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The Excitable Heart Series

Part VI: Atrial Fibrillation

By Dr. Charles Antzelevitch

Racing faster and faster, the electrical impulses twist and turn tortuously through the upper chambers of the heart causing a fluttering sensation and an irregular heart rhythm. In some this arrhythmia goes unnoticed, in others it may cause dizziness, light-headedness or even fainting spells. In many, it leads to fatigue, a tightness in the chest and/or shortness of breath. The culprit is an arrhythmia known as atrial fibrillation (AF).

AF is a very common abnormal heart rhythm, particularly in older individuals. In people over 69 years of age, the incidence of atrial fibrillation is 5% (1 in 20). It is caused by abnormal, rapid and irregular electrical activation of the upper chambers (atria) of the heart. Although the atria are activated hundreds of times per minute, many of the impulses generated are blocked at the level of atrioventricular (AV) node, the safety valve of the heart, and are not transmitted to the ventricles, the main pumping chambers of the heart. The pulses that succeed in making it through the AV node emerge at an uneven pace, causing an irregular rhythm, most commonly at heart rates ranging between 100 to 175 beats/min. Less commonly, particularly in the presence of drugs, a large fraction of the impulses may be blocked within the AV node, causing abnormally slow heart rates. Although both abnormally slow and rapid rates can be problematic, AF is usually not life-threatening, so long as both patient and doctor are vigilant about proper anticoagulation.

AF can develop both in the presence and absence of structural heart disease or systemic disease. Some cases of AF have not identifiable cause. Others are linked to dysfunction of the sinus node (the "natural pacemaker" of the heart) and a number of heart and lung disorders including

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Keith Stambach (center left) accompanied by his daughter, Stacey, received the New York State "Conspicuous Service Medal" from Senator Sam Alessi and County Manager, Jack Doyle.

coronary artery disease, rheumatic heart disease, mitral valve disorders, and pericarditis. Hypertension (high blood pressure), hyperthyroidism, and recent heavy alcohol use (binge drinking) or surgery of the heart, also predispose to the development of AF.

Treatment of AF depends on the cause and on whether the arrhythmia is chronic or of recent onset. There are four distinct issues that are important to consider in patients with AF:

1. rate control (control of rate of beating of the ventricles);
2. conversion of the atrial fibrillation to sinus rhythm;
3. maintenance of sinus rhythm following conversion; and
4. prevention of embolic stroke from thrombi that form in the fibrillating atria.

Rate control

Heart rate is commonly high during AF, due to the fact that the fibrillating atria beat at a rate of about 500-600 times per minute. At this rate the atria are not able to move blood effectively. Fortunately, most of the electrical signals are blocked at the level of the atrioventricular node. Nevertheless, enough impulses may get through to increase the ventricular rate to levels at which the pumping of blood is inefficient, causing shortness of breath, chest pain, or even loss of consciousness.

When a bypass tract is present between the atria and ventricles, as in individuals with the Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome, the ventricles may beat so fast as to precipitate ventricular fibrillation, and thus cause sudden death.

Treatment of atrial fibrillation associated with rapid heart rates includes administration of:

1. drugs to slow conduction through the atrioventricular node, so that the ventricles beat more slowly;

2. drugs or electrical cardioversion to convert atrial fibrillation to a normal rhythm; or

3. radiofrequency ablation to reduce the number of beats passing through the AV node or to produce complete AV block. In the latter case, a permanent pacemaker will have to be implanted. Radiofrequency ablation of the bypass tract is indicated in the case of the patient with Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome.

In some cases, the heart rate associated with AF is slower than normal. These patients often have diseased AV nodes and have been treated with drugs that block impulse transmission through the AV node. Changes in the activity of the "sympathetic" and "parasympathetic" nervous systems may also affect AV conduction. In some patients, atrial fibrillation is not constant; it starts and stops on its own. When it stops, the normal "sinus node" pacemaker of the heart may be slow to take over control of the heart, causing dizziness or fainting spells. This combination of rhythm abnormalities, termed "tachycardia-bradycardia syndrome" or "tachy-brady syndrome", generally calls for the implantation of a permanent pacemaker. This syndrome accounts for approximately 25% of all pacemakers implanted in the United States annually.

Conversion of AF to Sinus Rhythm

Most people feel better when their hearts are in normal sinus rhythm than when their hearts are in AF. AF often stops by itself. When it fails to do so, antiarrhythmic drugs may be used

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Nutrition...and other amenities

Wiley Hall residents enjoy having their three meals together in a bright, cheerful dining room amongst Masonic friends. Good nutrition through a balanced meal program is a major emphasis of the dietary department, which also attends to the specialized dietary needs of all residents.

The Gift/Soda Shop, located in the lower level of the complex, gives the residents a place to purchase snacks and light refreshments, as well as, gifts, cards, toiletries and related items. Also available are postal services and a barber/beauty shop for the convenience of the residents.

Activities...for every taste and interest

Activities are as diverse and unique as our residents. From Bingo to ceramics, oil painting to woodworking, residents of Wiley Hall enjoy a wide array of social and recreational activities. For the musically inclined there are choir and sing-along programs and for the animal lovers, regular visits from pets. Many of the lounge areas feature recreational equipment such as high fidelity radios and stereos, well stocked magazine and book racks, billiard and shuffleboard tables and pianos, which make them popular spots for relaxing, visiting or just having fun. Wiley Hall's full time activities leader provides a broad range of programs and trips to satisfy different tastes. Movies,

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Masonic Family Family Day-2001

By W. Jim Weick

The stage is being set for the 1st ever Masonic Family-Family Day event taking place days from now, on April 1st in Cathedral Hall, Masonic Temple downtown. The program is fully planned to entertain all ages.

This event is created to offer all the Masonic organizations a family oriented program that they can come together and share. It's not just for Masons and their families. It includes all the organizations associated with our Fraternity. Friends are also invited and the dress will be casual.

The first program starts at 1:30 p.m. featuring the Shrine Clowns. After the guaranteed laughter dies down, attendees will be entertained by the string quartet, Simplicity.

After the opening acts, the internationally renown Greece Athena Show Choir will take the stage. This is one of their rare local appearances and one of the last before they go on their next European Tour. Attendees will

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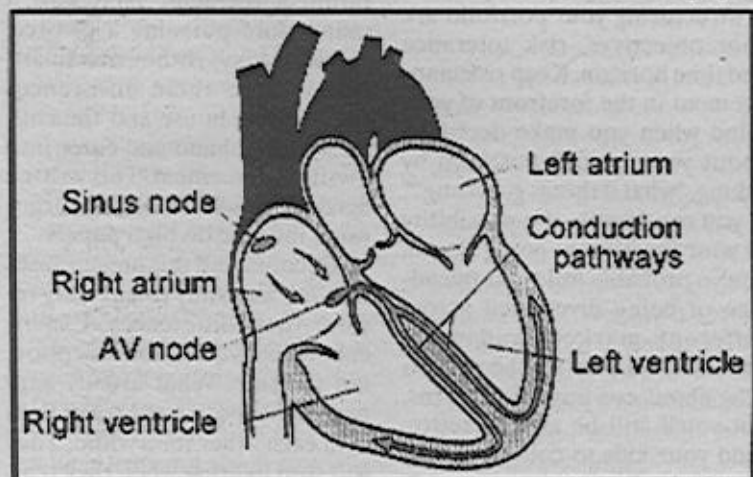
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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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A "Hats Off"

During the last two years the Masonic Service Bureau has been indebted to "InterVol", (that's Vol for Volunteers), an organization that recycles used medical equipment worldwide, especially in Third World countries.

This organization, under the management of Dr. Doug Castner, Executive Director, and his volunteer staff, has been instrumental in helping the Service Bureau obtain much needed items for our Loan Closet. Their cooperation has saved the Bureau money that would have been otherwise used to purchase these items. We salute this organization and their team of dedicated volunteers.

InterVol is having its first Annual Fundraising Dinner for the benefit of its RUMS (Recycling Unused Medical Supplies) and Indian Rosebud Indian Reservation Program on April 9th. Information on this event can be obtained at the Times office or by calling 716-922-5810 (see ad in this issue pg. 1).

Copies of the "InterVol" newsletter are on file in the Masonic Service Bureau Office.

Response

I was expecting some response to last month's article which addressed the subject of "pitching in" at Masonic functions. I can only assume that either everyone agreed with me or that no one read the piece.

Subscription mechanics

There seems to be some confusion about how the Masonic Times subscriber list is maintained. Secretaries should read this carefully.

In October of each year the subscriber print-out for each organization is sent to the Secretary. His job is to check the list and make the necessary changes on the print-out, that should include the billed amount as per the cover letter instructions. The corrected print-out should then be sent back to the Service Bureau Office. This is done at this time so that the expense can be considered for the Lodge Budget.

Any time during the year changes to your list should be made by sending the deletions, corrections, or additions to the Service Bureau Office. Our sub-

scriber list is updated every month. This does not change the billing cost which is only calculated once a year. Any questions about this procedure should be directed to Barbara Goodrich, 473-4351.

Congrats

Congratulations are in order for our Monroe authors who for the first time in 2 years have topped 70% response by the deadline and over 82% within 2 days of the deadline. Genesee/Wyoming was 70% by the deadline. □

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"Let a smile be your umbrella" regarding the stock market! No, I have not lost my marbles. While the short term turns the gauntlet between poor and just plain terrible, the long term has not changed its spots. If Cisco, Lucent, Intel, Oracle, etc., have not given you a heart attack, then you are indeed in good health. These are still excellent companies, and given time, will once again reward you. So think about the future with a smile, rather than the past with a frown. Besides, smiling is good for your attitude and your health.

The Camp DeMolay Fund Drive is now underway. Make sure you are smiling when you make that pledge or write that check. Camp DeMolay has become a significant part of the Service Bureau.

The Service Bureau Hawaiian Tour and Cruise is going well. As of March 16th, we have 63 persons signed up. Since no one goes free; I hope to raise \$20,000 for the Camp DeMolay Endowment Fund. This Cruise could be an excellent money maker for the Camp and a great time of getting together for all those making the trip. □

Money Tips

By Dave Larson

So, this is what a bear market feels like! Would you give up five percent of your gains during those consecutive years of 20 plus percent returns on your stock mutual funds in order to avoid the pain of the 20% (or more) loss over the past year? If you know your math, you would gladly look back and accept a mere 15% gain, followed by a year of zero return rather than have a 20% gain followed by a year of negative 20%.

If you experienced three consecutive years of 15% gains followed by a year where your investments returned to zero, you would have averaged about 11% over those four years. If you had three years of 20% gains followed by a loss of 20% in the fourth year, you would have averaged less than 8.5% over the past four years. Remember, if you lose half

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of your investment, you need to double your money just to get back to even.

Protecting your portfolio from large losses, even if it means giving up a few years of glorious returns, means a big difference over time. It could mean the difference between retiring and working or being retired and having to go back to work. We haven't even considered the wear and tear to your stomach lining during a bear market. (Now might be a good time to invest in the companies that make Tums and Maalox!)

How do you avoid large losses? The answer is asset allocation and diversification. Having an allocation to bonds and cash will buffer your portfolio in a bear market. Not all sectors of the stock market will decline equally. Value-oriented managers usually perform better than growth-momentum managers during a bear market and some foreign markets may perform much better than the US market. So, having allocations to both types of managers and having a bit of foreign market exposure will typically reduce the risk of experience the ravages of a bear market here in the US.

As always, the key components in structuring your portfolio are your objectives, risk tolerance and time horizon. Keep risk management in the forefront of your mind when you make decisions about your overall portfolio by asking, "what if things go wrong?" If you can handle the possibility of your investment going South, you've probably followed the advice of being diversified across different markets and asset classes. You may not be able to brag about eye-popping returns, but you'll still be able to retire, send your kids to college or buy that motor home. □

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Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Cheaper to keep her?

Divorce. Like death, it begins with the letter "D". Unlike other States, New York is not a true "no-fault" State. That means you cannot get a divorce based solely on irreconcilable differences.

To technically get a divorce in New York, you need grounds. The recognized grounds for divorce are: adultery, cruel and inhuman treatment, abandonment for one or more years, or imprisonment for 3 or more consecutive years.

Practically speaking, both parties can divorce each other ASAP. All that's required is for one spouse to agree not to contest the divorce. Here's an example. Joe and Amy want a divorce. Amy sues Joe for divorce, claiming either abandonment or cruel and inhuman treatment. Joe agrees not to challenge Amy's claims. Amy and Joe can get their divorce without having to first sign a separation agreement, then wait a year before pursuing a divorce. Joe and Amy, if they are smart, will resolve their differences (money, the house and the children) beforehand and enter into a written agreement. This written agreement will be later incorporated into the divorce papers.

Of course, all this presupposes that Joe and Amy can quickly resolve their differences. Experience teaches this is the exception, not the rule. What usually happens is that both parties will fight with each other for a while. They will stop fighting when they real-

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ize that fighting over a divorce is just as unproductive as fighting when they were living together. Next month I'll cover what has to be proven if a divorce will be challenged. □

Electrifying Bloopers

Tom Paglia

Not enough zeroes

Who caught the addition in the last article? It was supposed to read 1000 watt dimmer, not 100 watts. I guess the computer found it didn't have room at the end of the sentence to put the extra "0", so it left it out. The first call was from a woman who lived out of town, also had calls from Masons I attend church with and those in the business. We all had a good laugh over it. One good thing is that I know people are reading the article!

Free advice

It is amazing how some people will approach you to find out how to do something. This happened

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

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on a Sunday as I was entering the auditorium where we usually have coffee and cookies after service. This person was seated, but when he saw me he got up from his chair and headed straight for me. He is someone who rarely has anything to say to me. He said, "Tom, remember the questionnaire we all filled out for church?" I told him I barely remembered it because it was about five or six years ago when we filled them out. Since I was mentioned in the electrical contracting business, he wanted to pick my brain about something he wanted to wire. Most people who know me know there isn't much to pick from but I asked him what his problem was. He looked at me with that look, "how did he know I had a problem?" After being in this business for almost fifty years, you have seen them all.

He said he had purchased a rebuilt dryer and wanted to know if he was going to wire it correctly. I asked if he had done this before, and he replied that he had watched someone do it. He started to tell me his plans and how he was going to wire the dryer. He wanted to know what size breaker to get, that he had the wire somewhere in his cellar, plus the outlet.

I listened and gave him the breaker size, but told him to be careful because some dryers are now wired for four wires instead of the three. He said he would be careful, famous last words.

