to travel and visit all the Lodges is one that I have enjoyed immensely. The many Brethren I have met and shared an evening with will be fondly remembered. In fact, I expect that I will continue to visit other Lodges when the occasion presents itself. There are some exceptional Lodge programs in place and the only way you get to know where they are is to put your traveling shoes on, go out and find them. You can always try to bring that elusive Traveling Gavel back to your Lodge; the last I knew it was at Webster Lodge.

To my wife, Mickey, I am forever grateful for encouraging me to become more involved in the Craft. She, perhaps better than I, initially recognized our Fraternity would mean so much to me and have such an impact on my life.

Masonic Trivia

The following are lifted from Trestleboard Tidbits published by the Masonic Service Association:

"Outside the home and the house of God there is nothing in this world more beautiful than the Spirit of Masonry. Gentle, gracious, and wise, its mission is to form mankind into a great redemptive brotherhood, a league of noble and free men enlisted in the radiant enterprise of working out in time the love and will of the Eternal." (J.F. Newton)

"To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy in the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished, that the conduct of every member of the Fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them; may tend to convince mankind that the grand

object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race." (George Washington)

In 1907 Theodore Roosevelt said: "Task of each Mason, of each member, of each Brother, that he shall remember ever that there is upon him a peculiar obligation to show himself in every respect a good citizen; for after all, the way he can do his duty by the ancient order to which he belongs is by reflecting credit upon that order by the way in which he performs his duty as a citizen of the United States."

Grand Lodge Staff Officer

Monroe District



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

My cousin Vinny once told me that everyone has a photographic memory. The problem with that is that mine ran out of film. I have an especially hard time memorizing. This doesn't stop me from trying. I can still learn the Ritual and the Lectures. I just have to try harder than most. The point here is that if you are going to do the work, pay the piper and take the time to learn it well. There is good work, and there is poor work. Your Brothers know the difference.

My last message then, is the same as the first. Learn and do the Ritual well. Be sure to communicate well and often with all of your Brothers. Recognize every Brother, and whatever he has accomplished. Teach the work and history to all new Masons. Remember your Brothers who do not come to Lodge often, visit or call them on the phone. Remember the widows of your Brothers. They were once a part of all your "doings".

Help the Master with his programs. Offer to serve on his committees. Be a volunteer to help with the upkeep and beautification of your Masonic Temple. In short, do everything that can be done to instill pride in every member. A member who is proud of his Lodge will not abandon it. He is more likely to take part in the activities of the Lodge.

From this day forth, only recommend men of solid and stellar character for membership in this Fraternity. The membership of your Lodge may not dwindle as fast as others, but a loss will happen as time passes and more competition for your time presents itself at every turn. When the downward trend of "membership" and the upward trend of "cost to operate" meet, there must be change. No matter how good your Lodge does the Ritual, it won't help offset the cost of doing business.

I hope the discussion of having a common building on the West side continues. This is a "must" for the future of Masonry West of Rochester. My recent suggestion to my Etolian Brothers was to go it alone if no other Lodge was willing to join in. Should this happen, and if the ground work is done well, the others will want a part in this undertaking. The

"loner" concept should only be undertaken if agreement cannot be reached with the other western participants. A common temple can be developed and built with or without mergers. The need to survive should be the number one concern. The "one temple" concept can also help the Lodges to "thrive". I am a reasonably good mediator and offer my services in this capacity.

My thanks and best wishes go to all whom I have had the pleasure to work with. It has been a very good two years. I would not trade a minute of it, and I look forward to working with the incoming Grand Lodge Officers. My best wishes go to you. May God bless all.

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS

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Zabel

V.W.
Dan B.
Walker



By V.W. John Zabel

School of Ritual

Dan and I thank Union Star Lodge for hosting the School of Ritual held on Thursday, March 30th. We commend ERAC and Etolian Lodges for their exemplification of the work for the evening. If you missed the School, you missed some good discussions and everyone learned something.

The 3rd Degree Fest was held on Saturday, April 15th, at the Downtown Masonic Temple. Eight Brothers were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The day was inspirational for the new Brothers and instructive to the Brethren attending the event. We welcome the new Brethren to our Craft and look forward to their participation in their Lodge's many events.

The next important event, after Grand Lodge, is the Joint Investiture Ceremony. This will be conducted on Friday, May 19th, in the Downtown Temple. The evening will start at 6:30 p.m. with dinner. The Ceremony will commence at 8:00 p.m. Masters, Past Masters and Masters-Elect are invited to attend. Dinner reservation information and other details should be in the hands of the Lodge Secretary and Master.

The Ritual of our Craft is very important to its future. It is the backbone, or skeleton of our Order. Every Master Mason is encouraged to study the Ritual and all its attempts to teach, participate in the conferral of Degrees, and support the officers and Degree Teams of their Lodge. By doing this we build a strong core on which to build and maintain our great Fraternity. However, a skeleton is not useful if the remaining structure is missing.

What are the other important parts of Freemasonry? They are the Crafts, philosophy, history, symbolism, benevolence, and jurisprudence. The reader is encouraged to seek out information on these other parts from knowledgeable Brethren and by reading books on our great Fraternity.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held on Friday, October 13th. The place and other details will be forthcoming. The School of Ritual schedule for next year has been tentatively set as follows:

August 29th - Opening, Closing and Balloting

November 30th - 1st Degree

January 29th - 2nd Degree

March 29th - 3rd Degree

The location of the Schools is being worked on and will be available by the beginning of Summer and will be communicated to the Lodge Secretary and Master. If your Lodge would like to host any of the upcoming Schools, please contact Dan or me.

Bureau of Masonic Education

Monroe County

President:

V.W. John Zabel

Learning more

There is much to learn about this great Craft of ours. But where does one go to find more information?

1. Start with your local public library. There are books about the Craft in the local library system, I know, I've looked.

2. Get together with knowledgeable Brethren, there are many available.

3. Join a Masonic research society like the Philaethes or a research Lodge like the American Lodge of Research.

4. Request a reading program from the Robert L. Livingston Library and Museum at Grand Lodge.

5. Start a study group. What a unique idea.

6. Attend District sponsored educational events like the Leadership Development Course.

For more information on any of these points, contact a member of the Bureau of Masonic Education. The officers are listed in the District Directory. Don't have a Directory? They are available from the Masonic Service Bureau.

Membership Retention

R.W. Joseph Privitera
Monroe District

Just what is going on out there?

That is a question that I have been asking myself and others. Attendance at Lodge meetings has, in the last few years, gone down drastically. I am at a loss for a specific reason. I have seen a slow drop in attendance over the years, but this sudden drop has me stumped. Is it the type of activities, the Ritual not being performed correctly, or is it something else that is preventing you from attending a meeting? I frankly do not know what the problem could be.

I know that there have been deaths, but most of those who have passed away were not attending meetings recently. Maybe more of us are going South for the Winter. Could it be we are spending more time with the TV and computer? Is it the two income family and not enough time situation? Maybe we are not communicating as well as we should.

I do know that most Masters of Lodges have some excellent programs. Masters have attended Schools such as the Road to the

East, which stresses how to create a good trestleboard. We have shorter business meetings so we can have more time for fellowship during and after meetings.

Like I said, I don't know and it has me wondering, what is going on out there?

Several Lodges in one building

I know you have heard me and read articles by me about having several Lodges meet in the same building. There is further news on this topic. There is another Lodge in the Western Monroe County, other than Charlotte/Corinthian, that is talking about having several Lodges meet in the same building. Etolian Lodge has formed a committee to look into the matter. By the way, for you Masons East of the Genesee River, the world does not end at the River's edge.

Anyway, the idea is being pursued again. Why, you may ask? For several reasons. Owning a Lodge building is an expensive proposition today. From my own experience, I know we could lower dues and we would have more time and funds for community activities. Did you know that outside the Downtown Lodges, there is only one Lodge in Monroe County that is accessible for just walking in? There are two others who have chair lifts, making them handicapped accessible. How long can we expect a Brother to pay his dues and not be able to get into the building?

If your Lodge wants to get in on this or if you have any questions, please call. My number is on page 2 under the 'Hot Numbers' section.

Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.



President

W. Phillip R. Hurwitz 581-1831

Secretary

Louis Perna 334-8265

Greetings, Brothers

We meet May 6th at Clio Lodge at 7:30 p.m. Clio Lodge is also having their Annual Ox Roast at the Lodge. Why not come to Clio and have dinner before the meeting? Let Brother Bob Pedersen know you are coming. His number is 865-0849.

At this meeting, we will nominate and elect the officers for the ensuing year.

May 13th is our Annual Party at the Mapledale Party House. Cash bar at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m., music, dancing and a keepsake, all for \$25.00 per person.

Recognition Spaghetti Dinner in Honor of

W. William R. Lindsay

District Deputy Grand Master
Monroe District
Designate

Tues., May 16, 2000
6:30 p.m.

ERAC Lodge
152 W. Commercial St.
East Rochester

Cost: \$5.00

RSVP: 5/9/00

W. Phil Hurwitz

663-5820 or

phurwitz@frontiernet.net

son. Masters, please push this event at your stated communication. This is a fabulous way for the District to come together, network and socialize.

On May 16th we are honoring our outgoing DDGM, R.W. Don Darrohn, and welcoming our incoming DDGM, W. Bill Lindsay. A Spaghetti Dinner will be served at ERAC Lodge in East Rochester (152 W. Commercial Street). We start serving at 6:30 p.m. Cost is only \$5/Brother.

Installations for 2000-2001

Germania	May 2
Seneca	May 9
Clio	May 20
Webster	May 20
ERAC	May 22
Fairport	May 22
Churchville	May 24
Northfield	June 1
Etolian	June 4
Charlotte/Corinthian	June 5
Craftsman/Robertson	June 6
Flower City	June 8
Valley/Simes	June 13

For the year 2001, there is interest in having a Public Installation of all Lodges at the Downtown Cathedral Hall.

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

Annual Communication

I hope that you have survived the snows of Winter and are ready to come back to the quarries to perform the appointed tasks at our Annual Communication which will be held on May 8th. This promises to be a busy and productive night, where I will be sharing my report about the Y2K Grand Lodge Communication. We will receive the Historian's Report, elect the officers for the ensuing year, and vote on revisions to our By-Laws. SW John Dyer has shared with me his Trestleboard. If elected, he has planned for a Public Installation of Officers on June 4th.

By-Laws change

At the April 10th communication we read the revisions for the 1st time. You will all receive a copy of the proposed By-Laws with your Annual Summons, but I will summarize the changes here. Our normal meeting time will be at 7:30 p.m., except as noted in the Master's Trestleboard. The benevolence amount allowed for the Committee on Charity is increased to \$200. The Finance Committee will include at least one Trustee. We also added the requirement that the Finance Committee propose an Annual Budget, and that any and all expenditures outside the Budget be brought before the Lodge for approval. Several sections have been added to address the establishment, maintenance and rules of governance for two new funds, the Charity Fund and the Lodge Fund.

These new Funds have been set up to address the concerns of Brothers who wish to leave a bequest to Etolian Lodge, and would like the assurance that their be-

quest will be protected and administered per their wishes.

Thank you

Many thanks to JW Karl-Heinz Reich for the fine job he has performed for many years as Etolian Lodge's Red Cross Blood Drive Chairman. His latest success was held at the Ogden Community Center on March 21st, when 47 pints of blood were donated. He wishes to pass along his thanks to R.W. Don Darrohn, W. Bill Mason, and Brothers Art McMichael, Ray Mandeville, and Howard Gleffe for their help in advertising, and the set-up and dismantling of the equipment for the Blood Drive. Etolian Lodge and the Red Cross now have a need for a new Blood Drive Chairman. Please contact SW John Dyer if you are interested in helping Etolian Lodge maintain its presence in this all important community outreach. If you have questions as to specific responsibilities, please don't hesitate to contact JW Karl.

Sad news

I am saddened to report the passing of Brother Harold Beatson into the Celestial Lodge. I recall window shopping at Beatson's Jewelry Store in Spencerport when I was a teen. A Masonic Service was held on March 29th at the First Congregational Church of Spencerport, officiated by R.W. Jay McCullough and supported by the attendance of 15 Brothers.

Dues update

If you are one of the 23 Brothers who haven't yet remitted your Y2K dues, please do so soon. The Lodge needs your financial support, as well as your attendance.

Congratulations

At the April 10th communication, R.W. Ruel Lovett presented a Certificate of Completion to SW John Dyer on behalf of the Grand Lodge of New York for his successful completion of the "Road to the East" Program.

Looking Ahead

As I alluded to in last month's article, there have been discussions about Etolian Lodge's future building needs, specifically with respect to accessibility and maintainability. I attended the Annual Temple Association Meeting on March 23rd in order to better understand the potential constraints and opportunities that are available to the Lodge. Here is a brief synopsis of what I learned:

The Temple Association was formed in the early 1900's when the Temple was constructed, and shares of stock were sold. Through the years, the Temple Association has lost track of the owners of the outstanding shares of stock. All of the outstanding shares of the Association define the ownership of the Temple itself, and the unaccounted for shares complicate the issue. Currently, Etolian Lodge itself is the largest single share owner, holding about 20% of the outstanding shares. The 80% ownership issue must be cleared up before any progress can be made toward fulfilling Etolian's future building needs.

Toward that end I am asking all Brothers that hold any outstanding shares in the Temple Association to donate them back to the Blue Lodge in the name of all Brethren and fellows who have passed this way before them. In this way, together we can ensure that the Brothers who follow us will be able to take full advantage of any opportunities which enable Etolian to continue to flourish.

FAME

Lodge No. 945

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4275 Culver Rd.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. 14622



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

Leon VanHuben, Secretary
647-1391

The coming of Daylight Savings Time presages our true entry into Spring...and just down the road Summer. The days are getting much longer, and now there's time to work in the garden or backyard after supper. My grandchildren have already sent me enough seeds to flower a path from here to Batavia. I think they overestimate both my back yard garden and my ambition.

Thank you

My thanks to W. Glenn Campbell for taking my seat in the East for the meeting of April 11th. My Eastern Star duties required my being in Hilton for the evening.

Merger

The merger continues to move at what seems like ice-floe speed; that is, inches per year. Remember, anything worth doing is worth doing well. The time spent crossing all the t's and dotting all the i's should greatly ease the amalgamation of our two fine Lodges.

Please call

Remember to call me or the Secretary if you know of anyone in need of our aid or sympathy.

Take a peek

Finally, take a look at the District Lecturer's column for the OES. There is a marvelous game/puzzle. Give it a try. I have wonderful prizes or parting gifts for almost all who send in an entry.

Drive safely and limit yourself to two mulligans per round. Elvis has left the building.

Charlotte/Corinthian

Lodge No. 1088

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

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



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

Brothers

We had 35 participants dining on waffles, pancakes, scrambled egg casserole, ham, bacon, sausage, pastries, donuts, juices, and coffee at our Brunch on April Fool's Day. It was a great feed and another superb job by our JW, Bill King, in organizing this affair. SW Ken Ratliff and I assisted in cooking and cleanup.

