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Hunter at Three

An update on Hunter Kelly's condition since the "Hunter's Hope", Krabbes Disease Benefit Dinner held by Monroe Masons.

By Jill Kelly

When told of Hunter's fatal illness our hopes and dreams were shattered, but God continues to reveal to us the overwhelming blessing that He has given us through Hunter's life.

Knowing in our hearts that Heaven is the ultimate Home, the fear of losing Hunter at any time has faded over the past few years. Our energies have been refocused towards living life instead of just simply preserving or extending it.

Turning three was a huge step for Hunter. In one year he went from being a cute little baby to being a big boy! Not only did his overall appearance change dramatically, but his charming personality started to surface. With the birth of baby sister Camryn in June of 1999, Hunter had to change roles. He was no longer the baby of the house, he became the big brother.

Communication has been an ongoing exciting challenge for all of us. We have come to realize that Hunter wants to communicate with us in all things. In the past we didn't think he was physi-

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Masons Augment D.A.R.E. Program



Officer Brown with kids and the "Needle Display" put together by Brothers of Charlotte/Corinthian to help in needle awareness.

By R. W. Cliff Short

Late last year an article that appeared in the Rochester "Democrat and Chronicle" struck a nerve in one of our Brothers. It was a story about a young girl in the city, who had found a used, abandoned needle along the side of the road. Not knowing what it was, she accidentally stuck herself with the needle. This initiated a barrage of testing and medication for this little girl,

since it was uncertain what possible diseases were present in the needle (to prevent her from the possible diseases a dirty needle could possibly carry with it).

Brother Andy Alvarez was so touched by this incident that he contacted the Ogden Police Department early this year to inquire if they had need for a needle awareness section included into their DARE Program. Officer Steve Brown, who is the Director of the Ogden Police DARE Program, told Andy that they had thought about including this in their program, but lacked any creative ideas.

The two men put their heads together and developed a plan. Officer Brown suggested a display case for different types of needles. This would visually demonstrate to the kids what they looked like, and therefore, what to avoid. A display case was designed and built, with the help of some skilled workers from Eastman Kodak Co. The display was presented to Officer Brown and the Ogden Police Department in September, for use in their DARE Program.

This is only the first stage of their project. A poster contest is being planned that will warn kids of the dangers of needles. Awards will be presented for the best

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Masonry in Wartime

(Brother Miller served in France and Germany with Company K, 3rd Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division. He is a recipient of the "Jubilee of Liberty" Medal, issued by the Regional Council of Normandy, which was presented to him on June 6th at a special Ceremony at the Canandaigua Academy. He holds the prestigious Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star, and The New York Conspicuous Service Cross. He has been a Mason for 59 years and is a member of Fairport Lodge No. 476.)

By Alfred K. Miller

In early 1945, I was assigned to a service unit outside Fountainebleau, France. Not long afterward, the Commanding Officer made an effort to let those of us who were Masons know that on a particular Sunday there would be transportation to Paris for us to attend ceremonies of the re-opening of the Grand Lodge of France.

Masonry throughout Europe was under great stress while Hitler was in power. He hated the Order and its members. Knowing this, members hid their records and properties, and Lodges simply disappeared. After the country was cleared of Germans, activities in the Craft began to happen, and soon plans were afoot to re-open the Grand Lodge with a special ceremony.

We were some distance from Paris, so it was necessary to leave by truck before 6:00 a.m., well before breakfast time. I was fortunate to have a small chocolate bar, which slowly became my breakfast.

We arrived at a building somewhat like a church, with high ceilings and many stone pillars. I found myself in a crowd of men and officers wearing the uniforms of France, Belgium, England, Canada, the United States and even Brazil! I recall there were many Generals in the crowd. It was emotionally overwhelming!

Ceremonies began promptly at 9:00 a.m., and in French, but

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Monroe District/Lakeside Golf Tournament

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By Don Brugger

Nine hearts souls ventured out on the soggy links on Columbus Day morning for the benefit of the Lakeside Foundation. Four were from Etolian Lodge, three from the Grotto, my son, Chuck, and I. On the way to Hickory Ridge, at 6:30 in the morning, I drove through rain, then snow then hit dry pavement just West of Rte. 19, what a surprise! Conditions at the Course were clear, but cold; fortunately no wind.

Brrrrrr!

Tee off was accomplished at 8:00 a.m., as advertised, but the first few holes were brutal, even with a couple of layers over my long johns and my watch cap pulled down over my ears; this is golf! To add insult to injury, they had just aerated the greens (filled them with thousands of little holes), but didn't do too good a job at clean-up. Putting on some of the greens was like playing the ball off the cushions of a billiard table. One of my partner's putts changed direction three times on the way to the hole.

During the round we were treated to a variety of conditions from rain, to being pelted with snow pellets. The casual water on the course was sometimes 6 inches deep and in puddles 20 to 30 feet across. I can honestly say that these were the worst conditions I have ever tried to play in. Conditions did improve throughout the day. At around two in the afternoon, when my son and I finished the 18th, the sun was out and it had warmed up to about 45° F. The foursome from Etolian went on to play another 9 holes. The lunch was good, the camaraderie excellent and there were a minimum of complaints.

Winnahs

Ultimately, the overall "Low Calloway Net" was carded by Jim MacConnell, would you believe he did the Calloway calculations? The Grand Prize was a "Strong

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Gary Burke Receives "Builder of Men" Award

At the Grand Master's Town Meeting held at the Downtown Temple on October 14th, W. Gary Burke was presented with the Wendell Walker "Builder of Men" Award. This Award is named in honor of former Grand Secretary Walker and is meant to acknowledge the dedicated service over time of a Mason who has served quietly and in an exemplary manner the interests of the Craft.

In presenting the Award, Grand Master Smith described Burke's long service to the Craft, and to DeMolay in particular. Brother Burke began his Masonic career as a member of DeMolay in 1968 and has served in every leadership role that Organization has. He currently serves as a Trustee of the State DeMolay Organization. At the local level, Brother Burke has helped

reopen a DeMolay Chapter in Monroe District and has worked closely with the Masonic Service Bureau in developing Camp DeMolay in Sodus.

Brother Burke was raised in Frank L. Simes Lodge in 1978. Subsequently he went through the chairs and served as Master in 1988. He also served as Presi-

dent of the Masters & Wardens group at all three levels. During that tenure he was actively involved in starting the Have-a-Heart Program, a Program which to this day is a District wide activity. In 1997-98, he served as President of the Monroe Masonic Service Bureau.



M. W. Carl Smith, presenting Gary Burke the Wendell K. Walker, "Builders of Men" Award at the recent Rochester Town Meeting.

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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Food for thought

While looking through my Masonic Bible the other day, I came across a part of the Preface written by the Rev. & R.W. Joseph Fort Newton. He was talking of the importance of the Bible in Masonry. The following is a portion which I found relative to the role of communication in our Fraternity.

"...if everything else in our language should perish, the Bible would alone suffice to show the whole range and power and beauty of our speech. From it Milton learned his majesty of song, and Ruskin his magic of prose. Carlyle had it in his very blood, almost without knowing it, the rhapsody and passion of the prophets - their sense of the infinite, of the littleness of man, of the sarcasm of providence; as Burns, before him, had learned from the same fireside Book the indestructibility of honor and humane piety of God which throbbed in his lyrics of love and liberty. Thus, from Shakespeare to Tennyson, the Bible sings in our poetry, chants in our music, echoes in our eloquence, and in our tragedy flashes forever its truth of the terrible sin, the tenderness of God and the inextinguishable hope of man."

Have you opened your Masonic Bible lately?

Umpteenth reminder

Please, unless you hand it to me personally, check to see if we have your article in hand before the deadline. Thank you!

Veteran's Day

Last month I asked for accounts of military experiences from the Brothers. The plan was to include these to honor our Veterans in this special month. The response was not too great. What I received is included in this issue.

Responsibility

You will probably notice some Lodges conspicuously absent from this issue. It is the duty of the Master of the Lodge to keep in touch with his Brothers. You're not doing the job! If you are unable to write a column, for whatever reason, find someone who is willing, perhaps one of the other Officers. I'm sure they could use the practice for their Mastership.

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Camping anyone?

By F. Jay McCullough

You can do so in a somewhat rustic setting at Camp DeMolay. Contact Service Bureau Executive Director, Vern Goodrich, at 473-4351, to see if your group qualifies. Lodge and Chapter groups, church groups, and Scout groups are among those that use or could use the Camp for a retreat, for example, or a family reunion. There is a glade in the lower level of the campgrounds where the DeMolay has conferred Degrees, and where Lodges could do the same in a private, outdoor setting. Put a guard at the driveway entrance and you have a sufficient level of security.

As a reminder, the Camp is on the shore of Lake Ontario and there's a sign at the entrance from the highway, seen within a mile or two West of Sodus Point. On the 18 acres of grounds, you'll find a main lodge building, which can be heated from the large fireplace in the center of the main room. An equipped kitchen provides all that's needed to cook up some group meals. A porch is expected to be completed by the start of the Summer season in 2001 and it faces the lake. Picture big rockers (we don't have those yet), or even some lawn chairs for casual relaxation as the evening wears on.

You then have the choice of retiring to one of the buildings equipped with frames on which to place mattresses or sleeping bags, up to a dozen in each, or setting up your tent or camper on the grounds. There's plenty of open grassy area to accommodate such amenities.

A couple of other buildings feature sinks, toilets and shower stalls and there is hot and cold running water. You don't have to trek down the slope to the lake or heat water in pails, or look for the half-moon door to a small building.

By the way, considerable land was reclaimed at the upper level of the Camp along the shoreline. There was fear it would wash away and take the main lodge building with it until it was backfilled and huge boulders were dropped along the shore to reduce further erosion.

Several of your staunch Masonic Brothers have taken on the Camp as their volunteer project and among the most frequent workers in the quarries of Camp DeMolay are Bill Hook, Tom Paglia, Richard Snyder, and Rene VanDeVeire. Others join them from time to time and all are welcome to contact Vern or Bill to set up time to join with them for project work. Vern checks the site frequently to review work progress on behalf of the members of the Service Bureau and to provide general oversight for steady improvements, or as much as funds will permit.

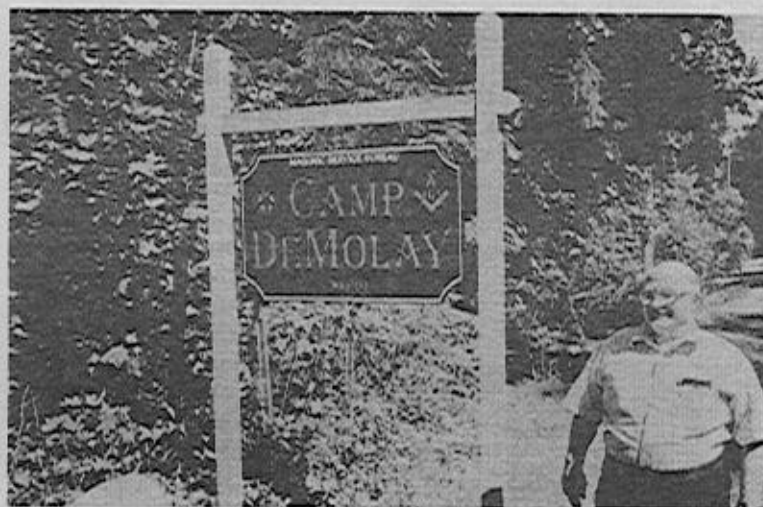
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MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

Due to a major eyesight problem with which I was preoccupied for most of the Summer, I was unable to either seek out or participate in community service.

One opportunity has recently arisen. A request from the Al Sigl Center has been received to again, as in previous years, provide entertainers for their Annual Walkabout, this event will be held at Marketplace Mall on Sunday morning, October 29th.

In the name of the Masonic Service Bureau, some of my fellow members of the local magicsocieties and I will entertain the walkers.

In addition, the Shrine Clowns will participate.

There are no other activities planned for the near future.

Money Tip\$

By Dave Larson

Market Correction?

Is it a correction or a bear market? It certainly seems like we're in a bear market, but it's been such a long time since we've felt this kind of pain in our portfolios, we may need a bit of a refresher course.

The classic definition of a bear market is a sustained decline of 20% in the stock market averages. We've certainly had a 20% decline in the NASDAQ. In fact, the decline has been over 35% since the high reached in March, and the S&P 500 has declined by almost 15% since that time. So we can say with a degree of certainty that the NASDAQ is in a bear market and the S&P 500 is darn close. But so what? The real question you should ask yourself is, "Am I on track to meeting my investment objectives for the things that really matter, like retirement or my kids' education?"

Of course, having your entire portfolio in the NASDAQ is foolhardy, but so is having a significant percentage in any one stock.

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Just ask anyone who has held large positions in Kodak or Xerox. Those of you who have enjoyed the ride with Paychex, it may be time to begin diversifying and learn from these lessons the market teaches us from time to time.

Many of us missed out on the spectacular gains in the stock market over the past couple of years. Last year's internet and technology frenzy fostered greed and envy at triple digit returns. This year's decline is fostering fear that losses may never be regained.

One of the most difficult aspects of investing is controlling our emotions, especially greed and fear. When bear markets arrive, we usually pull back from investing and when the bull is roaring, we can't wait to add more cash to the market.

During a declining market is when we should be investing in the strong companies whose stocks have dropped twenty to fifty percent, knowing that the bull market will return to help us meet our longer term goals. Now is not the time to sell, it's a much better time to buy the bargains.

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November 2000 Masonry in Wartime

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each portion was repeated in English, so it was easy for us to follow.

There were more officers than enlisted men, but I do not recall anyone saluting! We were all on the level. The program went on until almost noon, when it was announced refreshments would be served on the lower level, to which we repaired hoping to find food. We should have known better! What we found was champagne! Now I can tell you that having had no solid food for 18 hours, save for the little chocolate bar, champagne is something you do not need much of!

Many years later I obtained the address of the Grand Lodge of France, and wrote them to determine if there might be the possibility of obtaining a copy of the record of this celebration, and perhaps a picture of the building. By reply, I learned there had been no printed program at the event, so no copy was available. Also, I was told they had occupied several buildings since that event and could give me no help with my requests.

Not long after that I was assigned to a small group in special services. Our job was to provide movies every evening, schedule and advertise special events and services for the troops in the area. We also published a weekly news letter, with news of interest to the troops.

Shortly we obtained a "library", prepared by the military and sent to us in wooden boxes that became the library shelves. Boxes of paperback books, both fiction and nonfiction, arrived regularly, and were soon snapped up by GI's hungry to read. The basic library had many hard cover books which served as references. I always wondered about one which was an English/Chinese-Chinese/English Dictionary. Having no pictures it was the least opened! Now why was that included in a library in France? There were biographies, books on nature, art, and many other topics. There were dictionaries and other reference books. We took over a small shop near the center of town which became the library, with regular hours and lots of "customers". Nobody in our group wanted the job of librarian, and I wound up assigned the detail.

Lucky me! I soon learned this meant I had to go to school in Paris to learn how to handle this assignment. So off I went, and found myself registered in the Cite' Universitaire. As it turned out, this was the week the Germans surrendered!

Well! There we were, and shortly rumors were floating about that the Germans were seeking to surrender. The CO called us together and promised us he would keep us informed as to the situation. Meanwhile we were to continue with classes as scheduled, and no one was to leave. We kept to our assignment, and true to his word, the next day he announced that yes, surrender had taken place, and passes were issued to each of us, good for 48 hours.

In less than an hour the place was deserted, and we all moved into the city to find people everywhere, crowded into streets seemingly unable to hold even one more person. The only movement was lines within the crowds, moving slowly, helter skelter in crooked ways to other crowded streets with other lines.

The Place de l' Opera was jammed tight. (It was nearby that the French underground had a headquarters during the occupation.) The Place de la Concorde was an opportunity for some to try swimming in the fountains, and the square in front of Notre Dame Cathedral, built by operative masons, had suffered some damage from rifle fire and was a special attraction. The area of the Arc de Triomphe was drawing hundreds of people from all twelve streets radiating from that "Place of the Star", the Champs Elysees, all the way to the Place de la Concorde, was solid with people rejoicing the surrender.

As it grew dark, even more people crowded the streets until it seemed there wasn't room for even one more person. People moved only as the crowd moved, for there was no alternative. Then the lights came on, with two searchlights forming a huge V for victory. Unforgettable! The shouts of the crowd were deafening! How fortunate I was to be a part of this celebration!

Each member of our small group was allowed one day off each week, and since transportation to Paris was always available from the motor pool, I went to see the sights, to walk the streets, visit places of interest and even attend an occasional concert. I soon discovered the Grand Lodge of New York had established a retreat in a store opposite the famous Moulin Rouge. Here was provided coffee, writing paper and envelopes, maps of the city and information on what to see and do, and how to get from here to there. Since there it all was, and there I was, I determined to see as much as possible while I could. Meals were not a problem, for the American Red Cross established centers to serve GI's for a few cents a meal.

So I went sightseeing. Of course their churches were not to be missed as well as Napoleon's Tomb. (It needed dusting!) I visited the famous Paris School of Music, where I was escorted through their museum by an elderly French gentleman who, although he could not speak English, helped me to understand the wonderful things I was seeing. This school is where for centuries, many of our most famous composers and instrumentalists have studied, and their collection of historical instruments is truly amazing.

One must visit the Louvre, especially to see the paintings of the masters in their collection. When the Germans wanted to steal this art, much was loaded on a train which was moved from one switch yard to another, never to leave the area! Much of the art simply disappeared, secretly sent by the French to salt mines where it remained hidden throughout the occupation. Only a few knew where it went, and it never left France!

I do have one regret about these visits. I had forgotten LaFayette, and wish I had remembered so I could have visited his grave. In the early 1800's, following a triumphal tour of the States, he returned to France with baggage which included a trunk, its contents a mystery. When he died, the trunk was opened and found to contain earth from the United States. (The earth came from Bunker Hill-World Book Encyclopedia). Earth of a free nation! This was spread in his tomb, and according to his wishes, he rests on that soil. RIP, Brother LaFayette. So mote it be!

What is a Veteran?

By Bill Lindsay

Some veterans bear visible signs of their service: a missing limb, a jagged scar, a certain look in the eye.

Others may carry the evidence inside them: a pin holding a bone together, a piece of shrapnel in the leg - or perhaps another sort of inner steel: the soul's ally forged in the refinery of adversity.

Except in parades, however, the men and women who have kept America safe wear no badge or emblem. You can't tell a vet just by looking.

He is the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel.

He is the barroom loudmouth, dumber than five wooden planks, whose overgrown frat-boy behavior is outweighed a hundred times in the cosmic scales by four hours of exquisite bravery near the 38th parallel of Korea.

He or she is the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep sobbing every night for two solid years in Da Nang.

He is the POW who went away one person and came back another or didn't come back AT ALL.

He is the Quantico drill instructor that has never seen combat, but has saved countless lives by turning slouchy no account rednecks and gang members into Marines, and teaching them to watch each other's backs.

He is the parade riding Legionnaire who pins on his ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand.

He is the career quartermaster who watches the ribbons and medals pass him by.

He is the three anonymous heroes in the Tomb of the Unknowns, whose presence at the Arlington National Cemetery must forever preserve the memory of all the anonymous heroes whose valor dies unrecognized with them on the battlefield or in the ocean's sunless deep.

He is the old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket, palsied now and painfully slow, who helped liberate a Nazi death camp, who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come.

He is an ordinary and yet an extraordinary human being, a person who offered some of his life's most vital years in the service of his country, and who sacrificed his ambitions so others would not have to sacrifice theirs.

He is a soldier, a savior and a sword against the darkness, and he is nothing more than the finest, greatest testimony on behalf of the finest, greatest nation known.

Thank you

Two little words that mean a lot, "Thank you". So remember, each time you see someone who has served our country, just lean over and say, "Thank you". That's all most people need and, in most cases, it will mean more than any medals they could have been awarded or were awarded.

To quote from Father Denis Edward O'Brien, USMC: "It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protestor to burn the flag."



Ward Visits

The next Ward visit will be Sunday afternoon, November 12th. Instead of Ward visits in December, the following events are scheduled:

Tuesday afternoon, December 12th, is the Annual Gift Wrap Session in the Building 5 Auditorium from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday afternoon, December 17th, is the Gift Distribution to the Wards, beginning in the Building 5 Auditorium at 12:30 p.m. and then proceeding to our assigned Ward.

Veterans Day

On Saturday morning, November 11th, the Annual Veterans Day Memorial Service, sponsored by the Monroe County American Legion, will again be held in the Downtown War Memorial on Exchange Boulevard.

This has always been a moving and solemn experience. Every Veteran's organization in Monroe County is expected to attend.

The James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post of the Masonic War Veterans is planning to present their Masonic War Veterans wreath.

Following the Ceremony, a lunch will be served at the Beahan Party House, which is usually well attended.

Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee



R.-W.- THOMAS M. PAQLIA
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VETERAN'S SERVICE

Report to Grand Lodge

(Masons are there because we care for our hospitalized veterans.)
By Moses Hyman

Over many years, this Grand Lodge Committee has shown concern for the veterans who have served our country. Accordingly, our primary commitment has been to serve the veterans who are hospitalized in VA Medical Centers in New York State. We participate in the voluntary

service programs in each of thirteen facilities: Batavia, Bronx, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Canandaigua, Castle Point, Montrose, Manhattan, Northport, Syracuse and St. Albans. We also service four New York State veterans nursing homes in Batavia, Oxford, St. Albans and Stony Brook.