Here is a perfect example of someone fooling around with 240 volts and not knowing exactly what wires go where. He said thank you and walked away. He never asked what wire size, what wire goes where or any of the major details into wiring a dryer. Anyway, he went on his merry way feeling he had accomplished something by picking my brain. It probably would have cost him about \$30 or \$60 to have a qualified electrician wire the machine, seeing he had the necessary materials and not do the foolish thing of trying to wire it himself. I am always reluctant to give any information on electrical work. Any professional feels the same way because if something goes wrong, the amateur electrician will always say "the professional" told me to wire it this way and then comes a court case.

End result

What could happen is that his screwdriver could short out against the main bus bar and if he was lucky enough to survive that, he may blow the main fuse on the transformer on the pole (utility companies don't appreciate this very much, a new transformer costs about \$1,000, and guess who would have to pay) or he would be knocked across the room. He may be lucky to get up and walk away from it.

There are many reports on screwdrivers being dropped across the main bus bar, the screwdriver flying into pieces and little pieces of copper flying at

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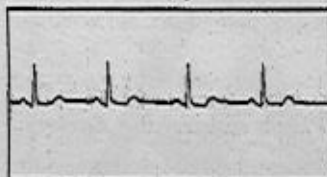
to convert the arrhythmia. When these agents fail to work, or when circumstances do not permit use of oral antiarrhythmic drugs, AF is converted with electrical cardioversion or with intravenous antiarrhythmic drugs such as ibutilide.

Blood clots (thrombi) that form in the atria during a prolonged period of AF can break away and enter the brain or other parts of the body when normal sinus rhythm is restored. The result is an embolic stroke. The consequences can be so dreadful that cardioversion of AF is rarely attempted unless the patient is treated with a "blood thinner" (anticoagulant, usually heparin or warfarin) for two to three weeks. In many cases, a transesophageal echocardiogram (TEE) is performed to ensure that the atria are free of clots. After cardioversion, anticoagulant medication is usually continued for an additional two or three weeks because the atria may not contract mechanically for some time after the electrical abnormality is corrected.

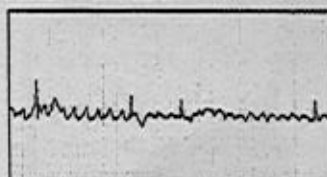
Maintenance of Sinus Rhythm following Conversion

One of the greatest challenges of AF therapy is to prevent the arrhythmia from recurring. As a general rule, patients who do not take antiarrhythmic medication have a 75% chance of returning to AF within one year, although this often depends on the duration and frequency of previous episode(s). Older anti-arrhythmic drugs such as quinidine or procainamide and newer drugs such as sotalol and dofetilide can reduce the chance of AF recurring. In a small fraction of patients, these drugs may cause more serious ventricular arrhythmias, known as Torsade de Pointes, which can lead to sudden death. This often occurs when heart rate is abnormally slow, plasma potassium levels are abnormally low, and/or other drugs are administered which interfere with the metabolism of the antiarrhythmic drugs, causing blood levels to rise to very high levels. Class IC antiarrhythmic drugs such as flecainide and propafenone are useful in some cases of AF, although these agents should not be used in patients with structural heart disease.

Normal Sinus Rhythm



Atrial Fibrillation



known as the maze procedure, is capable of curing atrial fibrillation. Because it requires access to the inside of the heart, it is reserved principally for those undergoing open heart surgery. Electrophysiologists are attempting to mimic this surgical procedure using radiofrequency ablation techniques, although this approach is still in the experimental stages of development.

Atrial defibrillators are devices that are implanted under the skin like pacemakers, but which can detect fast atrial rates and deliver a shock to convert atrial fibrillation or flutter to normal sinus rhythm. A great deal of progress has been made in recent years to minimize the pain caused by the delivery of the shock and to prevent this shock from inadvertently precipitating ventricular fibrillation or sudden death.

Prevention of Embolic Stroke

Much of the morbidity and some of the mortality associated with AF are due to blood clots (thrombi) that form in the atria due to hemostasis (stagnating blood due to interruption of normal blood flow through the atria). When these clots leave the heart and enter the brain, they can cause a stroke. The risk of stroke from AF is estimated to be 1.5% for those 50-59 years of age, and approaches an incredible 30% for those 80-89 years of age.

This risk can be significantly reduced, but not eliminated, by administration of anticoagulants (e.g., heparin or warfarin) and/or antiplatelet (e.g., aspirin or ticlopidine) agents. Careful attention to proper anti-coagulation is a critically important part of the approach to therapy of AF.

The knowledge that has made these advances and therapies possible emanated from decades of painstaking research conducted at medical research laboratories worldwide. Among the laboratories contributing fundamentally to our present day knowledge of cardiac electrophysiology and arrhythmias is the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. Ongoing research continues to focus on cardiac arrhythmias, the single most prevalent mechanisms of mortality and morbidity in the United States. In coming segments of this series, I will expand on other arrhythmias, their causes, treatments and cures. □

Masonic Home

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news and current events discussions, as well as Bible studies, card games, croquet matches and even cooking classes, are available.

When it's time to get away for an afternoon excursion, the opportunities are plentiful. The Masonic Home's own thirty-five passenger bus is ready to take groups on shopping trips to the Utica area's malls, to the annual Shrine Circus, theatrical performances at the Stanley Theater, and on Fall foliage tours. A trans-

complement the Masonic Home's full range of medical and related services available to all residents of Wiley Hall. Wiley Hall also offers medication assistance, which is provided by the personal care aides who are on duty 24 hours a day. If your medical needs ever change, you'll have priority access to the skilled nursing facility located on the Masonic Campus. Knowing your future is secure adds peace of mind to Wiley Hall residents.

For additional information...

The Trustees of the Masonic Home and Asylum Fund, who oversee the operation of the Masonic Home, cordially invite you to visit Wiley Hall and see for yourself the magnificent facility available to every New York State Mason. If you would like to know more about Wiley Hall, call us on our toll free number, 1-800-322-8826. We'll be happy to send more information or even arrange a personal tour.

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appreciate how this international award-winning group inspire their listeners.

In addition to the great entertainment, another exciting part of this is the price. Adult tickets are only \$5.00 and students, \$3.00. The value of the entertainment would be over \$50.00 if you had to go to the local theaters to see these performances.

Tickets will be available at the door. If you have a large group reservations are suggested. You may make them by contacting me, event chairman, at 924-1666. I will answer any questions you may have about the program.

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By Albert H. Hensinger, Past Supreme Tall Cedar

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BARTHOLOMEW H

District Deputy Grand Master

Genesee/Wyoming



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

See what happens when you keep a positive outlook. Both Arcade and Mt. Vernon Lodges have raised new Brothers, and Warsaw and Perry have petitions.

At the present time I am writing a history of Mt. Vernon Lodge for our upcoming 150th Anniversary. To my dismay, many of our minute books and old correspondence are missing. This again reminds me of the importance of having a Lodge Historian whose duty it is to keep and preserve the Lodge archives. Don't let this happen to your Lodge. Do something about it before it's too late. If you have any questions, let me know.

Don't forget Grand Lodge will soon be here. Some of us will be going by bus to NYC. If you would like to take the same bus and stay with us in the same hotel, contact William Learn, 4235 Graham Rd., Canaseraga, NY, 14822 (607) 545-8668. Remember the Grand Master is from our District and we need to support him.

Great truths about life that adults have learned

There is always a lot to be thankful for, if you take the time to look. For example, I'm sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt!

Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

God bless you. □

Grand Director of Ceremonies

Genesee/Wyoming



R.W. Arthur E. Drew
492-4860

Grand Lodge

Brothers of the Genesee/Wyoming District, have you made your plans to journey to the 220th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge? If you haven't, plan to join us and travel to New York City with R.W. William Learn and his group from Allegany District and stay at the Hotel Edison. We have several Brothers already committed to go, but there is room for more. Our District will be honored to have you join us.

Bus trip

On May 19th, we left Attica Lodge at 7:00 a.m. for a trip to the Masonic Home in Utica.

Town Meeting

There will be a Grand Master's Town Meeting this Fall (October 20th) in the G/W District. It will be held at the Attica Temple because of its central location in the District and it is big enough to handle the large group expected for this event. I will need help from the members of Attica Lodge and other interested Masons to insure the success of this Meeting. This is the morning after the Grand Lecturer's Convention.

Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund Campaign for this year is nearing its end. If you have not yet made your contribution, please take a minute to write your check to support this worthwhile cause. □

Masonic Home Admissions Counselor

Genesee/Wyoming

W. James P. Allan
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Trip to Masonic Home

I have arranged for a bus trip for anyone interested in visiting our Masonic Campus.

There is absolutely no cost involved. The Trustees of the Home will pay for the bus ride, we will tour the Campus, (400 acres), and have lunch in the beautiful dining room at Acacia Village, courteously provided by the chefs of Acacia Village, our Masonic retirement community. You have to see our Village to believe it. The most luxurious vacation condominiums have nothing on Acacia Village!

You will also tour the Nursing Facility, and be able to visit our Rehabilitation Center. This Center is available for all of us at any time. Whether you had a stroke, car accident, or surgery, and need short or long-term rehabilitation, the Home is the place to go. There are also rooms available right on the Campus that look as good or better than any Holiday Inn, for family to stay in if they choose.

If time permits, and the Director is available, we will also tour the Medical Research Laboratory, located right on the Campus. They have contributed to science an astounding amount of 'break through' medicine.

The bus will depart from Attica Lodge at 7:15 a.m. on Saturday, May 19th. R.W. Jerry Brade has graciously offered to have the Lodge open and as you wait, you will be able to enjoy pastries and coffee.

Depending on whether or not we can tour the Laboratory, we should arrive back in Attica either at 6:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. I am also sending to each Master and Secretary more detailed information as I firm up the final details.

Reservations

Call or e-mail me your reservations, as I have to personally arrange for the correct size of bus, a regular Greyhound size coach or a smaller model.

Do not be thrown off if you want to leave a message and you hear that you have reached the Barber's residence. That is the voice of our own DDGM, R.W. Ray Barber, who has the distinct honor of having me rent his downstairs for the past eight years!

Please leave me a phone number where I can reach you as I will

touch base with everyone interested before I commit to the bus company as to the size of the bus. I look forward to hearing from you. □

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



W. Robert Forbes, Secretary
768-2657
8 West Main Street
LeRoy, N. Y. 14882

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

Our Dinner Meeting of February 21st was well attended. We had Pot Roast of Beef with Carrots and Onions, Boiled Potatoes with Gravy, Buttered Peas, Salad and Raspberry Jello for dessert.

Our District Deputy Grand Master, Ray Barber, with his retinue, attended. During our meeting I explained the status of our building concerning the realtor. The realtor's offer was ridiculously low in comparison with today's building costs, regulations and land costs. I don't feel at this time the project will be advanced.

Sickness and distress

Our Secretary, Bob Forbes, is a very sick man. Lynn Saulsbury had a stroke, Chuck Krauss of Triluminar Lodge in Pike had a heart attack and we visited John Bater in the Veterans Home in Batavia.

200th Anniversary

In a short ten years Olive Branch Lodge will celebrate its 200th year. It is imperative that we begin preparing for this event now. The exterior of the building will need a face lift, especially painting the windows and doors. In the interior, the dining room needs to be improved. There are many details to promote the event that all the Brothers near



(Photos courtesy Ray Barber)



R.W. Ray Barber and friend at the Child I.D. station, LeRoy Winterfest. Forty-two Children were registered at this event sponsored by Olive Branch Lodge No. 39. (February 2, 2001)

and far will have to send in suggestions for.

The Treasurer's Report raised the eyebrows with two gas bills of \$1,082 and \$560, that are now paid. We are so thankful the the Brothers Peet, Jones and Rainier, who founded benevolences for our Lodge.

Brothers, remember the Brotherhood Fund.

Masonry and Olive Branch Lodge need new members. In the hey days of the '60's and '70's, our membership was 245. There are many good young men who could benefit from Masonic membership. Please talk with your friends about membership in the Fraternity. Olive Branch has financial stability, but we need the vitality of young men.

Blue Lodge recruits men and makes Masons! □

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



R.W. Jerald A. Brade
Master
344-1808

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

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

It is often said that April showers bring May flowers. April also brings back two meetings a month for Attica Lodge. The routine of the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays starts again this month so mark your calendars accordingly.

Thanks

Thank you to all Attica Lodge members who paid their dues by March 15th, the date that the Grand Lodge per capita is due. The response has been very good this year and it is appreciated. About half of the Lodge's yearly income is from dues and the other half from Lodge sponsored fundraisers. If you haven't paid

your dues, please do so. If you live within driving distance of the Lodge, your Lodge needs your assistance for Lodge sponsored events.

Chair update

As you know, the Lodge purchased new dining room chairs and is raising money to off-set the cost. For \$15 you can "buy" a chair with a plaque inscribed as a honorarium or memorial. Thanks to everyone who has purchased chairs to date. There are only a few left for sale. If you didn't get your chair yet, or would like another one, please send the check and information to the Secretary.

Pancakes

Sunday, April 1st, will be the last "First Sunday of the Month Pancake Breakfast" at Attica Lodge for the season. In deference to the day, Attica Lodge's famous all-you-can-eat pancakes will be served with fresh "real Maple Syrup". This is no April Fool! It really is the last chance until next Fall, so don't miss it.

Widows Night

Attica Lodge Widows Night will be held at the Attica Masonic Temple on April 18th. The Master has promised an extra special dinner for this occasion which will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m., followed by an open program at 8:00 p.m. Plan to attend this important event to honor our Brothers' widows. RSVP by April 11th, please.

Final notice

The deadline for the Grand Lodge Education Assistance Program is April 30th. □

Triluminar Lodge No. 543 F. & A.M.

Main Street
Pike, N. Y. 14130



R.W. Keith
A. Granger
Master
493-2908

2nd and 4th
Wednesdays

W. Richard Anderson, Sec.
493-2203

Golf Tournament

Our 7th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on June 2nd. This year we will be having a 2 and 4 man scramble, which should prove very interesting. For more information regarding T-time and prices, call Barb Moore at 567-8557.

Sickness and distress

We hope W. Charles Krauss is feeling better. The annual Round Robin Euchre Tournament will not be the same without him flapping his wings and crowing that he is the best Euchre player in the State. Get well soon, Chuck.


Grand Lodge Communication

On May 5th we will be traveling to NYC for the annual Grand Lodge Communication. We will be traveling with the Allegany District again this year. My wife, Kay, is setting up programs for the ladies on Monday and Tuesday. If you would like further information, please call her at 493-2962. If no one is home, please leave a message.