Hard on the heels of Brunch was our annual Table Lodge, prepared by Laura Alvarez and her husband, Past Master, Andy Alvarez. They were assisted in the kitchen by Cliff Short, Jim De Lorenzo, and Neil Laundry. It was a great Prime Rib Dinner with salad, baked potato, and copious amounts of beverages to

suit all tastes for the seven traditional toasts. We had twelve attendees from Churchville and four from Wakan/Hubbard in addition to twenty of our own Brothers dining. Everyone I talked to told me they had a great time. I know I enjoyed myself.

We were well represented at the School of Ritual and came in second that evening in point total. We have been second at all three Schools, but only the home Lodges have outnumbered us and none have repeated. We should retain the Attendance Banner for the 19th consecutive year.

We participated in the Degree Fest on April 15th at the Downtown Temple. We were paired with Wakan/Hubbard to raise two Brothers each, as was Northfield and Webster Lodges. After the first part was completed by the Lodge teams, a District wide Degree Team performed the Hiram Legend. All enjoyed the surroundings of Cathedral Hall.

We also have a candidate who will have the three Degrees conferred at Hesperus Lodge in Bergen on April 20th, May 18th and June 15th. I thank the Brothers of that Lodge and their Master, John Cooper, for their assistance. Any of our Brothers who wish to participate are welcome. Hesperus always has a meal before a Degree, and reservations can be made through their Secretary, John Specht at 548-2694.

WEBSTER

Lodge No. 538

30 Orchard St.
Webster, N.Y. 14580



W. Bernard Russell, Master
872-1353

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

W. Paul Sobtack, Sec.
671-8980

Awards

April was a busy time for all Brothers. At the 1st meeting Anniversary Service Awards were given to Brothers serving the Lodge and Masonry for 35 years plus. It was an honor to present the Awards and speak with family members. My thanks to the Fel-

lowcraft Club for providing a wonderful dinner. Three Brothers were also given their "Road to the East" Certificates. They were Brothers John Merz, Brad Lewis and Doug Koenig. Webster Lodge will certainly see the results of their hard work as these officers move up through the line at Webster.

2nd meeting

The 2nd meeting of April was the Lodge of Remembrance. A moment of silence was given and their place will never be filled in the quarries of Masonry. The meeting was also a welcome to one of our newly raised Brothers, Joseph Provost. He was treated to fellowship and brotherhood as the Lodge paid tribute to our fallen Brothers.

Degree Fest

The 3rd Degree Fest was held at the Downtown Masonic Temple on April 15th. Webster Lodge was joined by Northfield Lodge and raised four Brothers. V. W. John Zabel and his crew put on a terrific Dramatic Legend of Hiram Abif. My thanks to the Brothers that helped me to confer the 3rd Degree. The Degree Fest is a wonderful opportunity for area Lodges to come together and raise a group of Brothers who will likely move up through their respective lines and serve as Masters of their Lodges some day.

May events

The May 4th meeting will be focused on Lodge Reports and Budgets. I encourage all Brothers to attend and add their input to the future of Webster Lodge. The more help that the Line Officers have, the more successful the programs will be for the Lodge and the Master.

May 18th will be the Election of Officers. Again, I can't stress enough the importance of support for all the Brothers of Webster.

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ster Lodge at these meetings. Our Installation of Officers will be on Saturday, May 20th. This will be a rare treat for our Lodge as our Brothers from Ionic Lodge in Canada will be attending.

Thank you

This year has been a great year for me, as Master. I thank all of the Past Masters, Line Officers, and the Brothers on the sidelines who shared their support in the Lodge. This has been a wonderful year and I will never forget all you have done for me.

Open Installation

You are cordially invited to the Open Installation of:

W.: Emil J. Schirano
and the
Officers of Webster
Lodge No. 538
30 Orchard Street
Webster, NY

Sunday, May 20, 2000
7:00 p.m.

Reception to follow
provided by:
Joy Woodly
Emil (Moe) and Joyce Schirano

Secretary's corner

By Paul Soltzick

Welcome to Spring, or what might be called Spring to us in the Rochester area. You never know what weather might befall us this time of year, we've had it all-rain, snow, winds, and warm weather. Possibly the weather might have influenced some of our snowbirds to fly back up North from their Southern nesting places, while some still remain basking in the warm Southern sun. Welcome back to those who have returned.

Our Awards Night on April 6th went well, with over 15 Brothers receiving their Certificates and Pins. It was great to see you all again, and to help make it happen. Thanks, also, to Mark Fenton and the Fellowcraft Brothers for the fine dinner.

Communicate

On a more somber note, I ask each one of you to please notify me, or any other officer, if you should hear of an illness or death of a Brother. Many of our long-standing Brothers who reside away from us have lost contacts 'up here', and we often are unaware of their illnesses or even passing. Unfortunately, many times we get notified by a family member or friend, only too late to show our genuine concern. So help your Lodge out if you know or hear of an ill Brother. A simple card to an ill Brother can do wonders for their mind and their health.

Most recent deaths are Don Shoemaker and Paul Weller. We extend our sincerest sympathy to their family and friends.

Apologies

This article was to appear in the preceding issue of the *Masonic Times*, but I was not quick enough to get it to the publisher, and I sincerely apologize to all. I shall write more often, to fill all of you in on matters of concern and interest. My thanks to all who have helped me so far on becoming Secretary. The duties and obligations of the job are numerous, and sometimes arduous. A special thanks to my predecessor,

Hank Libera, for his patient (and ongoing) help and assistance.

Good health to you all, and hope to see you in Lodge.

Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109

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

2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

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

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

By R.: W.: Herbert Spencer

Greetings, my Brothers. Is it really Spring? As of this writing I am not sure. First of all, I would like to welcome back our snowbirds. Some of you were already at the April meeting. It was good to see and greet each of you.

Past Masters Night

The April 11th Lodge meeting was a huge success. It was Past Master's Night. While we were missing our top 3 officers, the chairs were filled in by others in attendance. W.: Richard Snyder sat in the East and W.: Art Teamerson was Chaplain. There were 22 Brothers for dinner. The turnout of Past Masters was outstanding. During the course of the evening, I counted about 20. We had our new Master Masons in attendance and it really was a great evening. Lots of reminiscing and Brothers missing words, but we all laughed. W.: Grant Romer did a program on what hazing used to be like and handed out an old time catalog of items used. I thank the Brothers for coming out and showing support for a great evening. We are hoping to get the Traveling Gavel. Let you know next month.

Election of Officers

Our next meeting is on May 9th. It is a special night for the purpose of nominations and the Election of your Lodge Officers for the upcoming year. It is also a night to hear the Annual Reports of your Treasurer, Secretary and Trustees. If you wish to know what's going on with the Lodge this is the night to come out. It is your obligation to come and vote. Your Nominating Committee is hard at work putting together what is thought to be a line of officers who will keep this Lodge alive for quite a few years. Your Master will be a Past Master, hopefully the last time for years to come.

A trestleboard is being planned for many interesting nights at the Lodge. With your support, they will lead us to future heights, but without your support we are doomed. You must help. Come out to our meetings and support your Lodge events. Bring the ladies each and every time they are invited. Enough lecturing.

Good news!

Several of the Brothers of this Lodge have confronted me on why I should not retire from being your Secretary. After threats of various types of torture, including being put on the rack, I have reconsidered. I have agreed to be the Secretary for one more year.

E-mail

We now have about 32-33 Brothers in our e-mail address book. If you want first hand infor-

mation this is how you can get it. Send me your e-mail address and I will get you going.

Don't forget to check your dues cards. We still have 15 Brothers who have not paid dues for 1999. If your dues card says 1998, you are going delinquent.

Dates to remember

May 16th is Fellowcraft Night. It will be at the Downtown Temple as we did in February and March. It will be a night of great fellowship, plans are being formed. All Brothers of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 are invited to attend.

June 13th will be our Open Installation of Officers and Annual Awards Night. While I was in sunny Florida I had the chance to see several of my Masonic Brothers, one of which is our own R.: W.: Dave Clarke and his wife, Gail. They both send fraternal greetings and hope to be back for our May meeting.

Remember, when there is Lodge there is always a dinner. I have spoken to Hilde and Joy and they have agreed to do all of our dinners for the next year. Our usual price is \$5 per dinner, unless we are doing something special. All reservations can be sent to me by e-mail at hspencer@frontiernet.net, or phone 271-8577, or with Dick Giedd at 621-3045. A reservation is needed at all times. A reservation made is a reservation paid.

In closing, I wish you all good health and long life. See you in the quarries.

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

Exciting year

I would like to express my sincere thanks to you for your confidence in me to be your Master for the coming year. It promises to be an exciting year, full of activities for all. I am sure everyone will find an activity in which to participate in addition to our regular Lodge nights.

Although I have been in Lodge for over 10 years, I feel that I am a neophyte. Our Lodge has a long and storied history, and toward that end, we will examine where we came from, where we are, and where we are going. With the help of R.: W.: Fred Belluscio, W.: Jim Cooper and R.: W.: Steve Whittaker, we will examine the heritage of Frank R. Lawrence Lodge No. 797 and Seneca Lodge No. 920. If you don't know our history, come find out. If you do know, come make sure they get it right! With the help of all of you, we will set a course for the future of Seneca Lodge No. 797. Keep an eye on your trestleboard for the specific dates.

In an effort to increase participation, we are strengthening the social calendar. We have something planned almost every month, from our Annual Steak Roast in August to an evening at Geva Theater. Surely there will be an activity that will interest you and your family. The events will all involve the ladies, and

many will include families and children.

Our Annual Awards Night is set for June 13th, honoring our Brothers for longevity of service. We will also have a Memorial Service for those who have traveled on to the Great Architect. Please come pay your respects.

My phone is always answered and my mailbox works. For those of you in the fast lane of the information super highway, I have e-mail. Feel free to call or drop me a line if there is anything that you would like to have the Lodge do, Masonically, socially or fraternally. Telephone is 359-9052, fax is 334-5186 and e-mail ferguson@frontiernet.net.

Churchville Lodge No. 667

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



W.: George Pflieger, Master
426-0603

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

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

Well, it's May already and we have a very busy month with Grand Lodge the first week and W.: George Pflieger traveling to New York. When he comes back, our first meeting will be Election of Officers and our second meeting will be the Installation, with a Roast Beef Dinner preceding the meeting.

We thank W.: Thomas Grape for inviting our Lodge to a Table Lodge at Charlotte/Corinthian on Tuesday, April 4th. It was well attended by 11 members of our Lodge and was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all. This is our 3rd year of going to this Table Lodge and is now becoming a tradition.

Our Brother-Bring-a-Friend Night went well and was well attended.

There will be a Chicken Bar-B-Que on June 10th, hosted by Jesse Noble. Further details will be in the next issue.

We hope to see all our snowbirds soon and here for our May Lodge meetings.

NORTHFIELD Lodge No. 426

Instituted
March 1857

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

W.: James P. Weick, Master
924-1666

W.: Donald C. Smith
Secretary 248-5170

17 Church Street
Pittsford, N.Y.
14534

Spring

I'm enjoying another fine Spring day and I hope each of you are as well. With a full charge on my laptop computer, I'm writing this on a tree stump sitting on the ground enjoying the view at my favorite park. Flowers are breaking out, the grass has returned to green and the tree buds are about to burst. The park's residents are busy, as well, starting the Spring. I've seen the geese and ducks pairing off, a King Fisher scanning the shoreline, a dozen turtles

lined up on logs defrosting from the Winter and a beaver busy repairing its habitat. That brings us to our first subject.

Lodge clean-up

Saturday, May 13th, will be our Annual Clean-up Day at the Lodge. We begin at 9:00 a.m. and will work until noon. Please bring rakes, tarps and miscellaneous yard tools as we work on our habitat, the Lodge. Indoor cleaning will also be necessary, so please bring dust rags and other supplies. The larger the turnout, the faster the tasks at hand will be completed.

Degrees completed

JW, Jim Knapp, has the complements of the Lodge as he took command of the East for the first time as Master for the 2nd Degree. Jim also coordinated a new caterer for another fine dining experience at the Northfield Cafe.

DeWitt Clinton

We have confirmed that our meeting of May 18th will be the presentation of the DeWitt Clinton Award. Please note our early start time. We will begin the presentation promptly at 7:00 p.m. Plan to arrive by 6:45 p.m. and welcome our guests of the Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance. We will be recognizing their fine organization of dedicated volunteers who work so hard on our behalf in the community. Remember that this event is open to the public. Plan on bringing guests for this evening of community spirit.

Fund raising

I called for an emergency meeting of our 158 members to discuss an impending crisis in our fundraising activities. Three of you showed up, as well as one of our new candidates. Only one member wrote in his ideas. That's a 2% showing. The session set the tone for our future opportunities, which were discussed and will be shared with the next Master and brought before the Lodge. It is clearly evident that a raise in dues will be necessary unless the next 30 days brings forth great new ideas.

Allow me to encourage all members to attend fundraising activities to get involved. Distance should not be a barrier in our being together for our Fraternity. Please write with your ideas to assist us through this important moment in Lodge economics. Raising dues is our final and most unwanted alternative. We have taken great pride in maintaining the dues amount for many years now. Let's find an answer, together, that could even reduce this personal expense.

Ladies Night

Ladies Night is set! Sponsored by the Masters and Wardens, Northfield will join in on THE Party 2000 for our Annual Ladies Night. The event takes place at the Mapledale Party House on May 13th, starting at 6:30 p.m. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will bring us to the Buffet Dinner followed by dancing to the band, Celebration. At \$25.00 (each) ticket includes the cost of a gift for your special guest. Please contact our JW, Jim Knapp, at once to make your reservation. Jim can be reached at 256-9979. Better yet, see Jim at the May 4th meeting and purchase your tickets in person. Why not bring another couple?

Sickness and distress

The Lodge shares in the sorrow of V.: W.: Dan Walker and his family in the loss of his father.

Annual Meeting

May 4th marks the date of the Lodge's Annual Communication. This night may have profound impact on the Lodge for the coming terms. Plan to attend if within the length of your cable-tow.

Lodge leadership

Our Lodge is facing a leadership shortage. With our elections fast approaching, we are into a new dilemma that has us without knowledge of who might serve us next. Imagine a Lodge without a Secretary, Junior Warden, or even a MASTER! Without individuals stepping up to serve, this will be the problem faced by Northfield on May 4th, when our elections are without results. I encourage all members, active or not, to search within and ask how you might rededicate yourself to leadership service of Northfield.

All interested members are asked to attend a leadership planning night at the Lodge on Wednesday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss alternatives. This event is informal and open to all concerned members. Call me personally with your ideas between now and the meeting.

Before parting

The time has come for us to take a direct attack at the Lodge's future. History will occur on its own. Our future will only occur as we best commit to it. What will your commitment be?