Your dedicated Representatives, Deputies and their volunteers devote many hours to bedside visits and bring comforts and gifts to the hospitalized veterans. These representatives are also actively involved at these sites in all activities planned by the Veteran's Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS), which include: Chapel services, baseball games, special events, Bingo parties, birthday parties, tours, dinner parties, and outdoor bar-b-ques. These are just some of the activities planned for our veterans.

Through your contributions to the Brotherhood Fund, monies are made available to purchase and distribute to hospitalized veterans a variety of necessities and comforts. In most instances, the recipients are aware that the items were given, compliments of the Masons of the State of New York.

The Veterans Service Committee manned a booth together with the Masonic War Veterans on St. John's Day at Utica, and distributed Masonic materials from the MSA.

In September, 1999, we brought our team of Representatives and Deputies together for a seminar in Tarrytown, and discussed our goals and shared ideas for the ensuing year. All were agreed that our main objective was to increase the number of volunteers for visits to hospitals. Participants also agreed that a marked down-sizing of veterans hospitals was taking place. New outpatient clinics were opening throughout the State. Clinics are staffed by various VA Centers.

With the approval of the Grand Master, we observed Veterans Hospital Visitation Day on November 7, 1999. Through a joint effort of the Committee, the Masonic War Veterans, under the leadership of Commander General, Ray Alvarez, and the ladies of the Eastern Star, this day proved to be a huge success at many of the VA facilities.

The support from the Commander General was quite evident by the presence of Grand Post and Masonic Posts at many VA facilities. It should be noted that Sunday, November 5th, is designated as the next Veterans Hospital Visitation Day.

The Committee considered servicing the family members of New York State Masons in the US Armed Forces. This information was provided to the *Empire State Mason* magazine.

This year, the volunteer hours together with merchandise purchased

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District Deputy Grand Master Monroe District



R.W. William Lindsay
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There is an old saying that one ought to, when having made an error, apologize right away, as, "crow if it is to be eaten at all, tastes better warm." To the many Civil War buffs who noted that I misnamed Colonel Patrick O'Rourke in my last column, by calling him "Timothy", I assure you that my intent was not to miseducate nor demean the heroic contribution he made to American life.

Verbytes and mental JPEG's

My experiences during the month of October were as varied as the colors on the trees, and I share them with you that you might have access to the many levels of fraternal brotherhood which I have enjoyed this past month.

...watching Brother Maury Solomon whisper in R.W. Ed Gilbert's ear during the GL Convention... (while both share the highest level of Masonic understanding and insight, between them they represent the full range of adult male physical growth.)

...observing R.W. Rich Friedman cooking at the stove, dressed as a football coach, while Hilde looks on thinking to herself (get out of my kitchen)... My comment: "That's a first." Joy's comment: "They're both just alike, you know."

...sitting in a banquet room with over 700 people paying tribute to a very wonderful man, M.W. Carl J. Smith...

...watching my baby granddaughter pitch broccoli spears over the side, and saying, as if it were an accident, "Uh, oh." (even her mother couldn't keep a straight face on this one.)

...observing the look on Gary Burke's face when his name was called to receive the Wendell Walker "Builder of Men" Award from Grand Lodge...

...tasting the wonderful Tom Goodrich/Fairport Lodge dinner...

...hearing the comments of satisfaction from Cliff and Jim as they concluded a very successful Town Meeting...

...tasting the absolutely best, no doubt about it, dill pickle in the world, made by Brother Phil Averbach...

...watching a wonderful teaching exchange (and great example of brotherhood in action) when the Jr. Warden said to the Grand Lecturer, "I'm not ready to do this part, and hearing the GL say, "Don't worry, I'll coach you through it"...

...meeting Ginnie Swarthout, DeWitt Clinton Recipient at Etolian Lodge, and learning about her nearly 30 year effort to build a better community...

...supporting a Brother and his family at a Masonic Funeral Service...

...observing the GM's son choke up as he spoke about his Dad...

...enjoying with Germania Lodge the pride of earning the Howard Potts Award...

...observing the enthusiasm of a young Brother, Mike Houston, as he traveled to most important District events these past two months...

...empathizing with Lew Perna as he met the high expectation of being Master at the GL Convention...

...visiting Union Star's and Oatka's beautiful old Lodge rooms...

...the wonderful hospitality extended to the leadership team at Official Visits...

...laughing uproariously at the red faced Brother who inadvertently pinched a stranger's backside...

...watching Andy Alvarez get the "Needles Awareness" Program up and running...

...Understanding the humility deeply embedded in the character of a well-known leader in our Masonic circles as he was led about by a cabletow...

I am often asked how I like my new "job" (as DDGM). I would hope you would deduce from these comments that I like it very much. The best part? Having the opportunity to meet the hundreds of individuals who make our Lodge life distinguished from other organizations and rich in personal experience. The second best part? Having the opportunity to work with a leadership team headed up by two of the best Staff Officers in the entire Grand Lodge.

At the October meeting of the District Leadership Team, though we dealt with some of the mundane operational issues, the exciting part was to hear the plans being put together by Committee Chairs, and they include: developing a District web page; planning a District wide family program for late Winter; creating a "signage" package for our Lodges. Any Brother is welcome to join us to suggest programs that will enhance our District program. The next meeting is scheduled for November 6th, 7:30 p.m., 3rd Floor Dining Room.

As November is a time to honor our veterans and remember those who sacrificed their lives for our country, I would ask each Master to hold a Lodge of Remembrance at one of their meetings during the month. For de-

tails, please call Tom Paglia (227-2046) or me.

In November I am looking forward to: a Brother who is putting on a Degree for the first time; raising a Brother who is particularly dear to me; six Official Visits; the first LSOME class; the School of Ritual on the 30th; and a message to our Spanish speaking Brothers:

Hermanos mios, se que hay muchos hermanos Masones en Rochester a los que les gustaria asistir a una Logia donde el ritual se haga en espanol. Si usted esta interesado, por favor dejenos saber. Hermano Pedro Ugale a: pugalde1@rochester.rr.com o si lo prefiere, puede llamarlo al 230-4646. Gracias.

So here we are.

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One third of the Masonic year has past. The programs of the Worshipful Masters should be running smoothly. The Master is becoming more and more comfortable with his new authority. The Lodge Officers know their parts of the Ritual, and they know what the Worshipful Master expects of them: to assist him in governing the Lodge. Sounds simple, doesn't it? Well, it is not as easy as it appears. Actually, the Worshipful Master is responsible for more than just the harmony of his own Lodge. He represents his Lodge on both the District and State level for various committees and programs. It is also his job to choose the representatives from his Lodge to work with the District and State Chairmen of those programs.

If you are an officer in your Lodge, working your way to the East, ask your Worshipful Master when he started preparing for his year as Master. Then ask him when he thinks you should start preparing for your year. We're sure that he will tell you that if you wait until you are elected, or installed, your term in office may become filled with frustration and to make matters worse, there may be confusion within the Craft. You will spend your entire year trying to play "catch up" and determine what went wrong. To avoid this unfortunate situation, you should start planning your year as Master somewhere between Senior Deacon and Junior Warden. This is the period of time when you should start studying your Worshipful Master, drawing knowledge from his experiences and focus on his successes. The job of Master is far from an easy one, but when planned correctly, it can be one of the most rewarding times of your life.

Grand Lodge has developed a program to help Lodge officers prepare for their time as Masters of their Lodges. The program is called the "Road to the East". It is designed to educate Brethren on the different aspects of becoming the Masters of their Lodges.

Think of it as a prospective Master's seminar. Some of the subjects the attendees will learn are:

The structures of Grand Lodge, its committees and programs.

How to choose the right chairman to represent your Lodge on these committees.

What you should expect from your own elected and appointed officers, and their roles in supporting you, as Master.

How to effectively communicate with your Lodge Brethren, and your District.

How to plan and execute a Lodge meeting effectively. This includes normal Lodge protocol as well as those difficult situations, i.e., how to handle a heated discussion among the Brethren.

Lodge communications and officer's meetings.

How and when to wield the gavel of authority.

By attending the "Road to the East" seminars, you will learn all of these and more. The only requirements are a \$10 registration fee, a copy of the "24 Inch Gauge", and a time commitment of three Saturday morning seminars, each lasting 4 hours. The dates of this year's seminars are December 2nd, January 6th, and February 3rd. Each session will start promptly at 8:00 a.m., and end by 12 noon. The location of the seminars will be Phoenix Lodge, Dansville, NY. The program this year will include Brethren from the five District surrounding the Monroe District. This gives the coordinators the advantage of drawing on a wider range of experiences and ideas.

Each Lodge should already own a copy of the current "24 Inch Gauge" for your use during the Course, and as a reference for all of your Lodge officers. If they do not have a current copy, one can be obtained by having your Lodge secretary contact Grand Lodge Sales.

If you hold an officer's position in your Lodge, you would be wise to attend these sessions. If you are a Brother who would like to learn what it takes to coordinate a full year being the Master of a Lodge, you, too, should attend these sessions. There are Lodges that believe that this Course is so essential in preparing their officers to govern their Lodge, that their By-Laws have been amended to make it a requirement for their officers to take before becoming Master of that Lodge.

We assure you that not only will you enjoy the Brotherhood of many other officers who attend these seminars, but the bottom line is you will be ready to become a well prepared, well organized Master of your Lodge. Your Lodge Brethren will enjoy the benefits of your knowledge and efforts, and you will look back on your term of office with the pride of knowing that you did the best job possible as the Master of your Lodge.

Your Worshipful Master has information on how to register for this program. If you would like more information directly from us, our names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses can be found in the "Hot Numbers" section of this publication, on page 2. We look forward to seeing you.

LSOME update

When we scheduled the LSOME session for the year, we didn't have the dates of each Lodge's 1st Degrees. We did realize that by scheduling the first session in October, we would be missing many of the Entered Apprentices by less than a week. In

November 2000

order to correct this situation the first session in October was cancelled. The new 1st Degree instruction for LSOME will take place on November 20th at the Downtown Temple. We urge every new Mason who would like to learn more about our Craft to attend these sessions. The worst thing that can happen is you can meet new Brothers, and maybe learn something about Masonry that you may not have known before. Please, call us if you would like to attend, as a student trying to learn more about Masonry, or, if you would like to participate as a speaker.

Upcoming dates

November 20th-LSOME Instruction-7:30 p.m., Downtown Temple.

November 30th-School of Ritual-7:30 p.m., Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge.

December 2nd-Road to the East-8:00 a.m., Phoenix Lodge, Dansville.

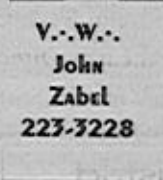
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By V.W. John Zabel

Grand Lecturer's Convention

Although this is being written before the Grand Lecturer's Convention, we would like to thank the officers of ERAC and Charlotte/Corinthian Lodges for their participation in the Convention. We also thank the Master and officers of Fairport Lodge for being our host for the evening for dinner. You should already know if your Lodge qualified for the Howard Potts Award for the attendance of the top seven officers of the Lodge. Congratulations to all the winners, and we are assuming that there will be more than one.

Ritual musings

Knowledge of the Standard Work of our Grand Lodge, i.e., the Ritual, can be a source of pleasure for both Lodge officers and the general membership. Why? Because with this knowledge, visiting Lodges in this jurisdiction or elsewhere, can be a real pleasure and a fun learning experience.

I recently had the pleasure of visiting Lyndhurst Lodge No. 509 in Ohio. Knowing our Standard Work and observing the work in Ohio was fascinating. I was able to note the similarities and the differences and was able, after the meeting, to discuss the differences with the Brethren. The evening proved to be delightful and the Brethren I met were more than just friendly. Some of you may also have visited Lodges in other jurisdictions and have had similar experiences. Oh, I think I can see some Masters starting to plan programs around Brethren who have visited out of State.

In talking to Brethren from other areas of the State, I have learned something very interest-

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ing. One Brother was telling me about his brother. The younger brother became a Master Mason after his older brother. The older brother was a well versed Master Mason and a decent Ritualist. Naturally, the younger brother felt the need to excel in learning the Lectures of the Degrees, which he did. The younger brother was appointed as Master of Ceremony. During his term in that office, he coached the new Brothers in the Lectures. He required the new Brothers to be as proficient in the Lectures as he had been. These new Brothers were up to the task and became very proficient. There were four Brothers who were coached in this manner. All four of the Brothers are very active members of the Lodge. Now, do you suppose the participation is due to their learning the Lectures, the coaching, or both? Well, why don't you try coaching new Brothers for more than adequate proficiency and observe the results.

Schools of Ritual

The Schools of Ritual for the rest of this Masonic year will be: November 30th-2nd Degree-Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge.

January 29th-2nd Degree-Northfield Lodge.

March 29th-3rd Degree-Etolian Lodge.

April-date and place to be determined-the correct way to install officers.

As always, the AGL's are ready to assist any Lodge at Degree rehearsals or help find Brethren to take part in Degree work. Do not hesitate to call either Brother Keith or me. See the new Directory for phone numbers.

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A change

Masters & Wardens met at Northfield Lodge with eight Lodges and 19 Brothers in attendance. I thank Northfield Lodge for hosting our meeting. The first order of business was to change from sending the minutes to the Master of Lodges to sending them to the Secretary. This way he can touch on some highlights of the meeting to the Lodge members. R.W. Cliff Short mentioned that the three LSOME sessions for new Masons and their Shepherds is changed to November 20th at the Downtown Masonic Temple. The time is 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. This change is necessary as many of the Lodges have not had their 1st Degree yet.

Road to the East

The Road to the East Program will be offered in three sessions, each consisting of four hours in length. The dates of the sessions are: December 2nd, January 6th and February 3rd. Each session will be held at Phoenix Lodge in Dansville. This Lodge was chosen because of its central location. The cost is \$10.00 and you need a copy of the "24 Inch Gauge". All Secretaries should have a copy.

Telephone list

R.W. Keith Stambach said that he is still working on his tele-

phone list for Ritual work. It should be completed before the next meeting. This list is compiled to help all Lodges if they need help with their Degrees. If you need help or can help out, please give him a call at 865-7416.

He also mentioned the School of Ritual to be held at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge on Lake Avenue at 7:30 p.m. This will be about the 1st Degree.

Possible suspensions

R.W. Joseph Privitera mentioned he still has not had many responses from the secretaries regarding their NPD's.

Projects

At the meeting we talked a lot about how we can help Lodges with community service projects. If you are planning an event, let us know and we will try to get out to help as much as we can. If you look on page 6 of the "Empire State Mason" you can see what Fairport Lodge No. 476 has done with their "Have-a-Heart, Start-a-Heart" Campaign. Wonderful job, well done!

Change of meeting date

Because of Veterans Day on November 11th, we changed the meeting to November 4th at 10:00 a.m. It will be held at Etolian Lodge No. 479, 133 Union Street, Spencerport.

Bureau of Masonic Education Monroe County

President:
V.W. John Zabel

By V.W. John E. Zabel

"Hi, Jeremy, how are you doing?" asked George.

"I'm great. I just got back from a trip to Pennsylvania. While I was there I visited a Lodge. Boy, was that fun," replied Jeremy.

"Tell me about it," said George.

"Well, I was on business for a few days in Harrisburg. I knew that I would be free on Thursday night, but didn't know what I wanted to do, so I picked up the phone book. I looked for Masonic Lodges in both the white and yellow pages. I found a listing for a Masonic Center and called Wednesday. Luckily someone answered. I asked if there were any Masonic meetings being held on Thursday. They asked me my name. I told them and said that I was a Mason from New York. They then told me that there was a meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday. Being there on business, I was well prepared to visit a Lodge, so Thursday evening I drove to the center. There I introduced myself to the first men I saw. They were members of the Lodge meeting that evening. We talked for a while and they asked to see my dues card and took me into the preparation room and quizzed me, you know the drill. I satisfied them and was invited into the Lodge.

I really enjoyed listening to the Opening. It was similar and much different from our Opening. I was introduced as a guest and enthusiastically received. Their program for the evening was a report on their Grand Lodge Communication.

After the Closing there were refreshments and I had a great time talking about my Lodge and the differences I noticed in the Ritual. I really had a great time.

"It sure sounds like you did," said George. "Sounds like some-

thing I should do when I'm away from home. I've visited Lodges in this area and in other Districts, but not out of state. I'll have to plan a trip or two for that purpose."

"I know you will enjoy it as I did," replied Jeremy.

What's happening

The 1st session of seminars on the Degree Lectures for newly initiated, passed Brothers and raised Brothers planned for Monday, October 16th at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge has been postponed until Monday, November 20th at the same location. The program will start at 7:30 p.m. and will be completed no later than 9:00 p.m. This is for newly initiated Brothers and their shepherd/mentor/sponsor. The topics to be covered are the 1st Degree Q&A, what it means to be a new Mason, and other related topics and discussion.

The Grand Lodge Staff Officers have requested that each Lodge send them the names of new Brothers for the program, along with the names of their mentors.

The Leadership Development Course is being revised, but the revision will not be ready for about one year. The current Course will be given sometime after the 1st of the year. Details will be in the *Times* well in advance of the date.

Membership Retention

R.W. Joseph Privitera
Monroe District

Communication

The *Masonic Times* Editor recently wrote that a Lodge currently receiving this publication will cease having it sent to the Lodge's Brothers. The Lodge did a survey and found that 12 Brothers, out of 65, wanted the *Masonic Times*. This disturbs me very much because one of the primary ways we retain members in this Fraternity is by communicating with them. The *Masonic Times* is the best tool we have for communicating to the membership in the Monroe District.

Over the years, I have listened to discussions about how much money can be saved. We can publish our own newsletter, we can use the phone, e-mail or word-of-mouth to communicate with our Brothers. I have heard all the ideas on how to replace this publication. Instead of alternatives to the *Masonic Times*, all of the above ideas should be used in addition to the *Masonic Times* and not to replace this newspaper.

How much money will be saved by our members? Usually the cost of the *Times* is part of a Lodge's dues. The *Masonic Times* costs a Lodge \$4.00 a year per subscription for 10 issues. Let me see, my math isn't that great, but I am pretty sure that works out to 40 cents per month, or a little over one penny per day. Yeah, a Lodge and its members will save a ton of money there.

Instead, most of us spend 50 cents a day, even more on a Sunday, for a local newspaper that will not publish any news about any fraternal organization, especially about Masons. When did you read anything in the local newspaper about \$14,000 in scholarships for area students, \$14,000 for area charities, thousands of dollars raised for the Ronald McDonald House, and Masonic participation in raising funds for Channel 21, just to mention a few. We don't even think

about dropping a few bucks on the lottery every week, but don't worry, we will be saving 40 cents a month because we don't receive the *Masonic Times* anymore.

Then there is my favorite solution. A Lodge can drop the *Masonic Times* and produce its own newsletter. Who needs to read about what is going on in other Lodges, other Masonic organizations, from our District leaders, R.W. Bill Lindsay and his Staff Officers, R.W. Cliff Short and R.W. Jim De Lorenzo, from R.W. Maurice Solomon writing about the correct way to do the Ritual, from writers on advice concerning investments and legal matters?

Let's see, 33 cents to mail it, cost of paper and copying, not to mention someone's time. Whoops, there goes the profit. We produce a few newsletters, a light goes on, and the newsletter stops. Then communicating stops. Results? Another reason for a Brother to drop membership. But, not to worry about a Brother dropping out, we saved \$4.00 per year, 40 cents a month, and a little more than a penny a day.

A paraphrase from the 2nd Degree Charge: No Lodge can become a place of prosperous growth whose leaders care little and do less for its advancement.

Monroe Masonic Secretaries Association

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By R.W. Richard Friedman

I have received many requests for the new MLSS. Let me clarify a couple of things:

1. I am working with the Grand Secretary to deal with distribution. All Lodges will receive a CD with the new program on it. A time frame is being discussed as duplication and other items need to be firmed up.

2. I can send a zip file to anyone who has Access 2000 and Word 2000 running right now. This can be downloaded and used. I have created a group of requests, and will send out the zip file on Saturday afternoon when I return from NYC and the Grand Master's Town Meeting. I will only send this file to those of you who have the above mentioned applications running.

3. The "runtime" version will NOT be downloadable. Runtime means that the program bundles Access components to be used by the program only. The file will be too huge. So, if you are not running Access 2000, you will get the disk from Grand Lodge.

I will be checking e-mail again on Friday, so any new requests will also be processed on Saturday. If you have requested and did not make clear that you can use the program, you will not receive it. Send a clarifying message. Most of you have been clear, some have not.

Feedback is good. The program is Version 1.0 and new things will be added as time goes on.

Hope you will enjoy it.

Monroe Brotherhood Fund

Philip Hurwitz, Chairman

I'm Phil Hurwitz. I am a Past Master of Towpath Lodge No. 163 (now known as ERAC No. 163). R.W. Bill Lindsay, District Deputy Grand Master, has asked me to assume the duty of District Chairman, for the Masonic Brotherhood Fund (MBF).

In the past, the Lodges of both Monroe Districts, have distinguished themselves with their Masonic beneficence. As a combined District, I know that the tradition will continue.

By the time you read this, each Lodge should have in place their own Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairman. If you don't know who this Brother is, then ask your Master to identify him for you.