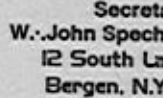
Special thanks

I thank Brother Dave Mayor for standing in for me as Master while I am on the 3:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. shift. It is much appreciated. □

HESPERUS
Lodge No. 837
 1st and 3rd Thursday



Master
W. Norman P. Austin
 494-2223



Secretary
W. John Specht, 548-2694
 12 South Lake Ave.
 Bergen, N.Y. 14416

I don't recall if Winter came in like a lamb, but it seems to be going out like a lion. Despite reports of inclement weather, Lady Linda and I attended the Washington's Day Dinner Dance at Warsaw Lodge on February 24th and had a wonderful time.

Degrees

Our 1st Degree with Brother Ralph Marsocci in the East, went very well. It was preceded by a delicious Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings, prepared by the Ladies of the Eastern Star. We had three candidates in attendance, which is very encouraging. Our 2nd Degree is scheduled for April 19th, with yours truly in the East.

Thanks

Due to miscommunications and last minute arrangements, I had to hurry off to Grand Chapter in Albany for the anointing of High Priests and thereby missed our last Lodge meeting. I extend my gratitude to W.: Jim MacConnell for presiding in my absence, and to W.: Don Read and W.: Jim Zorn of Etolian Lodge, for filling in. Thanks, too, to all the other Brothers who kindly accommodated this last minute situation, it is greatly appreciated. R.: W.: Bob Seils was the recipient of a Pin and Certificate at the Veterans' Recognition Program, presented by DDGM, R.: W.: Ray Barber, at this meeting. Congratulations, Bob!

CMA

The Council of Masonic Activities held its meeting in Varysburg on Sunday, March 18th, under the direction of newly elected President, W.: Dennis Parmerter.

On Friday, April 6th, the Ladies of Hesperus Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a Fish Fry at the Lodge from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at a cost of \$7.00 per person. In addition to fish, there will be baked potatoes, cole slaw, rolls and butter, and pie. Come on out for an excellent meal and some great socialization!

Word is just in...

For those interested, the Annual Summer Steak Roast/Picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, August 12th, at Brother Marty Krause's cottage on Silver Lake. This is always an enjoyable event, and an opportunity to socialize with Brothers both locally and from out of town, whom we don't always have the opportunity to see during the year.

Sickness and distress

R.: W.: Don Read will be entering the hospital for surgery on his shoulder this month. We wish him well.

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of W.: Van Hulbert on March 2nd. W.: Van was raised in Hesperus Lodge on May 5, 1983, and served as Master in 1989. He was very well versed in delivering Ritual, espe-


cially during Degree work. W.: Van is survived by his wife, Helen, 3 children and 10 grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

Thanks

Does your Lodge have a musician? Not all Lodges are so fortunate, yet without accompaniment, so much is missed which would serve to enhance not only stated meetings, but Ritual and Degree work, as well. If you do have a musician, why not take a moment to let him know how much his contribution means to your Lodge? Hesperus is indeed fortunate to have as our musician, Brother Chet Banach, whose keyboard wizardry adds so much to our meetings. Thanks, Chet. Your devotion at the ivories makes all the difference.

Do you ever feel overwhelmed when things seem to get out of hand? Well, just remember, even Mason and Dixon had to draw the line someplace! □

Mount Vernon
Lodge No. 263



W.:
Michael Driver
 457-9948

2nd & 4th
 Mondays

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

By W.: J. P. Allan

Hello, Brethren! For those of you who live out of state in warmer climates, enjoy! We here at home are experiencing regular old time Winter weather. I think that we've been spoiled by the past couple of mild Winters.

Welcome to our new Brothers

Congratulations to Brother Todd Ward and Brother Arthur Brach on being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 12th. These are two truly upright men and I know that they will be an asset to our Lodge.

Sesqui-centennial

On Saturday, October 20th, Mt. Vernon will celebrate its 150th Anniversary with a Rededication Ceremony and Banquet at the Byrnliff Restaurant and Resort, located on Rte. 20A in Sheldon.

Our own Lodge Brother, M.: W.: Carl J. Smith, will be the guest speaker, and many of the Grand Line Officers will be attending, due to the Town Meeting being held in Batavia earlier in the day.

Following is the order and times of events, all to take place at the Byrnliff Restaurant:

Rededication of the Lodge-4:00 p.m.

Social hour with a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and complimentary beverages-5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. A full dinner, your choice of entree, either Beef or Chicken, with easy listening music provided by our DJ.

After dinner our professional DJ, Brother Todd Ward, will play your requests of any music that you would care to dance to until everyone's feet get tired.

Mt. Vernon is subsidizing the cost of this great event and the cost for all of this is only \$10.00 per person! I would urge you to make your reservations early by contacting and sending your checks to our Master, W.:

Michael Driver at 5426 Michigan Rd, Arcade, NY 14009, phone (716) 457-9948.

Brotherhood Fund

To date we as a Lodge are ahead of last year's contributions. However, my Brothers, that's with only 35 to 40% of our members contributing. Remember, what these dollars accomplish for both the community and us. Please also see my column as your Admissions Counselor for our Masonic Home.

Pancake Breakfasts

Our Breakfasts ended on March 11th. Our Master and Brother Bernard Whaley would like to thank all of those who took the time out of their busy schedule to work the events. (We can always use an extra hand, guys!)

Golf Tournament

Mt. Vernon Lodge and Arcade Lodge No. 419 are hosting a golf tournament July 14th and are making the Starlight Children's Fund as our donation recipient. This is an excellent way to promote Masonry and increase public awareness of our Craft. This is what we are all about, folks!

As with any event, we need all hands on deck. On March 17th, we had a meeting concerning the planning and logistics of the tournament. It's not too late to get involved, you know how great the fellowship is when we get together. It's always fun to be among your friends. To participate in this event, either bring it up at Lodge or contact W.: Mike Driver at 457-9948.

The very best to you until we meet again! □

Batavia
Lodge No. 475
F. & A.M.
 200 E. Main Street,
 Batavia, NY 14020



2nd & 4th
 Tuesdays

Master
W.: Lawrence F. Belluscio
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Secretary
R.: W.: Robert F. Dagen
 Sec. (716) 548-7148
 rdagen@rochester.rr.com

I began the article last month complaining about the weather, well guess what? Spring has finally come to us! No more complaining about the weather. I suppose that maybe I, personally, should just be thankful for each and every day I have been given and with that, subject dropped.

Special Dinner

Plans are set for the Annual Awards and Recognition Dinner Program to honor special people, formally known as the Widows Dinner Program. It will be held on Saturday, April 21st, at 5:00 p.m. at Bohn's Restaurant on Clinton Street Road in Batavia. Invitations will be sent.

Date change

Last month I announced a program to be presented by the DeMolay. I gave the wrong date for this occasion. Please note: it will be held on Tuesday, May 8th. The Program will be the "Flower Talk", an impressive presentation given by the youth of our DeMolay. Just to remind each of you, it will be open to all, especially the ladies to coincide with the upcoming celebration of Mother's Day.

Serving sandwiches

Members of Batavia Lodge and the Charles L. Carter Chap-

ter of DeMolay will be serving picnic type sandwiches and refreshments at the Jubilee Store in Batavia on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 12-14. We are looking forward to this event. It always allows for, by pure circumstance, meeting and greeting many people whom we possibly haven't seen for some time and just generally allowing for exposure of our organizations to the public.

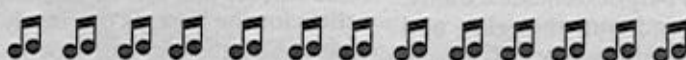
Utica

On Saturday, March 24th, several of the Advisors and members of the Charles L. Carter Chapter of DeMolay traveled to Utica for the "Grand Master's Class" of induction in DeMolay. The program honored our Grand Master, M.: W.: Carl J. Smith. The induction was performed by a cast of DeMolays from around the Empire State. Inductees included DeMolays from our Chapter.

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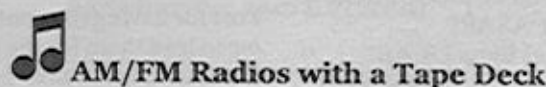
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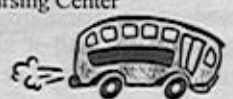
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Batavia Lodge
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2 events

Plans are underway for two events to be presented and sponsored by our Lodge. We are making plans to conduct a "Brother Bring-a-Friend" Program and a local, Batavia area, Child ID recognition filming. These events are to be scheduled for later this Spring. Obviously, both of these programs require your support. Details will be made known as soon as they become available.

Brotherhood Fund

As a reminder from the Brotherhood Fund Chairman from our Lodge, the current Drive is rapidly coming to a close.

Sympathies

Our sympathies and condolences to the family of W. Van Hulburt of Hesperus Lodge No. 837, Bergen. He left his earthly duties on Saturday, March 3rd. I am sure he will be missed by many, especially by the youth and Brethren who were raised in the Eastern part of Genesee County. We extend our thoughts and prayers to the family.


Lastly

The applications for the 2001 Education Assistance Program must be in to the Chairman by the end of April. I have processed several applications to date. If there are others, please attend to this matter ASAP!

May God Bless Us All! □

and Brother Richard Spink, at home, and would appreciate cards and calls. If you know of any Brother who is ill, please let me know.

We have several events happening next month at West Star. Be sure to read the *Masonic Times* for details. I look forward to seeing you at Lodge. □



**James A. Hard/
Wayne Charter
Post No. 12**
Dean Marsaw, Commander
865-0046
Vance R. Collom, Jr., Adjutant
217-9817

Attention: Our Color Guard is available for Ceremonies.

Brethren, this will be my last article for the Post, as our newly elected Commander will be writing for the May issue. Look closely for his Installation. There will be an invitation sent out to each member at that time, and it will be an Open Installation.

Thanks

I thank the members of the Post for having the confidence in me to lead them for the past year, but it could not have been done without the help of my officers and each of them saying "Yes" when called upon.

We had a very active year and were recognized for our effort in the Masonic and public eye. I am sure this will continue with your support.

New look!

Due to our Adjutant and his new computer, we now have a new and official looking letterhead, meeting forms, treasurer's report forms, and Post supply forms.

Once again, thank you for a very enjoyable year, and I ask that we all continue supporting our new officers.

2001-2002 Officers

We had our Election of Officers at the February meeting for 2001-02, and the names are as follows:

Commander **Kenneth Rhodes**
1st Lt. Cmdr. **Emil Schirano**
2nd Lt. Cmdr.

Kenneth Hutchinson
Officer of the Day

George Goodman, Sr.
Captain of the Guard

Arthur Maupin
Finance Officer **Donald McDill**
Adjutant **Vance R. Collom, Jr.**
Captain of the Color Guard

Al Pulcino, III
Chaplain **G. Brad Hebner**

Trustees:
3 years **Dean F. Marsaw**
2 years **Al Pulcino, III**
1 year **John Bennett**

Dates

The next meeting will be a Beef Bar-B-Que, with all the trimmings, on April 26th. The Calling Tree will be in touch for reservations. Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid, unless there is sickness or an emergency.

The May 24th meeting will be the Installation of Officers. More information will be forthcoming by the next Commander and invitations will be sent out at that time.

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

**District Deputy
Grand Master**

Monroe District



R.W. William Lindsay
621-3573

Enough Brothers commented on my last column for me to know that it is read by a wide enough audience so that I need to be extremely careful about what I say in these columns. As I recall, there were about four different topics touched on; interestingly, Brothers' comments were in respect to only one, sometimes two, of the topics; no specific comments mentioned each of the major points. I'm not sure what to deduce from this information-include 8 different topics?...only one topic?...what topics connect to readers? These are issues that confront each of the contributors to this paper each time they sit down to write. It ain't easy, my Brothers. Keep the comments coming; you make us better writers by assuring us that our efforts are worth it.

Luncheon

The annual Widows Luncheon is scheduled for March 31st at Logan's Party House at 11:00 a.m. While your Lodge may have completed all arrangements for getting their widows there, it is very appropriate for all Masons to be in attendance, and tickets may be had at the door. R.W. Terry Wihlen has done his usual fantastic job of organizing the program.

Masonic Family Day

This issue will arrive in homes soon enough to remind all Masons, their families, and friends, of Masonic-Family Day on April 1st at 1:30 p.m. in Cathedral Hall. This is a high impact program featuring the Shrine Clowns, "Stringplicity" from the Eastman School of Music, and the Show Choir from Greece Athena High School. If your Master has run out of tickets, arrive before the show and get a ticket at the door. \$5.00 adults, \$3.00 for children. The aim of the program is to provide an entertaining afternoon for all Masons and their families. Any proceeds will go to Masonic family charities. W. Jim Weick did an outstanding job putting this program together.

Needle education

In the October issue of the *Times*, there was a picture of W. Andy Alvarez and Officer Steve Johnson, holding a display case filled with various kinds of needles. The case had been built by some Brothers to be used as a prop in educating young children about the dangers of finding and playing with hypodermics thrown away by drug users, as happened to a young child here in Rochester about a year ago. Officer Johnson has used the display in his work in intermediate classrooms in the past several months.

In the second phase of the program, intermediate aged students were invited to create a poster

which would "warn" people about the dangers of playing with hypodermics and suggest ways to respond when finding them. I had the opportunity to "judge" the results of their work and was very impressed by the quality of the responses. An Awards Program is scheduled for April 23rd where the winners (a grand prize winner, and school winners) will receive savings bonds to commemorate their participation.

In the next phase of the program, elements of many of the posters will be used to create a comic book which will be used to educate the very young children and the grand prize poster will be professionally printed for distribution to all schools along with the comic book. This program has been supported by Etolian Lodge, Clio Lodge, and the GFL&AM Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse prevention Program.

This project is a wonderful reflection of Grand Lodge, Lodges, and community resources teaming together for the benefit of our children. An idea+a plan+a team=a difference. In microcosm, it reminds us all that we can make a difference, just as Brother Andy has. No one of us has to sit back and complain that "nothing can be done about it," whatever it is. Brother Andy reminds us that the outdoor season is upon us, and all those little soccer players are running around just begging to wear a team shirt with a Masonic logo on it. Valley/Simes got out of the gate first with its floor hockey shirts during the Winter. Any one of us could pick up the phone and buy a million dollars worth of good will for the price of dinner for four. If you're inclined to do that and don't know how to go about it, call Brother Andy at 426-1946.

Participate and support

In my early years in Masonry, when my slate was being filled in by the wisdom of those around me, I was more or less taught to believe that Grand Lodge was some onerous entity, a long ways from here that was constantly demanding much, interfering with my ability to be a good Mason, and when called upon to be a resource, woefully inadequate. As I have aged, much of my learning energy has been used to uneducate myself from those early perceptions.