Craftsman/ Robertson Lodge No. 969

W. Charles Strickland, Master
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(b) 235-2920



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

W. Thomas W. Kendig
Sec. 1-315-524-4063
875 Main Street East
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

By Robert Ogden

Widows Luncheon results

Approximately 221 people attended, fewer than last year, and everyone enjoyed themselves. Betty Perkins-Carpenter held the audience spellbound with her Physical Fitness Program. She requested everyone to stand and do stretching exercises, with Brothers Vern Goodrich and Joe Privitera doing a "dance with a pillow" at the end of the speaker's table. Most entertaining!

Move accomplished

W. Tom Kendig and Sue moved to Ontario on April 8th. Their new phone number is 315-524-4063, toll free. It was a very exhausting undertaking, but well worthwhile, according to both Tom and Sue.

Election of Officers

The Election of Officers will be held on May 16th with a Public Installation on June 6th. There will be a dinner preceding the event and ladies are invited.

Reminder

The Officer's meeting will be held on April 25th at the Shrine Mosque on Bay Road. The dinner is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. with the meeting to follow.

Wild Shirt Night

Our Annual Wild Shirt Night will be held on June 20th. Brothers, this is our last meeting before recess, so let's have a big turnout.

Fellowcraft Dinner Meeting

The above was very well attended with 37 present. The following Brothers were elected: Ken Schumacher, President; Derek VanHouten, Vice-President; and Clyde Siverd, Secretary/Treasurer. Brother Chuck Strickland conducted the meeting and election. It was an excellent dinner at Rick's Prime Rib and likely to be repeated next year.

Brotherhood Fund

I'm pleased to report that as of today, April 12th, there are 118 contributors, totalling \$4,885.00. Last year at this time, 113 contributed \$4,530.00.

May Birthdays

Greetings to the following Brothers born in May: Ed Bastian, Chuck Chatfield, Sam Grover, Andy Kanaby, Bill Leggett, Terry Ramsey, Paul Robertson, Ed Start, George Wilkinson and John Steincamp.

Looking ahead

There will be a Public Installation of Officers and dinner on June 6th. Fellowcraft Club will meet on June 13th and June 20th is Wild Shirt Night.

East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943



W. Sean P. King, Master
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By Lewis Perna, SW

I am sorry about the previous two missed submissions to the Times. Truth being fundamental to Masonry, I must tell you that it simply did not get done. I give my word that every effort is being made to address this issue.

Good news

Our last Brother Bring-a-Friend Program yielded many prospective candidates. To date we have received one petition from that Program. Retention and membership have also been well discussed in the Masters and Wardens Association. Please realize that people who know you and your character are likely those people who you might want to be talking to about joining us.

Merger

ERAC has also been engaged in formal discussions with Towpath Lodge regarding a merger. The appropriate paperwork has been sent to Grand Lodge for disposition. By the time you read this article, ERAC No. 943 will have had a Stated Communication to discuss this issue.

THE Party 2000

May 13th is the Masters and Wardens Ball, THE Party 2000. This event will be held at the Mapledale Party House, 6:30 p.m. cash bar, 7:30 p.m. dinner. The speaker of the night will be R. W. Don Vetal, who spoke to the Lodge in the Fall regarding the "Future of Freemasonry". Brother Vetal is an excellent speaker who provided the Lodge with a well organized presentation. Music and dancing will follow. The cost of the ticket to this event is \$25.00 per person. Our Junior Warden, Dave Zegas, has

tickets. It sure would be fun to spend an evening with all of you. It's not often that Brothers get to spend time with each other.

There are other very exciting things happening in the Lodge. Next year's Officer Line is decided. My trestleboard is nearly complete. I will be looking for additional leadership outside the Line to coordinate some key projects. In addition we have begun to develop plans to attend St. John's Day. Further information will be forthcoming.

Be well, my Brothers, and consider the Spring season as a time of growth and change. Then ask yourself, "Is my character viewed in a similar way?"

Union Star Lodge No. 320

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W. John H. Williams
Master
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2nd Mon.
7:30 P.M.



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

Congratulations

Brother Robert Harnish received his 60 Year Certificate and Pin and Brother Howard Stanley received his 40 Year Certificate and Pin at our meeting on April 10th. It was quite an honor to present these Brothers with the Awards for long service to the Craft. The Lodge joined in to give these Brothers Grand Honors for their dedicated service. Several other Brothers will be receiving their Certificates and Pins after they return from the Southlands or we will deliver them or mail them to the Brothers unable to make it to the Lodge.

Can you serve?

At our next regular meeting we will have our Election of Officers, this is the time to select the most worthy Brothers to fill the offices and to indicate your willingness to fill one of the appointive offices or fill the chairs of the various committees. We need all of our Brothers to participate to improve our Lodge. R. W. Bob Sanford is heading the Nominating Committee. Give him a call at 292-6383 and let him know which office or committee you might wish to be considered for, or where you might be able to serve.

Come and join us at our Fellowcraft Club meeting on Monday, May 22nd, to help plan some of the projects to improve our Lodge and facilities. We also need to set up dates and time to accomplish some of the various activities, such as cleaning and refurbishing our basement.

Good attendance

Our recent participation in the School of Ritual work covering the 3rd Degree was quite successful under the direction of V. W. John Zabel and V. W. Dan Walker. The attendance was very good and it was a delight to see both sides of the Lodge room filled. Brothers Jim Nersinger and Rob Sweeney did an excellent job of providing snacks after the meeting. Many of the attendees seemed to be impressed with our Lodge and facilities and suggested the possibility of our hosting a future Grand Lecturer's Convention.

On Friday, May 19th, there will be a Joint Investiture of new

Masters and re-elected Masters at the Downtown Temple. All Past Masters are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity to meet the Masters of other Lodges and renew old acquaintances.

The Masters and Wardens Association will be hosting their Annual Dinner Dance on Saturday, May 13th. The location will be at the Mapledale Party House. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Contact me for tickets.

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

Utica trip a treat for all

Flower City Lodge's trip to Utica started off on Sunday, April 9th at 8:00 a.m. The Thruway was dry and clean as we drove along. That is until we passed Syracuse. As we headed toward Utica, the snow started falling and the wind picked up. We arrived at 11:00 a.m. and joined a bus load of Masons and their families from Geneva and Canandaigua who were already visiting the Library, which was loaded with all sorts of Masonic books, pictures and other items. We went from there to Acacia Village, where we were treated to lunch. After lunch we toured Acacia Village, the Research Labs and the Masonic Home. We had over 6 inches of snow and 35 mile per hour winds by 2:00 p.m.! In spite of the weather, the visit was great! If you have an opportunity to go there for St. John's Day, do it.

Sunday Breakfast planned

We are planning a meal out with the ladies on Sunday, May 7th at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant, which is South of the expressway exit for Marketplace Mall, at 9:30 a.m. This is the first time in ages we sat down for a Sunday morning breakfast to-

gether. If you haven't visited a Cracker Barrel before, come early and take a "look around", as they have a number of unique and interesting items available for sale. Contact R. W. Philip Averbach or me for reservations.

Elections May 11th

Our Annual Elections will be on Thursday, May 11th at 7:30 p.m. It is necessary that all officers be there. Please come and join us for this important meeting. We are also looking for suggestions and ideas for the meetings in the following months.

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 be serving Swiss Steak or Baked Chicken Breast for dinner at 6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$7.00. Since this is an Open Installation, our ladies and friends are cordially invited. Reservations are requested for dinner. Please contact W. Doug Higgins, R. W. Philip Averbach or me for reservations.

Summer is coming

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

Sunday, July 30th, is Flower City Lodge's Summer Picnic in Stevens Shelter in Henrietta Town Park, located by the playground area.

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tional guests will be welcome at a cost of \$22.00 per person. Reservations must be submitted no later than May 5th. A flyer with additional information has been sent to you. Please send in your reservations to: Paul Kober - 381-1058, Frank Denton - 467-4619 or me - 227-0494. Be sure to mention your name, your guests names, and dinner choices. Come join us for a pleasant evening of fellowship.

On a parting note, I wish our incoming Master and his Line Officers a good year and much success.

CLIO

LODGE No. 779



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Greetings

I hope everyone is enjoying our belated Spring weather and is hoping for a warm and pleasant Summer, as I am.

Ox Roast

Due to some conflicts throughout the District and the holiday weekend, our Annual Ox Roast had to be postponed from its usual date on the 3rd Saturday in April to May 6th. Similar conflicts caused a bad turnout last year and we are hoping this will remedy the problem and will provide us with a better profit from our major fundraiser for the year. These Ox Roasts are a lot of work as you all well know and we encourage and welcome any and all help and support for this event.

Degrees

Our 2nd Degree was held on April 18th with our JW, Gordie Smith, in the East. He did a wonderful job with the help of the Officers and many others who took part. Everyone enjoyed themselves and I'm sure our new Brother learned a few things at this very moving and meaningful Degree. Good job, and thanks to all the Brethren who participated.

The 3rd Degree is scheduled for May 2nd, the Lodge will open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Sickness and distress

Our Senior Deacon, Eric Betteridge, is recovering from his long awaited surgery. Eric had surgery involving two discs in his neck and we all hope and pray for a speedy recovery. We are also thankful for Ruth Tucker's speedy return home from the hospital, somebody has to keep Charlie out of trouble.

May Birthdays

Happy birthday to John Himmelsbach, Robert Baxter, Art Miller, Gary Thompson, Dick Pickett, Jim Wells, Kay Dodds, Ken Mullen and Steve Mitchell.

Important dates

May 2nd-3rd Degree, dinner at 6:30 p.m.

May 6th-Ox Roast

May 16th-Election of Officers, Annual Summoned Meeting, dinner at 6:30 p.m.

May 20th-Installation of Officers at 7:00 p.m.

May 24th-Spaghetti Dinner

Thanks

As you have probably figured out from reading the important dates this will be my last article before I pass the torch. I just want to thank all the Brethren of Clio Lodge for making this such a memorable year. I especially thank the Brethren who went out of their way to help me get here. There are too many to name, but you know who you are.

Thank you all so much and God bless all of you.

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"I hold in my hand the last Masonic Times article by this Master!" (A roar of applause and catcalls.) Does anyone still remember "Carnac the Magnificent?"

Reflection

This is my last article as I have asked the incoming Master to write the article for June. I would like to take a moment to reflect over the last two years that I have been honored to serve Fairport Lodge. During that time I have asked, begged and cajoled for more support and better attendance at meetings. I have announced programs, activities, and new initiatives to increase interest in the Lodge. I have reported on the results of those initiatives in as candid terms as I could.

Goal

The goal that I created for myself as time and events unfolded was to give to my successor a Lodge that was no worse than the one that I received from my predecessor. I am not sure that I have achieved that goal based upon the attendance that I see at Lodge meetings. I feel that I have exceeded that goal with the formulation of the "Have-a-Heart, Start-a-Heart" Campaign and the energy that it has created in the Lodge.

Possible merger

One last initiative that I have started, and will turn over to my successor, is holding merger dis-

cussions with Flower City Lodge. W.: Dave Mawhiney and I met with W.: Gerry Spero and R.: W.: Phil Averbach. We each agreed to present the idea to our Lodges and judge the reaction. I did this at our 2nd meeting in March and the reaction was generally favorable. Assuming that the same occurred at Flower City, I will be appointing a committee to start negotiations at our 2nd meeting in April.

Thank you

I thank all the Brothers who have accepted positions in the line of officers, volunteered to help out at events and given me ideas and counsel for the last two years. Without their efforts, none of my modest progress would have been possible.

Have-a-Heart

Start-a-Heart Campaign

As of April 7th, we have collected \$9,490 of our goal of \$12,000. The funds so far have come from many of the service organizations in the Fairport community that we reached out to at the Kickoff Breakfast. There have also been many individual contributions to the Fund. I congratulate Brother Mike Morris, Chairman of the Campaign, for organizing and executing a very successful fundraiser.

On Sunday, May 7th, there will be a Chicken, Biscuit and Gravy Dinner at the Fairport VFW Post. Dinner will be served from Noon to 6:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Have-a-Heart - Start-a-Heart Fund. This event is being sponsored by the Fairport VFW Post No. 8495, Fairport VFW Auxiliary, Fairport Lodge No. 476, and Fairport Chapter No. 444, OES. I ask that every Brother reading this either volunteer to help at the Dinner (contact R.: W.: Chick Becker), attend the Dinner to help the Fund (and have a great meal) or donate directly to the Fund. To make a donation send a check payable to: Village of Fairport - AED Fund and mail it to: Fleet Bank, Government Banking, 1 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14638. All donations are tax-deductible.

Upcoming events

On May 8th, we will hold our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. This is the most important meeting of the Lodge year and I ask that every Brother make an extra effort to come out and make your voice heard on issues that will shape the future of Fairport Lodge. This is also our only meeting in the month of May.

Mall Temple

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room large enough to hold special events, perhaps a kitchen and dining area, all at ground level with a private exterior access as well as doors to the corridors of the mall. Ancillary organizations could join with the basic Lodge groups (Eastern Star, youth associations, Royal Arch Chapters, Council, and others).

Greece has a Continuing Education Center in the theater wing that looks like it might have the right amount of square footage.

The mall has lighted, flat surfaced parking lots, which are maintained and that includes snow removal. Standard hours are 10:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., but a non-profit group could get an access point on an outer wall as well as through an inside corridor set of doors. The public would certainly know Masonry exists

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By SW David N. Foster

Merger

Well, it's all in the hands of Grand Lodge. Both Fame and Germania Lodges have voted affirmatively on the proposed merger. The paperwork is in the hands of Grand Lodge and we are waiting to hear of its approval. Once everything is approved, a letter will be sent out to inform you about the new Fame Lodge No. 722. Until that time, however, life - and Germania Lodge - go on.

Meetings

As this is May, we have two meetings this month. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, May 2nd and will be the Election and Installation of Officers. Officers should wear tuxes or dark suits. Our 2nd meeting on May 16th will be a regular business meeting. As usual, both meetings will be preceded by a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

THE Party

We will be using THE Party 2000 as our Ladies Night again this year. The Lodge will be subsidizing part of the cost of the tickets and we will sit as a group. Look for a flyer with more information shortly.

Representation

It is my pleasure to represent Germania Lodge at Grand Lodge again this year. Many interesting things took place and I am planning to make my report at our May 16th meeting. The highlight will be, of course, accepting the Howard Potts Award for Germania - the only Lodge in the Monroe District to receive this prestigious Award. Thank you for giving me this privilege.

Donations

If you haven't made your donation to the Brotherhood Fund yet, please do!!! As Brotherhood Fund Chairman, I hope that everyone will make a contribution this year, even if it is only \$1.00. Let's shoot for 100% participation. Thanks to the following Brothers who made contributions recently: Earl Bertch, Ed Dreier, W.: Dave Foster and W.: John Foster. Time is starting to run out on this year's Campaign. Let's make this Drive a huge success and go into our merger with style! Let's all help support the Brotherhood Fund.