The Masonic Brotherhood Fund (MBF) is an umbrella organization which funds charities that our Fraternity has an active interest in. These charities are: the Grand Master's Allocation; Masonic Medical Research Laboratory; Masonic Home; Veteran's Hospital Program; Masonic Youth Foundation; Drug and Alcohol Abuse; and the Livingston Masonic Library. Contributions are tax deductible.

During the year I will be writing articles in the *Masonic Times* about the various charities that make up the Brotherhood Fund. I hope you will find these helpful when deciding which charity to donate to.

Your Brother's willingness to be your Lodge Chairman is critical to the success of this charity. You will be receiving from him a solicitation envelope. Each Lodge Chairman is responsible for documenting to the MBF each contribution received. This task is very important to ensure that the MBF correctly identifies who is donating, how the donation is to be allocated, and whether the MBF should accept the donation in memory of, or in honor of, a special someone.

Your Chairman will appreciate it if, in addition to your generous donation, you take a moment and fill out the envelope, completely. This will insure that your donation is allocated according to your wishes, and that your Lodge is recognized for your beneficence.

If you have any questions about the MBF, ask your Lodge Chairman, or call or e-mail me at 581-1831 or phurwitz@frontiernet.net. I'll answer your questions.

Remember, your aid will go to distressed worthy Master Masons, their widows and orphans.

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The shades of Autumn are drawing close around our days. Once again the world is changing colors from the softness of Summer green to the bright but brittle

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crimsos, russets, and yellows of October. Our sports change from something "played on a field" to one "contested on a gridiron".

I have no hard news to report regarding the proposed merger with Germania Lodge. The process of amalgamation continues to inch along. I should have something much more significant by the next issue.

Sickness and distress

The lists are getting overwhelming. Be sure to keep me, or the Secretary, advised about Brothers, widows, or relatives who might need our aid or sympathy.

Again, I remind all that the streets are filled, and covered, with fallen leaves. Roads will be darker and more slippery. Take your time driving and be wary of others in the road.

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October events

On October 9th we were visited by the York Rite. R. W. Ruel Lovett did an outstanding job in educating the Brothers in the benefits of becoming a York Rite Mason and its history. It was interesting to see the natural progression from the Blue Lodge to the Royal Arch. If anyone is interested in their Degrees, please contact R. W. Ruel Lovett, R. W. Ed Gillott, or Brother Karl-Heinz Reich for more information.

On the 14th we assisted the Star in setting up for their Craft Show. Thank you to all Brothers who came out that Saturday.

On the 23rd we conferred the 2nd Degree on our new Brother.

Condolences

It becomes my sad duty to announce the passing of Brother Herbert Leadbetter on September 25th. Herb was a 52 year member of our Lodge.

Keep the date

October 30th is the Interlodge Euchre Tournament in Bergen.

November 13th is our Official Visit. Please come out to hear the words of the Grand Master and to show our support for our District Officers.

November 27th is the 3rd Degree. The Degree will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner, provided by Etolian Chapter to follow.

Etolian website

I have heard very little in response from the Brethren about the desire for a website. I am still encouraging all who are interested in having a site to contact me or the Lodge.

"Concern and Caring" Earns DeWitt Clinton Award for Ginny Swarthout

By R. W. F. Jay McCullough

Etolian Lodge No. 479 in Spencerport nominated local community service activist Ginny Swarthout for the prestigious DeWitt Clinton Award. This was approved and signed by the Grand Secretary, M. W. Gary Henningsen, and Grand Master, M. W. Carl Smith, and issued from the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York. Her actions exemplify our shared concern for the well-being of mankind throughout her sphere of influence. This Award demonstrates Masonry's historic concern and high esteem for voluntary service and individual involvement through contributions of time, skills, and financial support given freely toward truly significant endeavors in the public interest.

Ginny has served on the Committee of the Annual Village Canal Days festival of crafts and services, including being Craft and Vendor Chairperson and overall committee chairperson since its inception. She has been a Girl Scout leader, Chairperson of the Spencerport Chamber of Commerce, member of the community's Economic Development Committee, and was instrumental in promoting the sale of "gazebo bricks" that surround the village's Carter Gazebo at the parkside on the South bank of the Erie Canal. She was an officer in the Spencerport School Band Parents Association.

Daylilies are the official flower of the Town of Ogden and Village of Spencerport. Ginny promotes the planting of the lilies, placing them outside her establishment in the heart of the village for the Chamber of Commerce. She and her husband, Gary, provided lilies to Etolian Lodge to plant in its flower plot in Route 531 in the Town, which is part of the "Monroe County in Bloom" project.

She is the owner and operator of The Unique Shop where she displays and sells Spencerport postcards and cookbooks for the village; Spencerport posters for the local Chamber of Commerce, wood replica village buildings, while donating part of each sale to the Ambulance Corps, Gazebo Fund, and churches. She also sponsors a Dickens Lighted Village Open House, donating part of the proceeds to the Spencerport Ambulance, emulating Dickens' giving to the less fortunate. She was recognized as "Business Person of the Year" by the village in 1994.


Ginny graduated from Genesee State Teachers College in 1965 and left teaching to open her shop in 1982. She and her husband, Gary, have been residents of Spencerport for 31 years. They have a daughter, Dorlinda, who attended the Award Ceremonies.

The DeWitt Clinton Award was presented by Lodge Master, W. John E. Dyer, at ceremonies at the Lodge on September 30, 2000. District Deputy Grand Master, R. W. William Lindsay, spoke on the Award's historical significance, and Past District Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Donald Darrohn, Etolian Lodge member, and along with Ginny, a member of Spencerport's First Congregational Church, spoke on her attributes and qualifications as a deserving recipient. Joining them in praise of Ginny's community service were Gay Lenhard, Supervisor of the Town of Ogden; Diana Powell-Keery, Chairperson of the Village Zoning Board representing Spencerport, and the Reverend Harold "Skip" Lloyd, Pastor of the "White Church".

Members of Etolian Lodge No. 479 of Free and Accepted Masons are proud to have represented the Grand Lodge of the State of New York in the recognition of this outstanding citizen of the Village of Spencerport.




Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109



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

2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.



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

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

Thanks for your continued support

October was a very busy month for officers and the many Brothers who came out to see what was going on. We had a Ladies Night, at which Grant Romer made a great presentation on the history of collectible photography. Many of you know how interestingly he presents topics that can sometimes be taken for granted. We Rochesterians really are blessed with a rich history and photography is just one of those blessings. Thank you, Brother Romer, for

your efforts and for answering my call on such short notice.

Convention

As of this writing, there should have been enough officers at the Grand Lecturer's Convention to earn us the Potts Award. The Convention covered both parts of the 1st Degree. Local Lodge Brothers took actual parts in this presentation.

Town Meeting

The Grand Master visited our District on Saturday, October 14th, for a Town Meeting where he took on many questions about the Craft and Masonry. Several Valley/Simes members participated. I don't know if anyone went to his Ball in Buffalo, as I went to a dinner for the Shrine Color Guard in Honeoye Falls.

Fellowcraft Club

Your Fellowcraft Club was going to have a social evening on the 17th, but at this writing was also trying to muster a troop to go out and get the Traveling Gavel. I thank Mike McBride for his leadership of the Club and for making the activities of the Club to include more participation. There is something for everyone and I hope you tune in for an opportunity to have fun. If you are not attending business meetings, you may miss several interesting programs and fellowship, yet Fellowcraft Club may be a great alternative.

Table Lodge

Our first Table Lodge in a few years took place on October 25th. It was my first and I hope my next one is even better.

November

Our November 14th meeting will be brief and a special Lodge of Remembrance is planned. We are inviting the widows and ladies to witness this meaningful celebration of Masonic service and I charge you to attend if your caretow allows.

Calendars

We are planning a Lodge calendar with distribution for all members and should have them finalized as you receive this newsletter. It was an idea brought to my attention by W. Richard Snyder at the September officer's meeting. We brought it to the Lodge and it was approved to move forward. The cost was reasonable and we do have the money.

New Program

JW Robert Hill attended the Admissions Counselor Program for the Masonic Home. On his own volition and in my stead he felt privileged to attend and I am having him do a program in Lodge where more can hear of our connection to this wonderful facility. Suffice it to say, the purpose of the meeting he attended was to familiarize us with as much of the policy, operations and philosophy of the Home as possible. We need to be better prepared to act as liaisons in our communities. Bob met with staff and toured the facility, as well as several key components in use at the Home, such as: Independent Assisted Living, Nursing Care, Rehabilitation, Respite Care, Acacia Village, and Palliative Care. There was ample social time to visit residents and representatives. All in all, Bob had a good time and feels strongly that we should be better informed about this great Masonic supported facility.

Wendell K. Walker Award

At the Grand Master's Town Meeting on Saturday, October 14th, W. Gary Burke received the Wendell K. Walker Award

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for exemplary work and contributions to his Lodge and the District. Congratulation, Gary!

A Note from the Lodge Hospitaler

By R. W. Mat Gingold

Valley/Simes plans to order 30 poinsettia plants to be delivered to the Lodge widows, sick, and shut-ins. The deliveries are to be made the week before Christmas. I would like to meet on November 14th at 7:00 p.m. with all our Lodge members who are willing to help make these deliveries and to make their selection to whom they will deliver.

Your fullest cooperation is needed since these delicate tropical plants need to be in the homes of the recipients as soon as possible after we get them from our source.

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969

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

W. Thomas W. Kendig
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Rochester, N.Y. 14605

By Robert Ogden

Globetrotters

The VanHouten's have recently returned from a Caribbean Cruise, the Blew's spent several weeks in Europe and the Kennedy's visited faraway relatives in the Philippines. It will be exciting to hear about their trips.

Bring-a-Friend Night

The night of October 3rd was special with many guests, candidates and their wives joining us for another sumptuous dinner, followed by W. Mike Schum acting as MC. W. Bill Shelby spoke of "Why I Became a Mason". R. W. Vern Goodrich enlightened us on Masonic Hospitals and Campuses, Brother Ken Schumacher explained Community Involvement and Charitable Services and, last but not least, Brother Jack Grover presented a nice display of Books and Memorabilia relating to Masonry.

1st Degree

On October 17th our Senior Warden, Brother Derek VanHouten, will confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on 5 candidates. Sounds like a memorable and enjoyable evening.

Ladies Night

On November 7th, Craftsman/Robertson Lodge will host a Ladies Night Dinner of Ham and Scalloped Potatoes. This will be followed by a short meeting and a speaker.

Birthdays

Many happy returns to the following Brothers born in November: Jeff Beecher, Frank Zaffino, George Lloyd, Wayne Gundry, Bill Evert, Mike Steffen, Bob Traub, George Pasch, Jim Spencer, Jim Lochlin, Bill Mallo, Cliff White and Gary Lashomb.

November meetings

November 7th is a dinner meeting with the ladies invited. November 14th is Fellowcraft meeting and a 2nd Degree rehearsal.

November 21st is a Business meeting and the 2nd Degree.



R. W. William Lindsay, W. John Dyer, Master of Etolian Lodge, presenting DeWitt Clinton Award to Ginny Swarthout, with an assist by Gary Swarthout.
(Photo Jay McCullough)

WEBSTER Lodge No. 538

30 Orchard St.
Webster, N.Y. 14580



W. Emil
Schirano,
Master
265-3932

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

W. Paul Sobtitz, Sec.
671-8980

Official Visit

At our last meeting, October 5th, R.W. William Lindsay, DDGM, and his Staff Officers, R.W. James De Lorenzo and R.W. Clifford H. Short, gave very enlightening talks on the Grand Master's goals. They were an inspiration to us.

Ritual work

Also in attendance was V.W. Keith Stambach, who spoke briefly about the School of Ritual and his plans to get names of the Brothers who are able to help with Ritual work. Thank you, JW Brad Lewis and his wife, Kate, for an excellent dinner.

Awards Night

As I am writing this article, we will be preparing to go downtown to the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards Night on October 19th. Brother Norman Hilfiker received the Award this year. This is a great honor for him and Webster Lodge.

Programs

On November 2nd we will confer the 1st Degree (formal), with JW Brad Lewis in the East. November 3rd is our Spaghetti Dinner from 5 - 7 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child. November 9th will be a Fellowcraft meeting and Brother Mark Fenton will have a dinner that evening at 6:30 p.m. Call him if you plan to attend the dinner.

Table Lodge

A gala Table Lodge will be held on November 16th (formal for officers). This is a tiled Lodge and is open to all 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree Masons. There will be a Roast Beef Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Donations for dinner are \$10.00 and I am taking reservations at 265-3932 or e-mail me at moejoy1@juno.com. The Fellowcraft will be doing this dinner and Jr. Grand Warden, Richard C. Friedman, will be the Honored Master for the Table Lodge.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving on November 23rd!

The November 30th officers meeting and rehearsal for the 2nd Degree will have to be rescheduled because of the conflict with the School of Ritual at Charlotte/Corinthian at 7:30 p.m. I would

like to see as many Brothers as possible attend.

Sickness and distress

It was reported that Brother Charlie White had another stent put in and he is feeling OK. Give him a call at 742-3537.

Check your Trestleboard and *Masonic Times* for all upcoming events and please mark them on your calendar. Take time to stop and smell the roses. See you in Lodge!

Seneca Lodge No. 797

Second Tuesday
6:00 P.M.



W. Michael C. Ferguson
359-9052

Robert C. Green, Jr., Secretary
223-5953
30 Orchard St.,
Webster, N.Y. 14580

By the time you read this, we will be firmly entrenched in the heat of the Presidential election and our Senate race. The decisions we make will chart the course for our future. Our Lodge is on a similar precipice.

Meeting agendas

Our September meeting featured the History and Heritage of Frank R. Lawrence Lodge No. 797. Our October meeting featured the History and Heritage of Seneca Lodge No. 920. Our November meeting will be a presentation of our current situation and then it is up to you. We will have an open discussion of what you want for the future of Seneca Lodge No. 797.

Questions

Now that we know where we have been, we will plan where we are going. Many questions will be raised and discussed. Are we a service organization? Are we a social club? Are we both? Are we neither? How do we attract new members while retaining our present members? What can we do, as a group, to make our presence known? How can we get those members we rarely see to come to Lodge and our social events?

Answers

The answers to these, and many more, questions will come from you. Please come to Lodge and make your views known. If you cannot come to Lodge, write a letter or call someone that will be there to present your views. Without you, we, the officers, trustees, and regular members will be left to plan your future.

Rarely do Lodge meetings carry such weight. I sincerely hope that all that are able will be there on November 14th. I want to hear from members that won't be there. Have we done something to offend you? Please let us know!

Thank you's and congratulations

My sincere thanks to R.W. Steven Whittaker for his enlightening presentation on Seneca Lodge No. 920. I hope you were there to witness this comprehensive look at the faces and personalities of our great predecessors. Now this heritage is safely lodged in the repositories of the members present to be remembered and continued.

Congratulations to Steve for getting his "White Hat" and 33rd Degree from the Scottish Rite. A well deserved honor.

Similar congratulations are in order for JD Charles Hancock who has been nominated to receive his 33rd Degree next year. Thank you for continuing the great tradition of Seneca Lodge and its service to the Scottish Rite.

By the way, did you know that Seneca now has six living 33rd Degree Masons in the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R.? Next year it will be seven.

Social calendar

Don't forget the Seneca Tea on November 19th from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Century Club on East Avenue. We will have "Breakfast with Santa" on December 16th. January 31st is our "Geva Night" to see the mystery, "The Weir". Hope to see you at all of our events.

ERAC Lodge No. 163



W. Louis
Perna, Master
334-8265

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

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152 Commercial St. West
East Rochester, N.Y. 14445

Official Visit

Greetings Brethren of ERAC No. 163. September was a very busy month and October was even busier. We ended September with our own R.W. Bill Lindsay, DDGM, and his team of Grand Lodge Officers, making their Official Visit to the Lodge. All enjoyed dinner with us and sharing the District initiatives, along with the Grand Master's Message.

Successful evening

Brother Bring-a-Friend was another success. We had eight prospective in attendance. Three petitions were signed on the spot, bringing the total number to 5 and counting for the Fall Class. Special thanks to Brother Mike Johnson, who prepared the brochures for the evening. Brother Rich Friedman spoke on Masonic History, Brother Andre Smith spoke on Masonic Charities and Brother George Nasra provided "A Brother's Perspective". The presentations were well done and no doubt informative to our guests. Brother Joe Bogmis, et al, provided another fine meal while saving money for the Lodge. Thanks to Brother Steve Lysenko, who assumed responsibility for setting up the display.

ERAC No. 163 put on the 1st Section of the 2nd Degree at the Grand Lecturer's Convention on October 13th. At the writing of this article, it is not possible to announce whether we qualified for the Howard Potts Award. More later.

Awards

Two of our Brothers received important Awards. Brother Glen Hieber received the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. W. Dave Crawford was this year's recipient of the Distinguished Community Service Award at the Annual Interfaith Breakfast. It gives me great pride to have these Brothers as members of ERAC. Please be generous in your congratulations to both of these Brothers.

Garage Sale

Our first Annual Lodge Garage Sale was held on October 14th and was viewed as a success. Proceeds for the event will go back to the Lodge for future use.

Sickness and distress

It is my sad duty to report the deaths of the following Brothers; Elie Saad, Leland Pflanz, Donald Hooper and Gordon Fromm. Please take a moment of your time to say a prayer, and/or reflect the passing of these Brothers.

R.W. Maurice Solomon is battling illness. R.W. Solomon has been a long time Custodian of the Work, a dedicated Brother and a long time friend of ERAC. Please offer this Brother your support.

Changes

Brother Scott Gould, Senior Deacon, announced he would need to leave his chair due to the unpredictable hours of his present job. Brother Gould was offered some flexibility regarding this, but opted to maintain his resignation. The Junior Officers were polled and agreed that they could move up in line. Effective October 9th, Brother Terry Wihlen, Jr., will be the Senior Deacon, Brother Andre Smith, Junior Deacon, Brother Steve Lysenko, Senior Master of Ceremony, Brother Rich Greenaway, Junior Master of Ceremony, and Brother Jim Hamme, Marshal. The next officer's meeting is November 6th. We will have a dinner meeting at the Lodge at 6:00 p.m., same day as the 1st Degree rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

This article has been my longest to date, which indicates to me that we have been very busy. I predict that next month's article will be just as long. That being the case, I am asking for your help in carrying the load. Any help is welcome. No task is too small or insignificant. Please give me a call at 334-8265 or send me an e-mail message at lperna@peoplepc.com and let me know your willingness to help.

Union Star Lodge No. 320

3 N. Main St.
Honeoye Falls, NY

W. John H.
Williams
Master
533-1188

2nd Mon.
7:30 P.M.



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

Many of our Brothers do not realize the benefits offered to Masons and their families by our Masonic Service Bureau. One of the most important is providing

items from their Loan Closet, such as walkers, crutches and wheelchairs. We will be able to learn much more at our November 13th meeting. Our speaker will be Vernon Goodrich, Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau. He will tell us of the many things that the Service Bureau does for our Masonic and general communities.

The Scottish Rite Symbolic Awards were presented on Thursday, October 19th, at the Downtown Temple. The worthy and dedicated Brother from our Lodge who received this Award was our Senior Warden, Jim Nersinger. Congratulations, Jim.

The Fellowcraft Club will be meeting on November 27th. Come to our get-together and present your suggestions for improving our Lodge programs and our Lodge building. If you need further information on this group, give a call to our Junior Warden, Gary Sanford at 425-4240.

All of our officers should plan to attend the School of Ritual that will be presented by our Assistant Grand Lecturers on Thursday, November 30th. The location will be at the Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge at 4550 Lake Avenue. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m., but you should be a little early to get signed in. This School will be covering the 1st Degree. Of course, all of our Brother Masons are invited, not just the officers.

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Wed.
7:30 P.M.

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Scottsville, N.Y. 14546

Well, hello everyone. I'm sorry for missing the first 2 issues. As most of the Brothers know, my computer was hit by lightning.

So here we are starting a new year, and so far we have had some bad luck. Brother Terry Wright was in the hospital, as was Brother Kevin Fisher's wife, and of course, I was in (mine was just an overnighter).

Best wishes

We wish the ladies of the OES from Oatka and Nola Chapters good luck with their merger. The ladies will be greatly missed.

Thanks

On a good note, I thank Brother Gary Trescott for installing the new carpet. Gary, you did a great job!

All invited

The Brothers of Oatka extend an invitation to everyone to a Pancake Breakfast on October 29th. For more information, call either Brother Chuck Crevison or me.

We are looking at what I hope will be a great year full of fun and laughter.

NORTHFIELD

Lodge
No. 426
Instituted
March 1857



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

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Griswold
Master
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R.: W.: William D. Spillane
Secretary 334-6596
17 Church Street
Pittsford, N.Y.
14534

I begin this month's article by sending out a message to Brother Ken Smith, a Brother whom I had never met until our October 5th meeting, the date of our 1st Degree. It was a pleasure to meet and experience fellowship with him. Brother Smith had not been to Lodge in quite some time, but a well placed phone call by a member of the Phone Committee got him out to a Degree. Come again, Brother. Like my dad always said, "we will treat you so many ways, you're bound to like one of 'em".