Probably the most important hurdle was to recognize that Grand Lodge is not different from me, or my Lodge. Grand Lodge is part of me and I am part of it. It is just a different dimension of my Masonic life. It has all the strengths and vulnerabilities that my own Lodge and I have. Just as my own Lodge cannot be strong without my active participation and support, so my Grand Lodge cannot be strong without the support of me and all my fellow Masons in this jurisdiction. As Walt Kelley's most famous character said, "We have met the enemy and he is us!"

We have many good reasons to be proud of the work going on in Grand Lodge as we speak. I heard the Grand Master describe the building of a portable unit which can be moved about the State displaying information about Freemasonry, and which will also be outfitted for operating the Child ID Program. When ready, it can be booked into fairs and local community celebrations to augment the outreach work done by Lodges at the local level.

Just underway is the implementation of the teacher training

program in the area of drug awareness and intervention. Teams of teachers from all over the State will go to Utica in October for 3 days on intensive training which will increase their ability to support children and families from your own school. Contact me and I can help make the arrangements. This is a professionally done program operated in conjunction with the National Masonic Drug Education Foundation and utilizes professional trainers.

Prince Hall

In a letter from the Grand Secretary, he writes that substantial dialog has occurred with Prince Hall Masons in this jurisdiction, and that possibly as soon as next Communication, a proposal may be ready for action. Since I was a young Mason this has been an area of great discomfort for me and other Masons-the lack of recognition. Anyone who has taken the time to meet the Brothers from our local Prince Hall Masonic groups can only wonder why it has taken so long.

I remember in one reflective moment asking R.W. Jay McCullough if he thought either one of us would live long enough to see recognition happen. While Jay is generally an optimist, the most he could muster on that occasion was, "I'm not sure." It is time, my Brothers, to spend some time reflecting on the import of this direction. What does it all mean for each of us? I'm sure that very thought is being considered on Brown Street, as well.

Finally, and on a personal note, this past month my own Lodge raised 8 Brothers to the Sublime Degree. In that class was my son, John. I had the joyful experience of personally investing him. As I was returning to my seat, Rich Friedman sized me up and said, "How do you feel?" My response, "I think I'm going to cry." Being the sort of person that I am, I did (although no tears steamed down my face), and I remembered that the feeling was just like the day he was born.

To all my Brothers and friends who had the time to share that experience with me, I sincerely appreciate you being there. To all the newly raised Brothers in my Lodge, I welcome you sincerely to the Brotherhood of Freemasonry. Each of you is as important to me as my own son. To all the Brothers in my Lodge who prepared and delivered the Ritual of welcome with quality and sincerity, each of you makes me proud to be a Mason and a member of ERAC No. 163.

So here we are. □

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Annual Installation

All officers of a Masonic Lodge are installed following the Annual Election. The date of the installation may be the same

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A success

We had 21 in attendance at our Brother Bring-a-Friend Program on Sunday, March 11th.

W. Stephen Licht, R.W. Ken Kohlhagen, R.W. Art Drew, and our DDGM, R.W. Raymond Barber, were the speakers who talked on many different topics. We had a short movie and lots of literature was handed out.

The Worshipful Master wouldn't let me talk because I talk too much, but I fooled them, I raised my hand and asked lots of questions. We had three prospective members who took petitions home. The program was very impressive and several Master Masons said they would join the Lodge after seeing the program. I think we were wise to take our time and do some planning, because the program was very impressive. After the program, we enjoyed cake and ice cream at a social hour. Everyone had a good time.

Happy Birthday

March 15th was W. Ken Unger's birthday. If asked, he will tell you he was 29.

Brotherhood Fund

Letters have been sent to all of our members with Brotherhood Fund envelopes inside. I have had several envelopes returned already and I hope there will be many more. Thank you to all who have already sent theirs in.

Sickness and distress

We have two Brothers who are not feeling well. W. Ellsworth Eck.

evening of the election, but it is usually held at a later date. Plans for the installation are usually made by the Master, the Master-elect, and the Installation Team. It is the prerogative of the Master to install his successor.

Responsibility for designating the Installation Team and designing the Program lies with the Master. However, the Master of the Lodge should respect the wishes of the Master-elect. Installations can either be tiled or open, depending on the needs and wishes of the Lodge. The Installation Team should be guided by the "Standard Monitor" and/or the "Ritual".

Planning my installation

Following is listed some typical questions/hints in planning your installation:

Date, time, dinner; tiled or open; RSVP to whom; printed Program and the Trestleboard to hand out; selection of Installing Team - Marshal, Chaplain, Master; Grand Lodge Officers attending; arrange for proxies; invite fellow Masters; prepare Installation Address; plan/purchase/present Past Master's Apron; plan reception/refreshments; rehearsal.

Following is listed a typical Installation Program:

Installing Officers (usually Past Masters) Installing Master, Installing Marshal and Installing Chaplain.

Entrance of Officers

Invocation: Installation order: Tiler, Historian, Organist/Chorister, Marshal, Stewards, Masters of Ceremony, Senior and Junior Deacons, Trustee(s), Chaplain, Secretary (and Assistant), Treasurer (and Assistant), Junior Warden, Senior Warden, and then the Master.

- Prayer
- Proclamation
- Benediction
- Master's Remarks
- Presentations

Source: "The 24 Inch Gauge" by the Committee on Leadership and Educational Services - June 1998 Edition.

Lodge Organization and the Ballot

As a Master Mason, you should be knowledgeable of Lodge organization and how it functions. A Lodge is composed of at least seven Master Masons. A charter, granted to the Lodge by Grand Lodge, empowers it to confer the three Degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, and to carry on activities necessary to the business and functions of Masonry. A Lodge can keep its Charter only if it works and acts according to the traditions and usages specified by Grand Lodge.

A petitioner must meet the following to receive the Degrees:

1. He must have resided in New York State for at least one year.
2. He must believe in God and "The Immortality of the Soul".
3. He must receive an affirmative ballot of the Lodge after being investigated.

There is statewide concurrent jurisdiction in New York, meaning that you can join any Lodge in the State. Plural membership is allowed, meaning that you can belong to as many Lodges as you desire as long as each Lodge accepts you by ballot, and you pay dues to each.

Every Lodge is governed by Grand Lodge (the highest Masonic Body statewide) according to the laws, rules and regulations in the "Book of Constitutions". Each Lodge also has its own distinctive By-Laws for its self-governance, which are approved by

Grand Lodge. These are the By-Laws you must sign to become a member of a Lodge.

The Lodge functions through the elected Officers and Trustees and through committees and additional Officers appointed by the Worshipful Master. Elections are held during the last stated communication of the year, and all members present are required to vote. The elected Officers are the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and one or more Trustees. Those appointed can be replaced by the Worshipful Master at any time during the year for due cause; the judgment of due cause being entirely up to the Worshipful Master. Appointed Officers are usually the Senior and Junior Deacons, Senior and Junior Masters of Ceremony, two Stewards, Marshal, Chaplain, Organist and Tiler.

The Worshipful Master has complete executive power, and controls the operation of the Lodge at all times. The Senior Warden is second in rank, and presides when the Worshipful Master is absent. If the Worshipful Master can no longer perform his duties, the Senior Warden takes over all his responsibilities and duties except those pertaining to the Installation of Officers. The Junior Warden presides if both the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden are absent; and if both can no longer perform, the Junior Warden takes over. Neither the Worshipful Master nor Wardens may resign their Office under any circumstances, nor can the Master be formally replaced until the next annual elections.

The duties of the Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain and Organist are basically described by their titles. The Senior and Junior Deacons carry messages, attend to alarms, take care of visitors, and assisting the Master and Wardens in many ways. The main function of the Masters of Ceremony is to prepare candidates for the Degrees. The Stewards assist the Junior Warden in all Lodge social affairs.

A Lodge meeting is called a communication. It can be a regular, or stated meeting, a summoned meeting or a special meeting. Stated communications are held at regular intervals as specified in the Lodge By-Laws. A Summoneed Communication can be either a stated or special meeting. The only business that can be transacted at a special meeting is that specified in the written notice as the reason for the calling of the meeting. Degrees can be conferred at a Stated or Special Communication, but not usually at a Summoneed Communication when very important business would be on the agenda. A Master Mason must attend a summoned meeting of his Lodge, if within the length of his cabletow.

As a Master Mason, you are eligible to attend any Lodge in this jurisdiction, or any Lodge in other states and countries that are recognized by the Grand Lodge of New York. When you are visiting, if no Mason present can vouch for you by stating that he has sat with you in a Masonic Lodge meeting, then you must be tested or examined orally to prove you are a Mason. You will also be required to show your paid-up dues card. You should also know that your admission as a visitor is a privilege, not a right. Visitors are admitted only by consent of the Worshipful Master. If some particularly sensitive issues are on the agenda, he may choose to bar all visitors.

RTTE Survey results

Comments and suggestions were the last agenda items at this year's Road to the East Program. A summary of the comments from the Brethren, and our own comments, follow.

All in all, the Program was well received. Here are some of the comments from the Brethren:

"Etiquette in Lodge very worthwhile - great job."

"I would like to see more hands on type work in the Lodge room."

"Excellent program - my knowledge is much improved."

"Program is well worth the time."

"Using your officers. Not enough about the other officers and their use to the Master."

"A great job was done by all. Every subject was covered."


Many of the comments from the Brethren seemed to center around how much they enjoyed the "hands on" parts of the program, in the Lodge room. The discussions on balloting, Masonic etiquette, and Masonic funerals, and just questions on different parts of our Ritual work left the Brothers needed to be cut short, due to time constraints.

These comments and feelings seem to suggest that these subjects could become topics for individual Lodge programs, or maybe an inter-Lodge program for multiple Lodges. This type of program could be easily put together by any of the Staff Officers or AGL's. This is what our responsibilities are, and what the Grand Master has charged us to do for the Craft. One of our main responsibilities, as your Staff Officers, is to help educate our fellow Brethren. If there are any Masters or Wardens who would like to put a program on dealing with any part of the Ritual, R.:W.: R. Keith Stambach and V.:W.: John Zabel would be glad to put one together for you.

If there is any other aspect of our work, such as the proper way of conducting a funeral service, or talk on Masonic etiquette, etc., we will find a person well qualified to help. Please call on us. We are here to serve you and the Craft as a whole.

Remember the Brotherhood Fund!

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Masters &
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Assoc.**



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The Masters and Wardens had their monthly meeting at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 with 21 in attendance, plus 5 Grand Lodge Officers. This represented 11 Lodges with a total of 26, this was a very good turnout. I thank Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge for hosting our meeting and providing us with fine refreshments.

R.:W.: Keith Stambach announced the School of Ritual will be March 29th at Etolian Lodge in Spencerport at 7:30 p.m. Subject will be on the 3rd Degree and this will be done by Oatka and Clio Lodges. He also mentioned that his list of Ritualists is complete, but still can use more in some areas. If anyone can help, call him at 865-7146.

R.:W.: Bill Lindsay and W.: Jim Weick spoke about the Ma-

sonic Family Day on April 1st at 1:30 p.m. This will be held in Cathedral Hall, Downtown Temple. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for youths. You can make checks out to the Masonic Service Bureau. This will be a great afternoon of entertainment and fun for all ages.

Don't forget the Widows Luncheon on March 31st at Logan's Party House. The Junior Wardens are asked to come and help with the handicapped.


On April 2nd there is going to be a class of instruction on Installation. For more information, you can call R.:W.: Bill Lindsay at 621-3573. The Road to the East will be in Dansville again this year. This will be in November, January, and February. Please check the *Masonic Times* for more information.

On Saturday, April 28th, there will be a bus trip to tour the Masonic Campus in Utica. The bus will leave Damascus Temple on Bay Road at 6:30 a.m. The tour itself will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with lunch provided. There is no charge for the bus trip and lunch, but reservations are needed. You may call W.: Phil Hurwitz at 581-1831 or his office at 663-5820.

Our next Masters and Wardens Meeting will be at the Ronald McDonald House, 333 Westmoreland Drive, on April 14th. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. and after a short business meeting, R.:W.: Don Darrohn will present them with a check for \$9,444.00, received from the Have-a-Heart Campaign. Everyone is welcome and bring a camera.

See you at the next meeting. □

**Membership
Retention**



R.:W.: Joseph Privitera
Monroe District

**Editor's Award for
Non-Lodge Articles**

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

Food for thought

I want to tell you one way for your Lodge to get out of the doldrums that sometimes an organization can suffer from. You know, sometimes we get into ruts and they are tough to get out of. We do the same things meeting after meeting, year after year. We have the same type of speakers and the same type of programs. For example, as educational the Morgan Affair story may be, how many times do we have to hear it?

We do the same with our Degrees. We have a Fall Class then we have a Spring Class. Some of these are done with four or less weeks interval with little or no time for proper instruction and teaching. It also takes away six meetings from a possible 18-20. Then we have a meeting for an Official Visit, an night for Election of Officers, a budget meeting night, and a night for reading of Annual Reports. All this leaves little time for other and different types of meetings. We even could have more open meetings.

OK. So where am I going with this? ERAC Lodge No. 163 has one class per year. You start with an all-out Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. The three Degrees have a two month interval. This leaves a sufficient time for in-

struction of the new Brother in the Degree he just went through. He has a better understanding of the meaning of that Degree because the two month interval gives him enough time and space to absorb that meaning. The Brothers participating in the Degree have more time to prepare.

In the meantime, the new Brothers can be brought into meetings when the Lodge is changed over to the proper Degree. Then, guess what happens, the new Brother has a better chance of staying active in his Lodge and is more apt to remain a member because of his instruction. This plan also gives us a few more meeting nights to fraternize and socialize. Frankly, I can't find any problem with this idea with the exception of hearing the old line, "We never did that before."

With a new Lodge year coming up, why not put a bit of spice in the way we do things. Speak to your Senior Warden about this idea. He is, or should be, planning his year as Master of his and your Lodge. He would probably appreciate the input.

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One more point, ERAC Lodge just raised eight Brothers last night, March 12th. How many Brothers did your Lodge raise this Lodge year?

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS MONROE DISTRICT



R. W. Keith Stambach
865-7416

V. W. John Zabel
227-3228

By R. W. Keith Stambach
As the 2000-2001 year comes to an end, John and I thank all the Officers and Brethren who appreciate the meaning of the Ritual when performed for our candidates by attending the Schools of Ritual to learn and share in the fellowship. Unfortunately, there were several Lodges who did not attend and from our observations, they could have used some inspiration and instruction.