Dues

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

I hope this finds you all healthy and enjoying yourselves. If you are under the weather (or if you know of any Brothers) who need our help or charity, please make sure you let one of our officers know.

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

It is hard to believe that this Masonic year has gone by so quickly, but then that seems to be a characteristic of aging. The older we get, the faster the years go, or so it seems.

Last article

This will be my last Times article and I would just like to say that it has been an enjoyable year for me. I thank all of my Officers for their support and assistance. I hope for each and everyone of you as much fun as I going through the "Chairs". It has been a truly an enjoyable experience.

More thanks

I also thank all Lodge members for their support. A special thank you to my two Advisors, R.: W.: Louis DiJames and W.: Angelo DiCataldo. Their direction, knowledge, and ideas were a valuable asset. I thank W.: Don Bell profusely as he always came to the rescue when help was needed. I can't thank you enough, Don, your Ritual knowledge and ability of filling in any Chair when we were short handed, is exemplary to say the least.

Degree Fest

The Degree Fest was held on April 15th at the Downtown Masonic Temple. A 3rd Degree saw a total of eight Brothers raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Charlotte/Corinthian and Wakan/Hubbard Lodges joined together to raise two Brothers from each Lodge. The other four Brothers were raised in another combined 3rd Degree. It was a combination of the Masters and Officers of the respective Lodges that had Brothers to raise, working together to put on the Degree. The Drama of the Hiram Legend was put on by a Degree Team. In all, it was a very enjoyable experience. I welcomed our newly raised Brethren to the Lodge, Brothers Elwood Kain and Steven Clapperton. May you have many years of enjoyable Masonry.

May events

Our Election of Officers will be on May 8th. The Millennium Ball is on Saturday, May 13th. May 22nd will be Move-up Night. There will be a dinner to which the ladies are invited. We will have a talk by V.: W.: John Zabel.

The Millennium Ball

The Millennium Ball, sponsored by Wakan/Hubbard Lodge, is a celebration of the start of the 21st Century. The event will be held at Dandrea's Party House, 1713 Lyell Avenue, on May 13th. There will be a sit-down dinner and dancing. The social hour will be from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. There will be a cash bar and Hors D'Oeuvres available. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. The dinner choices are: Stuffed Chicken Breast, Roast Top Round of Beef, or Broiled Haddock.

All members in good standing are invited to attend with one guest, as the personal guests of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge. Addi-

Monroe Secretaries Association Swinging into High Gear with Preview of Grand Lodge New MLS System



R.W. Jay McCullough, Pres. and R.W. Phil Averbach, Sec., leading the meeting. (Photo D. Darrohn)

R.W. Keith Stambach Appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Brazil

By R.W. Ruel R. Lovett

On Tuesday, April 18, 2000, a Grand Representative Certificate was presented to R.W. R. Keith Stambach by R.W. M. Donald Darrohn III in Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088. He was assisted by W. G. Thomas Grape, Master.

Lodge Duties

Keith was raised in Charlotte Lodge No. 1088 in November 1964. He attended many sessions of the School of Ritual as well as many Seminars and Schools conducted by the Bureau of Masonic Education. He also served as Chairman of the Communication Committee, 2nd Monroe District from 1990 through 1992.

In Lodge, Keith served as Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund, was a member of the Fellowship Club, Trustee and Chairman of the Trustees of his Lodge, Master of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 in 1990, and was named Charlotte/Corinthian Man of the Year in 1996.

Concordant Bodies

R.W. Keith is a member of Rochester Consistory and has participated in many degrees, including major parts in the 24th and 32nd. He became a member of Damascus Temple in 1987, and was a member of the Divan in 1991 and 1992. Keith was ap-

pointed Potentate's Personal Aide in 1993. He is a Past President of the Shrine Past Master's Degree Team, a member of the Legion of Honor, and the Director's Staff. In addition, he is a member and Past President of the Shrine Lunch Club. He served as Special Ambassador in 1998.

Work History

R.W. Stambach was a Real Estate Broker in the ten years before retiring. Previously, he was a partner in the Stambach Paint Store, Inc. He also served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 through 1955. He served in Korea in 1952 and 1953 where he received the Bronze Star w/Cluster.

Education

R.W. Stambach attended Canandaigua Academy until 1949 and attended Union College in 1949, 1950 and 1951.

Community

In the community Keith was a member of the Doty-McGill American Legion Post.

Congratulations go out to this worthy Brother from the entire Masonic Community on his Appointment.



R.W. Don Darrohn III-DDGM Monroe (left) and W. Tom Grape-Master, Char./Cor. Lodge (right), presenting R.W. R. Keith Stambach with his Certificate. (Photo courtesy Don Darrohn)

By Don Brugger

At a meeting held at the Downtown Temple on April 14th the District Secretaries were introduced to the new Grand Lodge Masonic Lodge Secretaries System (MLSS) software. This new system was developed with the assistance of our own R.W. Rich Friedman and is being piloted here in the Monroe District before it goes out to the Lodges throughout the State.



R.W. Rich Friedman explaining the System to a rapt secretarial audience.

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many forms ranging from single extra beats sensed as occasional palpitations to totally uncoordinated contractions known as fibrillation. Fibrillation of the upper chambers of the heart (atria) usually leads to a fast somewhat irregular heart rate, accompanied by fatigue, chest discomfort and, in people with coronary disease, anginal pain. Fibrillation of the main pumping chambers (ventricles) is a bit more serious in that it leads to death unless reversed in a timely manner. Between these two extremes exist a wide variety of irregular rhythms that impact on the quality of our lives and in some cases are life-threatening.

Detection of an arrhythmia, the most important first step in dealing with the problem, is at times easier said than done. Physicians have a number of tools in their armamentarium to tackle this problem.

The most important is the electrocardiogram of ECG. This wonderful device records the electrical activity generated by the heart at the body surface. You may recall from our discussion in Part I of this series, that although the heart is a muscular pump, each of its beats is initiated and finely regulated by electrical activity generated by the flow of ions across the cardiac cell. The humps and bumps recorded by the ECG provide your doctor a wealth of information about the condition of your heart. It can tell him whether your heart is functioning normally or alternatively, whether you heart is beating too fast, too slow or unevenly. If it is beating too slow, the ECG will reveal whether this is due to a problem with your primary pacemaker, the sinus node, or the "gatekeeper" that controls the flow of impulses in the atria or ventricles and provide the physician some clue as to the mechanism of the tachycardia (fast rate), flutter (very fast rate) or fibrillation (ultrafast rate due to disorganization of the electrical impulse leading to uncoordinated contractions). The ECG will also reveal whether a patient may have suffered a heart attack recently or at some time in the past and whether a congenital heart defect should be suspected. Electrocardiograms can even predict whether a drug like erythromycin, a widely prescribed antibiotic, may be life threatening to individual people. Although medical science and ECG interpretation have advanced considerably in recent years, our understanding of the ECG remains incomplete and is one of the areas of study at the MMRL.

One of the principal difficulties in dealing with arrhythmias is the ability to catch up with them, for they are often elusive, appearing for short periods of time and then subsiding for hours, days, weeks or even months. Although infrequent, they may be troublesome causing occasional dizzy spells as in the case of paroxysmal tachycardia and may even be deadly as in the case of ventricular fibrillation (sudden death) or Torsade de Pointes. The physician has additional tools at his disposal to detect these isolated events and when necessary to provoke them. The first of these is non-invasive and involves the attachment of several stick-on electrodes to the chest wall which are then connected to a *Holter moni-*

tor. This device is a miniaturized portable ECG recorder generally worn for a period of 24 to 48 hours. Data are recorded on small cassette tapes which are analyzed at the doctor's office, or clinic. Holter monitors detect arrhythmias that are intermittent but frequent, but are unlikely to detect those that appear once a week or once a month. This limitation is circumvented by devices called *event recorders* which are miniaturized ECG recorders worn for much longer periods and activated by the patient when symptoms occur. These units not only record the ECG but are capable of transmitting it to the physician over the telephone.

When these methodologies fail to detect suspected arrhythmias, the physician may resort to an electrophysiological (EP) study. This procedure is usually recommended for patients who have previously experienced life-threatening events. An EP study involves the insertion of a cathode electrode into the heart through either an artery or vein in the groin, arm or neck. Electrical impulses are introduced through the electrode to stimulate the heart and provoke the arrhythmia. Recordings of local activity within the heart may be obtained with the same or different electrode to localize the region of troublesome activity. Drugs may be tested during the EP study to assess their ability to prevent the induction of the arrhythmia. Alternatively, a special catheter may be introduced into the heart to destroy the tissue that is giving rise to the erratic electrical activity by using radiofrequency energy to heat the tip of the electrode. Known as *catheter ablation*, this procedure has gained considerable popularity as the procedure of choice in the treatment of a variety of arrhythmias, including AV nodal tachycardia and the Wolf-Parkinson-White syndrome.

These diagnostic procedures and therapeutic modalities are available today because of many years of painstaking research conducted at medical research laboratories worldwide. Among the laboratories that have contributed fundamentally to our present day knowledge of cardiac electrophysiology and arrhythmias is the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. For nearly forty years, scientists at the MMRL have worked to define the function of the heart in both health and disease. On-going research continues to focus on the mechanisms of arrhythmias, how they can be prevented and controlled; how drugs like erythromycin can produce them and

what the various waves in the ECG are trying to tell us. In coming segments of this series, I hope to expand on specific arrhythmias, their causes, treatments and, in some cases, cures.

Part IV

Ventricular Tachycardia and Fibrillation

Like the beating of distant drums, your heart modulates its pace, adjusting to environmental and physical demands by slowing down and speeding up. Occasionally, it goes into a frenzy, beating out of control, racing against time for no good reason. As discussed in Part III of this series, this type of cardiac arrhythmia is referred to as a ventricular tachycardia (VT). It is most frequently observed after a heart attack, in otherwise diseased or scarred hearts, and occasionally in apparently normal and healthy hearts. In most cases, VT is due to a short-circuiting of electrical activity within the ventricles of the heart, thus giving rise to a circular movement of the electrical wave. This mechanism, known as reentry, continuously re-excites the heart, causing it to beat at rapid rates. In some individuals, VT is caused via a "focal" mechanism involving a rapid and repeated firing of a small group of abnormal "pacemaker" cells within the ventricles of the heart. In the latter case, the arrhythmias are often very sensitive to the sympathetic nervous system activity and to various stimulants.

Ventricular Tachycardia, when relatively slow and regular, may occur without symptoms. At more rapid and/or irregular rates, VT usually produces symptoms in the form of palpitations, presyncope (dizziness) and syncope (fainting spells). The dizziness and fainting spells occur because the pumping chambers do not have sufficient time to fill with blood and as a consequence are inefficient in pumping blood to the brain and other organs of the body. The ECG will alert your physician as to how dangerous the arrhythmia may be. If the ECG signals attending each beat of the tachycardia are similar in size or shape, the tachycardia is said to be monomorphic. In contrast, when the signals are of varying amplitude and shape, the arrhythmia is said to be polymorphic. Generally speaking, the latter is more likely to be life-threatening. The danger of a rapid polymorphic tachycardia is that it can degenerate into ventricular fibrillation (VF), which is the principal cause of sudden death. Although a heart in VF beats at an extremely rapid rate, it is useless as a pump because the contractions are uncoordinated.

Treatment of VT depends on the cause. When secondary to a focal or discrete reentry mechanism, ablation therapy may be able to prevent the arrhythmia, using radiofrequency energy to burn the abnormal pacemaker or the troublesome tissue that allows reentry to develop. In some cases, antiarrhythmic drugs, such as amiodarone, beta-adrenergic blockers (propranolol), potassium and sodium channel blockers, may be helpful. In the case of life-threatening arrhythmias, the first line treatment is an Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (ICD). This is a device that senses when the heart goes into ventricular fibrillation and automatically delivers a shock to restore normal rhythm. These marvelous devices have dramatically changed the treatment of arrhythmias over the past decade and have extended the lives of hundreds of thousands of people.

In some cases, an ICD may be used in conjunction with anti-arrhythmic drugs to limit the number of times that the device is activated.

VT/VF occurring in apparently normal hearts has been the subject of intense study over the past 5 years. These studies have demonstrated the existence of primary electrical disease caused by defects in specific ion channels. The heart is otherwise normal in structure and function. One form of this type of disease is called the long QT syndrome (LQTS), because the QT interval in the ECG is prolonged in patients afflicted with this problem. It is hereditary and has now been linked to a genetic defect in one of four different ion channel genes that contain the genetic message for three different ion channels (potassium and sodium channels). The ion channel defects give rise to the development of a polymorphic tachycardia which can degenerate to ventricular fibrillation. The syndrome tragically takes the lives of teenagers and young adults. Children and young adults experiencing one or more syncope events, are usually fully evaluated to rule out LQTS. The genetic definition of the disease has made possible the development of gene-specific therapy. While many patients are protected by use of beta-blockers, others require ICDs. Studies currently underway are examining the therapeutic value of sodium channel blockers like mexiletine in the three genetic forms of the diseases, based on recent reports from the MMRL.

Another type of primary electrical disease, recently discovered, is known as the Brugada Syndrome. Like LQTS, the Brugada Syndrome has been

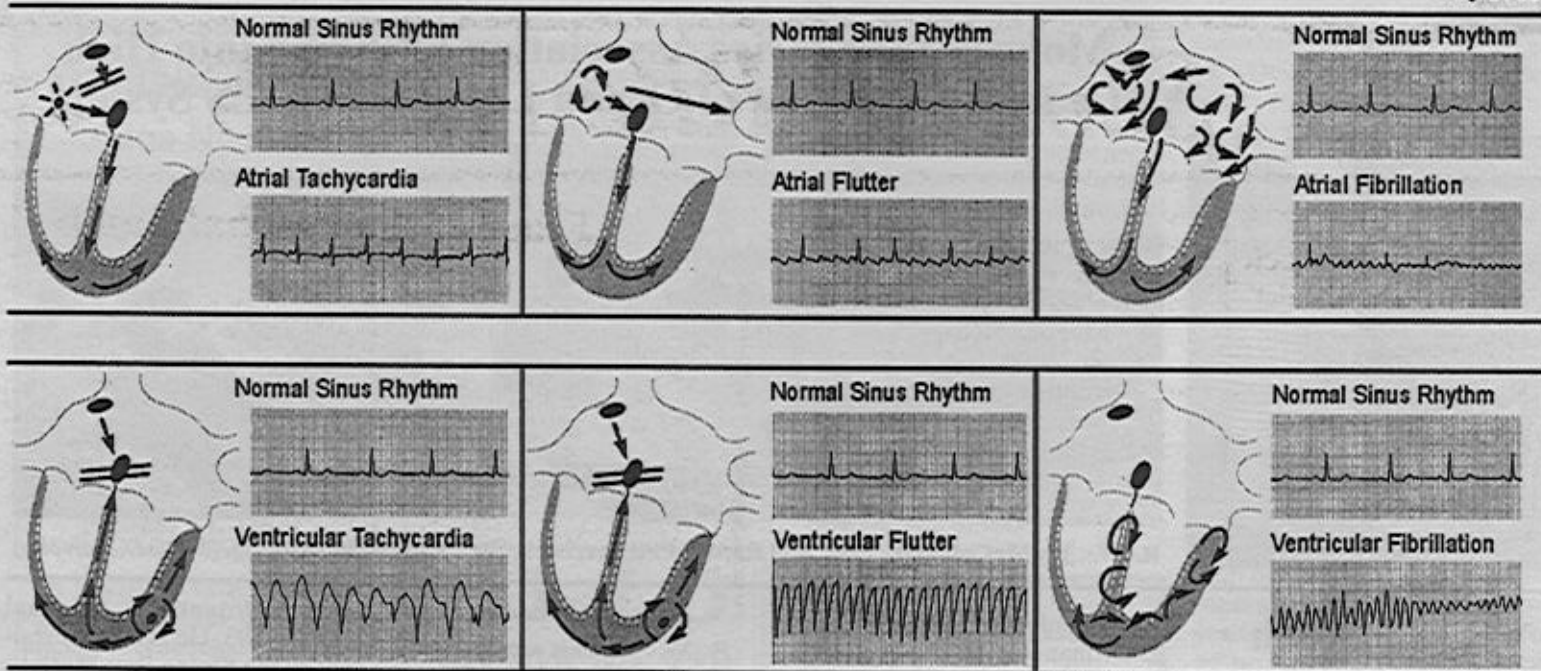
linked to a defect in the sodium channel gene. A very rapid polymorphic tachycardia develops in these patients, causing them to pass out. In some cases sudden death is the first symptom. This too is an hereditary disease whose incidence is highest in individuals of Southeast Asian origin.