Degree

October 5th was the date of our 1st Degree, and I can't say enough. The Ritual was not perfect, but, I would say it was a very solid Degree. Everyone did a great job. SW, Jim Knapp, did a very fine job as Master, JW, Dean Smith, did very well at his station, organizing a great dinner. Brother Pedro Ugalde did a very fine job as Senior Deacon, thanks to R.: W.: Jack Thibaut for his usual fine work with the Apron Presentation, R.: W.: Bill Spillane for a great Charge,

Brother Relton Roland, fine Working Tools, and everyone who helped. Our new Brothers were very impressed.

November

The date for our 2nd Degree is November 2nd. JW, Dean Smith, will be in the East. We have four new Brothers and would appreciate a good turnout. There will be a 6:30 p.m. dinner. If you don't receive a call for a reservation, call Brother Dean at 586-9298.

Brotherhood Fund

Here is a message from Brother Ugalde, Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund for Northfield Lodge. "Brethren, our thoughts at this time of year turn toward death, death of the leaves that fall to the ground, death to another year, even the death that is associated with Halloween, with its ghosts and goblins.

I would encourage you to think of life, the quality of life, the Masonic Medical Research Lab helps us to improve our future quality of life, and extend that life. With your donations you keep the Lab finding cures and procedures so that in the future this research can keep us healthier and allow us to live longer. Let us make a celebration of life. Please give to the Brotherhood Fund. Thank you." To contact Brother Pedro, please call 230-4646.

Help needed

There will be a Clean-up Day on Saturday, November 11th at the Lodge. We will be concentrating on leaf removal and a little cleaning inside. We will gather for doughnuts, bagels and coffee at 8:00 a.m. Any gas powered leaf blowers you may have would help.

On Sunday, November 12th, at 2:30 p.m., we will be helping the nuns at the School of the Holy Childhood. It is located in Henrietta and the more the merrier. If you would like to help, please contact me at 787-3357, or another officer of the Lodge.

MONROE Lodge No. 173



2nd
Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

Master
W.: George
W. Broge

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

Unexpected pleasure

Greetings to the fighting 173rd. I say fighting as we don't give up easily. The meeting in October yielded a surprise. The District Deputy made an unannounced surprise visit without benefit of Staff. There was an evening of refreshing dialogue between he and the members. Most beneficial, most beneficial. We had a presentation, "The Yellow Brick Road of Membership" that was brief.

Scottish Rite Award

As you were aware, but may have forgotten, Brother John Brugger was presented with the Scottish Rite Award at the Ceremony in Rochester. He is the son of the Editor of the *Masonic Times*. His escort for the evening was the Worshipful Master.

Memory

To refresh your memory, about seven years ago an extensive refurbishment of the North side of the Lodge's exterior was required. The cost was about 20K. I am pleased to report that under the stewardship of our Trustee, W.: Jerry Werner, that debt has been retired. At this time there is no outstanding incumbency against your building.

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Surprise

We had another surprise at the October meeting. Brother "Bob" Ellis made it up the stairs to Lodge. He has been very ill and it was a delight to have him there.

Dues

The Annual dues notification letter and Brotherhood Fund literature have been placed in the mail. We trust that those Brothers who have not paid their dues for the current year will do so ASAP, it is a budget buster this time of year.

Directory

A new Lodge Directory is in the works, we'll send it to you with your new membership card.

Please take note

The next issue of the *Masonic Times* will be the last. The Lodge is acting on the survey resulting in only seven or eight Brothers and six widows wishing to continue receiving the publication. If you are one of these, it is best if you contact the Secretary by phone, e-mail or regular mail to insure that your subscription is placed.

Have a great Thanksgiving! □

CLIO LODGE No. 779



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

Secretary
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Greetings

Is Summer over? By the clothes we wear, it must be Rochester. One day, golf attire, the next day brings out the gloves and scarves. Nevertheless, we still meet the first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. for great fellowship and warmth. Won't you join us?

Another Spaghetti Dinner, another success

Many Brothers had prior commitments, so the work load increased, but it is good to see the fruits of labor pay off. When you see the smiles on our customers, you know it was worth the hard work. Please join us. A few minutes of your time is worth the effort. In our busy lives, whether you come to help, or enjoy the meal, you will enjoy the fellowship. Bring your family and friends. Our next Spaghetti Dinners are November 15th and 29th.

Kudos

I thank R.: W.: Donald Wright and W.: David Upham for their informative instruction of Masonic Etiquette. The presentation technique used led to many questions from the sidelines, instead of the usual one-sided dialogue.

Awards Night

It was a pleasure to see so many fellow Brothers who joined us at the recent Symbolic Lodge Awards Night, presented by the Scottish Rite on October 19th. Brother Steve Mitchell has worked on many projects for Clio

Lodge and was well deserved to receive this Award.

Looking ahead

Our November 7th meeting is our Official Visit. Please join us that evening when R.: W.: William Lindsay and his Staff Officers will address the Brethren.

Birthdays

Congratulations on another candle to: Harry Bostley, Frank (Bud) Camp, Richard Caupp, Harry Adams, Bernard LaDuc, George Charlick, Douglas Harris, and Jerold Gilmore. Just another way to obtain "more light".

Closing

To those Brothers who we have not seen in a while, I hope all is well. In need of a ride? We are only a telephone call away. Do not consider it a bother, call a Brother. □

GERMANIA

Lodge No. 722

4275 Culver Rd.
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14622



W.: Nelson
Bertch,
Master
671-4792

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

Secretary

W.: John H. Foster 467-1677

By SW David N. Foster

Important meeting

Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday, November 21st. Hopefully, it will be a Summation Meeting with the vote on the consolidation with Fame Lodge as the topic. Assuming we have the paperwork correct this time, you should be receiving a special summons for this meeting by the beginning of November. Otherwise, it will be a regular business meeting. This is an important meeting and you should plan to attend. A Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 p.m. will precede the meeting.

Brotherhood Fund

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

Anyone need help?

I hope this finds you all healthy and enjoying yourselves. If you know of, or hear of one of our Brothers, who is under the weather or otherwise in need of our help or charity, please make sure you call one of the officers.

Last, but not least, Happy Birthday to all our Brothers with November birthdays.

See you in Lodge. □

Flower City Lodge No. 910



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

2nd
Thursday
7:30 P.M.

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

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

Not much to report at this time. We held our first Fellowship Club dinner at the Northside Inn. It was a small turnout, due to many people being

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sick, but it was a very relaxing evening for those of us who made it. The food was terrific and perhaps we can meet there again another time.

Sickness and distress

It has been brought to my attention that two of our members are presently at the Jewish Home: Brothers Sam Fagenbaum and Irv Gold. I remind each of you that should you hear of one of our Brothers who is ill, please notify one of your officers. Although I have not personally met every member of our Lodge, they are still Brothers and I would like to be made aware of any situations that may arise.

Our next official meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9th in Ionic Hall, starting at 7:30 p.m. This meeting is quite important because our DDGM, R.: W.: William Lindsay, will be addressing our Lodge. Flower City Lodge will be receiving a special award. I hope to see a nice turnout for this meeting.

As I mentioned before, if you know of any programs that may be of interest to our Brothers and ladies, please let me know. I would like to hold a few open programs that would allow the ladies to join us. I feel it is important to include our families in our activities as much as possible.

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



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Brother Daniel L. Clark
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Be An Admission Counselor

One more chance this year-calls today to register.

This final opportunity to become one of the Masonic Home's Admission Counselors will be held November 17th and 18th.

Registration will begin on Friday at 2:30 p.m. in the Administration Building Lobby. Friday's session will commence at 3:00 p.m. in the Administration Building's Auditorium and includes an overview of the program, followed by a tour of the entire Campus. Dinner on Friday at a local restaurant will give us the opportunity to exchange ideas and share fellowship. Other than dinner on Friday, dress will be casual.

Following a Breakfast Buffet Saturday morning in the Wiley Hall Dining Room, the participants will move to the Master Mason Activity Room. In full detail, the complete admissions process for long-term care, palliative care, sub-acute care, dementia care and IV therapy, will be discussed. The program concludes with lunch at Acacia Village on Saturday.

The Masonic Home is the home that was built and designed for every New York State Mason. We are here for you, when you need us! If you are interested in helping us promote our magnificent facility, please make a commitment...join our Admission Counselor's Team by contacting Angie Caiola at 1-800-322-8826, extensions 4768. The Masonic Home will provide meals and overnight accommodations during the training sessions. □

District Deputy Grand Master

Genesee/Wyoming



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

We now have a Brother who is composing an e-mail list for the District. It is our hope that when information is sent to him, he in turn will send it out to all on the e-mail list. It's up to you to get your address to R.W. Robert Dagen at rdagen@eznet.net. This should help with date changes, funerals, etc. It's only going to work if you do your part.

We are about at the half way mark with Official Visits and it's good to see everyone, to see that many of the Lodges have candidates, and that Degree work is going on.

Reminders

Don't forget the meeting of the Masonic War Vets to be held December 1st in Warsaw. To join, you must have served in the military and have an honorable discharge.

November 5th is District Day at the VA in Batavia. We meet at 2:00 p.m. in the Recreation Hall.

Grand Lodge Fund

As I have said at the Official Visits, I want to share some of the good work done by the Grand Lodge Fund. An elderly Brother, retired, living alone on a fixed income, suffered extensive damage to the roof of his house in a blizzard. Unable to afford the repair, he turned to his Lodge for aid, but they did not have the funds. Through his Lodge's appeal to the District, assistance was provided from Grand Lodge Funds, via the Committee on Masonic Benevolence.

Keep, think, and move in a positive way. It's making a difference. May God bless you. □

Grand Director of Ceremonies

Genesee/Wyoming



R.W. Arthur E. Drew
492-4860

Brethren, Fall is here and Winter is rapidly approaching. Many Lodges in the District are planning Degree work for several candidates we will welcome to the Craft.

"Road to the East"

After some very productive meetings with District Deputies

and Staff Officers of the Monroe, Livingston, Steuben, and Genesee/Wyoming Districts, it was agreed to hold joint sessions to present the "Road to the East" Course this year. The first and succeeding sessions will be held in Dansville, at the Lodge building, just off Main Street from 8:00 a.m. - noon on December 2nd, January 6th, and February 3rd.

I am very excited about the schedules that have been put together and challenge every Lodge in this District to send at least one Brother. Three Brothers would make a nice car pool number. Remember, this training is available to all Master Masons, not just ones going up the line. A strong Masonic understanding will make each of us a stronger mentor to our new Brothers and possibly spark more interest in them.

A new job

W. James Allan of Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 263 has taken on a new task as Masonic Home Volunteer Admissions Councilor and completed a training session at the Home in Utica. We will be working together to plan a bus trip to the Masonic Home in the Spring or early Fall. Let us know what interest there may be in your Lodge. All Brothers will be impressed, as I was, by the beauty and tranquility of the Campus.

Congratulations

I extend my congratulations to V.W. Rodney Diker from Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 263 who has been appointed AGL for the Genesee/Wyoming District.

Batavia Hospital

Remember, Veterans Day at the Veterans Hospital in Batavia is November 6th. Be there to show the veterans that they are not forgotten and to support R.W. Sheldon Moden and his Veterans Service Committee.

Masters and Wardens

At the meeting of the Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities it was announced that the nearly defunct Masters and Wardens Association will be resurrected by the immediate Past Staff Officer, R.W. Dennis Turton, Sr., and me. Details will soon be forthcoming.

Let me know

Please advise me of any special holiday activities planned by your Lodge so I can help make them known to the District.

Trestleboards

I have received Trestleboards from several Lodges, but am still looking for a few more. Your response is appreciated.

Brotherhood Fund

Lastly, give as generously as you can to the Brotherhood Fund. The money has so many places to go and needs your participation. □

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

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Fraternal greetings!

As promised in the last article, I will bring you up to date on some of the events and happenings of Masonry in Batavia.

We manned the 'Hot Dog Stand' at the Batavia Jubilee on Thursday thru Saturday, September 21-23. Although the weather was not fully cooperative, the event was worth the effort. I thank those who found the time to assist in this event.

The District Deputy Grand Master made his Official Visit to Batavia Lodge No. 475 on Tuesday, September 26th. He was accompanied by several Brethren of the District: R.W. Arthur E. Drew, Grand Director of Ceremonies; R.W. Kenneth E. Kohlhaugen, Grand Standard Bearer; Brother Bernard Whaley, District Brotherhood Fund Chairman, and W. James Allan of Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 263, who also is the District Administrative Counselor for the Masonic Home. Prior to the Official Visit, the Brethren of Batavia Lodge accompanied these distinguished visitors at Bohn's Restaurant for a period of fellowship and a delicious entree of one's choice.

Each of the visitors remarked on their respective responsibilities. The District Deputy presented the Message of M.W. Carl J. Smith, Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York, emphasizing his slogan, "Think Positive".

W. James Allan, District Administrative Counselor to the Masonic Home, will make himself available to anyone at any time, to discuss any need relating admissions to the Masonic Home in Utica. This is a new staff position within the District, of great importance.

Brotherhood Fund

Brother Bernard Whaley presented some facts concerning the Brotherhood Fund Drive. He explained the reason for the duplicate solicitation, which most of you have already received. The reasoning is due to the fact that apparently and unfortunately, many Lodges throughout the State do not have a Campaign Chairman, or do not make the effort to solicitate their respective memberships for this worthy endeavor. Therefore, Grand Lodge makes an additional mailing to everyone of its constituents contacted.

DeMolay

To bring you up to date on the Charles L. Carter Chapter of DeMolay, several dates have been changed to accommodate the many aspects of the renewal/revival of this great organization. On Saturday, October 7th, an Open House was held at the Masonic Temple in Batavia. Several DeMolay young men and the staff of the State of New York DeMolay presented an introductory material to a group of potential young members. It is anticipated that six or seven young men will be inducted, as of this writing. The induction will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 22nd, at 1:30 p.m. and the Election and Installation of the Officers will be held at the first meeting of the revitalized Chapter on Tuesday, November 7th. I suggest that you mark your calendars with the foregoing dates in mind and make every effort to be present in support of these young men. It is anticipated that numerous dignitaries at the State level will be present.

Sympathy

As you may notice elsewhere in this issue, Brother Hollis R. Upson passed to the Eternal East on September 30th. We offer our condolences to the family and

friends. Brother Hollis was a 62 year member of Batavia Lodge.

Thoughts and prayers

I have nothing to report at this time relating to anyone within our own Lodge in need of our aid or assistance. I pass along our thoughts and prayers to W. Bob Forbes and R.W. Paul Smith, who continue on the road to healing. As I related in the past issue, please let the Secretary or me know of anyone you know of who is housebound, hospitalized, or may just need someone to make contact with. We cannot respond to a need without your input.

Charity

Lodge Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund, R.W. Harold N. Collier informs us that a personal solicitation will be included with your annual dues notice, which you will be receiving in the near future. Please respond to this worthwhile endeavor to the best of your abilities in perpetuation of one of the traditions of Masonry, that being charity. □

Breakfast Buffet

The first Pancake Breakfast of this season is Sunday, November 5th, at 8:00 a.m. 'til noon. Plan on attending and eating lots of Chuck Lapp's famous pancakes.

Veterans Hospital Visitation Day

Sunday, November 5th, is also Visitation Day at Batavia Veterans Hospital. To take part in this worthwhile 56th Anniversary honoring our veterans who served in WW II, meet at the Batavia VA Recreation Hall at 2:00 p.m.

3rd Degree

The 3rd Degree will be conferred on November 15th at Attica Lodge. The First Section is at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m., with the Second Section immediately following. Your help is needed. Call me to reserve your favorite part and plan on attending to welcome Attica Lodge's new member. □

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

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Poll results

The responses are in. Four in number, two are for Constellation Lodge to send out a periodic newsletter about happenings in the Lodge. Stressed was the need to report on a wide variety of topics. Two responders saw no need to create a report, they saw no need for a second newsletter. Their view was that the *Masonic Times* gave broad and sufficient information about what was going on in the area. One Brother spoke out in Lodge of the difficulties in getting out and circulating a local (Constellation Lodge) newsletter. Other Brothers reported that they were in favor of a locally created and circulated newsletter.

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Symbolic Lodge Award

Brother John Barnard, Organist, who holds dual membership in Triluminar and Constellation Lodges, nominated by Triluminar Lodge No. 543, received the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award on Thursday, October 19th in Cathedral Hall, Downtown Masonic Temple in Rochester. The guest speaker was the Grand Master of Masons, M.W.: Carl J. Smith. The Brothers from Triluminar and Constellation Lodges were well represented at the affair.

Brother Barnard, DSA, was accompanied by his wife, Charlotte, Past Deputy Grand Matron, OES. Brother Barnard is well known in the District for organ music he has provided at Degree work. He is active in the American Legion in Wyoming County. Less well known about Brother John, but significantly important and commendatory, is the computerized database of veterans' grave sites he constructed, organized, and maintains in the town of Perry.

Sadness

Brother Ivan D. Hodges, age 92, died recently. He was raised on April 20, 1939, in Constellation Lodge No. 404. The Brothers extend sympathy to his family. Our Secretary, John Miller, is his nephew.

VA Hospital

Bingo night at the Batavia VA Hospital went off like clockwork, thanks to the Brothers who participated in this gala affair of commute, funny stories, bingo, ice cream, and another commute. Thanks to prompts by Brother Bob Burt, Brothers arrived at the scheduled time, on the scheduled day, and at the proper place. Oh, yes, the Brothers left Perry at the scheduled time, on the scheduled day, from the scheduled location in Perry, again, thanks to prompts by Brother Bob Burt.

R.W.: Charles H. Myers


Brother Charles Myers, our Brother "Charlie", gave up his tenure of 17 years as our Secretary several months ago. On Saturday, October 21st, the Brothers of Constellation Lodge No. 404 held an Award Dinner in his honor. After some piano entertainment provided by a member of the OES, the honoree, his family, guests, members of local Lodges, and members of the OES were treated to a traditional Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings (Doug Kelly's words). A certificate, gift, well wishes, and congratulations for a job well done were given to R.W.: Charles H. Myers. A job well Don, "Charlie" and Laura May!

Brother John has always been an asset to the Craft. Anyone who hasn't heard Brother John play the organ should visit Constellation or Triluminar Lodges to hear his beautiful music.

Turkey Party

Our Annual Turkey Party will be held on Friday, November 10th. This will be at our Lodge and start at 7:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a fun evening.

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



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W.: Richard L. Smith, Secretary
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This past weekend proved quite interesting in the higher elevations of the Southern tier. Before Mother Nature could fully display her beautiful array of colors, we were greeted with quite a few inches of snow. Although brisk and refreshing, it's much too early to think about what's to come! With building projects to finish, fields to harvest, wood to cut, and other labors, it's nice to see some beautiful weather back in the forecast.

Fish Fry

On Friday evening, October 6th, the District Fish Fry was held at Warsaw Lodge. Thanks to Warsaw Lodge for hosting this event and to all the Brethren from Oakland who contributed their labors and purchased tickets. Many, many times in life I've had to refer to the stern words my father once told me, "If you don't have anything good to say, be still!"

Reminder

On October 27th, Oakland Lodge held its first Annual Fall Fish Fry in Castile. Many came to enjoy the pleasant company and good food. A special thanks to Constellation Lodge for once again allowing us to use their illuminated sign. It has played a major role in the past successes we've had.

Helping out veterans

Sunday, November 5th, is Vet's Day at the Batavia VA Center. Area Masons join in to distribute condiments and share in stories to those who so valiantly served our country. If you have never been out there, I can tell you it is one of the most rewarding times you will have as a Mason. Let's give up football for a few hours and show our support to those who preserved our freedom. Starting time will be 2:00 p.m. in the Recreation Hall.

Child ID

On Saturday, December 2nd, a Child ID will be held in LeRoy. A great deal of help is needed to make this a success. Please mark your calendars so you can free up this day. For more details, contact R.W.: Len Mason at 492-1813.

Road to the East

This year's Road to the East Program will kick off in Dansville on Saturday, December 2nd, at 8:00 a.m. until noon. There will be three sessions at a total cost of \$10.00. The following sessions will be held the first Saturdays of January and February, 2001. Any Brethren

who are interested in obtaining more knowledge in Masonry are encouraged to attend. Contact R.W.: Art Drew at 492-4860 or me for more details.

Brotherhood Fund


Please don't forget to donate as freely as you can for this year's Brotherhood Fund. Contact Brother Ken Smith for your donations. Last year the District had a 33% success rate. Let's see if we can't improve on those numbers.

Finally

There will be a meeting of the Coleman Temple Association at 6:30 p.m. on November 7th. After you have exercised your right to vote, please join us for the discussion of this year's plan. Our regular communication will follow at 7:30 p.m. Good health and see you in Lodge.

God bless.

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



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Wed.

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**8 West Main Street
LeRoy, N. Y. 14482**

Brethren-November will be an exciting month at Olive Branch. The DDGM, R.W.: Ray Barber, will make his Official Visit on the 15th. Let's fill the hall to honor Ray!

We have three boxes of old photographs of early members. Soon we will have them on exhibit in our dining room. Wait until you see these pictures.

Help needed

Thanksgiving Day will be the free Community Thanksgiving Dinner. We will need a lot of help this year. I will have hernia surgery on November 7th, and won't be able to do any lifting. This will be the 13th year and is now a tradition in LeRoy.