The good news is that there are some new Brothers who have emerged as very good Ritualists and are willing to assist any Lodge when needed to exemplify a complete Degree. In conjunction with this, we will expand our list and have it in the Lodges by September. We will provide the tools you just have to use them. Any Brother who would like to assist, please call John or me. We are here to serve at any time.

The next School of Ritual will be at Etolian Lodge in Spencerport on March 29th at 7:30 p.m., exemplifying the 3rd Degree. At this time we will be presenting the new Grand Lecturer's Con-

vention Attendance Award Banner to Fairport Lodge. See you there!

Bureau of Masonic Education
Monroe County

President:
V. W. John Zabel

By V. W. John E. Zabel

The Rites

Doug had been raised in the Fall and was a regular attendee at Lodge meetings. He would regularly ask George questions about the Craft. George had discussed many topics about Freemasonry and had lent Doug several books on the subject. Doug seemed to like talking to George.

George was no longer surprised with Doug's questions until one evening, after a Lodge meeting, Doug asked George a question.

"George, what is the difference between the York and Scottish Rites? I'm occasionally asked to join one or the other, but I know little about them. The Brothers that asked me to join just haven't answered my questions about them", said Doug. "Can you give me a decent answer?"

"I'll try", replied George. "First let's look at the similarities. They both build on the Lessons and Allegory of the three Degrees. Their basic intent is to help the Mason learn and understand the lessons contained in the Degrees and to expand on these lessons. They each confer Degrees, but have very different methods and organization.

The York Rite consists of three major Bodies, or organizations. They are the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Cryptic Masons and the Order of Knights Templar. Each Body has its own Grand Body, and the Bodies and Grand Bodies are not necessarily tied together. The Royal Arch Chapter confers four Degrees; the Council, three Degrees; the Knights Templar, or Commandery, three Degrees.

You must be a member of a Royal Arch Chapter in order to join the Council or Commandery.

The York Rite Degrees are rich in Ritual and Allegory, similar the three Degrees conferred in a Lodge, but with much more content. The lessons taught in the Degrees emphasize and reinforce the lessons taught in the three Degrees. The Degrees are not numbered.

The Scottish Rite is made up of four Bodies, a Lodge of Perfection, Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Chapter of Rose Croix and Consistory. The Scottish Rite Bodies are formed into Valleys for administrative purposes. A Supreme Council rules all the Valleys.

The Scottish Rite confers 29 different Degrees. Ten are conferred in the Lodge of Perfection, two each in the Council and Chapter, and 14 in the Consistory. The Degrees are numbered from 4 to 32.

The Scottish Rite Degrees use drama and allegory to convey their message. The dramas range from the time of Moses and Joseph to King Solomon, the Middle Ages, Colonial time and even very modern times. The dramas are based on legend, real and fictional events and are intended to extend the teachings of the first three Degrees.

That's the short answer. If you want more information, contact the local Chapter of the Rite you are interested in and find out if they have informational meetings or other public events.

Doug was silent for a minute. "You've given me something to think about. I was under the impression that the Rites were just another group to join, but from what you said, there appears to be much more."

"There is a lot more to each Rite. When you're ready I am sure that either one or both Rites would graciously accept you as a member", replied George.

What's happening?

Spring is almost here and your Bureau of Masonic Education will be more than happy to help plan programs for next year. Senior Wardens, keep this in mind.

Director of the Ronald McDonald House, Bonnie Vahey, conveys her sincere thanks.

Sickness and distress

Brother Bob Traub recently fell and broke his ankle. He told me today (3/2) that the cast from his ankle to his knee would be removed very shortly and appears to be healing very nicely. Best of luck, Brother Bob.

Fellowcraft Annual Dinner

The Fellowcraft Annual Dinner and Election of Officers will

again be at Rick's Prime Rib on Buffalo Road on April 10th. The menu consists of Prime Rib at \$25.00 and Orange Roughy at \$22.00 with dues, tax and gratuity included. For reservations, please call either Brother Jack Grover at 247-3007 or W. Clyde Siverd at 334-3642.

Dinner meeting-Ladies invited

A Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner, with all the trimmings, will be April 3rd. As yet the entertainment is unknown.



Ken Schumacher, Vern Goodrich, Clif Field, Bob Ogden, Barb Goodrich, and Jack Grover from Craftsman/Robertson Lodge the day they collected \$871 for the Ronald McDonald House.

(Photo courtesy Bonnie Vahey)

Foodlink News

by W. Volney Frankel

Our Lodge Brothers, spouses, older kids and friends are welcome to again gather at 6:30 p.m., April 24th, at the Foodlink Warehouse, 936 Exchange Street. Foodlink is the original depot that supplies contributed reusable food and household/personal products to over 550 food cupboards, kitchens and certain day care centers in several counties of this part of the State, primarily Monroe County.

Volunteers are needed to help cull, sort and repair the canned goods and paper products. It's a fun time for all, not heavy work and wear old clothes.

We will share pizza for supper, hear the latest from the staff, complete our tasks and leave between 8:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. To organize the dining menu, as well as enable the Foodlink staff to prepare for our visit, please contact Volney Frankel at 244-1644 with the number of hungry people you are bringing. Specific directions will be mailed to all volunteers.

**From the Secretary,
W. Tom Kendig**

I remind all Brothers who have not paid their dues for the years 2000 and 2001, to mail them into me as soon as convenient. Thank you.

Brotherhood Fund

The Masonic Brotherhood Fund is progressing very nicely with 86 contributors so far, with a total of \$3,410.00. The current totals are slightly less than last year's. There are about two months remaining to make your donation, so Brothers, please mail your checks as soon as convenient. Thanks.

Degree work

On April 17th the Past Masters Degree Team will present a 3rd Degree at our Lodge to several Fellowcrafts. Let's have a good turn-out for this colorful event.

Birthdays

Congratulations to the following Brothers with birthdays in April: Alois Froehlicher, Dick Stone, Arnie Raymond, Dick Militello, Bob Thompson, Derek VanHouten, Dave Ververs, Earl Lenhard, Carm Vitali, Chuck Sutton, Tom Davis and Glen Ide.

April meetings

A Dinner meeting, with ladies invited, is April 3rd.

The Annual Fellowcraft Dinner and Election of Officers is April 10th.

April 17th will be the conferral of the 3rd Degree.

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

I hope this article finds you all in good health.

Cancellation

As some of you know, we were forced to cancel the merger meeting with Fairport Lodge due to poor weather conditions. We are presently rescheduling the meeting and I will notify the officers when the date is set.

We had a very nice evening at the Fellowcraft Club Dinner that was held at FDR's in Henrietta. Our next dinner will be Thursday, April 5th, at the Brook House (Sam's Club Plaza) on West Ridge Road. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. As usual, we need reservations. Please come out and join us for a great meal and conversation.

Next meeting

Our next official meeting will be held Thursday, April 12th, in Ionic Hall starting at 7:30 p.m. I hope you will come out and support the Lodge and your officers and catch up on recent events.

We need help

Please note Brothers, our Senior Deacon is trying to get people to fill the line for next year. Brother Scott Pellegrino will be in the East for the first time. We need help in getting the positions filled. This is my 2nd year through and I am leaving the Lodge in very capable hands. Scott is a great person for those of you who have not met him, and will be a fine Master. If you are interested in taking a position in line, please contact Brother Pellegrino at 334-8606.

Be safe, be well, and I hope to see you at our next meeting.

FAME Lodge No. 945

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

Leon VanHuben, Secretary
647-1391

Brethren

This is truly the hinge of seasons, when we can see the earliest harbingers of Spring. The strongest indication of this is that virtually no songs are written about the months of January, February and March. Instead of the dread and darkness of mid-Winter, we have "April Love", "April in Paris", "April in Portugal", and "April Showers".

My grandchildren buy seeds for me to plant. Every year they pick out beans, carrots, peas and other things (artichokes, papayas, bananas), by the brightness of the pictures on the front of the packages. It has become a special chore for them, and has deepened our relationships. It's something we can all share, even if thousands of miles apart. I have some wonderful pictures of three of the grandchildren stalking and picking, the fabled wild carrot.

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Sausage Fete was a grand success. Everyone gorged on food in expectation of the straightened menus and tables of the Lenten Season. The Brother suggested that this is another event that deserves to be made into a tradition. This Master is of a like mind.

We are still working our way through the tortured maze of the merger system.

Don't forget to keep me apprised of any news-good or bad.

Remember-"so when it's raining, have no regrets...every star's a wishing star that shines for you...April in Paris...I found my April dream."

Nathan Birnbaum has left the building.

Who Has the Traveling Gavel?
Reporter
Mat Singold

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969

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7:30 P.M.




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By Robert Ogden

Have-a-Heart

I was pleased and thrilled to hear that Craftsman/Robertson Lodge established a record for the current Campaign in receiving \$871.00 on February 9th at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center. The total for the Campaign was \$9,444.00, for which Executive

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W. Emil Schirano,
 Master
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1st & 3rd
 Thursdays
 7:30 p.m.

W. Paul Sobtziak, Sec.
 671-8990

As we embark into Spring and hopefully good weather, I hope that our members will add their attendance to the School of Ritual on March 29th at Etolian Lodge in Spencerport. March 31st is the Widows Luncheon at Logan's Party House. The cost is \$14.00.

April meetings

On April 5th we will be having our Awards Night, which will include the DeWitt Clinton and Lodge Service Awards. The DeWitt Clinton Award will be given to the Webster Knights of Columbus for their outstanding service to the community, to our Brothers who will be getting their Awards and Pins for their years of service, and for Brothers who have not yet received their Millennium Veterans Certificate and Pin.

This will be a special night for Brother Frederic Cornell, who will be getting his Distinguished Service Award. The dress code is formal. This meeting is open to all family and friends. There will be a Ham and Scalloped Potatoes Dinner at 6:30 p.m., put on by Ruth Beard, who just got back from Florida. We all know what a great cook Ruth is. The cost will be \$7.50 and we need your reservations in early so Ruth can plan what she will need. This is a special night and we are expecting a great turnout. You can all our Junior Warden, Brad Lewis, at 265-2914 with your reservation or e-mail him at bradlewis1@worldnet.att.net

April 12th is the Fellowcraft Meeting. We still need help with the ceiling that is almost finished.

April 14th at 10:00 a.m., the Masters and Wardens Association will be going to the Ronald McDonald House to present them with the money they received from the Have-a-Heart Campaign, which was \$9,444.00! If anyone wants to attend, call 265-3932.

On April 19th we are again having a family evening with the Shrine Clowns. This is open to all family and friends, especially the children. There will be ice cream and cookies for all. If John Clapp is back from Florida, maybe he will consent to be made up as a clown from start to finish, as he did before. This should be another great night. Because of the children coming, we are going to start the evening at 7:00 p.m. The dress code is casual.

April 26th will be an Officer's Meeting at the Lodge at 7:30 p.m. I know our Senior Warden would like to discuss some of his events for the upcoming year.

On Saturday, April 28th, there will be a bus trip to the Masonic Home in Utica. The bus will leave Damascus Temple on Bay Road at 6:30 a.m. The tour itself will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with lunch provided. There is no charge for the bus trip and lunch, but reservations are needed. You may call me at 265-3932.


On May 3rd we will have Election of Officers. More about this in the next issue, but be sure to put this on your calendar.

Sickness and distress

It has been reported that W. Al Ribis is home from the hospital and feeling much better.

To all the Brothers who are celebrating a birthday in April, we wish you a great day. Please take time to smell the roses. See you in Lodge and check the *Masonic Times* for all upcoming events.

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1st Degree

February 15th was the date of our 1st Degree. It began with a delicious dinner prepared by our very own, Bob and Linda Zahn with help from our friend, Cecily. The Degree went very well. JW Jim Knapp did a wonderful job in the East, V. W. Dan Walker did a fine work with the Lecture, R. W. Bill Spillane did a great Charge, and Brother Relton Roland did very well with the Working Tools, as always. Thank you to W. Nelson Berch and his crew from Germania Lodge for coming out for the Degree and helping where needed. It was good to see my father, R. W. Duane Griswold, and Brothers from Masadonia Lodge in Bolivar, N.Y. at the Degree. I also thank Brother Toogood for helping with the Degree.

A fun evening

Our March 1st meeting was fun. JW Jim Knapp gave a very interesting talk on Al Capone's brother, who we found out was a law enforcement officer. That is kind of odd considering Mr. Capone's life style. Capone's nephew was Jim Knapp's Scout Master, so all the information is second or third hand. It was very interesting.

It was nice to get a visit from R. W. Cliff Short. I thank W. Merritt Sweet, R. W. Jack Thibaut and W. Don Smith for filling chairs that evening.

Sickness and distress

W. George Bradshaw has been under the weather for a while, but it has been reported that he is feeling a little better. I hope this article finds you even better, George! Brother Dean Smith had an operation on this throat and was whispering for a while, but the last time I talked to him he was using more of his voice. We wish him a quick recovery.

Be comfortable

The April 5th meeting will be a Sport Shirt - Hot Dog Night. Wear your favorite t-shirt, or a comfortable shirt, and enjoy hot dogs and fellowship.

3rd Degree

April 19th is the date of the 3rd Degree. Help is always needed and I would like to see a good turnout to help make the Degree a special event for the new Brothers.

Food Cupboard
 I remind you to bring in your non-perishable goods to Lodge and deposit them in the box downstairs for the Pittsford Food Cupboard. Thank you.

Sad news

I am sorry to inform you of the passing of Ethel Kennedy, widow of R. W. Harry Kennedy, Past Master of Northfield.


Charlotte/Corinthian
Lodge No. 1088

W. Kenneth W. Ratliff,
 Master
 (h)323-1014

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

C. William Flemming, Secretary
 723-0083

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Greetings from the East. It's hard to believe the year is almost up. It sure was an interesting experience being Master of the Lodge.

On March 6th we had our 1st Degree with SW, Bill King, in the East. Bill always does a great 1st Degree.

On Saturday, March 10th, the Brothers got together and had a Bachelor's Party for our Tiler, Don Freeman, who will be getting married April 7th. Good luck, Don, and to your new bride.

On Saturday, March 17th, we had our Annual Lodge Brunch, which always turns out to be a fun time.

Tuesday, April 3rd, we will be conferring the 2nd Degree.


On April 17th we will be having our Annual Table Lodge. This is always a great time for the Brothers. Reservations are a must, so please get them in by April 11th. You may contact me at 323-1014 or Bill King at 266-5676.

Please come out and support your Blue Lodge.