For reasons that physicians and scientists do not as yet understand, the disease often lies dormant for three to four decades before emerging to rear its ugly head. The average age of death of Brugada patients is 39. ICDs are indicated in patients who have previously experienced syncope or who have been resuscitated from sudden death. Recent work from the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory has suggested a new pharmacological approach to therapy using "transient outward current" blockers. This pharmacologic alternative may be critically important in many parts of the world where ICDs are not affordable.

The knowledge that has made these diagnostic procedures and therapeutic measures available emanated from decades of painstaking research conducted at medical research laboratories throughout the world. Among the laboratories contributing fundamentally to our present day knowledge of cardiac electrophysiology and cardiac arrhythmias is the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. For forty years, scientists at the MMRL have contributed to our understanding of the function of the heart in both health and disease. On-going research continues to focus on cardiac arrhythmias, the single largest mechanism of death of Americans. In coming segments of this series, I will expand on other arrhythmias, their causes, treatments and cures. □

Masonic Home Lodge Programs

Listed below are the dates of programs that have been scheduled. If you would like to attend one of these programs before scheduling one for your Lodge, please do so. For additional information or to learn more about having a program, contact Daniel L. Clark at the Masonic Home, 2150 Bleecker St., Utica, NY 13501, (315-798-4923 or 800-322-8826) or clarkd@masonichomeny.org.
May 13 - Lamoka No. 463 in Tyrone
May 15 - Neward No. 83 in Newark
May 25 - DeRuyter No. 692 in DeRuyter.
May 31 - Hudson River No. 309 in Newburgh.
October 23 - ERAC No. 943 in East Rochester.





Scottish Rite NEWS

Consistory
Chapter of Rose Croix
Council of Princes of Jerusalem
Lodge of Perfection



Charles O. Hancock Commander-in-Chief



This message should reach you before the Millennium Reunion takes place on April 29th. All of you should have received your Millennium Passport by now. This is the time to begin to use it. When you witness a Degree in any Valley within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, that Valley will validate the appropriate page in your Passport.

Once you have seen each Degree at least once and proper validations have been affixed, you may take this Passport to your Valley Secretary. He will then certify that you have seen the Degrees and he will submit that certification to the Supreme Council. You will then receive recognition of this achievement. I urge everyone of you to take every opportunity to make the most of your Scottish Rite membership and strive to gain this recognition.

The month of May is when the new Masonic year starts in New York. Our congratulations and best wishes go out to every Presiding Officer and every elected or appointed Officer selected to serve for the ensuing year(s).

With the new year comes the rich gift of opportunity. Opportunity to build a stronger and more meaningful Fraternity. Opportunity to serve our Craft first

in a manner similar to that of countless predecessors, but also in a manner our unique skills and talents allow us.

We have a solid core of dedicated and enthusiastic officers and committee members willing to go forward and work on your behalf. They need your support and encouragement.

I ask each of you to share your wisdom and experience as we select our officers for the coming year. On May 18th the Valley of Rochester will elect Presiding Officers and the next two Officers in line. In the Lodge of Perfection we will elect the Thrice Potent Master, Deputy Master and Senior Warden. In the Council of Princes of Jerusalem we will elect the Sovereign Prince, High Priest and Senior Warden. In the Chapter of Rose Croix we will elect the Most Wise Master, and Senior and Junior Wardens. All of the above terms are for one year. In Rochester Consistory we will elect the Commander-in-Chief, and the 1st and 2nd Lt. Commanders for two year terms. The Installation of all elected and appointed Officers will take place this evening. Please come out and vote as a member of the Valley and by doing so endorse your leaders with your support.

Next month I will share with you my appointments and committee assignments. For those of you interested in becoming involved in our activities, there is still time to volunteer for an assignment of your choice. Give me a call at 223-1850 to discuss how you can take part.

Hospitaler's Report

By Tom Paglia, 32° MSA
Cameron VanZile - having back problems.

Glenn Ide - is recuperating at home.

Gordon Ball - recuperating at home after a hospital stay.

Ed Brereton - was in Genesee Hospital for tests.

Feast of the Paschal Lamb Ceremony



M. Donald Darrohn III, Philip A. Trautman, R.W., Carl J. Smith- Deputy Grand Master, Robert D. Pedersen, John E. Zabel, 33°, Richard C. Friedman, Donald A. Rose, 32° MSA, and Vernon L. Goodrich.
(Photo courtesy Donald Darrohn)

Spring Reunion Schedule April 29, 2000

Registration - 7:30 - 8:00 a.m.
Coffee &... - 7:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Opening of Council, Chapter and Consistory - 8:30 a.m.
16° - 8:45 a.m.
18° - 10:00 a.m.
Lunch - Noon
29° - 1:30 p.m.
32° - 2:30 p.m.
Break (to allow ladies and guests to join us in Cathedral Hall) - 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Scottish Rite
Reunion Celebration
Cathedral Hall
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Banquet
Holiday Inn Airport
Cash bar - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Dinner - 7:30 p.m.
Dancing - 9:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Last Call!

Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet
Honoring
M.W. and Ill. Bruce W. Widger, 33° Active

Saturday Evening, April 29, 2000

Holiday Inn Airport
911 Brooks Avenue

Ladies and Guests invited!

Cash Bar 6:30 P.M. - Dinner 7:30 P.M.
Dancing 9:00 - 11:00 P.M.

Dinner Choices
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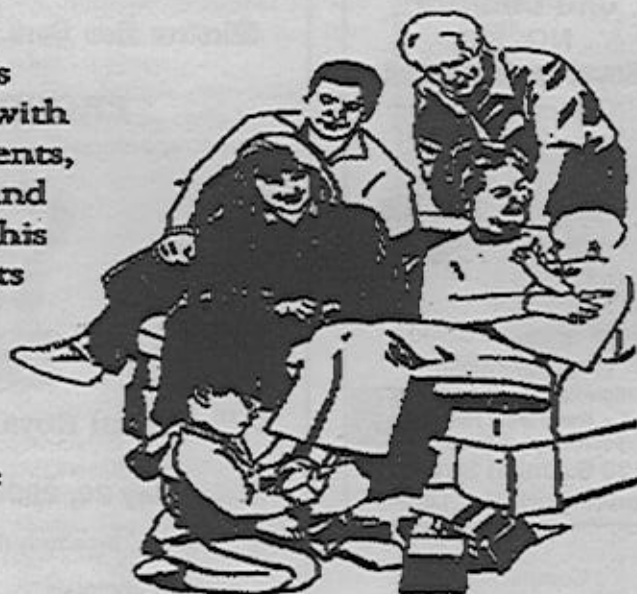
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York Rite NEWS

York Rite College
Judas Maccabeus

District Deputy Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons
27th Capitular District



R.E. Paul B. Josephson
334-7353

Homecoming

The gala Homecoming Dinner Reception for M.E. Arnold Palmer was a resounding success due to the hard work and excellent planning of R.E. Thomas Paglia. Thank you, once again,

Thomas, for all your hard work and dedication. This is another example of how many of us reap the benefits from a few hard working and dedicated volunteers. A good time was had by all who attended. There were many very nice things said about M.E. Palmer. There were also some very humorous tales related about his progression up through the Grand Line and, finally, his year as Grand High Priest.

Good news

I have a fresh supply of Research Laboratory Pins so those of you who didn't have a chance to purchase one of these Pins before, may now. They are available for the small donation of \$10.00, the proceeds of which totally go to our Masonic Research Laboratory in Utica.

Upcoming dates

May 9th-Official Visit to Dansville.

May 20th-Western New York Past High Priest's Association 24th Annual Royal Arch Scholarship Dinner at Frederick's Manor.

May 25th-Official Visit to Hiram Chapter.

Hiram Chapter



No. 62



2nd & 4th
Thursdays

E. John A. Dudley, High Priest
586-6426
Richard J. Oliver, Secretary
594-2380
875 Main Street East
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

Summer event

By this time, all Rochester area Companions should have received a flyer about our Summer event which has been coordinated by R.E. Gerald Jones and will take place on Friday, July 21st. The two-hour Genesee River Cruise will include a Buffet Dinner for \$14 per person. Please send your check payable to Gerald Jones at 10 Jackie Circle West, Rochester, NY 14612-3608. The cut-off date for reservations is May 25th. If you have

any questions please call him at 225-5207 or me at 586-6426.

Homecoming

A grand time was had by all at the Burgundy Basin Inn on April 1st to celebrate the Homecoming of M.E. Arnold E. Palmer. Thomas Paglia and Dennis Gellasch did a terrific job coordinating the event and Don Wright was a great Toastmaster.

Banners presented

On April 12th, Bill Lindsay, Jay McCullough, Don Wright and I were honored to present Haggai Chapter with our extra set of banners. Their High Priest, James Ghent, Jr., presented Hiram Chapter with a plaque to commemorate the event. After the formalities, we adjourned to their fellowship room where we enjoyed refreshments with them.

Welcome

I am happy to welcome Steven Adkins as our newest Companion. We already have a petition for our Fall Degrees and are hoping for more. Please check your Blue Lodges for potential members and let me know if I can be of any assistance.

New DDGHP

Our new District Deputy, R.E. Paul Josephson, will be making his Official Visit on May 25th. Let's have a good turnout to show Paul our appreciation for his hard work.

Contributions

Remember the Masonic Service Bureau when making your United Way Fund Contributions. Call the Service Bureau at 473-4351 if you have any questions.

Scholarship Dinner

There are only a few weeks left to buy tickets for the Royal Arch Scholarship Dinner on Saturday, May 20th at Frederick's Manor in Lancaster for a \$25.00 donation. Please call me if you would like any or would like to carpool.

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

If wisdom's ways you'd wisely seek
Five things observe with care.
Of whom you speak,
To whom you speak,
And how, and when, and where.

District Deputy Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitular District



R.E. Stephen Licht

Congratulations in order

Congratulations to the participants at the Grand Lecturer's Convention held last month at LeRoy Chapter No. 183. All reports to me indicated interest and enthusiasm for our Ritual. At the next conferral of the Mark Master Degree, I hope to see some new participants enjoying the roles.

Scholarships

I am aware of one Royal Arch Scholarship application from our District and wonder how many others were submitted this year? Awards of either \$500 or \$1000 have been made to worthy applicants. This was possible only through the generous support you have given to the Royal Arch Charities in previous years.

To generate funds for current scholarship awards, the Western New York Past High Priests Association is sponsoring its Annual Scholarship Dinner on Saturday, May 20th. This fundraising dinner will be held at Frederick's Manor on Rte. 20, a short distance East of Lancaster. Dinner tickets are available from the Secretary of your Chapter at \$25 each. Additional tickets are available from me. A

social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Our guest from Grand Chapter will be R.E. Donald Lounsbury, Grand King. Scholarship recipients have been invited to attend and address the assembly.

Directions to Frederick's Manor

If you are coming on the Thruway, take Exit 49. Make a right turn on Rte. 78, heading South. Stay on Rte. 78 and turn left on Rte. 20, heading East. Go through the Village of Lancaster. Frederick's Manor is on the right about 2 miles East of the Village. It is a low, tan colored building at the intersection of Bowen Road.

If you are traveling on Rte. 33, heading West to Rte. 77, turn left on Rte. 77, past Darien Lake. Continue on and turn right on Rte. 20 West. You will drive through Alden and Townline. Stay on Rte. 20. The Restaurant will be on the left side.

Official Visits

May 8th - Arcade No. 322 (rescheduled)

May 9th - Wyoming Chapter No. 181 - Dutch Treat Dinner will precede the Convocation at the Lumberyard. Contact the EHP or Secretary for more info.

May 11th - Orleans Chapter No. 175 - Dutch Treat Dinner will precede the Convocation. Contact the Secretary, Richard Cook at 589-9179 for info.

May 18th - Western Star No. 35 - the EHP has promised a special treat prior to the Convocation. Your guess is as good as mine, but come prepared!

District Picnic-August 23rd-Batavia

Beginning at 4:30 p.m. and ending when the food and drink are all consumed will be our Annual District Picnic. Once again, Kiwanis Park has been reserved for that red-aproned bunch of rowdy red-necks, the 29th District Royal Arch Masons.

The Park is about 2 miles West of the City limits on Rte. 5, on the South side of the road.

Advance reservations are necessary, just give your name and

the number attending the Steak Roast to your Chapter Secretary. The cost will be the same as last year, \$10 per person. Firm reservations are needed to make certain that enough cattle are rustled from Companion Fred's barn and sufficient quantities of thirst quenchers are packed on ice. You might like to bring a favorite steak knife and beer mug along!

This event has demonstrated the ability to support the District Deputy Apron expenses and at Grand Chapter we were able to present a \$100 check to the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund. All this from one event! Of course, our steakmeister, R.E. Jerry Brade, will again be at the Bar-B-Que pit. The menu will be unchanged from last Summer's, why tamper with success? Our Grand High Priest promises to be with us that evening.

3x3 Chapter

NO. 333
Royal Arch Masons
(Chartered in 1990)



2nd Tue.
7:30 p.m.

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

Companions

The convocation of March 14th was opened in due form at 7:30 p.m.