December

The Winterfest in LeRoy is December 2nd and 3rd. We have been invited to join the festivities with an Open House. This is an opportunity to show off Masonry, Royal Arch and the Order of the Eastern Star. We also plan to have a Child ID Program on December 2nd at the Presbyterian Church.

November communications are Wednesday the 1st and Wednesday the 15th at 7:30 p.m. See you in Lodge.

Blue Lodge recruits men-makes Masons.

**HESPERUS
Lodge No. 837
1st and 3rd Thursday**



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November is upon us, and it is a time for reflection and introspection, as well as a time to give

thanks for all the blessings we have received. Among those I include are the many friends and Brothers I have acquired since joining the Craft...it is indeed composed of a truly wonderful group of people.

Oktoberfest

The Bergen Oktoberfest was well attended and Hesperus' Chicken Bar-B-Q was as usual, a sellout. Without the dedication and help of the Brothers, ladies and volunteers, such a success would not be possible. It is greatly appreciated.

Sorry about that

I apologize for supplying misinformation regarding the Grand Lecturer's Convention in last month's article. I conveyed the information which was supplied to me, which was in error. The actual date was one week earlier, on October 20th, and the location was Mt. Vernon Lodge in Java Village.

Sympathies

Our sympathies go out to W.: Keith Denton and his wife, Sharon, daughter, Jessie, and son, Jeremy, on the recent passing of Keith's father, Earl Denton. They are in our thoughts and prayers.

Send cards

R.W.: John Bater continues to improve as he undergoes rehabilitation at the Hurlbut Nursing Home on East Henrietta Road. Hopefully he will be back home this month. Meanwhile, I am sure he would welcome visits from his Brethren. We wish him well on his recovery and hope to see him back in Lodge as soon as he is able to join us.

Brainstorm

A thought occurred to me recently (I occasionally experience these brainstorms) about how, with the advent of modern technology, more and more Lodges are obtaining websites. This makes me think how far ahead of them Hesperus Lodge is. Quite some time ago, we had a rather large website, but as the Worthy Matron and I cleaned the Lodge, we removed it, much to the chagrin and consternation of the resident spider!

Coming attractions

Having shared that with all of you, I will mercifully progress to future dates. November 2nd will be our Official Visit, followed by Hospital Visitation Day at the Batavia Veterans Hospital on Sunday, November 5th. We are to meet in the Recreation Hall at 2:00 p.m. Let's have a great turnout and show these dedicated veterans how much we appreciate what they have done and sacrificed for us.

Saturday, November 18th will be the date of the OES Card Party at Hesperus at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, the 25th, we will have our Annual 20/20 Party.

Dues notices have been distributed, please remit your dues at your earliest convenience. The Secretary will thank you. As I close, I wish for each of you and your families a most wonderful, blessed Thanksgiving.

We Hate to Nag you....



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

November 2000

G.L. Veterans

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chased from Committee funds and charity donations of merchandise had a total estimated value in excess of \$250,000.

We are members of the Masonic Service Association of the United States and they certify our Representatives for recognition by the national VAVS for Hospital Visitation Programs.

I would like to acknowledge, with special recognition, the efforts of R.W.: Warren Brown, Merchandise Coordinator, and R.W.: Thomas Paglia, Vice Chairman, for enhancing the operation of this Committee.

Finally, when you contribute to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, please remember to mark the designation for "Veterans Hospital". Remember our hospitalized veterans!

Custodian's Corner



R.W.: Maurice Solomon
716-271-5435

Q. While at my Lodge the other night, a number of Grand Lodge Officers were received individually. The Lodge was raised on their entrance, and each received Grand Honors. Isn't this a time consuming practice, considering there might be a large number of visiting Grand Lodge Officers?

A. Grand Lodge provides each Lodge with copies of the "Officers Training Guide", and the question you raised is covered fairly adequately. First of all, Grand Lodge Officers, with the exception of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and DDGM, may be, and it is suggested they should be, received collectively in a group, made up of:

a. Elected Grand Line Officers.
b. Appointed Grand Line Officers.

c. Appointed Grand Lodge Staff Officers.

Past Grand Masters may also be received collectively as a group.

Each group should, of course, be received separately. The Lodge is raised only on the entrance of Past Grand Masters and Elected Grand Line Officers. On the entrance of appointed Grand Line Officers, or appointed Grand Lodge Staff Officers, the Lodge is not raised until these Officers are received in the East, when the Master should raise the Lodge and accord Grand Honors.

Q. I was somewhat surprised to hear the DDGM addressed as "Brother Bill". Is this correct?

A. No, it certainly is not. Masonry, like other organizations, has an etiquette all of its own. An individual Mason should always be addressed as Brother, unless he has a title, such as Worshipful, Right Worshipful, etc. There is no such title as Worshipful Sir. To address the DDGM as Brother Bill, or for that matter, any Grand Lodge Officer, is considered Masonically improper. (I should, of course, acknowledge that "Brother" is also a title.)

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Congratulations to Brother John Barnard, recipient of the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award for dedicated service.

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Attention: Our Color Guard is available for Ceremonies!

We decided at the September meeting that we will wear the Class "B" uniform, less the blazer, unless ordered by the Commander at all functions, and Class "C" if you are taking part in the Color Guard.

Class "B" is as follows: Blue blazer or jacket, white shirt, black pants, black tie, shoes and socks.

Class "C" should be worn only if you are or can take part in the Color Guard. (We need more members in the Guard so we can fill our obligations when called upon).

Shirts and prices can be arranged if you are interested and we are ordering cords and post numbers as needed.

We voted to make a contribution to the Veterans Memorial which is about completed at the War Memorial.

We will also contribute to the WW II Memorial, which will be built in Washington Memorial Park.

At this time, I thank Past Commander and Past Area Representative, Frank Jansson, for taking over the Color Guard for the Symbolic Lodge Awards Night, as our own Past Commander and current Captain of the Color Guard, Al Pulcino III, received this Award as a member of Fame Lodge No. 945.

We presented the Colors for the Grand Lodge Apron Presentation on September 11th and the Interfaith Breakfast on October 22nd.

Dates

The Veteran's Day Memorial Service is November 11th. Fliers are in the mail.

There will be no meeting in November.

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

The next meeting will be December 16th, a Christmas Party with our ladies and there will be entertainment. A flier will be sent out with more details. The dinner will be Roast Pork.

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

We have Dine-a-Mate books.

Here's wishing all members and families a happy Thanksgiving and safe traveling.

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

Electrifying Bloopers

Tom Paglia

A very urgent call came from a lady at around 7:00 p.m. saying, "Part of the house lighting is out and my husband received a shock while trying to change a light bulb on the porch, and there are two young children living here." So I hopped into the truck and as I was pulling out of the driveway, the thunder and lightening started with a downpour of rain, and the visibility was only about 20 feet.

Arriving there, the rain had not stopped. You can imagine how wet I got while trying to get to the house. I asked her to explain what the problem was. After her explanation, I went to the basement to check the panel box. No breakers were tripped. I removed the cover to check all the breakers because sometimes breakers get lazy and stop functioning correctly. All were in good shape. Going upstairs, I started to remove wall outlets and switches. Everything looked all right. I went to where she said her husband received a shock and removed the fixture. You can bet I had safety gloves on. The floor was wet, but there was no problem there.

One hour had gone by, but I still hadn't located the problem. I then noticed the TV was playing, so I went over to that outlet and started to remove it from the outlet box when all of the lights went on. Sometimes the living room is split up into two separate circuits and this can fool you when trouble shooting.

The outlet contained three white wires, which indicated they were neutral, to complete the circuit. Whomever did the job did not use a pigtail, as required, to connect the three wires and then put just one wire under the connection screw. Instead, two wires were inserted into the stab-in holes in the back of the outlet and the third wire in the place where you push to release the wires. This last wire had become loose and was causing overheating because of the poor connection. It had burned back at least three inches.

The power was going through the light fixtures and coming back through the ground wire, not through the neutral wire like it should. I rewired all the outlets with pigtails and installed new grounding outlets, then everything worked the way it should.

For many years professionals have argued against using stab-in connections because the part that holds the wire becomes weakened from overloading and good contact is interrupted and overheating results causing a possible fire. Always secure the wire, mind you I did not say wires, under a screw when available. When you have more than one wire going to the same screw, always use a pigtail with the proper size wire nut to insure proper connection.

Remember what it says on a penny? "In God We Trust". This is what you are doing when you do not make proper connections. All other utilities in the house can cause damage which is repairable, but improper wiring, however, destroys.

Hunter

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cally or mentally able to respond to any type of request or question. Boy, were we wrong! Hunter lets us know when he wants to reply "yes" by intentionally blinking his eyes. We have learned



through practice with patience, that Hunter can tell us what he wants, if we just ask him. He wants to make his own decisions and tell us what he wants or doesn't want and what he likes or dislikes. When he comes down to watch his morning movies, we ask him what he wants to watch. Usually it's "Stuart Little", "Little Bear" or "Franklin". When he has some free time we ask him what he wants to do-go for a walk, read books, go swimming (at Grandma's house, of course) draw and color, school time or snuggle-and he tells us.

Instead of giving him a choice, we made the choice for him. Now we leave it up to him. He lets us know. How awesome!

We have started investigating communication devices and computer options, so that we can further help Hunter Communicate. Eventually we hope he will actually talk in full sentences through computerized voice response. Just as God promised, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." We know where Hunter gets his strength.

Hunter's weight has stayed about the same ranging anywhere between 20 and 22 pounds. However, he is growing so tall. He was measured on his 3rd birthday and is 33 inches long.

Physical and occupational therapy have been increased to six hourly sessions a week. We are planning to increase physical therapy to two-hour sessions, because he has been responding so wonderfully to his therapy. Hunter is now able to enjoy belly lying and his Tri-stander. The Tri-stander has actually been a treat for all of us. Hunter tends to show off while standing in his stander by pulling his head forward and holding his head up all by himself. It's amazing how determined he is.

Another one of Hunter's favorite activities is playing the small portable piano. We place both of his hands on the keys and when he's ready to play he pulls his arms back and plays a tune. You can tell that he is really concentrating on each movement. Every time he plays a key we clap and praise him. He loves it!

When it comes to story time and school, Hunter is so smart. In addition to teaching him the alphabet and numbers, we try to quiz him to see what he has learned.

Winter '99/Spring 2000 was an eventful season for Hunter. When Grandma and Aunt Dodi planned Hunter's schedule, he

was exposed to many new adventures, like checking out books at the Attica Library with his first library card, shopping at Wal-Mart, swinging on swings at the playground, the aquarium, the zoo, and petting horses at the farm; just to name a few. He was on the go!

of reasons to go from the G-tube (a tube where both medicine and food go into his stomach) to the JG-tube (a tube where medicine goes directly into his stomach and food directly into his small intestine). This change has made a world of difference in Hunter's life. Reflux aspiration was one of Hunter's biggest problems, that caused him to suffer from pneumonia many times. However, with his new JG-tube the risk of aspiration has greatly decreased. In fact, Hunter has only had pneumonia once this year and he very seldom refluxes. Another benefit to the JG-tube is Hunter's increased playtime. With the G-tube, Hunter spent half of his waking hours waiting to play because of this feeding schedule. Now he can be moved anytime and fed anytime and anywhere. This frees him up to do more exercise and lots of fun activities.

Hunter is an amazing teacher. We have learned more about kindness, gentleness, patience, God's grace, and love from him, than any other person we know. God is not finished with our Hunter Boy. We believe he still has a lot more to teach us, and many more lives to touch.

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Scottish Rite NEWS

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Lodge of Perfection

Charles O. Hancock Commander-in-Chief



I would like to share with all the members of the Valley of Rochester the following information regarding our rich Scottish Rite Programs. This information is taken from Supreme Council literature and is condensed for your convenience. Having personally visited The Museum of Our National Heritage on numerous occasions, I highly recommend each of you, if you have the opportunity, to do the same. I'm sure you'll find it interesting.

The Museum of Our National Heritage is an American history museum founded and supported by 32° Scottish Rite Freemasons in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America as one of four charitable endeavors. The Museum is located on the grounds of the Supreme Council Headquarters at 33 Marrett Road (Rte. 2A), Lexington, MA 02421. Within the Museum is The Heritage Shop where you can buy reproductions, souvenirs, gifts, and books.

Founded in 1975, as part of the Museum, the VanGorden-Williams Library is a research library specializing in American Freemasonry. The original collection consisted of the holdings of the Supreme Council. The Supreme Council's collection has been augmented over the years by pur-

chases and donations, including the acquisition of several notable private libraries. The VanGorden-Williams Library now boasts one of the most comprehensive collections on American Masonry in the world, comprising nearly 60,000 books and 360 serial titles, as well as a sizable collection of documents maintained in the Library's archives.

The Library is open to the public Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Materials may not be checked out, but limited photocopying service is available.

Because the Museum exhibitions change regularly, you always experience something new. The Museum is open seven days a week with free admission and parking.

For example: "Initiating America: Three Centuries of Lodge Life" is an ongoing exhibit that examines the fascinating and sometimes bewildering secret societies that were formed to offer fellowship, aid and self-improvement to their members. The exhibit also traces the evolution of these organizations from their beginnings to the present day. Freemasonry, in particular, is examined in depth in "Initiating America".

Since its opening in 1975, the Museum has become the premier American repository of Masonic and Fraternal items. Highlights of the exhibition include Masonic jewels, fine decorative arts, fraternal regalia, and ceremonial implements. Formally established in the early 18th Century, Freemasonry is the earliest Fraternal Organization in America and it provided the model by which most other fraternal organizations patterned themselves. "Initiating America" reveals how the rituals, exotic titles, and dramatic scenarios used by various societies were inspired by ancient legends, historical incidents, or mythology.

Regalia used by fraternities and sororities provides fantasy and drama for Lodge members. The Lodge itself is designed to foster a sense of fellowship and camaraderie. Many visitors will be surprised to learn that in the 19th and early 20th Centuries, fraternal organizations were essential to the well-being of many of their members. Long before the advent of Social Security, corporate pension plans, and medical insurance these societies provided death, sick, accident, disability and funeral benefits.

"Initiating America" also brings attention to many interesting facts about fraternal organizations that may be unknown to Museum visitors. At the beginning of the 20th Century, more than 300 secret societies, fraternities, and sisterhoods were active in the United States, with their ranks totaling more than 10,000,000 members.

"Lexington Alarm'd" is another ongoing exhibit. It introduces visitors to the residents of Colonial Lexington and explores how and why this community functioned. It presents an in-depth look at the personal culture and intellectual history of Lexingtonians in the 18th Century. By examining their attitudes toward work and home, church and community, the exhibition sets the stage upon which our Revolutionary War started. The events that took place on that fateful day on the Green thrust Lexington into the worldwide political arena. "Lexington Alarm'd" focuses extensively on the events of April 19, 1775, including first hand accounts of eyewitnesses recorded within a week of the confrontation.

"Return to Route 66" is a new exhibit that will run from March 3 - September 3, 2001. John Steinbeck called it "the Mother road". Route 66 - the ultimate main street, the American road. Chock full of kitsch and nostalgia, but also a hard-working road that carried countless young families West, fueling the growth of the country. Featuring historical artifacts and contemporary photographs, the exhibition reveals the impact of this celebrated highway on American history, popular culture, and art.

Coming attractions

November has four significant occasions in store for us. We have a presidential election, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and our Scottish Rite Reunion. All of these we look forward to with eager anticipation. I encourage each of you to set time aside to reflect on what these four events mean to you. For all of us, as Scottish Rite Masons they have particular significance. Putting them all in context together is difficult, but not impossible.

For your consideration I suggest that William Tyler Page said it best when he wrote the American's Creed: "I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which

American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its Laws; to respect its Flag; and to defend it against all enemies."

Let us especially give thanks throughout the month of November for all of the blessings we enjoy as citizens of the greatest country in the world. May we practice in our daily lives the lessons that have been passed down to us in our Masonic Heritage that we now in our Reunion, so earnestly seek to convey to candidates.

Degrees in other Valleys

Buffalo - 11/18 - 14°, 15° 18°, 32°
Lockport - 11/13 - 14°
New York - 12/5 - 4°, 14°, 1/9/01 - 15°, 16°
Niagara Falls - 11/14 - 4°, 14°
Rochester - 11/16 - 4°, 14° - 11/18 15°, 18°, 19°, 32°
Syracuse - 11/13 - 14° - 12/9 - 15°, 18° - 1/22/01 - 7°
Utica - 11/3 - 14° - 11/17 - 16° - 12/1 - 18°
Watertown - 11/8 - 14°

Scottish Rite Tidbits

By Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°
Congratulations to all Scottish Rite Brothers who are participating as LEADERS in other parts of the Masonic Family:

Brother Charles C. Spiegel, Jr., 32° MSA, President of the Purple Club of the Monroe District; Brother Richard C. Friedman, 32°, Junior Grand Warden and Vice President of the Purple Club; Brother Terry Wihlen, 32°, Secretary of the Purple Club; Brother Norman P. Austin, 32°, Master of Hesperus Lodge and Commander of Batavia Commandery; Brother Roy E. VanDelinder, Jr., 32° MSA, Regent for N.Y., Past Governor General and current Treasurer General for the York Rite College of North America; Rev. and Brother Charles M. Roberts, 32°, Grand Marshal in the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in the State of N.Y.; Brother Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA, Pre-Eminent Governor of Genesee York Rite College No. 25, Illustrious Master of Doric Council of Cryptic Masons, and Editor of the *Masonic Times*; Brother Vernon L. Goodrich, 32°, Valley Secretary, Deputy Master of Doric Council, Captain General of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, RAM; Brother John Dudley, 32°, High Priest of Hiram Chapter No. 62, RAM, and Eminent Commander of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12, KT; Brother William Lindsay, 32°, King of Hiram Chapter No. 62, RAM, DDGM of the Monroe District, Senior Warden of Allied Masonic Degrees, Genesee Council No. 51, and Asst. Secretary of the Valley of Rochester; James De Lorenzo, Grand Steward; Lawrence W. Dunn, 32°, Recorder of Cyrene Monroe Commandery, KT, Secretary of Oatka Lodge No. 759.

These Scottish Rite Brothers are currently in lay leadership roles with the Shrine Masons locally at Damascus Temple: George Simon, Donald A. Rose, 32° MSA, Dayne Tharrett, Harry Dainty, Kenneth Buckland, Cyrus Kloner, Erwin Newell, Bruce Chilton, James Kahn,

Frank Ghyzel, Roy Merritt, Earl K. DeSmith, 32° MSA, James Pray, Ken Skidmore, Bill Hook, Dick Lippincott, Joe Minas, Lance Ward, Charles R. Frear, 32° MSA, David C. Clarke, 32° MSA, and Bill Kuchne. Special thank you to each of you for your special efforts as the Scottish Rite Masons and the Shrine Masons continue to work together for the improvement of the Craft.

These Sublime Princes serve their respective Blue Lodges as Worshipful Master in the Monroe District: Kenneth W. Ratliff (Charlotte/Corinthian No. 1088), John H. Hennessy, Jr. (Churchville No. 667), Robert D. Pedersen (Clio No. 779), Peter Fallone (Oatka No. 759), Michael C. Ferguson (Seneca No. 797), John H. Williams (Union Star No. 320), Michael G. Batz (Valley/Simes No. 109), Gordon J. Ball (Wakan/Hubbard No. 154) and Emil J. Schirano (Webster No. 538).

Grand Representatives from the Monroe District are: R. Keith Stambach, Brasilia, Brazil; Charles W. Simpson, 32° MSA, Czech Republic; and James J. Powell, Quebec.

Please let us know about Worshipful Masters in other Districts...they too will be appropriately mentioned.

Blue Lodge Membership Development Activities

Here is a listing of the Scottish Rite Lodge Ambassadors that are discussing ways to help each Craft Lodge in its efforts to secure new members:

Membership Development Team: Brothers Robert D. Pedersen and Joseph Oelgoetz III, Co-Chairs.

Ambassadors: Thomas Grape (Charlotte/Corinthian No. 1088), Lawrence Bright (Churchville No. 667), Jesse Noble, Jr. (Churchville No. 667), Robert D. Pedersen (Clio No. 779), Stuart Brickman (Clio No. 779), Thomas Kendig (Craftsman/Robertson No. 969), Vernon L. Goodrich (Craftsman/Robertson No. 969), William R. Hook (Craftsman/Robertson No. 969), Louis Campaniello (ERAC No. 163), Donald Darrohn (Etolian No. 479), G. Michael Morris (Fairport No. 476), Robert G. Cameron (Fairport No. 476), Alfred K. Miller (Fairport No. 476), Dwight Turner (Fairport No. 476), Ronald L. Weber (Fairport No. 476), Joseph Minas (Germania No. 722), Philip Averbach (Flower City No. 910), Glenn Hedges, 32° MSA (Northfield No. 426), Lawrence W. Dunn (Oatka No. 759), Donald A. Rose, 32° MSA (Seneca No. 797), Robert Franzen (Seneca No. 797), John Williams (Union Star No. 320), Richard Dye (Union Star No. 320), Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr., 32° MSA (Valley/Simes No. 109), Richard Brockmann, Sr. (Wakan/Hubbard No. 154), Joseph Oelgoetz (Wakan/Hubbard No. 154), Nick Haldoupis (Webster No. 538), Roy Merritt (Wayne No. 416), and Paul Farnung (Eagle No. 619).