O-At-Ka
Lodge No. 759

W. Peter Fallone
 Master
 594-0231

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



R. W. Lawrence W. Dunn
 Secretary 594-8033

5 Browns Ave.
 Scottsville, N.Y. 14546

I hope this article finds all Brethren well. March was a busy month for all of us and April will be exciting, I hope. With Spring here and the start of yard work and maintaining our homes, even though this can take much of our time, I hope that we will continue to see everyone in Lodge.

Our St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance went well and everyone seemed to have a great time. Our Brothers from IONIC in Ontario, came to enjoy themselves and help us celebrate.

My thanks to the Party Committee for their great job in making the event a success.

On to bigger things...

I would like as many Brothers as possible to make the April 11th meeting. We will be having R. W. Vern Goodrich give a presentation about a new consoli-

dated building housing the Service Bureau and most of the Lodges on the West side of the county. He will be bringing much information that will answer your questions.


Several Brothers from Oatka and I attended a meeting in March and we were impressed enough to ask Vern to come and make this presentation.

Please make every attempt to be there for this meeting. No decisions are to be made, only information for ourselves. So that we don't miss out on something that might be good for us and for Masonry, put this date on your calendar in RED.

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

An opportunity is coming up for all household members to participate in the Masonic Family-Family Day at Cathedral Hall in the Downtown Temple. This will be April 1st and the program will start at 1:30 p.m. The cost is



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There is still time to send in your contribution to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. If you have misplaced your donation card, give a call to JW, Gary Sanford, at 425-4240. He can give you his address to send in your donation and can remind you of the various categories that you can select for your particular contribution.

Our April meeting will fall on Monday, the 9th, and we are hoping to have a speaker to tell us about the Scottish Rite and its various activities.

The Fellowcraft Club will be meeting on Monday, April 23rd. If you might be interested in learning about our Club, join us at our meeting 7:00 p.m. If you need further information on this group, give a call to our Junior Warden, Gary Sanford at 425-4240. We are considering various types of projects that will improve the Lodge. Perhaps you have some ideas to pass along.

The next School of Ritual will be on Thursday, March 29th, at Etolian Lodge in Spencerport. The address there is 133 S. Union Street. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m., but you should be a little early to sign in. The scheduled topic to be covered at this

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School will be the 3rd Degree, but this is subject to change. These School sessions are presented by the Assistant Grand Lecturers and the officers of the participating Lodges, and they always help improve the Ritual work in our own Lodges.

The Masters and Wardens meeting will be held at the Ronald McDonald House on Saturday, April 14th. The starting time is 10:00 a.m. After the meeting, the proceeds from the Have-a-Heart Campaign will be presented to the Director of the Ronald McDonald House, Bonnie Vahey.

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The 3rd Degree was held on March 12th. The Degree went well as eight new duly obligated Master Masons were raised. These Brothers were provided an outstanding 3rd Degree. As indicated in the last edition of the *Masonic Times*, this event was the epic event of my year. I thank my Officers, Ritual Directors, and Brothers for supporting me through the 3 Degrees.

"Move Up Night" was held on March 26th, when the Officer line moved up a chair in preparation for next year.

Condolences

On a sad note, it is my duty to report to you the passing of W.: Alex Peters, DSA. Brother Peters became ill in the Fall and struggled without complaint until his death. Brother Peters will be missed.

Widows Luncheon

You have already been informed that the Masonic Widows Luncheon is scheduled for March 31st at Logan's Party House. The Party House opens at 11:00 a.m., with the Luncheon beginning at 12 noon. Our own W.: Arthur Mason will be the keynote speaker and I assure you that you will be provided an interesting and appropriate keynote address. Beyond supporting one of our Lodge Brothers, is the spirit of this event, the honoring of our departed Brothers and their widows. We swore that we would do this. The cost of the Luncheon is \$14.00. Please contact me or R.: W.: Terry Wihlen for tickets to this event.

Family event


On April 9th, we will have a Family Dinner and ID Program. This is an open Lodge event. Family and friends are welcome. The ID Program, provides clear identification of your child should he or she become lost. Your participation is strongly encouraged.

As usual, there will be a dinner preceding each meeting. You can make your dinner reservations with Joe Bogmis by calling him at 423-1965 or by e-mailing him at joebogmis@hotmail.com. Thank you for your support and energy.

Call me whenever necessary at 334-8265, or send me an e-mail at Lperna@peoplepc.com

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

April showers bring May flowers. It promises to be a flower rich Spring. With the results of our successful Brother Bring-a-Friend Night it promises to be a time of growth for our Lodge. My thanks to all who brought future members. I am pleased with the turnout, and I am sure this type of growth will continue.

Past Masters Night

Our April 10th meeting will feature a Past Master's photo, something that has not been done since 1985. I hope all Past Masters can attend. Please call me if you need transportation. Come out and pay tribute to these men. Who was your favorite Master? Was it Fred Belluscio, Jim Cooper, Rich Townsend, William Russell, Bob Franzen or Fritz Friedrich? We will have some of these men sitting in the officers' chairs as they preside over the meeting. It promises to be a great night and I hope to see you there.


Sadness

Seneca Lodge has sustained a great loss with the passing of R.: W.: Roy S. Demenint on March 8th. A Masonic Service and a Scottish Rite White Rose Service were held on March 18th. It was a tremendous show of support and sympathy for Doris to see so many Brothers in attendance. He was a great man and a great Mason. He will be missed, but his memory will live on in the heritage of Seneca Lodge.

The Canadians are coming


I hope you have marked your calendars for the quadrennial visit of our Brothers from St. Andrews Lodge on May 18-20. It will be a great weekend with many social and Masonic activities occurring. Read your Trestleboard for details. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Valley/Simes
Lodge
No. 109



W.: Michael G. Batz, Master
(h) 820-9019
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2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.



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

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

This Lodge year is quickly winding down; only two months before we elect new officers. I stated recently that Brother Joe Gingold finds his cable tow drastically shortened, and had indicated his desire to support the officer line moving up and around him. I am glad that he has

been so supportive of our leadership and hope to keep him active anyway.

Ritual

We had Ritual Review Training for the officers at the March meeting. The work was done well and there seems to be enthusiasm for improvement. More of this type of review will happen at the next few meetings so that we are up to speed when the new Lodge year begins. There have been a few changes in the Ritual over the years and there will be votes at Grand Lodge in May on some recent revisions. Codebooks and the 24 Inch Gauge are temporarily out of print until after the votes.

Lecture

I feel a certain apprehension about the rest of what I am about to write. I encourage you to revisit your obligation and carefully consider whether your cable tow is too short to attend one or more of the 8 regular communications that we have during the year. I am not addressing any Brother who has attended even one of the 6 meetings thus far this year. I can't pretend that I am happy with attendance. Health, occupation, family, whatever...still should leave time for one meeting!

On a positive note, you still have April 10th and May 8th. The May meeting is our Annual Reports and Election meeting and would be an excellent time to come to a meeting. Meet your officers and get involved. End of lecture.

Resources

There are many resources available to you Brethren, such as medical research, medical equipment loaners, Sarachan Masonic Library, the local *Masonic Times*, "Empire State Mason", two websites for our Grand Lodge and coming soon, (June 1) a District website. I know many septuagenarians and one octogenarian who are proficient on a computer and know how to download files, chat or IM their friends and some even send me jokes on e-mail. Hope that doesn't sound critical; I just don't know how to get responses from some Brothers who in 8 years I have never...yes, never, met or even heard from. I hope to be Secretary next year if elected, and maybe I will have more opportunity to communicate. I sure hope so. Let us know how you are and what you're doing. I am interested in your thoughts on how you feel about the job your officers are doing, as well.

Degree work

We had a candidate taking the 1st Degree on March 27th and a Brother Entered Apprentice from 1994 who is now interested in receiving more light in Masonry, hopefully in the April 24th plan for conducting the 2nd Degree. We are planning another Bring-a-Friend event and two Master Mason classes next year. Let me know about anyone you think I should contact or that you feel might be worth our investigation.

Great time!

We had a great time at a planned Fellowship event. We saw the Greece Paint Players at a presentation at Golden Ponds in Greece where we enjoyed a great meal, as well. Thirty or so were in attendance and the event was well received and will probably make the list for future plans for Fellowship activities.

Hope this edition of the *Times* finds you and yours well, and that

we will see each other soon. I am looking forward to our snowbirds returning safely North so I can find out who the President is!

From the Secretary

By R.: W.: Herbert Spencer

The subject is dues. We still have 40 Brothers who have not paid their 2001 dues. A few of you (about 10) have not paid their 2000 dues. Please check your dues cards and make sure you are current. The deadline for "Early Payment Discount" is April 15th. Send in your dues, please.

Communicate

Some of you have moved without notifying us; this costs us money and time. If you have a change of address be so kind as to include us when sending out those change notices. We are trying to use more and more e-mail. If you have an e-mail address or access to one, let me hear from you. This is the way we try and keep you informed with all that is going on. My e-mail address for you to use is hspencer@frontiernet.net. Send me your news.

Condolences

We send our loving sympathy to the family of Brother Clinton Roberts, who passed away March 7th. We also extend our sympathy to the family of Cherie Fernandez, wife of Brother Raul Fernandez, who lost her father recently.

One final note from your Secretary for this time. What happened to all of our Past Masters who had their turn in the East and asked for the support of the Brothers? Why don't you think back when you sat in the East? Your Master and Officers need your support—come on out! Exciting things are happening.

ETOLIAN

Lodge No. 479
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W.: John E. Dyer
Master
733-1743

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

W.: Michael G. Schwartz
Secretary
352-4016

The end is nigh

The words of an old Western tune come to mind. Rolling...rolling...rolling... keep them doggies rolling... With only another month and a half left in the East, it seems I am just getting used to being there. It has been a very busy and interesting time, and I feel quite fortunate to have represented a Lodge such as Etolian. As the end is near, so is my time coming to head to New York for Grand Lodge. These are some of the votes that you need to be aware of:

1. Opening and Closing Lodge on the 1st Degree.
2. Allowing use of Electron Mail for Summons and Official Business.
3. The process for Election of Grand Line Officers.
4. The recognition of Prince Hall Masons.

The vote I will cast is your vote. We will be discussing these issues at our upcoming meetings.

Consolidation/moving

Talks are beginning on the West side. This time things ap-

pear to be pretty serious. Very little definite plans are out at this point. By June I should be able to communicate what the plans are going to be.

Upcoming events

March 29th - School of Ritual, Etolian Lodge, 3°.


March 31st - Widows Luncheon.

April 9th - Eastern Star Night, Officers to open at 7:00 p.m., open to ladies by 7:30 p.m.

April 23rd - Awards Night

May 14th - Summoned Communication, Election of Officers. At this meeting we may also need to be prepared to vote on issues concerning our future as a Lodge. Please attend this meeting!

GERMANIA
Lodge No. 722
4275 Culver Rd.
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W.: Nelson Borch, Master
671-4792

3rd Tues.
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7:30 P.M.

Secretary
W.: John H. Foster 467-1677

By W.: Dave Foster

Attention!!

Please note the following change to our schedule. Our meeting on April 17th will NOT be held at Fame Temple. We have been granted dispensation to hold our meeting at the Downtown Temple so that we might join with three other Lodges for the presentation of the 3rd Degree by the Shrine Past Master's Degree Team. The host Lodge for the Degree will be Craftsman/Robertson. I understand there may be as many as 7 or 8 Brothers taking the Degree. With three other Lodges filling the sidelines, it will be reminiscent of the Lodge in its golden age. Please be sure to make a special effort to come that night and enjoy the spectacle! A dinner by Craftsman/Robertson at 6:30 p.m. will precede the meeting. Please call their Master, W.: Gabriel Milonni at 467-9535 to make a reservation no later than April 12th. (Ladies, sorry this is a guy's night only this month. We'll be back to usual next month.)

As the Lodge turns...

As to the status of our consolidation with Fame Lodge—we received notice that the last review of the paperwork showed that everything was in order except that Fame has to resubmit their members, vote again and then resubmit their paperwork for further review. As we know more, we'll let you know.

Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund is going 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!


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

Last, but not least, happy birthday to all our Brothers with April birthdays.

See you in Lodge.

CLIO
LODGE No. 779

Master
W. Robert D. Pedersen,



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

Secretary
W. Sean Noonan 392-8156
287 East Ave. Hilton, N.Y. 14468
www.mastermason.com/clio779

Spring has sprung, the grass has 'rized, do you know when the Ox Roast is? On Saturday, May 5th, the Brothers of Clio Lodge will present the 36th Annual Ox Roast. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, seniors - \$6.00, and children just \$3.00. There is no charge to help. Call JW Eric Betteridge at 395-9916 for reservations or to put your name on the list to help in this annual event.

Spaghetti anyone?

The "spaghetti team" again did a remarkable job in serving dinner to the community on March 14th and 28th. Upcoming Dinners will be April 11th and 25th. See you there! Your help in and about the kitchen is always needed to lighten the load.

Looking ahead-important dates

There will be a bus trip on April 28th sponsored by the Brotherhood Fund, to the Masonic Home in Utica. Buses will leave from Damascus Temple, Bay Road, at 7:00 a.m. and will return at approximately 6:30 p.m. For reservations contact Brother Steve Mitchell at 964-8747.

Degrees

What a great job SW Gordie Smith did while in the East for the 1st Degree on March 20th. The two candidates and the Brethren in attendance were proud to take part. Our 2nd Degree will be April 17th with JW Eric Betteridge in the East. The 3rd Degree is scheduled for May 1st with a dinner preceding it at 6:30 p.m. Come out and show your support for the candidates and Degree teams.

Did you forget?

For those Brothers who have not yet returned their dues, blow

the dust off the wallet. Is there some reason you forgot? Let us know if we can be of assistance. Do not be bashful, we do have an attentive ear.

April birthdays

Congratulations to Karl Brandt, Jack Johnson, Dale Polmateer, Robert Quackenbush, Joe Ulrich, Denny Wright, Dave Partiss, Maurice Northrup, Merle Wallace, Harry DeHollander, Santo Panella, and David Seeger.

Closing

Spaghetti Dinners, upcoming Degrees, School of Ritual, Ox Roast, past dues, what a busy schedule. There never is enough time in our daily lives. Need a break, take a breath, and come visit the Lodge and reacquaint yourself. In need of a ride? We are only a telephone call away. Do not consider it a bother, call a Brother. ☐

Mid-Day Bowling League



John Specht, Secretary 548-2694

By R. W. F. Jay McCullough

We've written before about our Tuesday, 1:15 p.m., outings at the Rose Garden in Bergen. Brother Tom Sardou's lanes are adjacent to his Viking Valhalla Restaurant. We have finished the regular Senior's season, but some league members plan to continue post season games until they can get on area golf courses. There are a few "muddlers" in the group, after all, who have to see if they can strike the ball as well as last year and are ready to resume play.