Sickness and distress

It was reported that our Past Grand High Priest, M.E. Harold Miller, is ailing in a hospital in Florida. M.E. Miller is an honorary member of Three Times Three Chapter and was very instrumental and supportive in the formation of our Chapter. Our prayers and good wishes go

out to Hal for a speedy recovery.

Companion Gene Brendel has not fully recovered from his fall while skiing. He is taking a lot of kidding about it, which is not helping the situation any. Fortunately, he is a good sport. (That's how he got hurt in the first place).

Grand Chapter

The Grand Chapter report was submitted by E. David Goodrich and accepted and recorded in the minutes. Three Times Three Chapter received mention at the Annual Convocation as a result of our 17% increase in membership. This was a tie for second place.

The Grand High Priest, M.E. Dale A. Tynan, gave his thoughts and ideas for improving the Degree work and presenting it more effectively. M.E. Tynan plans to visit all the Districts during his term in office. A full report of the proceedings of the

Convocation will be available in printed form in the future. My thanks to E. Dave Goodrich for submitting this report.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

On March 28th, LeRoy Chapter No. 183 hosted the Grand Lecturer's Convention of Royal Arch Masons of the 29th Capitular District. The work for the evening was the Mark Master Degree. All six Chapters in the District took part in the work which was organized by V.E. Richard Anderson, Assistant Grand Lecturer. R.E. Hobert Cook, Grand Lecturer, critiqued the work from the sidelines.

One can't help but notice the festive atmosphere that is usually present at a gathering of Royal Arch members. The work was accomplished without a great deal of pressure or tension. Could it have been the great Roast Beef Dinner that preceded the meet-

Western New York Past High Priests' Association

PROUDLY PRESENTS



24th Annual Royal Arch Scholarship Dinner

May 20, 2000 at Frederick's Manor

Broadway (Rte. 20) and Bowen Road

Cash bar at 5:30pm

Dinner at 6:30pm

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ing? That dinner was prepared by the joint efforts of E.. Garry Hutcherson, V..E.. Richard Anderson, and R..E.. Dan Evans.

Incidentally, the proceeds were donated to the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund. In all, it was a fun evening with about 28 Companions present. I wonder what our Symbolic Lodge Schools of Ritual would be like if all the District Lodges were required to fill the parts in each evening's work.

Our Secretary, R..E.. Karl Reich, informs me that some of our members are carrying expired dues cards. Please check to see that you are current and if not, please take action to correct the oversight.

I leave you with this poem:
One ship goes East, another
West,
By the selfsame winds that blow.
Tis the set of the sail, and not the
gale,
That determines the way they go.
Like the wind of the sea are the
ways of Fate,
As we voyage along through life.
Tis the set of the sail that decides
the goal,
And not the calm or strife.
(Author unknown) □

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



3rd
Wednesdays

William R. Lindsay, III, Master
621-3573
L. Edward Walker, Recorder
647-2382
875 Main St. East
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

As I prepare this last article of my term as Illustrious Master of Doric Council, I have a sense that the year raced by and that it is coming to a close all too quickly. But lots of good things have happened to me personally since I was installed in May of '99. At that time I did not have any grandchildren; now I have a beautiful granddaughter who is already beginning to crawl and says a few words, very emphatically. At the time of my Installation, I had not had some minor surgery that seemed to take forever to heal. At that time Truthseekers Forum hadn't even been thought of. Nor had York Rite Program Night with Grotto been planned. At that time, I hadn't given any serious thought to the possibility of accepting a District leadership position, but that has happened also. Nor was I, at that time, a member of the Order of Old Saratoga. So when I put all that together, no wonder the time has flown.

It has been an honor to be the Illustrious Master of Doric Council, one which I shall always fondly cherish. I feel the year has been successful as our Council has continued to make contributions to Masonry locally and State wide. Council members tend to be active in Masonry at every level, and while this is easy to demonstrate with the number of Council members holding State wide offices, it is also easy to demonstrate when other Doric members talk about their activities in Blue Lodge, or other Concordant Bodies.

Success is never a one man show, and I have experienced willing cooperation and enthusiasm in every endeavor which I undertook. I couldn't say enough words to ever repay Companion Don Brugger for his help every time I needed it. He also had the good sense to provide help when I didn't know I needed it! Never once a complaint out of that good man. Ray Beardsley, who stepped in when Companion Recorder was ill and did an excellent job. Companion Bruce Horncastle came to every meeting from a long ways, and prepared refreshments following every meeting.

I haven't mentioned all who pitched in, but hope each will understand from the examples given the positive spirit that makes membership in Doric Council a Masonic experience consistent with the tenets of the Craft. So here we are. □

**Nundawaga
Council No. 92**
4th Monday
West Main Street
LeRoy, NY 14482

Ill.. Daniel N. Evans
Master
492-2807
Ill.. Vernon Rupert
Recorder
343-8429

Greetings

Companions, another year has come and gone. It was a most enlightening and very enjoyable one for me. At this time, I thank all of the Companions of Nundawaga Council for their help and support in making my year as Illustrious Master so successful

Elections

The Election and Installation of Officers of Nundawaga Council will take place in the secret vault at LeRoy Temple. The date will be the 22nd of May at 8:00 p.m. The District Deputy, R..I.. Douglas Poole, will be the Installing Officer, with this being his Official Visit to Nundawaga Council.

What makes a strong Council?

Answer: The Blue Lodges of the District in which the Council functions do.

To get members into Council, you must first start with strong Chapters who get their members from the Blue Lodges in the District. I am afraid some Masons have become bored with Lodge. Many tried to breathe new life into their Lodges and now are frustrated when they see no effect. A Lodge may consist of three or more people. That may make a Lodge, but not necessarily a vibrant, successful Lodge.


Thirty men on the other hand, working together, can make a healthy and active Lodge.

So, my Companions, let us support our Lodges and make every effort possible to increase membership in them, and promote a healthy York Rite.

Special thanks

Last, but not least, I wish to give special thanks to R..I.. Steven Wing and Companion Richard Anderson for transporting me to and from meetings after the loss of my car in an accident. My wife and I were not seriously hurt, just bruised, thanks to seat belts and air bags. □

**Empire State
Priory No. 46**
Knight York Cross of Honour




Prior, Don Markham
Registrar, Jack Jensen

Congratulations are in order for Rev. Charles Roberts, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter, RAM, State of New York and Grand Chaplain in Grand Lodge on his being received as a member of Empire State Priory No. 46, Knight York Cross of Honor. Companion Roberts was received at their March 11th meeting of the Priory at Attica Lodge along with a class of two others.

Membership in this Body is by invitation only and requires that the candidate be a Past High Priest of the Chapter, Past Illustrious Master of the Council and Past Commander of the Commandery. The candidate's service to the York Rite, to Masonry in general and to his community must also be considered exemplary. We congratulate Rev. Roberts on attaining this privilege in Masonry, and wish him the best. □

**Cyrene/Monroe
Commandery
No. 12**



Chartered
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1st & 3rd
Mondays

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

Cyrene/Monroe Commandery celebrated its Easter Observance on April 17th. Good attendance and an inspiring dissertation by SK Charles Lee and refreshments

prepared by the Ladies of the Schicker Club made for an enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting in May will concern the Election of Officers, Annual Reports and the Installation of our Officers for the ensuing year. If you can possibly manage it, try to attend the Installation of our Sister Commandery.

**Zone 11
News**



SK & Rev. Don Markham
Zone Advisor
SK Howard C. Colegrove
Zone Commander

Orders cancelled

The Pilgrimage originally scheduled for May 6th has been cancelled due to the unavailability of candidates.

Installation

On May 20th the Officers Elected and Appointed for the new year will be installed at Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17, KT.

On May 21st Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17, KT, will participate in the second Go-to-Church Service with our ladies at the First Congregational Church, 58 North Main Street, Canandaigua. If you are going, plan to be at the Church at 10:00 a.m.

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with chapeaus and no swords. Immediately following the Church Service, we will travel to Polimemi's Restaurant, located at 26 Lake Shore Drive, Canandaigua for Brunch.

At 1:30 p.m. we will return to the same Church for the Ontario/Seneca/Yates No. 42, Annual Masonic Memorial Service, for which we have been asked to provide an Honor Guard. Note: Swords are required for the Honor Guard.

Believe it or not, Spring is here. It's just around the corner. □

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Damascus Temple No. 2 Shrine News

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FROM THE POTENTATE



GEORGE SIMON
392-4276
Shrine Office
671-7701

Spring!

Well, it looks like the snow has finally gone and Spring is here to stay. We have turned our time pieces ahead and the showers are starting to fall to help raise our flowers dormant heads.

Circus

Nobles, you all did yourselves proud at the Circus. By all indications, it looks like we had a very successful one. Thanks to all.

Receptions

My Lady and I, along with the Divan and their ladies, have

started our travels around the State and Ontario to the Potentates' Receptions. We do have a lot of fun, but it is also very tiring.

Parades

The parade season is about to start and Damascus will be attending three: on May 13th we will be in the Lilac Parade; July 13th, Webster Firemen's Carnival Parade and August 5th the Sauerkraut Parade. Details to follow.

Cancellations

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we had 3 Nobles who had to cancel their trip to Boston in July. That leaves 3 rooms open. If anyone is interested, please contact Ill. Erwin Newell for details.

Hot Sands

On May 3rd we have our Hot Sands and I would like to see a great turnout. We will be having a Steak Dinner prepared by our excellent kitchen crew for only \$6.00.

We will again have our Family Picnic at Seabreeze on August 26th. See details in this issue.

Do you think that your tomorrow will be different than today? Do you think that things you hoped for will come true in any way? By the thoughts you put in action. By the dreams you strive to reach. You can shape or form the future

By some hard sought fact they teach.

Choose the good you want to happen-

It surrounds you in the "now" You can make or change this present...

Let God's wisdom show you how. Take the path that seems to open: For you're walking it today! You can even change tomorrow If you let God show the way.

(Roxie Lusk Smith) ☐



Nobles, thank you for helping at the Circus. Without your help the circus would not have been successful.

Thank you

We thank the Nobles and Past Masters who participated in the 3rd Degree at Rushville. If there are any Lodges in our jurisdiction that would like the Degree Team to put on the 3rd Degree for them, please let us know. Call the Assistant Director, Bill Kuehne, at 671-8774 or me, 671-1917. ☐

Director's Staff

I think that April is a fool's month. Just think in the month of March we had Spring weather and in April we had a little bit of Fall and Winter with about three inches of snow on the ground. It is a good thing the temperature rose a little to start melting the snow.

Circus

Getting back to reality, I thank the Nobles and their ladies who helped make the Shrine Circus a success. You all put many hours on the hard tile floor and without your help it would not have been done. I also thank Lee Collier for making the coffee and egg sandwiches in the morning.

Change

As you notice we are having a change in our format. Our dinner and meeting was held at Phelps Hotel. We had a good turnout for the first time and the ladies enjoyed our company for dinner. We have to try something new to attract new members, maybe change the eating place every month. Maybe having a program will help. It may bring some of our old members out and attract new members.

Hot Sands

We hope to have a skit prepared for the Hot Sands on May 3rd. We need your help and Damascus needs candidates. If by chance you know a person who wants to join the Shrine, give him an application. It is never too late. With one application you will get credit, whether the candidate belongs to your Lodge or not.

Picnic

The Director's Staff Picnic will be held at the park in Clifton Springs on August 20th. Please keep that date open. You will hear more about it next month. ☐

Annual Card Party

Zama Temple No. 14

Saturday, May 6th - Noon
Damascus Temple
979 Bay Road, Webster

11:30 a.m. Luncheon -
Chicken & Biscuits - \$7
Cards \$1.50
\$6.00 Per Table

For more info/tickets
Judy Van Houten - 247-2920
Proceeds to the Convalescent
Relief Fund

EMESSAY NOTES

Who was Chancellor Livingston?

For those who might not know, Robert L. Livingston was named the first Chancellor of New York and in that position administered the oath of office to George Washington upon his inauguration as first President of the United States on April 30, 1789 in New York City.



By Jean Friedrich, PQ

Congratulations

We are beginning a new year and a new century in Zama Temple. Congratulations to our newly elected Queen, Corinne Routley, and her elected and appointed Officers. Our wish for them is for a successful year of activities and friendships, old and new. With your help, we know it will be an exciting time.

Join us!

The calendar of events begins with the Annual Card Party and Luncheon on Saturday, May 6th. The entire proceeds from this party are given directly to the Convalescent Relief Fund which supplies braces, prostheses and other appliances for the outpatients at the Shrine Hospitals and Burns Institutes. They need your help more than ever.

We have room for many tables of any type card game. Here's a chance for an afternoon of fun and philanthropy. How can you go wrong? Why not make up a table and join us? For further information, call Ticket Chairman, PQ, Judy VanHouten, at 247-2920.

Be sure to save June 4th for the Queen's Luncheon to be held at the Crystal Barn on Jefferson Road. See our next Newsletter for further details. ☐

Family Picnic

Seabreeze Amusement Park

Saturday, August 26th
Park opens at 12 noon

Food served from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Menu

Zweigle's Red or White Hots
Fresh Ground Burgers
Potato Salad
Macaroni Salad
Potato Chips
Ice Cream
Fresh brewed coffee
Unlimited soda

All for only \$12.00 per person.
Bring the kids and have fun.
Call the Temple Office to order tickets.
No alcoholic beverages in this package.

Open Letter Regarding Proposed Changes in Shrine Law to Remove Masonic Membership Prerequisites

The proposal presented by Shrine Imperial Potentate Ralph W. Semb at the Conference of Grand Masters of North America on February 22, 2000, would allow non-Masons to become Shriners. If approved, such action would destroy the intent of the 13 Masons who founded the Mystic Shrine and break the Shrine's traditionally strong link with Freemasonry.

Over the years, the various Masonic-related organizations have worked together to promote the basic philosophy of the fraternity. There has been a common bond within all these groups. That bond is Freemasonry. Masons have been proud to be Shriners, and Shriners have been proud to be Masons.

For several decades, fraternal and civic organizations — Masonic and non-Masonic alike — have suffered from declining membership as individuals attempted to ignore the need for common values and close association with others. It is particularly important at this time that Masonic groups maintain strong ties and find ways to build a stronger fraternity. No link can survive on its own.

On behalf of our Supreme Councils, we, the Sovereign Grand Commanders of the Southern and Northern Masonic Jurisdictions, urge a continued unwavering adherence to Masonic unity. We cannot afford to divide Freemasonry.

We commend the Imperial Potentate for the courage to focus Masonic attention on the urgency of the need to remedy the membership issue. We believe the answer lies in strengthening the Craft, not diluting our solidarity.

We pledge our full support to a national, unified Masonic effort to reverse the current trends and rebuild our Craft and our society for the future. Should the Imperial Council leadership pick up that standard, we will do everything in our power to close ranks with the Shrine to promote Freemasonry for the benefit of all.