First Line Signer Program

The brochure titled, "Who are the Masons and What Do they Do?" should prompt some positive conversation with any potential prospect. Try approaching a friend or work associate and discussing our Fraternity with the assistance of this excellent tool. These brochures are available

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Traveling Gavel

The Traveling Gavel in the Monroe District has been an interesting outreach for the Scottish Rite. Here's the way it works: When a Lodge visits and "takes the Gavel away" back to its own Lodge, the Scottish Rite makes a \$25.00 donation to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund on behalf of the Lodge's Scottish Rite Ambassador. (There must be an active Lodge Ambassador.) If you are in a District that does not have a gavel and would like to get one, let's talk about it and get one started.

Membership Development

In addition to the efforts of the Ambassadors, who are assisting Craft Lodges in their mission to secure new members, I ask each member of the Valley of Rochester to seek out one 3° Mason and ask him to join the Scottish Rite to share in the beautiful lessons that we share. There is also another tool called the "Ten Most Frequently Asked Questions with Answers about the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry" that may help in your individual efforts. Copies are available through the Office or your Ambassador. The Valley of Rochester offers a unique recognition pin to those who are the 1st line signers of Scottish Rite petitions.

Fall Reunion

The Fall Reunion Degrees will be held on Thursday, November 16th and Saturday, November 18th. Reach out and invite one of your Masonic friends to share in the beautiful lessons conveyed in the Scottish Rite! It is a beautiful thing...let's make a special effort to share this wonderful experience with some of our Lodge Brothers who have not yet joined! Let us know what we can do to help make this happen!

Masonic Youth Groups

The Order of DeMolay is on a crusade to induct 4,000 new members in one month. If you know of a young man between 13-21 who would make a good member, please contact Gary Burke. Congratulations to Gary on his appointment as the State Chapter Dad of DeMolay. He is also the Consistory Representative to Rochester Chapter. Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay was reactivated in 1990 and continues to be one of the leading Chapters in New York DeMolay. We also support the special efforts of the local Constellation. We're pleased to be represented from the Valley of Rochester by Brother Al Jeerings. The support of all of our youth groups is important!

Videos available

If you are interested in the Millennium Video that was shown on April 29, 2000, there is a copy available for your use in the Office. Please call 271-0715 for more information. There is also a new "Charities Video" available that highlights the four primary charities of the Scottish Rite. This 12 minute video is an excellent way to summarize some of our great works...please contact the Office for information.

Passports

How about those Brothers from New Jersey that traveled to Guthrie, OK, to see all of the Degrees in three days...and who now have their passports filled in!

Prayers needed

Faith is a powerful medicine, faith gives a sense of hope and control that counteracts stress. Prayer is Good Medicine (by Dr. Larry Dossey), remember those in need in your deliberations. Our special prayers are offered for our Brothers Donald A. Rose, 32° MSA, Alan Jeerings, and David L. Wood.

Happy Birthday

We recently visited with Roy Smith Dement, 33°, who observed his 90th birthday. Happy Birthday, Roy...and many more to come! Take a moment to drop a line or card to this Past Commander-in-Chief at 80 Tobey Court, Pittsford, NY 14534.

News

Brother Frank Horton, 33°, called from his office in Washington a couple of weeks ago. He and Nancy send their best. After 30 years in the Congress of the United States, he is still very active in the legal profession.

A trivia question

How many of our Scottish Rite members (living) have served as a Worshipful Master of their Lodge, served the Grand Lodge of New York, served as Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Rochester and Potentate of Damascus Temple of the Shrine Masons? Who are they? (Quite incredible accomplishments!)

"Who Moved My Cheese?"

This very timely short story has now been on the best-seller list for over 40 weeks. Pick up a copy for some enlightening thinking. It is also available in a video.

"Gung-Ho"

This short story relates to using the lessons learned from the squirrel, beaver and geese to ensure that enthusiasm and motivation are part of a team's spirit...this story has application in all parts of your life!

The "Spirit of the Squirrel" has a focus of three items: 1. Knowing we make the world a better place. 2. Everyone works toward a shared goal. 3. Values guide all plans, decisions and actions.

The "Way of the Beaver" also has a focus of three items: 1. A playing field with clearly marked territory. 2. Thoughts, feelings, needs and dreams are respected, listened to and acted upon. 3. Able, but challenged.

The "Cheering of the Goose" has only two focus items: 1. Active or passive, congratulations must be true. 2. No score, no game and cheer the progress. It's a great tool...recommended for all who want to be a part of an organization that is positive, well managed and focused on the future!

Learning Center Ties

Learning Center ties are available in the Scottish Rite Office in exchange for a donation to the Learning Center.

Congratulations

Our Commander-in-Chief, Charles O. Hancock, was elected at the Supreme Council in Pittsburgh to receive the 33° next year in Indianapolis. He will be part of a class of four nominees from the State of New York.

In closing

Let us remember those who teach and coach in the Blue Lodge Degrees, our two Scottish Rite

Brothers, R. Keith Stambach and John E. Zabel, 33°, Assistant Grand Lecturers in the Monroe District. We thank them for their guidance, teaching and coaching. □

Hospitaler's Report

By Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MSA
Harry Dainty - has not been feeling well.

James J. Powell - hip replacement.

Benjamin Silver - Having trouble with his legs.

Charles S. Walker - vascular surgery on legs.

Glen Ide - on-going health problems.

Harold Bollotin - laser surgery on eye.

Ronald L. Weber - recuperating from a viral infection.

Donald A. Rose, 32° MSA - doing well after suffering a stroke.

Alan Jeerings - hospitalized with heart and kidney problems.

David L. Wood - had a stroke.

Please remember these Brothers with cards and phone calls. □

4°

Secret Master

Thursday, November 16, 2000
8:00 p.m.

The Fourth Degree emphasizes duty, fidelity, integrity and the necessity for secrecy in all confidential relationships.

Directed by:

Joseph F. Oelgoetz III

Ceremonial Section

Thrice Potent Master:

David W. Taber

Deputy Master:

Senior Warden:

Jesse Noble, Jr.

Orator:

Edward A.W. Brereton

Master of Ceremonies:

Gary L. Burke

Dramatic Section

King Solomon:

William R. Zufall

Adoniram:

Bruce R. Horncastle

Abda:

Charles Spiegel, Jr., 32° MSA

Zabud:

Thomas E. Badger

Zadok:

Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°

Zerbal:

Lawrence W. Dunn

Ahishar:

Eldon N. White

Levites

Richard L. Brockman, Sr.

Angelo DiCataldo

Paul L. Farnung

Franklin D. Higgins

Garry R. Hutcherson

Alfred Pulcino III □

14°

Grand Elect Mason

Following the 4°

In the Scottish Rite, this Degree is the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry. As the crowning Degree of the Lodge of Perfection, its essence is the holiness of God and reverence for His Holy Name. God will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.

Directed by:

Robert D. Pedersen

Prologue:

G. Michael Morris

Thrice Potent Master:

Philip A. Trautman or

*Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°

Deputy Master:

G. Michael Morris

Senior Warden:

*Vernon J. Henderson or

Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MSA

Junior Warden:

Lawrence Bright

Orator:

Robert E. Cameron, 32° MSA

Captain of the Guard:

Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA

Inquisitor:

Philip Averbach

Moses:

Bernard F. Russell

Master of Ceremonies:

Jerold J. Gilmore

Guards

Mathew Gingold, 32° MSA

David W. Taber

John E. Zabel, 33°

*Will take part □

15°

Knight of the East

or Sword

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2000

9:00 a.m.

This degree teaches the important lessons of loyalty to conviction and devotion to right.

Directed by:

John E. Zabel, 33°

Prologue:

Glenn A. Hedges, 32° MSA

Zemira, Master of Entrances:

Harold Bollotin

Cyrus, King of Persia:

G. Thomas Grape

Abazar, Master of Ceremonies:

John D. Brugger

Ratim, Master of Dispatches:

Derek E. VanHouten

Nebuzaradan, Master of

Infantry:

Eldon N. White

Sysina, Master of Cavalry:

Douglas C. Spencer

Daniel, Master of the Palace:

Donald A. Rose, 32° MSA

Zerubbabel:

John E. Zabel, 33°

Oracle:

Gary L. Burke

Guards:

Vance R. Collom, Jr.

Ronald L. Weber

Satrap:

Lawrence W. Dunn

Dean F. Marsaw

Arthur F. Maupin, 32° MSA

David W. Taber □

18°

Knight of Rose Croix
of H.R.D.M.

Following the 15°

The lessons taught in this Degree are that man must have a new Temple in his heart where God is worshipped in spirit and in truth and that he must have a new law of love which all men everywhere may understand and practice.

This degree affirms the broad principles of universality and tolerance.

Directed by:

Norman P. Austin

Ceremonial Section

Most Wise Master:

Philip A. Trautman

Senior Warden:

Donald P. Fox, 32° MSA

Prologue:

Donald P. Fox, 32° MSA

Dramatic Section

Most Wise Master:

John E. Zabel, 33°

Senior Warden:

Junior Warden:

Ronald L. Weber

Orator:

Master of Ceremonies:

William R. Zufall

Knight Captain of the Guard:

Eldon N. White

Assisting Voice:

Charles O. Hancock □

19°

Grand Pontiff

Saturday, November 18, 2000
12:30 p.m.

This degree proclaims the spiritual unity of all who believe in God and cherish the hope of immortality, no matter what religious leader they follow or what creed they profess. It is concerned primarily with the perennial conflict between light and darkness, good and evil, God and Satan.

Directed by:

John E. Zabel, 33°

Grand Pontiff:

Garry R. Hutcherson

Senior Prelate:

Joseph F. Oelgoetz III

Junior Prelate:

R. Keith Stambach

Senior Deacon:

G. Michael Morris

Junior Deacon:

Howard E. Lord

Orator:

Philip A. Trautman

Philetus:

William R. Zufall

Shade of Hermes:

Thomas E. Badger

Shade of Philo:

Arnold E. Palmer, Jr.

Shade of Epicurus:

Joseph S. Gresko

Shade of John:

Clifford N. Hayner, Jr.

Spirit of Evil:

Bruce R. Horncastle

Spirit of Masonry:

Craig T. Mollon

Voice of Doom:

Eldon N. White

Voice of Prophecy

Donald M. Darrohn III □

32°

Sublime Prince
of the Royal Secret
Following the 19°

This degree describes the victory of the spiritual over the human in man and the conquest of appetites and passions by moral sense and reason. The Exemplar represents every Freemason eager to serve humanity but caught between self-interest and the call of duty. Duty often requires sacrifice, sometimes the supreme sacrifice.

Directed by:

Lawrence E. Hood, 33°

Ceremonial Section

Commander-in-Chief:

Charles O. Hancock

1st Lt. Commander:

Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°

2nd Lt. Commander:

John E. Zabel, 33°

Master of Ceremonies:

G. Thomas Grape

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Scottish Rite Holiday Party

By Paul Farnung, Chairman

Can you remember what it was like for you in December when you were young? Did time pass slowly as Hanukkah or Christmas approached? Can you remember how you felt when you heard that there was a party before the big day arrived?

Surely part of the fun was that other children were with you and shared in the excitement.

The Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R. is planning a Holiday Party on December 16, 2000 in Cathedral Hall, 4th Floor, Downtown Masonic Temple from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bring your family, especially the children and grandchildren. Help them help you see the fun through a child's eyes.

If you know a Brother that is not a Scottish Rite member, invite him and his family also! More details will be forthcoming in the next issue of this publication.

Please call the Scottish Rite Office at 271-0715 and let them know the numbers of big, as well as small, children attending by December 1st.

27th & 29th Districts - RAM
8th Cryptic District - R&SM
Zone 11 - Knights Templar

York Rite NEWS

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Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitular District



R. E. Stephen Licht

I congratulate R. E. Ruel Lovett and V. E. James MacConnell for excellent Ritualist work done at the conferral of the Mark Master Mason Degree in LeRoy Chapter for three candidates. I was not able to witness the Past Master Degree, but am assured that Wyoming Chapter did their usual fine work in their "specialty".

I cannot emphasize too strongly or too frequently the importance of planning and a brief walk-through rehearsal prior to anytime Degree work is being done. Taking a cue from the Grand Royal Arch Captain, when we accept a petition and fee from a candidate, we have entered into a contract with them and we are honor bound to fulfill that contract in the best possible manner. As you would no more set out upon a journey through an unfamiliar territory without first consulting a road map and planning your adventure, Degree work should begin with a plan.

FUN night!

The visit to the District by R. E. Walter Hilsenbeck and his wife, Rev. Juanita, was a genuinely FUN night. While balloting upon three petitions, our work was interrupted by the loud and raucous laughter of the ladies! Rev. Juanita was entertaining the ladies, of which about seven were present. It is unfortunate that THREE CHAPTERS of the 29th District were not represented by ANY of their Companions. R. E. Hilsenbeck encourages each Chapter to submit names of Companions for consideration as Grand Representatives-ONLY Companions who will attend the Grand Chapter of NY annually during the term of their appointment!

Sunday, November 5th at
Attica Temple

Following the enjoyment of the Lodge's monthly \$5.00 buffet breakfast, there will be a District meeting to submit names for the next Assistant Grand Lecturer and District Deputy. All Right Excellent Companions are requested to attend. All interested Companions please feel free to attend and your input is necessary to continue to enjoy meaningful Royal Arch Masonry.

A discussion will be held regarding the Annual Installation of Officers and the possibility of holding a combined ceremony. Because of the frequent need to request

dispensations for installations due to weather, etc., a single ceremony might be our simplest solution to an old problem.

Remember

The Chapter must be summoned to the Annual Meeting for Election of Officers at the time and place prescribed by your Chapter's By-Laws. Officers must be installed annually.

On November 16th at Attica Temple at 7:00 p.m., the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees will be conferred. The Chapter will be opened and prepared at 7:00 p.m. Participants in the Degrees will be called to a rehearsal by the Excellent High Priests of Western Star and Wyoming Chapters.

December 15th at Western Star Chapter No. 35, in addition to the Summoned Annual Convocation, the Mark Master Mason Degree in all likelihood will be conferred again!

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Best wishes

We have learned, at our September 12th convocation, that R. E. Raymond Hager has suffered a fall and has not been feeling well. We extend our wishes for a speedy recovery.

R. E. James Powell has had another hip replacement recently and is doing quite well. It didn't keep him from his many Masonic activities.

Research

I have received an announcement from R. E. Stephen Rubenstein, Grand Master of the Second Veil, of the formation of the Thomas S. Webb Chapter of Royal Arch Research. The Chapter will be modeled after the American Lodge of Research, and will focus on Royal Arch related topics, such as Historical and Ritual Research presentations and lectures. If you have an interest in joining this new Chapter, please contact me so that I can fill you in on the details.

Support needed

We, as Royal Arch Masons, have consented to offer our services and financial help in the replacing of the old flooring in the Lodge anteroom. A project such as this can help to bring together the different groups that meet in the Temple Building and also show our appreciation for the comfortable Lodge facilities provided to us. I am asking for your support in this endeavor.

Music!

It has been said that no education is complete without the inclusion of music. I believe a Masonic education should be no different. Many of the world's great-

est men were skilled in the field of music. Three Times Three Chapter is fortunate to have a member who is fast becoming widely known for his charitable concerts. He has added a festive note to many of Etolian's Table Lodges. He is also no stranger at Westwood Commons Senior Home, playing his keyboard and accordion at the Christmas parties and throughout the year. It is heartwarming to see the foot tapping and hand clapping of these seniors in their activities room. His music has been heard at Royal Arch gatherings, Kodak retirees picnics and German October-fests.

One of his engagements was to play at the funeral service of a departed friend the fitting song, "Auf Weidesehn". If you have not identified him by now, I'm referring to our own R. E. Karl-Heinz Reich, Grand Representative of Belgium, Past High Priest of our Chapter and present Secretary. He is often assisted by his "manager" and good friend, Companion Arthur McMichael. Karl is a fine example of an "upright man and Mason". On behalf of everyone, I thank you Karl, for all that you do in the name of Masonry, to brighten our lives.

With the preceding tribute in mind, I find it only fitting to end this article with a short poem, often recited to me by my dad and it goes like this:

The heights to which great men reached and kept,
Were not obtained by sudden flight.
But they, while their Companions slept,
Were toiling upwards, through the night.

Author unknown

District Deputy Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons
27th Capitular District



R. E. Paul B. Josephson
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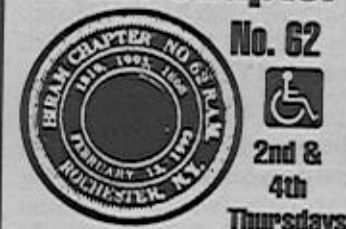
On Thursday, November 9th, the 27th Capitular District will be trying something new. We will have an open Table Chapter with our Grand King, R. E. E. Donald Lounsbury, as our featured guest. This Table Chapter will also be unusual because our wives, or our significant others, will also be invited. The dinner for the evening will be Roast Pork or Chicken Breast, along with a little wine or grape juice for those who prefer their wine unaged. Let's show our Grand King just how friendly and involved the 27th District is by having a huge turnout for this first of a kind dinner. It is a great time to let our Ladies be involved in our Masonic activities.

Interested?

I am still looking for some Diplomats to Blue Lodges. If you would be willing to be involved in this new venture, please let either John Dudley or me know so we can complete the Diplomat Team. I am also planning on forming a Fervency and Zeal Ritual Team so the Diplomats will be able to offer a program to their Lodges. If you would be interested in being a part of this team, let me know. My phone number is 334-7353.

See you in the quarries.

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Thanks

Our Fall Degrees have started off in fine form. Our three petitioners were very impressed by the Ritual and our Ritualists. Special thanks to V. E. William Zufall, R. E. Lawrence Dunn and E. Bruce Horncastle for their excellent work during the Mark Master Mason and Past Master Mason Degrees. Also, thanks to all the other cast members for their work. (One of our petitioners was unable to attend this series of Degrees, so his petition will be held over for the Spring Class).

Yellow Dog Degree

For all who have not yet received the Yellow Dog Blue Lodge Degree, you can receive yours, along with the Grand High Priest, M. E. Dale Tynan, in Skaneateles on Wednesday, November 8th. Dinner (\$5) will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by a short RAM meeting, and then the Yellow Dog Degree will start about 8:00 p.m. for all Master Masons. The cost is \$4. Skaneateles Lodge is located at 13 East Genesee St. in Skaneateles. The Lodge phone number is 315-673-2213. I will be attending the dinner and am willing to furnish a ride to anyone who wants to join me. If you would like to attend, please give me a call for more details.

Canada

We are finalizing preparations for the Canadian visit. All Royal Arch Masons have been invited by Orient Chapter No. 79, RAMGR of Toronto, Canada to join them for an afternoon of fraternal fellowship on Saturday, October 28th, followed by a banquet and dance in honor of our ladies. We will once again be staying at the Guild Inn in Scarborough, where we stayed two years ago and had a wonderful time. There will be a Hospitality Room for anyone able to arrive on Friday evening, October 27th.

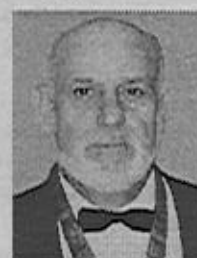
Table Chapter

We will be having a Table Chapter meeting on November 9th, to which our ladies are invited. V. E. William Zufall will

create the Table Chapter program, a real treat! R. E. Thomas Paglia and Companion Dennis Gellash, will also honor veterans that evening. Special thanks to both Tom and Dennis for their work in honor of our veterans throughout the year.

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

District Deputy Grand Master 8th Cryptic District



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Companions

Winter is drawing closer, forecast is for snow this weekend (10-7-00). It is time once again to return to our labors in the secret vault. As the new District Deputy Grand Master of the 8th Cryptic District, I extend my greetings to all the newly elected officers of that District. Each Council has been notified of my Official Visits. The reason for these early visits is to try and beat the snow!

Apron Presentation

It was my pleasure to have two of the newly elected Grand Line Officers present me with my DDGM Apron and Jewel. I thank the following Companions: R. L. E. William Whittaker, Deputy Grand Master, representing M. L. Edward P. Fagan, Jr., Grand Master of Cryptic Masons in the State of New York, and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, R. L. Rubin (Rex) Long, who presented me the Jewel of my office.

In the 8th Cryptic District, the emphasis will be to focus on Ritual, Charity, Table Councils, the Cryptic reading list, membership and attendance. Each is separately important to our Cryptic life.

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Official Visit

Our Official Visit of the DDGM went well at our October meeting. For those who had forgotten or may have been unaware of it, the schedule was changed. The Select Master Degree was postponed until our December meeting at which time at least two Companions will become full members of Doric Council. This

left the Official Visit of DDGM R.L. Daniel Evans a solo performance. After a delicious meal of Roast Pork, R.L. Companion Evans discussed the Grand Master's concerns with emphasis on Attendance and Membership, Ritual, Table Councils, Leadership, the Charities Fund, Education and the Cryptic Reading List. This was well received by the Companions.

Unity

November 15th we will be hosting a York Rite Unity Night. The Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies of the area are invited to join us for a night of camaraderie and entertainment.

Dinner will be Swiss Steak (approx. \$7), ably prepared by our premier chef, Hilde DiJames. During dinner we will be entertained by that eminent musician, Karl-Heinz Reich, on the keyboard. After dinner, around 8:15 depending on their arrival, we will be entertained by a Barber Shop Quartet arranged through Brother Keith Clarke (S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.). So, bring your ladies and friends. Just make sure that we have your reservation by November 10th, if you plan to partake of the dinner. A reservation made is a reservation paid.