Niagara-Orleans District Tournament

The league fielded the team of John Specht, Dick Giedd, Dick Howard, Don Hargrave and myself for the annual Niagara-Orleans Charity Tournament, held at Frontier Lanes in Lewiston, NY, on March 10th. The team met a Hamilton, Canada team while at lunch at the Lewiston Family Restaurant before play

began. When announcements were made at the tourney start, it was noted that the Canadians and Monroe/Genesee/Wyoming teams had joined with those from the United States. We've been the Monroe/Genesee County entrants a couple of times in the past, as well. How did we fare? We had a fine outing with good fellowship, as usual.

All wished Ron Bowers (Grand Lodge Publications Chairman) a speedy recovery after some serious hospital time. He was nearing the time for a prosthesis fitting and, according to his friend, Jim Sullivan, fully plans on being at Grand Lodge in May. Both are Niagara/Orleans District mainstays, having spent considerable personal time in the quarries, putting out the Niagara/Orleans District newspaper. Courtesy copies of the Times were available and it was announced that copies of the "second best Western NY Masonic paper" were on hand.

This "Bud" Gillings Memorial Tournament is in its 21st year. It was started by the District's 1979 Masters, who were aided in its sponsorship by the 92-94 Masters. A total of \$830 was collected from participants which was to go to the aid of one year old Jarret Pries of Lyndonville, a child suffering head tumors which have already caused the removal of one eye and chemo/radiation treatments. The need for financial assistance will continue for some time. If you are interested in participating, write to the Niagara/Orleans District Masonic News at 37 Oliver Street, Lockport, NY, 14094.

The State Bowling Tournament beckons

On April 28th and 29th, the league has at least one team ready to travel to Oneonta for the State Masonic Tournament. Several members are veterans of previous State tourneys over the past few years. Don Hargrave, our infamous chief chef, has a nose for finding an excellent eatery for Saturday evening's outing after the first round team event. We'll miss his expertise this year since he will be heading West and will be unable to participate. Any Masonic bowler who would like to go on this overnight outing is welcome. Non-Masons are invited as well, at one per team of four bowlers. The event is at Holiday Lanes on State Highway 23 in Oneonta over 3 successive weekends starting April 21st. Contact League Secretary, John Specht, at 548-2694, for information.

The regular season

League standings through the 2nd week of March had "Boom-Boom" Chet Riley leading the high series column with a 702, and Lefty "move a board right or left" Lovett carries the high game at 260. "Mr. Smooth Delivery", Dick Howard, another lefty, slipped into first place (stolen from Lovett) in the high average column in the last four sets of the season. It's all in the family, though. Both he and Buz share grandchildren, since they were joined as family by the marriage of one's daughter and the other's son. "Easy Roller" Dave Liles started to climb the score sheet when he reduced to a 14 lb. ball midway in the season. Tracy "Cannonball" Miller came on board mid-season and blew us all away with the speed and accuracy of his delivery.

It's been another good year with Dick Kessler at the helm as our Prez, and John Specht willing to bear the secretarial burden

each season. Many of us will certainly want to start again in the Fall. See you there? ☐

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As you recall from last month, I called your attention to the opportunities available for you to visit other Valleys as they present various Scottish Rite Degrees. This is an opportunity for you to fill in your Millennium Passport by visiting a Valley and obtaining a stamp in your Passport validating your attendance at that Degree. Here is a preliminary schedule for the Valleys of New York for this Spring. I've also added Coudersport, PA, for your information. Remember, our own Reunion will be held on April 19th and 20th.

Albany - 4/21 (6°, 14°, 15°, 18°, 26°, 32°)

Binghamton - 4/27 (8°, 14°), 4/28 (16°, 18°, 25°, 32°)

Corning - 4/21 (4°, 14°, 15°, 18°), 4/28 (26°, 32°)

Rochester - 4/19 (6°, 14°), 4/21 (16°, 18°, 20°, 32°)

Rockville Center - 4/26 (6°, 5/3 (16°, 5/10 (17°, 18°), 5/17 (32°)

Syracuse - 4/16 (18°), 4/28 (26°, 32°)

Troy - 4/21 (6°, 14°, 15°, 18°)

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for directions and contact information.

Continuing with the lessons of the Ineffable Degrees presented in our Lodge of Perfection, let's pick up where we left off. This month we will start with a look at the 10°.

10° Master Elect of Fifteen derives its name from the fifteen who participated in the capture of the assassins of Hiram and are rewarded by admittance to this new order call the Elu of the Fifteen devoted to Toleration and Liberality. Masonry welcomes all men of all religions thereby practicing toleration. Religion asserts authority, whereas Masonry counsels introspection and reflection on the great mysteries of the human condition. Masonry is tolerant and supportive of the most diverse religious beliefs. Religion has often divided men. Masonry reaffirms the brotherhood of man. Toleration holds that every man has the same right to his opinion and faith that we have to ours. Liberality holds that as no human being can with certainty say, what is truth, or that he is surely in possession of it, so every one should feel that it's quite possible that another equally honest and sincere with himself, and yet holding the contrary opinion, may himself be in possession of the truth, and that whatever one firmly and conscientiously believes, is truth, to him.

11° Sublime Master Elected derives its name from the selection of twelve of the fifteen Elu's to be governors in Israel charged with collection of revenues and given supreme control in their province. The duties of this degree are to be earnest, true and reliable. The responsibilities are to be an advocate and champion of the people protecting them against illegal impositions. You are to be frank and sincere in all things. By being earnest in doing whatever it is your duty to do, no man will ever regret that he has relied upon your word. The fulfillment of these duties requires us to view ourselves and the whole human race as one great family. To be honest and true requires education and enlightenment on the meaning of life, the Deity and human nature. Masonry's special charge is to protect people and is therefore work.

12° Grand Master Architect derives its name from the advancement of Adoniram, based on superior knowledge and skill, to be successor to the Master Hiram. This degree teaches us that the ablest, wisest and best should be the leaders. The duties of this degree are to seek wisdom through knowledge. The lessons teach us that wisdom is a gift from God and should be preferred over riches. Wisdom will bring honor, discretion and understanding. Wisdom teaches the knowledge of God and thereby enables immortality.

13° Master of the Ninth Arch derives its name from the legend of Enoch wherein God seeing in Enoch a man of perfect virtue elected to reveal to him His true name. After receiving it in a dream, Enoch's vision continued and he was conveyed vertically through nine arches into a subterranean vault which contained a triangular plate of gold upon which was written the name of God. The duties of this degree are to seek knowledge and to be motivated by duty and honor. The lessons taught are that moral character is a habit, not formed in moment. The great law of retribution is, that all coming experience is to be affected by every present feeling; every future moment of being must answer for every present moment; and that one moment, sacrificed to vice, is forever sacrificed and lost.

Other considerations - some thoughts of leadership
We must dig and drill for good people to lead us, just as we dig and drill for gold and oil. Masonry may be said to be the process of digging in the right places, and therefore offers the greatest chance of finding the metal we are looking for, and not the fools gold we have quarried in the past. Our Nominating Committee has started the process of digging and drilling for the coming year. Let them know if you are interested in getting started. Call the Scottish Rite Office at 271-0715 to be considered.

Masonic Educational Advancement
By Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°
The primary mission of our Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite (as portrayed by the series of articles presented by our Commander-in-Chief) is to educate and advance our Craft Lodge Masons to new heights of wisdom and understanding. It has long been said (and it is true) that our Scottish Rite is the "College of Freemasonry" which allows Brothers to increase their understanding about life. As in several recent articles, each Scottish Rite Mason is encouraged to reach out and develop a relationship with a Craft Lodge Mason that will invite him to partake of the beautiful lessons of the Scottish Rite. It is a marvelous experience as a candidate to partake of these lessons that apply to our daily lives. Please allow yourself the special privilege to sponsor a Craft Lodge Brother for our Degrees; it will add to your

pride as a Freemason that you have helped another to grow and learn as you have.

What's new?

There is excitement of the Spring Reunion right around the corner...that over 100 Sublime Princes will be involved in the conferral of the Degrees that will take place at our Paul W. Spillane Spring Reunion on April 19th and 21st. What a great time to revisit and renew some old friendships. It's great to see that two Classes from the last year and a half have taken on a Degree; that the MSAs (Red Caps) of the Valley have taken on a Degree...there are others who are considering the same!

The Valley has developed a new recognition cap (Blue Cap) that will be presented for the first time this Spring (The John B. Mullan Distinguished Service Award). There will be an appropriate opportunity to recognize members that have rendered special service in a unique way. Our Commander-in-Chief has also put forth several very nice (new) incentives that will be presented for the securing of a given number of petitions over the last year. We are looking forward to presenting these special incentives for the special effort that is being put forth.

Passports

Please remember to bring your Passport to the upcoming April Reunion series; if you don't happen to have it with you, you will be asked to sign a form for each Degree and then present your Passport at the Office (at a later date) for stamping and verification. Remember, the goal is to have it filled in during the next five years!

Memories



Ill. Roy Smith Dement, 33°

It is with the deepest regret that the passing of Ill. Roy Smith Dement, 33°, on March 8th is noted. I recall him well as the Commander-in-Chief in 1966 - 67 and all that was done to support the Order of DeMolay. As many of you may well recall, he was an active Degree participant and Director for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to his wife, Doris. Thanks for your help, good friend; may you receive the blessings worthy of one who has taught us so much. Illustrious Brother Dement was coroneted a 33° Mason on September 25, 1957, and at the time of his passing, was the third Senior Recipient of the Honor in New York State.

What can I do to help?

In our Fraternal network, we often hear from a number of our inactive members who simply in-

quire: "What can I do to help?" It's an interesting opportunity for every member of our Valley to bring an eligible Craft Lodge Mason to our Valley for "Further Light in Masonry". The upcoming Spring Reunion is an excellent opportunity to reach out to an eligible Craft Lodge Mason and invite him to partake of this wonderful experience. Won't you Reach Out and Say Hello and invite a Craft Lodge Mason to join with us?

Special Salute!

Congratulations to ERAC Lodge for their recent activities that resulted in the creation of eight new Master Masons! This excellent example of esprit de corps, fraternalism, love and care has developed a special feeling in that Lodge which portrays each of our lessons to our fullest. Congratulations, ERAC!

Masonic Youth

Remember that it's a positive outreach to support our Masonic Youth Groups in the Monroe and surrounding Districts. Consult our Directory or call the Office if you need information about these groups...they represent the future of our Fraternal Organizations! □

6°

Intimate Secretary

Thursday, April 19, 2001

This degree teaches that devotion to one's friends and zealousness in performing one's duties are rewarding virtues.

Directed by:

Cyrus Kloner and
John E. Zabel, 33°

Prologue:

Charles O. Hancock
Drama

Moses:

David W. Parish

Eleazar:

George S. Nasra

Ithamar:

Lawrence W. Dunn

Kenaz:

Bruce R. Horncastle

Sethur:

George N. Romanyshyn

Achan:

Louis M. Sanfilippo

Aerah:

Gary L. Burke

Tahan:

David W. Taber

Hekel:

Eldon N. White

Kemuel:

Eli H. Shockey, Jr.

Voice:

John E. Zabel, 33° □

14°

Grand Elect Mason
Following the 6°

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:

Louis M. Sanfilippo

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:

Robert Franzen

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and quickly go.

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and leave footprints
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Guards:
Mathew Gingold, 32° MSA
Jesse Noble, Jr.
David W. Taber
John E. Zabel, 33°
*Will take part

16°

Prince of Jerusalem
Saturday, April 21, 2001
9:00 a.m.

This Degree teaches loyalty to truth, and fidelity to duty.

Directed by:
Thomas Grape
Prologue:
Glenn A. Hedges, 32° MSA
Council Chamber in Temple in Jerusalem
Zerubbabel, Sovereign Prince:
Steven M. Lysenko
Joshua, High Priest:
Norman P. Austin
Seriah, Senior Warden:
Craig T. Mollon
Mordecai, Junior Warden:
Derek E. VanHouten
Esdras, Secretary:
Richard G. Giedd
Ananias, Treasurer:
Charles O. Hancock
Workmen
Mathew L. Gingold, 32° MSA
Alfred Pulcino III
David W. Taber

Court of Darius
Darius, King of Persia:
Howard E. Lord
Araspes, Satrap of Babylon:
Charles M. Roberts
Artaban, Satrap of Assyria:
Lawrence K. Canfield
Bartacus, Satrap of Media:
Bruce R. Horncastle
Grand Chancellor:
Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA
Solamiel, Master of Ceremonies:
Arthur F. Maupin, 32° MSA
Nehemiah, Grand Master of Entrances:
Derek E. VanHouten
Councilors:

Attendant:
Joseph E. Bourcy III
Prompter:
Donald A. Rose, 32° MSA

18°

Knight of Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.
Following the 16°

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:
Bruce D. Chilton
Junior Warden:
Ronald L. Weber
Orator:
William D. Spillane
Master of Ceremonies:
William R. Zufall
Knight Captain of the Guard:
Eldon N. White
Assisting Voice:
Charles O. Hancock

20°

Master ad Vitam
Saturday, April 21, 2001
This degree is a drama of the American spirit confronting the challenge of disloyalty and treason. Masonic principles and leadership are subjected to a crucial test. The Degree demonstrates the Masonic condemnation of all who conspire against the security of the Nation and the happiness of our people.

Directed by:
Charles O. Hancock and Joseph F. Oelgoetz III
Prologue:
William R. Zufall
Ceremonial Section
Venerable Master:
Charles O. Hancock
Senior Warden:
Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°
Junior Warden:
John E. Zabel, 33°
Orator:
William R. Zufall
Dramatic Section
Worshipful Master:
Steven M. Lysenko
Senior Deacon:
Richard G. Giedd

Junior Deacon:
Robert A. Graff
Tiler:
Donald E. Freeman, Sr., 32° MSA
James Mercer, Grand Master:
Thomas E. Badger
Edmund Randolph, Deputy:
William R. Lindsay
General George Washington:
Lawrence K. Canfield
Marquis de Lafayette:
Norman P. Austin
General Israel Putnam:
Michael C. McBride
General Henry Knox:
Clifford N. Hayner II
General Mordecai Gist:
Douglas C. Spencer
General John Sullivan:
James R. Spencer
Sir Francis Cranston:
Charles M. Roberts
Colonel Gilbert Beltower:
Bruce R. Horncastle
Benedict Arnold:
G. Michael Morris
Thomas Gerry:
Howard E. Lord
Colonel Samuel Crisp:
Arnold E. Palmer, Jr.