C. Fred Kleinknecht

C. Fred Kleinknecht, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite
Southern Jurisdiction

March 27, 2000

Robert O. Ralston

Robert O. Ralston, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite
Northern Masonic Jurisdiction



Lalla Rookh GROTTO

News

Patrol
Legion
Caldron



Leon J. VanHuben, Monarch

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



Leon VanHuben

Monarch's Message

I welcome all Prophets back from their Winter of basking in the sun in the South and West. The trip for May 13th to Turning Stone Casino is going well; as of this writing there are still 12 seats open on the bus at a cost of \$14.00 per person.

The Euchre Party went well, but would have liked to have had more participation.

On April 8th and 9th, PM Kenneth Milner and his lady, my lady and myself, attended the Pennsylvania Grotto Association Spring Meeting in Williamsport, PA. We had wind, rain and SNOW on Sunday morning.

I hope many of you attended the Spring Round-Up and brought a future candidate to join the Grotto at the Spring Ceremonial on May 17th.

Officers and cast members, get busy on studying and learning your parts. The first rehearsal is April 26th and the second is May 16th. Until next month, read your *Masonic Times*, so you will know what is going on in the Monroe and other Districts.

Chief Justice

By Ken Hutchinson

Alfred Pulcino III and I attended the Chief Justice Conclave on April 1st in Fredonia. We found it to be enlightening, as well as educational.

In the evening we were joined by our ladies, as well as the VanHubens and Milners for dinner at the combined Past Monarch's Ball of Kharram and Sharif Grottoes.

When you see Monarch Leon, ask him about the presentation he and Beverly received in Warren, PA. It's the same one he forgot to bring to Fredonia.

Within a few days of this message, we will be traveling to the Holiday Inn at Gangs Mills, NY, for the ESGA Spring Meeting, hosted by the ESGA Past Presidents. Immediate Past President, Brad Mangel, promises a memo-

orable time for all who attend.

The old saying goes, "keep busy and you'll keep happy." If that is true, I feel sure that Lalla Rookh Prophets and officers enjoyed the month of April and are looking forward to the month of May.

Our only out of town activity is the Monarch's Bus Trip to Turning Stone. (No, Al, Leon is not driving the bus).

Wear your Fez and a smile! □

Attend Grotto Meetings Enjoy the Fellowship

Dates to Remember

Mon., May 1st-Board of Governor's Meeting
Grotto Office 7:00 p.m.

Wed., May 10th-12th-
Caldron Supreme Visit

Sat., May 13th-Trip to
Turning Stone

Wed., May 17th-Grotto
Ceremonial-Dinner
6:30 p.m.

Attend Grotto Meetings
Enjoy the Fellowship

Cast News

By George Knierim, Director

We need your help to setup on May 16th and for the Ceremonial on the 17th. The time is 7:00 p.m. for both dates. Thanks for your help. □

Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

Our Master Mason Night Program on April 12th was a great SUCCESS. We had 40 Prophets and guests in attendance. As a result, we should have a good number of candidates for our Spring Ceremonial, which will be held in Cathedral Hall on May 17, 2000. If you do not have a candidate to join Lalla Rookh

Grotto yet, please make an extra effort to keep our Fraternity strong. □

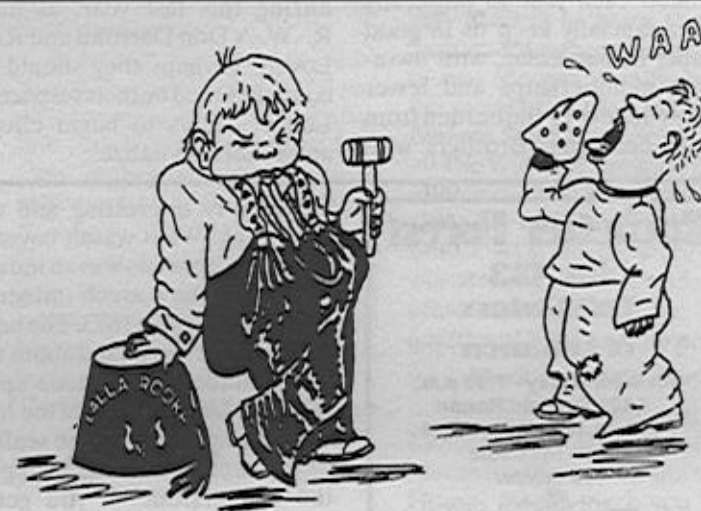
Caldron News

April showers bring May flowers and brings us into Spring and we will be busy. We entertained several Prophets on Prophets Night with a Barber Shop Quartet, followed by lunch. May brings us our highlight of the year, our Visitation by Supreme MCO, Jennie Kay, May 10th, 11th and 12th.

I am happy to report that I have not heard of any sickness.

Happy birthday to Daughter Cecil Losinger.

Take care and God bless. □



K. Hutchinson

"I want to be a Prophet!"

Asbury First Computer Learning Center

By George Bracht

Donations

Thank you for all the donated computers and parts to Asbury First Computer Learning Center. Donations have been received from individuals, Chase Manhattan Bank, Charter One Auto Finance, Microcycle, and 7th Judicial District, Rochester, N.Y.

Source of Donations

Our latest corporate donation was from Chase Manhattan Bank. Through the adspace that the Editor of the *Masonic Times* provided, Worshipful Master James P. Weick, Northfield Lodge No. 426, contacted me when Chase Manhattan Bank had some computers and printers available. With his help, our classroom now has eleven identical 486 computers for teaching Computer Literacy to our clients. Several other local non-profit agencies are also benefitting from this and other donations.

We are now teaching our third class of ten morning and eleven evening students. They will receive a diploma after completing our six week class. The purpose of our Computer Literacy class is to teach our students computer skills to make them more job competitive, either to get a job, or to upgrade to a better job. They graduate with basic computer knowledge to comprehend most of the computers on the market today.

Please continue to think of Asbury First Computer Learning Center for any computers (working or for parts), printers, CD-ROM drives, hard drives, modems, sound cards, etc., that you have to donate. □



W. James P. Weick, Master of Northfield Lodge, and W. George Bracht, Secretary of Fairport Lodge at the Asbury Computer Learning Center.
(Photo courtesy George Bracht)

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



GOLF!

GRTGLF00

Make checks payable to & send with reservation form to:
Frank Murrer, 40 Brooklea Drive, Rochester, NY 14624
Please list names of people in party on separate sheet of paper.

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

Erie County Annual

Masonic Worship Service & Breakfast Sunday, May 21, 2000



9:15 a.m.

32° Masonic Community Center
2379 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY



Rev. Cannon James L. Orchard

Guest Speaker: Ms. Carol Kaplan
WGRZ TV Channel 2 Anchor Person

No late seating during the Service.

Tickets available from Chairman
prior to Breakfast- \$12.00
Setting for 8 per table

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Mall Temple

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and it might encourage someone who frequent the facilities to consider joining.

Mall management knows nothing of this (til now, perhaps). Their price for an annual lease may be way out of our league. There are other plaza type locations looking for tenants, such as the old theater building on West Ridge Road, with equal amenities for impaired and handicapped folk.

Trustees, getting together to discuss ways to pool resources to set up joint tenancies, might be a start. It is known that Churchville Lodge is talking about advertising its Temple for sale. Etolian has a storefront for lease in Spencerport and is apparently willing to discuss putting the entire Temple on the market.

The "keepers of the flame" in each of our Temples, find it more difficult each year to physically and financially keep us in good shape. In particular, with dwindling memberships and fewer able to take over the burden from those dedicated Brothers who

sacrifice time, energy and personal resources to keep us afloat, don't you wonder how we've lasted in our separate venues as long as we have?

Before we "go down the tubes" one by one, wouldn't some energetic Lodge officer or trustee like to light the torch, by drawing together those who are permitted by their Brethren, and ladies, to undertake a study mission that won't require 3 lifetimes to conclude? It appears there are some in each of the organizations on the West side of the Genesee, who could be counted and only need to be asked. R.W.: Joe Privitera had attempted to light the fire when he served as District Deputy. R.W.: Steve Whittaker traveled the District trying to get leaders to look to these types of future needs in the late 1980's. That future has come upon us with no movement towards a joint effort to survive. W.: Tom Grape has tried to raise the flag during this last year, as have R.W.'s Don Darrohn and Ruel Lovett. Perhaps they should be commissioned by their respective Lodge leaders to begin efforts anew. Let's revitalize! □

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



By Tom Hueston

April showers bring May flowers. Well, we sure have had our wet and cold for April.

Sickness and distress

Brother Bob Zabel is doing well after eye surgery. Brothers Len Latta and Bob Pettit had falls, but are now doing fine.

Contacts

It was requested that we also use our phone tree, along with thee-mail as not all Brothers have computers and should be called and updated on our Forest activities. Dates for Summer activities, the Sausage and Steak Roasts will be confirmed soon and you will be notified.

March meeting

At the March meeting Brother Don Brugger gave a presentation on the Opening of the Downtown Cornerstone Time Capsule.

It was very interesting and enlightening. What wasn't covered in the current news was an indication of just how much influence the Masons had in 1873. The news media back then talked about the huge parade, mostly made up of Masonic Units, and how the Masons were present for the sealing of the capsule and the laying of the Cornerstone. If you get a chance, all the documents, photos, and writings will be on display at the Science Center at a later date. Thank you, Don.

May

Our next meeting will be on May 24th at 7:30 p.m. in the Penfield Lodge. It will be preceded by a dinner at the Penfield Tavern. Remember that in the month of May there are 5 Wednesdays and we meet on the 24th. □

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

THE Party - 2000

at the
Maple Dale Party House

Saturday, May 13, 2000

6:30 p.m. - ???

Cash Bar
Hors d'Oeuvres
Buffet Dinner

Special Guest
Don Vetal

Music for Dancing by
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Special Gift for all Attendees

\$25.00 per person - See your Master for tickets
Sponsored by the Monroe District
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HiLights

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GENESEE-WYOMING
DISTRICT

Rt. Wthy. L. JANET LEE
DDGM

Rt. Wthy TIMOTHY L. BUCKNAM
DGL

The calendar tells us that it is Spring, but as I look out the window this 12th day of April, I find a dusting of snow covering the trees and lawns. The poor birds don't know what to make of it. This has not slowed down the OES members in Genesee/Wyoming District. The Official Visits began with Arcade No. 337 on April 6th and Hesperus No. 823 on April 10th. The Official Visits for May will be Centennial No. 299 on May 1st at 8:00 p.m.; Perry No. 497 on May 2nd at 7:30 p.m.; Olive Branch No. 509 on June 5th at 7:30 p.m. and Stebbins No. 503 on June 7th at 8:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to the Grand Official Visit of M. Wthy. Sally A. Clark, Grand Matron and M. Wthy. William A. Morse, Grand Patron on May 18th. It will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 8221 Lewiston Road, Batavia. The dinner is \$14.00 and will be at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Rt. Wthy. June R. Lee, 113 Naramore Drive, Batavia, is taking the reservations. Call her at 343-2710 before May 4th.

Butterflies

Have you ever had a chance to walk with the butterflies or have them land on your arm for a close up look? You will, if you join the Genesee/Wyoming trip to the Butterfly Conservatory in Niagara Falls, Ontario, where over 2,000 live exotic butterflies live. We are planning the trip for June 3rd. You will be able to walk through a rainforest setting (no snakes) and see large brown fruit eating butterflies as they lunch on bananas. Other beautiful and colorful butterflies are flying around and you can see them up close.

Gardens

We will visit the Botanical Gardens next to the Conservatory and have a tour explaining the history and layout of the Gardens with plenty of time to explore. We will travel by deluxe motorcoach leaving the True Value Plaza parking lot on Main Street, Batavia (next to McDonald's). The total cost is \$40.00 each. For reservation, call Janet at 343-6285.

Chapters in Genesee

Wyoming District announces the following upcoming events:

1. Perry Chapter No. 497 announces that on May 16th they are having a Master Mason Night. The entertainment planned for the evening will be a Civil War Program, presented by Rt. Wthy. Timothy and Rt. Wthy. Diana Bucknam in period costumes. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. and the Program will follow the meeting. All Master Masons are welcomed. W.: Shirley Church is Matron and reservations can be made by calling her at 237-6618.

2. Hesperus Chapter No. 823 announces that they are holding card parties at their Chapter in Bergen on Saturday, April 29th. (Note that this is the 5th Saturday this time). The doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and cards begin at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$2.50 at the door, which includes the refreshments.

We hope that everyone had a blessed Easter. □

Order of the Eastern Star

HiLights
MONROE DISTRICT

DDGM
Rt. Wthy.
Doris
Bell



DGL
Rt. Wthy.
Michael
Bell

From the DDGM

The year is flying by. As of this writing, we are still awaiting the true arrival of Spring. We have completed six Official Visits, welcomed M. Wthy. Wanda and Rt. Wthy. David Williams home from Florida, and have generally had a wonderful time traveling in Monroe District, meeting new friends, while greeting old ones.

Upcoming events

May 6th-Line Officers meeting.

May 21st-District Picnic and Walk-a-Thon at Ontario Beach Park.

June 8th-Grand Matron and Grand Patron Official Visit to Monroe District.

June 15th-Lilac Luncheon at the Holiday Inn in New Hartford.

May is shaping up to be a busy month. We have saved eight Official Visits for this month, taking advantage of the fact that the weather will be better and the snowbirds are back from Florida. We are looking forward to seeing lots of Brothers and Sisters out and about. Do support your Chapter at Official Visit and for other times, too.

Don't forget we will be having the usual District Luncheon preceding the Grand Matron's Official Visit on June 8th. Please contact your Club, or Chapter in order to make reservations for this event. The price is \$10.00, and it is a buffet lunch with cold meats, pasta dish and salads.

May the weather be warm and the lilacs bloom on time. Keep our ill and infirmed members in your thoughts and prayers. Most of all, enjoy this glorious time of the year.

From the DGL

Quiz number two was won by Ken Hutchinson, who nosed out the Leopold entry. A hearty well-done to all who took part in the contest.

The answers to Quiz 3 are:

1. Aramis-the three musketeers
2. Baby-the three bears
3. Rithmetic-the three "R's"
4. Laverne-the Andrew Sisters
5. Curley-The Three Stooges
6. Blue-three primary colors
7. Balthazar-Three Wise Men
8. Abel (Sid)-Detroit Red Wing "Production Line"
9. Martin (Steve)-The "Three Amigos"
10. Churchill-World War II Big Three

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11. Charity-Cardinal virtues
12. Mineral-Three Kingdoms of Nature
13. Vincent-DiMaggio Brothers
14. Chance (Frank)-first base in Cubs Double Play Combo
15. The Devil-Biblical enemy of man
16. The Candlestick Maker-three men in a tub
17. Atropos-three fates
18. Pray for rain-Boston Braves pitching rotation in 1948
19. Leroy D-Kipling's soldiers three
20. Tisiphone-The Three Furies

The business, and direction, of the District is moving along most satisfactorily. The Coupon Program continues to draw rave reviews from the Armed Forces. We are well on the way to getting two children to Camp Turk. I would remind everyone of the Vietnam Veterans' Residence Program's wish list: books, puzzles, games, table lamps, and a meat slicer. Bring any donated items to the District meeting, or call me at home to arrange pick-up. You've all done more than enough to make you proud...but let's keep it up.