Select Master

Remember, those of you involved in the Degree, we will be doing this at our December meeting; be prepared. Our Secretary will be contacting you. Don't forget to get your reservation in for dinner (Roast Turkey etc.).

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The Grand Lecturer's Convention was held on October 25th in Bath. The Royal Master Degree was exemplified. We all supported our new District Deputy, R.L. Dan Evans and our AGL, V.L. Ruel Lovett.

Once again I will remind you about our Table Council on November 27th. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and R.L. Bill Vassily and Paul Revere will be in attendance.

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The Grand Commandery-Knights Templar meeting in Binghamton was very well attended, with a good representation from Cyrene/Monroe. There were over 350 attendees for the final Banquet. Drill teams from throughout the State had cold winds to contend with in the parking lot during their presentations,

but they performed very well. It would be nice to have a Drill Team from the Rochester area at this event in the future.

The major work for our first meeting this year was to vote for many changes to our By-Laws. Once again they are approved by the Grand Commandery Judicial Committee. We will publish them.

Scotland

Sir Knight Bruce Horncastle is putting together his video tapes and photos of his trip to Roslin Chapel in Scotland for an upcoming meeting. This special evening will be during one of our dinner meetings, so our Ladies can attend and enjoy the presentation as well.

Future events

Due to many conflicts, the School of Instruction has been rescheduled for Monday, November 20th at Cyrene/Monroe.

Our Inspection, the most important activity of our year, will be March 17, 2001. Please put it on your calendars.

Our Zone Commander, Charles Roberts, is organizing our Christmas Toast for December 18th. Please plan to attend and bring you family and friends.

If you have an e-mail address that Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No 12 could contact you by, please send it to: John-AlanDudley@aol.com.

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Holidays are near

With this month's holiday season almost upon us, I open this column with a seasonal quotation by Reginald Holmes, which so aptly and succinctly sums up my feelings toward my fellow Sir Knights: "I bring Thanksgiving Greetings, the warmest wishes too, because you've made me thankful to have a friend like you." As you have prob-

ably guessed, I am extremely proud to be a part of the great organization of Knights Templar, and to have as friends, the members of this Commandery.

Competition

As I promised more details in last month's article regarding the Drill Team Competition at Grand Commandery, I am pleased to relate that under the stellar leadership of SK Bert Larson, Zone 12, whose Zone Commander is SK Paul Czubaj, placed first for the 3rd consecutive year. Apparently those practices at Sweet Home paid off, and my two left feet didn't hold us back. Way to go, guys!

School of Instruction

A number of Sir Knights attended the Zone School of Instruction at Hugh de Paynes Commandery on October 15th. Not only are these Schools informative, they allow for the reinforcement of tactics through active participation, while concurrently promoting great camaraderie between and among various Commanderies. Hope to see many of you at upcoming Schools...believe me, you won't regret it!

Best wishes

Our best wishes go out to Anne Rupert, the wife of our Captain General, Vern Rupert, as she recovers from rotator cuff surgery.

Our Sentinel, SK Bob Forbes, continues to progress as he takes his treatments. Likewise, his daughter, Barbara LaRocca, is making progress after her bone marrow transplant. She remains hospitalized at Strong Memorial Hospital.

Sadness

Our sympathies go out to our former Commander, SK Keith Denton, whose father, Earl Denton, passed away in September. SK Keith was our Commander in 1997 and 1998.

We also share our sympathies with our Standard Bearer, SK Craig Mollon on the death of his father, Chester Mollon, a member of Churchville Lodge, on October 9th.

A lighter note

Our last meeting in October was our Cannibal Feast, where we not only attempted to eat without the benefit of utensils, but many of us wore costumes to celebrate Halloween. Everyone seemed to have a great time. Our next meeting, on November 9th,

D.A.R.E.

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poster. A small, animated pamphlet for educating children on the hazards of needles is also in the works.

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All of this was accomplished because a small article in the newspaper touched one man. One man, who happens to be a Brother Mason, who truly cares for the well-being of our children. If you happen to see Andy around the District, please be sure to stop and thank him for his efforts.

will be our Annual Thanksgiving Toast. Ladies and friends are invited, the more the merrier!

In closing, I wish for each of you and yours, a wonderful and meaningful Thanksgiving.

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Leon VanHuben

Monarch's Message

Greetings, Prophets. The Fall Ceremonial is in the past. We took in 2 new members at that time.

The October Grotto meeting was nominations of Officers and Awards Night. We honored those members with 60 years, 50 years, 45 and 40 years and on down.

The November meeting is Move Up Night. In December we will have Election of Officers.

Don't forget the Grotto meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Please mark your calendar and try to attend meetings and support your Grotto and your officers.

Until next time, yours in good fellowship.

Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Ceremonial scheduled for October 18th was cancelled.

The year 2000 is fast coming to an end. It's not too late to increase our membership before the new year arrives. If you want any literature about Lalla Rookh Grotto, please stop by the Grotto office and pick up any information that you need. Pass it on to a Brother Mason and let's end the year by getting more new Prophets.

Membership is everyone's responsibility. Please do your best to keep Lalla Rookh Grotto strong. Contact Ron Morthorst at 334-4196 or me at 334-4753 for any assistance you may need.

Legion of Honor

By Al Pulcino III, Commander

On Monday, November 20th, at 6:30 p.m. will be a dinner with the meeting to follow. All this at the Dutch Mill, nine days after Veterans Day, which is Saturday, November 11th. Just some information to what is happening on Veterans Day. Rochester War

Memorial will host the events, commencing at 9:15 a.m. with a Mass. From 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. free refreshments will be provided by the American Legion Auxiliary. Thank you, ladies.

The Program will begin at 11:00 a.m. and is always very nice. 12:30 p.m. is the traditional luncheon at the Party House on Beahan Road, costing \$10.00 per. Reservations needed.

The guest speaker will be the Honorable James S. Alesi. The point of all this is to be there as a Mason, Prophets, Legion members and all. Let's make a showing in the community with our black Fez. Let's make this a first in a long time. Ladies are more than welcome. You don't need to be a Vet to take part. Please, let's make it a great showing.

Call me for more information at 225-8471 or Ernie Swan at 621-7162 before November 6th. As you know, our meetings need reservations.

Almost forgot, must be doing something right. We have two more members to the Color Guard. Prophets, Past Commander Edward C. Miller and Past Monarch, Weitzo J. Lughart (Dutch). That's great! All Legion members can be Guards.

Hoping to see all ya Prophets on Veteran's Day.

Chief Justice

By Ken Hutchinson

The ESGA Convention is now just a pleasant memory.

I was in charge of the Bowling Tournament. Elaine Milner had dubbed the event as "Ken's Harem". The ladies in the group came in as Harem Girls and had a costume for me.

May I say our ladies once more paved the way to a great and successful Bowling Tournament with their antics and costumes.

Among those on the sidelines were the Grand Monarch, Bob McMasters, and his wife, Mary, and the immediate Past Grand Monarch, Bill Wears and his wife, Wanda.

The Harem Girls gave some of the Prophets a few pointers in the art of bowling, by BEATING the Prophets from Zuleika Grotto in the high team average.

In continuing to report our out of town events, which all our Prophets are more than welcome to attend, it is: November 18th-Oraks Monarch's Ball, Bradford, PA.

For more information on the above, contact Leon, Al, or me.

On October 10th I went with our Zone Director, Dick Topel,

Attend Grotto Meetings

Fri., Nov. 3rd-Caldron Installation 7:30 p.m.
Doric Hall
Mon., Nov. 6th-Board of Governor's meeting Office
Sat., Nov. 11th-Veterans Day War Memorial 11:00 a.m.
Wed., Nov. 15th-Grotto Swiss Steak Dinner
Mon., Nov. 20th-Legion Dinner Dutch Mill 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy the Fellowship

and Bill Simar, to a meeting of Kider Khan Grotto in Syracuse. Bill had been a member of their Grotto back in the 1980's, so it was like "Old Home Week" for him.

I am going with Zone Director, Dick, to Anar Grotto in Auburn on Monday, November 13th. Anyone else is welcome to come along.

Master of Ceremonies

By Al Pulcino III

November 15th will be a Swiss Steak Dinner with all the trimmings-too much for the tummy! There is the old stand-by, Chicken Breast, cooked to perfection. The November meeting is Move Up Night. Please come out to support your future officers and see them in action. Oh boy!

We have been invited to join Doric Council at 8:00 p.m. for our entertainment. This will be preceded by the social hour at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m. Please make your reservations with me at 225-8471 by Sunday, November 12th.

Turn off the TV and call me about the program by York Rite. See you there!

ESGA 2000 Fall Convention

By Ron Morthorst, PM

The party is over, a colossal success, by the Prophets and their ladies who worked very hard on this event over the past year. As Chairman, I personally want to thank all who put their hearts and souls into the Convention. The job was out of this world. We had a good time and so did our guests-from Grand Line to many new Prophets. You made Lalla Rookh Grotto and the Empire State Grotto Association stand proud.

Our entertainment, the Dealers at Monte Carlo Night, the Frankfurters German Band, the Yodeling Contest, and Paul Spillman, all gave everyone lots of fun.

The Prophets can be proud of our Legion of Honor Color Guard, which has been revitalized and did a super job presenting the Colors at all the meetings.

In all, we had a very enjoyable time, wonderful entertainment, great food and good fellowship at this Convention.

Santa's Helpers

We are involved in Santa's Helpers Program at the Hillside Children's Center this year and it is a rewarding experience. We need to know when you are available, day, and time-wise. Shifts are usually in 3 hour segments.



Grotto Clowns

By Uncle Al

Please don't even think of joining or being part of this fun group, for I would probably lose some of my high ranking positions, especially doing this article. Oh, God forbid, and please help me, for You know I need it!

Besides all the Empire State Grotto, the Clowns did a great job at Thompson Hospital in Canandaigua in September. They put lots of smiles on lots of faces. In this issue, find the photo of most of them, taken by our own George Knierim. Nice job!



Ken Hutchinson-Chief Justice, Leon VanHuben-Monarch, and Alfred Pulcino III-M. of C. at E.S.G.A. Convention Oktoberfest.



Ken Hutchinson's Harem. Ladies from NY, PA, and IL at the E.S.G.A. Convention. (Photos Courtesy Ken Hutchinson)

Yes, Prophets, your ladies are welcome and plan to have a good time. Call Bill Fredenburg at 334-4753 or me at 334-4196.

Caldron News

By Doris Bell, MCO-elect

Well, another year has flown, and Daughter Marcia Morrison wraps up her very successful year with the Installation of new Officers on November 3rd. The Daughters who attended Supreme Caldron Sessions in Moline, Illinois, seemed to have a good time, despite some mishaps and less than delectable food.

Congratulations

The highlight of the session was the Installation of our own Daughter, Susan Wilson, as Supreme Canadian Flag Bearer. Congratulations, Sue-I look forward to a great year with you.

Friendship

A festive time was had at the Annual Executive Council Banquet this year, held at the Country Buffet Restaurant. It was a bit more casual than in years past, but we shared a lot of friendship and warmth.

Best wishes

A hearty happy birthday to Daughters Harriet Riggs and Laura Hoppe, who celebrate another year in November. Best wishes for your special day.

Welcome back to Lalla Rookh to Daughter Betty Madison. We are happy to have you with us once again.

Remember those who are not feeling well, especially those recovering from surgeries, Daughters Helen Francis and Mildred Painton. Hope to see you out on those newly repaired knees soon. Please remember the shut-ins with a card or phone call.

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FROM THE POTENTATE



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Greatest yet to come!

Nobles, the year 2000 is coming to an end. Although we have had many functions, the greatest is yet to come! It will not be a success without your help. This event will take place on December 6th at Damascus Temple. If you have not guessed by now, the event will be the Cold Sands Ceremonial. We have a small problem. We need candidates. We have a few, but we would like more-no, we need more, if we are to maintain our membership above 1000.

As I stated in my last article, this is very important for Damascus and for you, so let us all get out and recruit just one each and we will double our membership.

On September 14-17th, a number of us traveled to Montreal to attend the New York/Ontario Shrine Association Meeting, together with the North East Shrine Association. While some of us were at meetings, our ladies and Nobles went on a tour of Montreal and from all the comments they had a great time. We also visited the Shrine

Hospital and had a wonderful tour.

There were Unit competitions and a parade, followed by an Awards Dinner, which was attended by 1200 Nobles and ladies.

My thanks to Don Rose for making the plans for this trip, also many thanks to all who helped in the Hospitality Room. We had a good time and I also heard that a few "donated" to the Casino and a few also made a few dollars!

Calendars

Nobles, our Lotto Calendars are at the Mosque, so if your Club or Unit does not have some, please stop by and pick them up, but do not put them on your dresser or in the trunk of your car. Sell them and turn in the money and stubs as soon as possible. Thank you.

Judge Ye Not

Judge not thy brother's failings,
Nor ever be the one
To hurl a stone at anything
That he has ever done.
Scorn not his humble efforts,
Nor cast him to the ground,
He may have just discovered
What thou has never found.

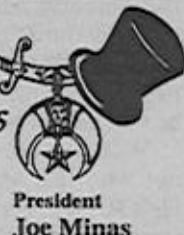
Harden not thy heart to tears
That often flow unbidden,
From lonely hearts within whose
depths

So much love is hidden.
Set not thyself as model,
Above thy fellowman,
For charity can open doors,
That pride's key never can.

Be not so self-righteous,
Thy foot can also fall...
No man who lives, is blameless,
For sin has touched us all.
And God alone must judge us,
No man has been assigned.
Because the Lord alone can see
Within your heart...and mine.

Grace E. Easley

Shrine Past Master's Degree Team



President
Joe Minas

By Joe Minas

Nobles, if you know of any Past Master who wants to join the Past Master's Degree Team, please let us know. All the Lodges are about to begin their schedules. We would appreciate it if you would let us know if your Lodge needs us to confer the 3rd Degree for them.

At present, Craftsman/Robertson Lodge wants us to portray the 3rd Degree on December 5th. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and the Degree at 7:30 p.m.

Director's Staff

By Joe Minas

The Fall season is a splendid sight. While driving through the countryside you see the trees in many different colors from a crimson red to a golden texture and display of yellow splendors.

The September meeting was held at the Depot in Shortsville and was well attended. The Calendars were issued to President, Carl Mason. It was told to him that for every Calendar it sells they will receive a dollar.

Remember, Nobles, we have to sell the Calendars to help the Shrine and ourselves.

Nobles, we need candidates for our Ceremonial in December. Through deaths and demits the Nobility is diminishing. We also need new members for the Director's Staff. Encourage some of your friends to join.

The meeting on October 25th was at Mickey Finn's in Victor.

Sickness

Don Rose is at home recovering from a stroke and Charlie Walker is in Kirkhaven Nursing Home.

No one is born happy, but all of us are born with the ability to create happiness. A laugh expresses joy of living and the person who laughs is a delight to be with. More importantly, he is enjoying his own life.

Zama Temple

Daughters of the Nile

By Jean R. Friedrich, PQ

We were so happy to have our Supreme Queen, Sharalyn Wininger, of Los Angeles, visit us for 2 days. On October 15th we had a very successful afternoon Ceremonial followed by a festive banquet at the Green Lantern Inn. We are proud of our Officers who did a fine job in presenting their Ritual work. On October 16th, the Past Queens entertained the Supreme Queen at the Mendon House.

Ladies, as we enter the Fall season, we know that our Garage and Annual Next-to-New Sale can't be far behind. This year the Sale will be held at the Damascus Mosque on Thursday, November 16th to Saturday, November 18th. Set-up day will be Novem-

ber 15th. We have a fine group of capable ladies as Chairpersons. Our Queen, Corinne Routley, is General Chairman, along with PQ, Eleanor Canfield as Consultant. Princess Royal, Garda Houston is Food Chairman, Princess Tizah, Kitty Noble, is New and Used Goods Chairman, and Princess Badoura, Joan Bright, is Clothing Chairman. Please consult these ladies for further information and assistance.

Now is the time to clear out your closets and bring in your surplus, clean, wearable clothing on hangers, please. It is a good time to clear your shelves of household items you no longer need or use-in working order. Our Sale is becoming widely known for the quality of our sale items and is attracting a bigger crowd each year. So, get busy, ladies! Our Sale depends on your donations and willing hands.

Our November 11th session will celebrate Founders Day. We will review some of the highlights of the 78 years since our Temple began. Be sure to come and enjoy the day.

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Golf

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McCullough,
Gary
Cornelius,
Ruel
Lovett,
Jim
MacConnell
#3 - Dick
Giedd,
Dick Topel,
Ron
Morthorst



Box" from Sentry Safe, furnished by Brother Joe Oelgoetz. Runner up for "Low Net" was Gary Cornelius, who will get a Gift Certificate from Tuxedo Park. "Closest to the Pin" honors went to Jay McCullough (Tuxedo Park Gift Certificate) and the "Longest drive" went to Chuck Brugger, we won't mention the yardage.

The prizes will be awarded at the first opportunity and hopefully recorded in the next issue of the Times. The Lakeside Foundation's preliminary results showed a gross of over \$1000. "Nothing to sneeze at, worth the effort," said Bob McKee, Public Relations man for the Lakeside Foundation.

Many thanks to Brothers Ruel Lovett, and Jim MacConnell for their kind assistance.

Future

The Tournament next year will be a District affair, including friends and guests. I am looking for interested Brothers to volunteer to chair this event next year, or at least share the load. I anticipate again cooperating with the Lakeside Foundation. It's a worthy cause and this cooperative effort allows Masons to serve the community while having fun for ourselves at the same time.



Scottish Rite

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Gary L. Burke
Vance R. Collom, Jr.
Angelo DiCataldo

Engineer and Seneschal:

Vernon L. Goodrich

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William R. Zufall

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Temptations

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Urban:

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Rufus:

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A Profile

By R.W. Tom Paglia

Faith and perseverance

Not too long ago I was sitting in the doctor's office when the inner door opened and out walks a Brother. With the usual greetings, he sat down next to me and started to relate to me about certain experiences which he called miracles. According to him, there were three that very much affected his life. Many Masons don't know too much about this Mason, but in his lifetime he has done some remarkable things. Many happy faces of children were lit up by his magical tricks. I know for I was present at many of his performances. He did this for a great many years.

He has always been very active in his Lodge, being in Degrees, helping with many activities and always there with a helping hand when called upon. He is well known throughout the Al Sigl Center for his many hours devoted to their fundraising programs. For many years he has devoted himself to the Veterans Service at Canandaigua Veterans Center and has many hours to his credit. He has always been there to help people at any time.

His wife has always been there along side of him, always encouraging him. There is a long list, too many to list here, because this is about his three miracles.

The first such called miracle was when he was a young man. For a while he had a very serious health problem, one he thought he would never recover from. It took a long time to recover, but he did not let it get the best of him. Slowly, but surely, his health returned.

The second one was when he went to the doctor for a physical and was told you need to be in the hospital NOW. At the hospital he was told he needed surgery immediately because his veins were blocked. It looked like a regular and normal operation, but everyone was in for a surprise. Five bypasses were needed, if I remember correctly.

Then complications set in. Cora and I were there at the time of the operation and throughout his healing process. I had never seen anyone with so many tubes and needles. His condition had turned critical, almost to the point of losing him. He was on 24 hour care, but after many prayers and many vigilant days and nights, he recovered.

The third miracle was when he went for eye surgery. What was supposed to be a normal cataract removal turned out to be an eye sight impairment. They thought

his eyes were going to go bad on him. Then they tried one more procedure and that was a laser treatment. Lo and behold, his sight was returned to his left eye. What a joy for now he could see everything clearly.

The last I talked with him, he was to have the other eye done in the same way. After he completed his story, I told him he was like a cat with nine lives. He still has six to go and knowing him, I am sure he will use all nine.

Well, most of you have figured out who this Mason is by now. He's R.W. Harold Bollotin. A simple man, one who does not look for glory. A quiet man, very serious about what he does and he shows it in everything he does.

I thought this profile should be in our *Masonic Times* as many more should be because we never hear about how some people go through life. Although Masonic news is important, so should the personal challenges of every day living be recognized. I hope this type of reporting continues, for there are many more out there.

Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Landowners

Do you own property that other people like to play or hunt on? You might be thinking: what if someone gets hurt? Can they successfully sue me and collect money?

NO.

The law grants a special immunity to landowners whose land is used by others for recreation, regardless if permission is granted or not. (General Obligations Law §9-103; *Farnham v. Kittinger*, 83 N.Y. 2d 520 [1994]). This law was written to encourage or allow people to use accessible land for recreational enjoyment. Ordinarily a landowner owes a reasonable duty to others to warn of known hazards and keep the premises safe. This special immunity protects landowners or tenants from liability to others for injuries sustained on the property they own or rent. The landowner or tenant owes no duty to warn others of a hazardous condition on the premises.

This immunity applies to the following activities: hunting, fishing, organized gleaning, canoeing, boating, trapping, hiking, cross-country skiing, tobogganing, sledding, speleological activities (exploring caves), horseback riding, bicycle riding, hang gliding, motorized vehicle operation for recreational purposes, snowmobile operation,

cutting or gathering of wood for non-commercial purposes or training of dogs.

This immunity won't apply if the landowner or tenant charges a fee to play or hunt on his land. This immunity also won't apply if the landowner, out of spite or malice, creates a specific hazard; or out of malice fails to warn against a dangerous trap. Nor will the immunity apply if the person is injured while trespassing for some other purpose not related to recreation. For example, if a person is taking a shortcut through your property and is injured, he could still sue.

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Very few tickets will be available at the door.

HiLights

Order of the Eastern Star

GENESEE-WYOMING

District

Rt. Wthy. L. JANET LEE

DDGM

Rt. Wthy Timothy L. Bucknam

DGL

Niagara Falls

Members of the Genesee/Wyoming District have recently returned home after attending the 131st Grand Chapter Session, held at the Niagara Falls Convention Center. Representatives from Arcade Chapter No. 337, Batavia Chapter No. 267, Hesperus Chapter No. 823, Olive Branch Chapter No. 509, Perry Chapter No. 497, Stebbins Chapter No. 503, Thorpe Chapter No. 462, and Vernon Chapter No. 611, were in attendance. There were about 30 members from the District who made the trek to Niagara Falls. All present were proud to witness the Installation of the 2000-2001 Grand Officers. Our very own Rt. Wthy. Betty Maynard, Vernon Chapter No. 611, was Installed as Grand Electa, Rt. Wthy. Waneta Krauss and Rt. Wthy. Charles Krauss, both of Stebbins Chapter No. 503, were Installed as our District Deputy Grand Matron and District Grand Lecturer. A good time was had by all.

Rt. Wthy. Margaret Nugent, Batavia Chapter No. 267, will continue as the Grand Representative of North Carolina near the Grand Chapter of New York. It was great meeting Tom, her counterpart, at Grand Chapter. Rt. Wthy. Margaret was able to travel in June for the Grand Chapter Sessions of North Carolina. She had a wonderful time and plans to return in June, 2001, for their next Grand Session.

Reception

A Reception for the newly installed District Officers was held at the Pike Masonic Temple on October 26th. Many members and friends from the Genesee/Wyoming District and other Districts attended the lovely evening honoring Rt. Wthy. Betty Maynard, Rt. Wthy. Waneta Krauss, and Rt. Wthy. Charles Krauss. It may have been cold outside, but the warmth of friendship and love filled the room as they were given wishes of good health and safe travel.

Spaghetti Dinner

A Spaghetti Dinner will be held on November 9th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Masonic Hall on Main Street in LeRoy to benefit Barbara LaRocco. The cost is \$5.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 and under.

For information and tickets, please call Lois Dimick at 768-6534 or Sharon Stokes at 344-1077. Tickets will also be available from the Matrons of the District Chapters.

Barbara is a member of Olive Branch Chapter No. 509. She has myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) and has recently had a bone marrow transplant. The members of the Genesee/Wyoming District are holding the Spaghetti Dinner to raise funds to assist the family with the mounting bills. The report (as of 10/10) is that she is doing well. Sister

Barbara will have a lengthy stay in the hospital before she will be able to return home.

To date a total of \$500.00 in donations has been received from Batavia Chapter No. 267, Perry Chapter No. 497, Stebbins Chapter No. 503 and Thorpe Chapter No. 462. Donations may be made payable to the Genesee/Wyoming District OES, marked for the Barbara Forbes LaRocco Benefit Fund and sent to Wanda Krauss, 7854 Camp Road, Portageville, NY 14536.

Thank you

Wthy. Tim and I have had a good year and thank the members of the District for all their help and support of all the projects and events held this year. We are pleased to have had the opportunity to serve our great Order.

I thank the ~~Masonic~~ Times staff for the opportunity of sharing Genesee/Wyoming District Order of the Eastern Star news with you, the reader. I have enjoyed writing out our news and now Rt. Wthy. Wanda Krauss will be taking over for the District.

Let us always remember that: Each new day is a gift from God

And how you live it is your gift to Him. □

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New Regime

Greetings to the Monroe District OES, family from your newly installed 2001 Grand Chapter Officers, Rt. Wthy. Barbara W. Cobb, Grand Chaplain; Rt. Wthy. Charlene Stankey, DDGM; and Rt. Wthy. Neil E. Laundry, DGL. It is our pleasure to join Rt. Wthy. Alida Doud, Grand Representative of South Dakota, and Rt. Wthy. Beverly J. Murray, Grand Representative of Manitoba, as they continue their terms of office into the new year.

Grand Sessions

Grand Sessions were terrific. Rt. Wthy. Charlene discovered that she and the Grand Matron are definitely on the same wavelength. Pink and silver were prominent in the flowers and colors selected by each, and both included angels and friendship in their symbols and themes. A new Statéwide project focuses on breast cancer, the very topic selected by Rt. Wthy. Charlene for this year's District Project.

Busy times

This is a very exciting time for us and we hope for Monroe District as we anticipate the busy months ahead. We plan to continue to emphasize several of the areas in the Grand Matron's combined projects, as well as the very successful coupon project instituted last year by Rt. Wthy. Doris and Rt. Wthy. Michael. As mentioned earlier, we will also introduce a District project promoting awareness and prevention of breast cancer. This will be in con-

junction with a Statewide "Pink Ribbon" project that has been initiated for the coming year. Our next column will feature details regarding each of the 2001 projects, as well as the contact person for each.

Thank you

We wish to thank the "2000" District Officers, Rt. Wthy. Doris and Rt. Wthy. Michael Bell, and of course, M. Wthy. Wanda V. Williams for their help and support in the annual transition of District leadership. Their continued presence and guidance are most important to us.

In closing...

"...we encourage you to share with us, as we focus on new beginnings, meet challenges, and achieve our goals." (M. Wthy. Linda A. Angiolillo, Grand Matron and M. Wthy. Everett H. Vail, Grand Patron)

The Grand Matron and Grand Patron extended these words of welcome to the 2001 Grand Officers at Grand Sessions. As your District leaders, we extend the same to you with "Star" wishes for a busy, exciting, and fun-filled year.

A note from the Bells

We have just returned from Grand Sessions in Niagara Falls, where we were formally presented by M. Wthy. Sally Clarke one final time and were on hand to welcome our successors, Rt. Wthy. Charlene Stankey, and Rt. Wthy. Neil Laundry. Additional honors were bestowed upon Monroe District as Rt. Wthy. Alta Doty of Henrietta Chapter No. 475 was tapped as this year's recipient of the Elizabeth L. Pounder Award.

Rt. Wthy. Alta embodies the qualities of a Pounder Award winner. She has worked for her Chapter and the Monroe District for more than 50 years, serving as DDGM in 1973. Additionally she has been deeply involved with various community organizations, including Henrietta Food Cupboard, the collection and distribution of clothing to Asbury Storehouse and other social agencies throughout the area. She is also a past recipient of the Antoinette Blackwell Award for community service. Monroe District is proud to call Rt. Wthy. Alta one of our own.

The Annual District Banquet was held on Friday, October 13th. At this time, we were able to pass the torch, so to speak, to next year's Grand Officers: Rt. Wthy. Charlene Stankey, DDGM; Rt. Wthy. Neil Laundry, DGL; Rt. Wthy. Barbara Cobb, Grand Chaplain; and Rt. Wthy. Beverly J. Murray, Grand Representative of Manitoba. Rt. Wthy. Alida Doud continues as Grand Representative of South Dakota. Best wishes to all.

Awards

Congratulations to this year's Distinguished Service Award recipients: Sisters Helen Cone, Webster No. 171, Kay Robertson, Leah No. 183, Betty Hopkins, Etolian No. 308, Margaret Roller, Rochester No. 314, Arlene Worden, Fairport No. 444, Arlene Topel, Charlotte No. 507, and Barbara Bossert, Irondequoit No. 572. These ladies exemplify the quiet service of a dedicated member of the Order.

Upcoming Activities

The East-West Luncheon is on November 4th, and the combined Reception of the newly appointed Grand Officers and the District Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 10th.

Please check with your Chapter Secretary for details regarding these activities.

Our year is just about over, and it is with mixed emotions that I write this. As Rt. Wthy. Michael outlines, we have had a jam-packed, fun-filled, rewarding year. We collected money for camperships, clipped coupons, trimmed stamps, delivered items to Richard's House, and collected those ubiquitous Campbell Soup labels. I can't adequately express the gratitude I feel for the support of the District for these projects. You all have had a part in them, and all should be duly proud of your accomplishments.

From the District Lecturer

As of Thursday, October 5th, my jokes were no longer side-splitting, my cooking was no longer scrumptious, my opinion was not invaluable, my conversation was no longer scintillating, and my presence was no longer required. That is, I became a Past Grand Officer.

To paraphrase Jerry Garcia, what a long strange journey it was, beginning in Lake Placid and ending in Niagara Falls. Within that range, I visited every Chapter, helped to serve 720 Chicken Dinners, clipped and mailed innumerable coupons, delivered mounds of donations to the Veterans Outreach Program, sold shares in Oriskany, and attended many Grand Matron's Official Visits. The high point of my stewardship was the sending of two children to Camp Turk.

The past year is a time I will never forget. It was filled to overflowing with great people and great memories from the Trivia Quizzes to the singing at the Lilac Luncheon, to the political satire and high-jinx at the Holiday Inn in Oriskany.

I am not going to attempt to name the members who gave me help and happiness this year. There are simply too many of you. I can only say that my gratitude is without bounds.

M. Wthy. Wanda has chosen to have the coupon program continued. Please clip, and trim the coupons and arrange that they be forwarded to Rt. Wthy. Neil Laundry. The stamp and Campbell soup label programs will also be continued.

I used to counsel parolees and inmates about the importance of building up a bank of good memories. The kind of memories that you can call up while sitting on the back porch while you are enjoying coffee, wine, or whatever, and laugh, smile, or even cry. Truly, this year and the efforts of all my Brothers and Sisters have jam-filled my coffers with memories - serious, humorous, and poignant. Thank you all. □

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The year is winding down as the trees are dressed in their bright Fall foliage. I have just returned from Grand Sessions in Niagara Falls. It was a fun and exciting time. I am sure our Asso-

ciate Matron, Rt. Wthy. Barbara Spano, enjoyed herself, too. I know she is looking forward to next year.

Send cards or call

Sister Peggy Roller fell and broke her hip. She is doing very well. Sister Phyllis Prill is still recuperating in Buffalo after surgery. Please remember these Sisters with cards and prayers. If you know of any other sickness or distress please contact either myself or the secretary. We cannot send cards or visit people if we do not know they are ill.

November meeting

Our November meeting is Past Matrons and Patrons Night. It would be nice to have a good turnout that evening.

Happy Holiday

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. We are, as a nation, extremely blessed and have a lot to be thankful for. Some days it doesn't seem that way, but as the song says, "Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers".

Remember to let your light so shine. □

NOLATKA Chapter

No. 320

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By Alice Hassett

Merging of Nola and Oatka Chapters

NOLATKA? Yes. Nola and Oatka Chapters have merged, and the new name is a combination of the two names. Approval was given at Grand Sessions, which were held in Niagara Falls from October 3-5th. Wthy. Toni Jeerings and Wthy. Alan Jeerings, from Nola, and Wthy. Felicia Clark and Wthy. Bob Crystal, from Oatka, will jointly preside as Matrons and Patrons for the remainder of the year. The Chapter number is now 320, Oatka's former designation. It is customary to select the earlier of the two assigned numbers when Chapters merge.

M. Wthy. Wanda V. Williams conducted the Ceremony which officially marked the merging of our two Chapters. This Ceremony was held on Tuesday, October 17th at the Chapter rooms, Main Street, Churchville, following a Steak Dinner. Thank you to all of our special guests who attended and helped us to celebrate this special occasion.

Meetings will normally be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Churchville Masonic Hall. The Officers thank all of the committees who worked toward this smooth transition, and for helping us to become a new Chapter. Copies of the new By-Laws and the roster will be distributed as soon as possible.

November meetings

November 7th is the Convention report and Election of Officers.

November 19th will be Neighborhood Night.

Christmas Dinner

Please set aside Tuesday evening, December 12th, for the Annual Christmas Dinner. Spouses/significant others are welcome. Restaurant location to be determined.

Hospitalizations and sunshine

Two of our members had brief hospital stays: Wthy. Kim Morici and Wthy. Alan Jeerings. Both are home and are on the mend.

Reception Committee

The Reception Committee for November: Wthy. Maryanne Sovocool, Rt. Wthy. William Baxter, and Wthy. Antoinette Jeerings.

November birthdays

Celebrating November birthdays: Sister Patricia Alexander, Rt. Wthy. William Baxter, Wthy. Charles Daycock, Sisters Ethel Hall, Elizabeth Morris and Irene Maurer. □

In Memoriam

September

Leadbetter, Herbert J.

A 50 year member of Etolian Lodge No. 479, Herbert joined the Great Architect on September 25th. Survivors include his wife, Margaret, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Heck, Louis

Louis was called Home on September 28th. He was a member of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 and Lalla Rookh Grotto. He is survived by his daughter.

October

Konstanzer, John

Death claimed John on October 6th. He was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163 and leaves his wife, Elvira.

Gagion, Anastasia (I. Ann)

A Past Matron of Paul Chapter No. 480, Past OES Grand Officer and a member of Rochester Chapter No. 314, Ann passed away on October 9th. She is survived by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mollon, Chester H.

Chester entered into Eternal Rest on October 8th at the age of 84. He was a member of Churchville Lodge No. 667 and Rochester Consistory. Survivors include his wife, Rita, and his sons, Craig and Paul.

Cunliffe, John H., Sr.

Germania Lodge No. 722 lost a member with the death of John on October 11th. He leaves his wife, Eleanor, 6 children, 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

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

Saad, Elie G.

A member of ERAC Lodge No. 163, Elie died September 29th.

Hodges, Ivan

Constellation Lodge No., 404 lost a member with the passing of Ivan.

Upson, Hollis R.

Hollis passed to the Eternal East on September 29th at the age of 89. He was a member of Batavia Lodge for over 62 years. □

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

To make additions, call the Service Bureau at 473-4351
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Dec. 18

Christmas Toast, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery
Downtown Temple, Cathedral Hall

Rochester Forest

No. 133
Tall Cedars
of Lebanon

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



Wednesday, November 15th will be a regular meeting with dinner beforehand at the Penfield Tavern.

December 9th will feature our Annual Christmas Party at the Spring House on Monroe Avenue. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., with dinner at 7:00 p.m. Bring an inexpensive gift for Santa to give out. Please note the date change from the trestleboard. More information to follow.

The September 20th Steak Roast turned out to be a stellar event. Many thanks to Angelo DiCataldo for procuring and cooking the steaks. We all should personally thank Paul Kober for his efforts on both the drinks and taking reservations. His e-mails are a great new way to communicate with the members. If you have an e-mail number and are

not getting his news, please let him know at muddler-@rochester.rr.com. He'll be happy to hear from you.

Please let us know if you have any Masonic friends who would like to become members of the Forest. Our ranks are shrinking and we need new Brothers to keep the Forest growing and active.

The Forest needs to hear from you concerning any Brother in need of our aid or sympathy. We want to support those in need and make them know that we care. It's difficult to respond if we don't hear from our Brothers.

Come and attend our next meeting on November 15th. We meet at the Penfield Tavern at 6:00 p.m. for cocktails and dinner. The meeting will be held at the Wakan/Hubbard Lodge hall, starting at 7:30 p.m. Join us for a pleasant night out.

Self-Defense Lessons Offered

Due to a recent assault on the wife of a local Mason, I am offering to teach the wives, children and members of any Lodge self-defense. I hold a 5th degree Black Belt and have done similar classes for Oatka Lodge. There is no charge for the lessons.

Please call Peter Fallone at 594-0231 for information.

Lodge Rentals Available

Etolian Lodge, Union St., Spencerport - Cap. 250
Tom Michielsen - 352-4831, 1st Floor Commercial Space also available.

Fairport Lodge, 87 North Main St., Fairport
Tom Richenderfer 377-7782, Greg Ludwig-388-1241, David Taber-388-0629

Fame Lodge, 4275 Culver Rd., Rochester
John Rehback 338-7918

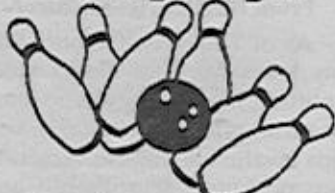
Northfield Lodge, 17 Church St., Pittsford - Cap. 80
Dan Walker - 429-6572, Bill Spillane - 436-0264, John Dudley - 586-6426

Webster Lodge, 30 Orchard St., Webster - Cap. 200
Frederick Cornell, Sr. 671-3102

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

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

Masonic Gothic Bowling League



John J. Flynn, Secretary
227-6106

The Masonic Gothic Bowling League has completed the 1st five weeks of its schedule. All seven of last season's teams have returned and we have added a new team to bring our total to eight. The league bowls on Wednesday evening at Maiden Lanes at 8:30 p.m. We usually have a need for one or more substitute bowlers, so stop by some time.

Jeremy Fromm started the season off in a big way, bowling a 669 series on the first night. His games were 235, 213, 221. He earned a patch for a series 150 pins over his last year's average.

Don Weis turned in the first 700 series of the season with a 705. His scores were 247, 235, and 226.

Other notable series were rolled by Rick Flanagan - 657 (236), 657 (244) and 608 (249), David Hoerth - 653 (255, 225), Mitch Wright - 652 (247, 237), Don Weis 642 (224) and 613 (221), and Bill Rubert - 631 (247).

There were 66-200 games bowled in the 1st five weeks. Notable scores included Mickey Shea - 247, Don Weis - 234, Dave Mawhiney - 232, Jeremy Fromm - 226 and 224, Chris Masi - 225, Bob Eckman - 222, Rich P. Ehrne - 222, Rick Flanagan - 221, Bud Crane - 217, Jason Dale - 215, and Matt Dwyer - 209.

Classified

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

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

For Sale: Masonic 32° Ring, 14k gold, .35 center diamond. \$400. 359-4330.

List of Premier Degree Ritualists

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

Dave Jones647-9896
M 1° & 2°, 1° Hist. Lec.,
1 & 2°, & A, Chrgs.
Michael Morris223-2828
Mid. Chmb. Lec.,
3rd° Hist. lec.
Charles Ogburn887-2372
1st, 2nd, 3rd° lectures.
Joe Privitera392-5583
W & W, Charges
Keith Stambach865-7416
Mid. Chmb. Lec.

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Arcade 3x
Char/Cor Churchville
Fairport 2x
West Star 3x
Eagle Valley
Wakan/Hubbard
Germania 10/16
Monroe 10/14
Valley/Simes 10/14

*x= months missed.

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

The Deadline for the December issue is:
November 8, 2000



Schedule on Big Calendar
Lower Right Hand Corner

November Flower - Crysanthemum
November Gem - Topaz

Calendar November 2000

Deadline for the Masonic Times

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2000 OCTOBER 2000</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p> <p>5 Thank a Veteran this week They gave that you might live in freedom!</p> <p>12 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon Union Star - Hon. Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club</p> <p>19 West Star - Varysburg LSOME Class - DTT KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club</p> <p>26 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Mt. Vernon Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RSM - Nundawaga OES - Charlotte Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>2000 DECEMBER 2000</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p> <p>6 West Star - Varysburg Grand Lodge Leadership Committee KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club</p> <p>13 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon Union Star - Hon. Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club</p> <p>20 West Star - Varysburg LSOME Class - DTT KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club</p> <p>27 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Mt. Vernon Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RSM - Nundawaga OES - Charlotte Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>7 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton - OV Craftsman/Robertson Germania Oakland - Castile Warsaw Election Day Vote! OES - Fairport, Monroe, Nolatka, Perry, Webster</p> <p>14 Batavia Craftsman/Robertson-F Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming OES - Leah</p> <p>21 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson Oakland - Castile Warsaw OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Perry, Webster</p> <p>28 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Valley/Simes</p>	<p>8 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Service Bureau Luncheon OES - Batavia, Corinthian/Fellowship</p> <p>15 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Tall Cedars of Lebanon Lalla Rookh Grotto RSM - Doric Council York Rite Unity Night Spaghetti Dinner 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. East Ave. - Hilton Groundhogs Begin Hibernation.</p> <p>22 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike OES - Batavia, Corinthian/Fellowship</p> <p>29 Spaghetti Dinner 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. East Ave. Hilton</p>	<p>9 Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City Lalla Rookh Caldron RAM - Hiram - Table Chapter KT - Batavia</p> <p>16 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite Reunion Lodge of Perfection Degrees RAM - Western Star MM & PM Degrees</p> <p>23 Happy Thanksgiving Let us give thanks for this Day</p>	<p>10 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5 - 7 p.m. 30 Orchard Street Webster Adults - \$6, Child - \$3</p> <p>17 Scottish Rite Reunion Lodge of Perfection Degrees RAM - Western Star MM & PM Degrees</p>	<p>4 Rochester Chapter</p> <p>11 OES Grand Chapter Officers Veteran's Day</p> <p>18 Scottish Rite Reunion 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.</p> <p>24 Sat. Nov. 4 School House Rocks 8:00 p.m. Sat. Nov. 18 Connie Frances 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>25 Tues.-Sun., Nov. 28-Dec. 3 Cabaret Tues. - Thur. 7:30 p.m. Fri. 8:00 p.m. Sat. 2:00 & 8:00 p.m. Sun. 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.</p>