Quiz 4 is very tricky. Each quotation contains the initials of the works that will make it a correct statement. Your job is to find the missing word. For example, 26=L in the A would be 26 letters in the alphabet.

1. 7=W of the A W
2. 1001=A N
3. 12= S of the Z
4. 54=C in a D (with the J)
5. 9=P in the S S
6. 88=P K
7. 13=S on the A F
8. 32=D F at which W F
9. 90=D in a R A
10. 99=B of B on the W
11. 18=H on the G C
12. 8=S on a S S
13. 3=B M (S H T R)
14. 4=Q in a G
15. 1=W on a U
16. 5=D in a Z C
17. 24=H in a D
18. 57=H V
19. 11=P on a F T
20. 1000=W that a P is W □

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

The calendar says it is Spring. The daffodils are up, but I can see snow flakes outside my window. Spring brings us a number of projects. We can only hope that the snow will leave us soon, for we have much to do. By the time you get this, we will be in the middle of our Garage Sale, or just finishing it. Let's hope the weather improves.

Our May meeting is Memorial Night and ample form. It is also Star Point Night. If there are any Officers who will not be at the meeting, please let me know ASAP. Remember ladies, white gowns for Memorial Night. There will also be a Brown Bag Auction after the meeting.

Our June meeting is Birthday Night. We will celebrate everyone's birthday for the whole

May 2000

year. As Worthy Matron, I have a surprise for you, so I hope you will be there.

Speaking of birthdays, Rochester Chapter's 96th Birthday Banquet will be held on May 21st at the Avon Inn. We will gather at 4:30 p.m. and eat at 5:30 p.m.

Hat Show

Our next big project is the Hat Show and Dessert Buffet, June 17th at 2:00 p.m., at the Masonic Temple. Rt. Wthy. Barbara Spano has agreed to take reservations. You can call her at 244-1503. We are inviting everyone to attend. Lorrie Jones has over 2,000 vintage hats from the 1890's to the year 2000. The Program will last an hour and will be followed by a Dessert Buffet. There will be men's hats as well as women's. Members of Rochester Chapter will act as models. I have no choice, Lorrie has told me I have to be a model! The Worthy Patron will also be modeling some hats. Bring all your friends and family. Some of the hats really make you wonder, "Where did you get that hat?" Anyone who attends is encouraged to wear a hat.

There will be prizes for the oldest hat, the most unusual hat, etc. and door prizes. Lorrie has done these shows for other groups and she makes them a lot of fun with more than a few laughs. So come and enjoy!

Sickness

Wthy. Sister Sue Duff is recovering from foot surgery. Sister Georgia Coates is holding her own. I know of no other sickness or distress. If anyone does, please call either the Secretary or me.

Please remember

Save your Campbell's labels, canceled stamps and manufacturers coupons you don't use. These are District projects and if you get any of these items to me or any of the line officers, we will be happy to get them to the Deputy and Lecturer or one of the other Grand Officers.

The District Walk-a-Thon and Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, May 21st at Charlotte Beach. It starts at 10:00 a.m., so I should be able to walk the 5 miles and still get home to change for our Birthday Banquet! The moneys from

the Walk-a-Thon will be going to the Boys and Girls Club of Rochester. I'll be looking for sponsors. Remember to let your light so shine.

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

Greetings from Key Largo, Florida! You have snow in Rochester, but it's warm and sunny and so relaxing in the Keys. Last night I swam in the outdoor pool 'neath the moon, and didn't miss the snow at all.

I haven't forgotten our Sisters who live in Florida. I had a great telephone conversation with Sister Doris Ray (Leesburg, FL.) Her husband, Stanley, is not in the best of health, but they love Florida. In September they will have lived here 20 years. What great personalities some of our Sisters have! I so enjoyed our conversation.

Great news for Nola Chapter from Wthy. Mary Jane Parry (Lantana, FL). In late May she will return to Churchville and will temporarily reside with her son, George, until she arranges for her own apartment, hopefully in June.

I phoned Wthy. Eleanora Dick (Winter Haven, FL) twice, but she must have been busy both evenings, for no one answered. I'll catch her when I'm South next Winter.

Meetings

On March 21st, 2000, Nola Chapter celebrated their Official Visit. Sharing the East with Wthy. Antoinette and Wthy. Alan Jeerings, were Rt. Wthy. Doris Bell, Rt. Wthy. Michael Bell, Rt. Wthy. Alida Doud and Rt. Wthy. Georgia Schutt. We appreciated the number of guests in attendance from other Chapters, and we extend a special welcome to

Sister Joan Bright, who was initiated into our Chapter that evening.

Thank you to our pro-tems: Debbie Leipold, Associate Conductress; Karen Leipold, Adah; and Debbie Bundoc, Martha. Our 'Martha' was in Hawaii. Wthy. Sherri Albright, a past fellow Matron with Rt. Wthy. Doris Bell, escorted Doris to the East.

At the April 4th meeting, the Chapter approved the purchase of a replacement locking cabinet. Two or three months ago the cabinet housing our symbols and equipment was broken into, and the door was damaged, necessitating the replacement.

At the April 18th meeting, the Star Points were honored, and the Chapter participated in an Easter Basket Contest. Also, Carol Wynings, Secretary, had Summoned a meeting on this date for, 1) consideration and decision of a consolidation with Oatka Chapter, Scottsville, and 2) a possible increase in dues. Results of the meeting will be covered in next month's article.

May 2nd-Draping of the Altar.

May 16th-Pot Luck Supper with an open meeting. Both Triangle girls and DeMolay have been invited. A Teacup Auction is planned. Bring family and friends. This sounds like it will be a super evening.

Birthdays in May

Wthy. Avis Theis-May 3rd and Wthy. Jean Stewart, May 31st.

The Committee for May is Elizabeth Morris, Florence Smith and Beverly Bacher.

Fidelity Triangle No. 4

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By Erika Hansen, PBQ

Exciting prospects

Shame on all of you who thought the worst about Fidelity's prolonged absence from the *Masonic Times*! We are fast approaching our 73rd year of active participation in the Masonic Family and we feel we are as strong as ever.

Why is that, you ask? Well, as of April 8th, Fidelity Triangle can boast of 15 active members. We also have a very promising list of prospects for the Fall. So you see, we have plenty of exciting prospects of which to be proud! Please join in our excitement and come out to our meetings. Witness the beautiful work that we can do.

Inspiration

We draw our inspiration from the following poem which we have adapted to fit Triangle. You all can change it to fit your group, and we hope you will start to feel the impact as well.

Ten Triangle Girls, happy, doing fine;
One listened to a rumor, then there were nine.
Nine Triangle Girls, faithful, never late;
One didn't like the "Beloved Queen", then there were eight.
Eight Triangle Girls, on their way to heaven;
One joined too many clubs, then there were seven.
Seven Triangle Girls, life dealt some hard licks;
One grew discouraged, then there were six.
Six Triangle Girls, all very much alive;

One lost her interest, then there were five.

Five Triangle Girls, wishing there were more;

Got into a great dispute, then there were four.

Four Triangle Girls, busy as could be;

One didn't like the programs, then there were three.

Three Triangle Girls, was one of them you?

One grew tired of all the work, then there were two.

Two Triangle Girls with so much to be done;

One said, "What's the use?", then there was one.

One Triangle Girl found a sister-true!

Brought her to a meeting, then there were two.

Two Triangle Girls who didn't find work a bore;

Each brought another, then there were four.

Four Triangle Girls saved their Triangle's fate;

By showing others kindness, then there were eight.

Eight Triangle Girls, loving their Order's bright sheen;

Talked so much about it, they soon counted sixteen.

Sixteen Triangle girls, to their obligations true;

Were pleased when their number went to thirty-two.

So we can't put all our troubles at the meeting room door;

It's our fault for harming the Triangle we adore.

Don't fuss about the programs or the "Beloved Queen" in the East;

Keep your obligation by serving even the very least.

Call to perform

All the members are armed and ready to perform our "One Moment in Time" motion choir at your meetings or even as entertainment at your dinners and special functions. We are in the midst of learning "We Are The World" and it should be ready to perform by June (hopefully in time for the Grand Matron's Visit. Please take advantage of our willingness to travel to your Chapter and Lodge meetings to do this! We need to get to know you and you need to get to know us! Contact our Jr. Deputy, Wendy Burrows (716-637-3276), if you are interested in scheduling a date. Please give us ample notice of any performance so that we can plan accordingly.

The usual plea...

Give us the names of any eligible young ladies (ages 11-21)! We want our group to grow even bigger...possibly to 32 like in that poem! We will be having another initiation in the Fall of 2000 and hopefully we can make it a very special occasion.

Why should the girls you know join Triangle? Well, one notable reason is the fact that Fidelity Triangle is the only Masonic Youth group for girls left in Monroe County. But the most important reason why they should join is because Triangle guides girls towards a "Finer American Womanhood" with an emphasis on a Duty to God, a Duty to Others and a Duty to Oneself. Coupled with these specific duties, Triangle Girls learn many other valuable lessons that help them become leaders, such as public speaking, time management and teamwork.

Fidelity Triangle has been especially successful in producing leaders for the future. In the past 5 years, there have been two State Representatives (the top position in our Order), three Junior Advisors (District Officers),

three Masonic Service Bureau Scholarship winners, Scholar Athletes, and many accomplished school actresses, musicians and dancers, all from Fidelity's ranks. Now isn't this something you want your daughters, granddaughters and nieces to be involved with? I think so! Our girls are surely looking forward to meeting them. Please call Beloved Queen Krystle so that your special young lady can be invited to our prospect parties and open meetings.

Important dates

May 13th - Mini-Installation and Parents Night. Even though Fidelity has switched to full year terms, we are having a small Installation Ceremony to put all our new girls into offices. Also, the girls will be honoring their parents, especially mothers.

May 27th - Memorial Degree.

June 10th - Fathers Day Degree/Flag Degree.

Geraniums

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Order by May 13th

Delivery May 21st

Fame Lodge

Contact Nancy Lynch

334-7953

Fidelity Triangle

In Memoriam

March

Gravelle, Norbert G.

The Grand Architect of the Universe claimed Norbert on March 17th at the age of 74. He was a member of Clio Lodge No. 779 and Rochester Consistory. He is survived by his wife, Jane, 2 sons, 2 daughters, and 3 grandsons.

Beatson, Harold S.

Harold was a member of Etolian Lodge No. 479 when he died on March 24th. He leaves his wife, Millicent, 3 children, and 7 grandchildren.

Uffindell, Leland G.

Towpath Lodge No. 163, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine each lost a member with the passing of Leland on March 24th. His 2 daughters, 3 grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive him.

Warren, Donald L.

Donald was called home on March 30th. He was a member of Eagle Valley Lodge No. 1161 and is survived by his wife, Toni, 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Horne, Jacob

A resident of Minnesota, Jacob died April 1st. He was a member of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109, and Rochester Consistory.

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

Cook, Frank

Frank was a resident of Anchorage, Alaska at the time of his death, February 26th. He belonged to Oakland Lodge No. 379.

Harrison, Dean H.

Death claimed Dean on January 14th. He was a member of Triluminar Lodge No. 543 and resided in Florida.

Spaghetti Dinner

May 20, 2000

5 pm to 7 pm

Fairport Temple

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Jun. 8	Grand Matron's Monroe District Visit Country House, E. Rochester
Jun. 23-25	St. John's Weekend, Utica Masonic Home
Jul. 22	Grand Lodge Scholarship Awards, DTT
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

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More

Bumper Stickers

Don't treat me any differently than you would the Queen.

In dog years, I'm dead.

Love may be blind, but marriage is a real eye opener.

IRS: We've got what it takes to take what you've got.

Hard work has a future payoff. Laziness pays off now.

Taxation WITH representation isn't so hot, either!

Who were the testers for Preparations A through G?

Madness takes its toll. Please have exact change.

Jack Kevorkian for White House physician.

My wife keeps complaining that I never listen to her...or something like that.

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Towpath
West Star
Oakland 4/14
Webster 4/17

"x" = months missed.
If you see your Lodge name here, call your Master; whatever you like!
The Deadline for the June issue is: May 12, 2000

Eating Out



May 5- Spaghetti Dinner, Webster Ldg, 5-7 p.m. See Calendar.
May 6- Sat. Ox Roast, Clio Lodge Hilton, NY, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., See ad on Clio Lodge page.
May 13 - Chicken Bar-B-Que, Hesperus Lodge, call 548-2694.
May 14 - Chicken Bar-B-Que, Attica Lodge, 11:30 until gone.
May 24- Spaghetti Dinner, Clio Lodge. See Calendar.

Don't forget THE Party 2000

Saturday, May 13th, Mapledale Party House
(see ad on page 18)

May Gem - Emerald
May Flower - Lily of the Valley

Calendar May 2000

Deadline for the *Masonic Times*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	West Star - Varysburg 1 KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club May Day	Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson Germania - Inst. Oakland - Castile Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw OES - Fairport, Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster	Attica 3 Damascus Shrine	Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Nurses Day National Day of Prayer	5 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5 - 7 p.m. 30 Orchard St., Webster Adults-\$6, Child-\$3	OES - Rochester Chapter 6 OES - Grand Officers Clio Lodge Ox Roast Hilton (see Clio article) Masters & Wardens Clio Lodge
7	8 ERAC - E. Rochester - Inst. Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon Union Star - Hon. Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club	9 Batavia Craftsman/Robertson-F Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster - Inst. Valley/Simes RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming OES - Leah	10 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Service Bureau Luncheon OES - Batavia, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship	11 Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Lalla Rookh Caldron	12	13 Chicken Bar-B-Que Hesperus Lodge THE Party 2000 Mapledale York Rite College Wakan/Hubbard Penfield
14 Chicken Bar-B-Que Attica Lodge (see Eating Out) Mother's Day	15 West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club	16 Craftsman/Robertson Clio - Hilton Germania - Inst. Oakland - Castile Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw OES - Fairport, Nola, Perry, Webster	17 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Grotto RSM - Doric Council	18 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen - 2 Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite Election and Installation RAM - Western Star OES - Lea Court, Oatka	19 Monroe Joint Investiture Ceremony, Downtown Temple	20 Clio Lodge Installation of Officers Webster Lodge Installation of Officers Western New York PHP Scholarship Dinner
21 Spaghetti Dinner Clio Lodge, Hilton Wed. May 24th	22 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Mt. Vernon Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RSM - Nundawaga OES - Charlotte Shrine Lunch Club	23 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit	24 Churchville - Inst. Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Batavia, Corinthian/Fellowship	25 Eagle Valley - Bliss	26	27
28 Memorial Day Celebrated	29	30 Traditional Memorial Day	31		2000 APRIL 2000 MAY 2000 JUNE 2000	