32°

Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret
Following the 20°
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°
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Charles O. Hancock
1st Lt. Commander:
Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°
2nd Lt. Commander:
John E. Zabel, 33°
Master of Ceremonies:
G. Thomas Grape
Engineer and Seneschal:
Vernon L. Goodrich
Orator:
William R. Zufall
Hospitaler:
Dwight E. Turner
Worshipful Master:
Richard C. Friedman
Thrice Potent Master:
William R. Hook
Sovereign Prince:
Garry R. Hutchurson
Most Wise Master:
Philip A. Trautman
Chancellor:
Donald A. Rose, 32° MSA
Constans:
Gary L. Burke
Chaplain:
Cyrus Kloner
Flag Bearer:
Miles L. Woodcock
Standard Bearer:
Derek E. VanHouten
Captain of the Guard:
John E. Hennessy, Jr.

Guards:
Donald P. Fox, 32° MSA
Donald E. Freeman, 32° MSA
Mathew L. Gingold, 32° MSA
Arthur F. Maupin, 32° MSA
Charles Spiegel, Jr., 32° MSA

Second Section

Directed by:
Stephen Whittaker, 33°
John E. Zabel, 33°
Degree Assistants:
Steven M. Lysenko
Robert D. Pedersen
Dramatic Section
Prince Commander:
David W. Jones
Constans:
Craig T. Mollon

Knight Kadash:
Ronald L. Weber
Knight Rose Croix:
John E. Hennessy, Jr.
Knight Prince of Jerusalem:
Joseph F. Oelgoetz III
Knight Lodge of Perfection:
Franklin H. Ghyzel or Pedro Ugalde
Herald:
Philip A. Trautman
Captain of the Guard:
Lawrence Bright
Knights:
Joseph J. Privitera
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Temptations

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Frank W. Gray
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Alan L. Jeerings
Rufus:
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Warren G. Doerrer
John A. Dudley
Jeffrey R. Quartley

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Robert D. Kimmel
Ralph Kraft
Daniel P. Maloney
J. Christopher Pavlick
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Gordon F. Smith
Richard W. Topel
Brian D. Waller

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George S. Nasra
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Steven S. Xander
Robert L. Zahn
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David W. Taber
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William D. Shelby
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William C. Wimberly
William S. Wisotzke
J. Peter Yendell

Hospitaler's Report

By Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MSA
Edward Brereton - will undergo surgery in April.
Cy Kloner - was hospitalized with diabetes problems.
Fred Nielsen, 33° - had a lens implant.
John Wihlen - Heart problems.
Please, if you hear of anyone that is ill or in need, call me at 227-2046.

In the middle ages coat buttons were moved to the right side so that swords could be drawn more quickly.

Feast of the Paschal Lamb

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Thursday, April 5, 2001

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Kenneth Hutchinson, Monarch

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



Kenneth Hutchinson

I extend a big thank you to all those who came out for our Annual Dinner Meeting on February 21st. It was most gratifying to preside at a meeting with such good attendance. We welcomed back our Revolutionary War Reenactors for another very enjoyable talk.

Euchre Tournament

The Annual Euchre Tournament was held following the March 21st Grotto meeting. The results will be announced at our April 18th meeting and Awards given at that time.

Master Mason Night

April 18th is the date, Henrietta Park is the place. I am most grateful to Wm. Fredenburg and Ron Morthorst, P.M., our Membership Committee. They have had several meetings and are ready to step up action and insist we do our part and more. They have laid careful and complete ground work for an evening of entertainment and refreshments. Invite your Masonic friends to a night of fun as your guest...with no strings attached.

At least one in 2001!

Award Night

April 18th is our Award Night with 18 who qualify for membership awards for long time membership of from 20 to 60 years of belonging to the Grotto. Doug Spencer has promised fine entertainment afterward.

Monarch's Bus Trip

Saturday, May 12th, at 7:30 a.m. at the Trailways Bus Terminal, Midtown, we will again be going on a bus trip to Turning Stone.

Leon and Bev VanHuben are the Chairpersons for this fun-filled event. Reservations are limited and only a few seats are left. Call Leon or Bev at 647-1391 for details.

Master of Ceremonies

By Douglas Spencer

I'm writing this article in a most interesting place. My wife, Sharon, and I are on our way home from Warren, Pa. I dictate and she writes about the wonderful time we just had at Farrah Grotto's Past Monarch's Ball. Lalla Rookh was well represented, but it would have been nice to see more red tassels out. These affairs are great weekend getaways for you and your lady. The fun and fellowship were what one would expect at a Grotto function.

Our next meeting will be on April 18th, which will be Awards Night and Shell-a-Buck Dinner. Dinner will be Ham. Get your reservations in to me at 723-8703 no later than April 14th. The meeting will be preceded by special entertainment.

Hope all are happy and healthy. See you at the next meeting. □

Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

Master Mason Night

Attention Prophets: Master Mason Night is April 11th, at the Henrietta Town Park. If you have not asked a Brother Mason to join us for a Steak Dinner, it is not too late. Each Prophet and his guest will be treated by the Lalla Rookh Grotto to a Steak Dinner with all the trimmings. Others attending without a guest, will be charge \$5.00 for dinner.

We need the help of every Prophet to increase our membership. Please bring a guest to this outing. Reservations are required. Call Ron Morthorst at 334-4196 or me at 334-4753, by April 4th with your reservation. See this issue of the *Masonic Times* for special details regarding this year's Master Mason Night.

Please get any petitions you have into the office as early as possible so they can be acted on. Get one in 2001. □

Caldron Smorgasbord

Prophets, come out for another great meal and support the Caldron as we have in the past. See Doric Bell's MCO remarks for details of this event.

Coming events

I call your attention to the listing of events. Please plan on coming out to one or all of our future events. Lalla Rookh has a lot going on right now. Be part of the excitement.

More fun in 2001! □

Attend Grotto Meetings

Mon., April 2nd - Board of Governor's Meeting
Grotto Office 7:00 p.m.
Sat., April 7th - Caldron Smorgasbord
Wed., April 11th - Master Mason Night - Henrietta Town Park
Thurs., April 11th - Lalla Rookh Caldron Prophets and their Ladies Night 7:30 p.m.
Mon., April 16th - Legion of Honor meeting and dinner Dutch Mill Restaurant 6:30 p.m.
Wed., April 18th - Grotto Award Night - dinner 6:30 p.m. - meeting 7:30 p.m.
Mon., April 30th - Ceremonial Rehearsal - Cathedral Hall 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy the Fellowship

Chief Justice

By Al Pulcino III

Lalla Rookh had a nice showing of Prophets at Farrah Grotto's Past Monarch's Ball in Warren, PA on March 10th. Our Monarch, Kenneth Hutchinson, and Lady Edna, Master of Ceremonies Douglas C. Spencer and Lady Sharon, Treasurer Michael Bell, P.M., and Lady Doris, Past Monarch Richard Topel and Lady Arleen, my Lady Shirley and I, all had a great time. I believe I can say that for all. I had to drag Shirley out of her sick bed to go; it was nice to see her dressed in something other than night clothes!

We awakened on Sunday morning to a snow storm. Lots of things happening in the morning, maybe that's why I try to miss them. We went off to Blair's after breakfast, save some money for now because we and the snow plow man were the only ones there. It is closed on Sundays. It was a very nice ride home.

We will be off to Jamestown Holiday Inn for a three in one event. April 7th is the Chief Justice Conclave, and Kharramm and Sharif Grottoes Past Monarch's Ball on March 23rd.

The biggie is the Spring Meeting on April 27th, host Farrah Grotto, Holiday Inn, Warren, PA. Pre-registration for this one is March 30th, but don't let that stop you for change, take your bottles back, you can still make it. Right now is the time to do it. The hotel number is 1-800-446-6814, registration mailed to Art Bailey, P.M., 55 McKinley Avenue, Warren PA 16365. I do assume we will make Blair's then. Prophets and Ladies, these trips are lots of fun, but most of all, meeting new and seeing old friends from afar, within the realm.

Don't forget the bus trip to Turning Stone on May 12th. It is open to all. We always have some big winners coming home, I mean cash winners!



Revolutionary War Re-enactors: Hiram Lyons, (British Regular), Valerie Elder, Ford Best (middle class citizens) and Delof Wheeler, a British Doctor, entertained after the February Grotto Meeting.

The week of June 18-23rd, Monassan Grotto in Davenport, Iowa, will be the host of the 11th Supreme Council Session. This is a great get-away and good times. Please think about it, before it's too late to make pre-registration. If you need more information, call me at 225-8471.

Well, so much for all that information. Your job is to not forget April 1st is April Fools Day. Think of a good one and carry it out, that is what being a good Prophet is all about.

Hoping all have a very nice Easter. As you all know, I could use those extra prayers, thank you!

Ciao for now. □

Legion of Honor

By Ron Morthorst, Personal Officer

Spring is in the air. Ernie Swan, our new Commander, and his officers, are ready to go. A new year is upon us and we are expanding our horizons. Any Prophet who is an honorably discharged serviceman is welcome to join us.

We meet the 3rd Monday of every month at the New Dutch Mill, Dewey Avenue and Stone Road, at 5:30 p.m. for libation and to eat at 6:00 p.m., with the meeting to follow. This month we will be planning our monthly programs for the year.

Please say a prayer for our Brothers who have been under the weather, PM Joe Minas, Frank Ghyzel, Earl DeSmith and wish them a speedy recovery. Drop them a card or give them a call.

Our next meeting is Monday, April 16th, at the New Dutch Mill at 5:30 p.m. for fellowship and 6:00 p.m. to eat. We will have a speaker to follow dinner. Call Al Pulcino at 225-8471 for dinner reservations before Thursday, April 12th, for an evening of good fellowship and food.

Remember the regular Grotto meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Wanted

A Prophet who would like to fill in our Color Guard Unit, presenting colors for our Grotto meetings and other times and events as they occur. Call Bill Fredenburg at 334-4753 for details. You will be updated and he can sign you up to have a lot of fun.

Til we meet at the dinner table and break bread, yours in good fellowship. □

Clowns

By Uncle Al

I hope you all made it to the Circus, and saw our Unit helping out, this is what clowning is all about. We have a few new members about to join our ranks, and not to put him on the spot, but our Master of Ceremonies, Douglas C. Spencer, looks like he is the first in line. He has no concept to all the fun in store for him. More to come on that story. I'm sure we have a few Master Masons becoming Prophets just to join our Greatest Grotto Clown Unit. I know, so I've been informed, ain't that special!

Grotto Clown Convention

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FROM THE POTENTATE



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It seems like I just finished writing my last article and it's time to write another!

Stay well!

Some good news to start with. George Simon, P.P., Joe Minas, Frank Ghyzel, Roy Merritt, and Cy Kloner, P.P., are all out of the hospital. I'm sure we all wish them, and any others who might not feel up to par, a speedy recovery.

Fun time

The Winter Picnic was fun. Mack Gath and his team (mostly Dee), did a great job. I thank them for all the work. Thanks to Lyle Maldoon, P.P., Art Hill, P.P., and tour guide, Ralph Hansen, for a fun cruise-I mean fishing trip!

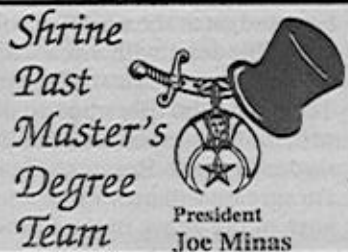
Reservations

Now with the Circus behind us, please take a few minutes of your time to get your reservations into the office for the

Potentate's Reception on June 9th and the Imperial Session in Las Vegas in July. Come join us for the fun, fun, fun!

In closing, remember while we're out having FUN doing fraternal things, it's only half of this year's objective-the other is membership. Let's all bring in a new member.

The FUN will happen! □



Nobles, I thank you for all the get well cards I received while I was convalescing in the hospital and at home.

Nobles, we have a busy schedule. On March 28th we will be at Churchville Lodge No. 667; the Past Masters Dinner, with the Ceremonial Cast is March 31st; April 17th is a combination of Germania No. 722, Charlotte/Corinthian No. 1088, Craftsman/Robertson No. 969 and Northfield No. 426 Lodges. The Degree will be held at the Downtown Masonic Temple. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m., the Degree at 7:00 p.m.

We are also conferring a Degree at Auburn on May 3rd. There will be a bus available at the Temple. Departure is at 5:15 p.m., dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and the Degree at 7:30 p.m.

Nobles, if you know of any Lodge that wants us to confer the 3rd Degree, please let us know. If there are any Past Masters who

want to join the Degree Team, please let us know. Call either Bill Kuehne at 671-8774 or myself at 671-1917. □

Lunch Club

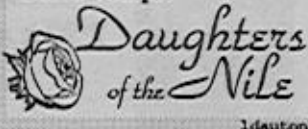
By Vance R. Collom, Jr.

The Shrine Lunch Club meets every Monday. The social hour starts at 11:00 a.m., and lunch is served at 12 noon. The Lunch Club is open to everyone-all Masons and guests and usually costs less than \$5.00. There are no dues and all proceeds go to the Shrine Hospitals.

Ladies Day is always the 3rd Monday of each month and we try to have some special program after the lunch. On April 16th we have a speaker, Edward Messing, from the University of Rochester Cancer Research Center. Come out and enjoy the good food, a few jokes and good fellowship.

See you at the Lunch Club. □

Zama Temple



By Elaine B. Spiegel, PQ

Fairport Masonic Lodge will be royally decorated for the impressive Ceremony of Installation on Sunday, April 1st. The organ prelude and the sound of the gong will announce the 79th Annual Installation of Officers of Zama Temple No. 14, Daughters of the Nile. We will be warmly welcomed by Queen Corinne Routely.

Queen-elect Lutgarda Houston and her officers will be conducted into the Temple for Installation. Queen-elect Lutgarda, radiant, and will be accompanied by her staff of officers in a beautiful array of colored gowns.

Everyone is invited to a Reception of the Queen and her officers, to be held in the dining room following the Installation. Following the Reception everyone is invited to a Buffet Dinner at the Green Lantern Inn.

Queen Lutgarda is one of S.P. Royal, Evelyn Petree's Queens for 2001. Supreme Session will be held in Albuquerque, NM this year from June 10-14th.

Our next Stated Session will be Saturday, April 14th at 1:00 p.m. at Fairport Lodge. The problem of no heat at the Fairport Masonic Temple has been corrected.

I hope the members will strive to support our new officers and attend the planned functions. □

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Grotto

Grotto, will be held at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center on July 13th and 14th. July 13th is check-in and the 14th is the competition, lunch and Awards Banquet at a cost of \$30.00 per person. Checks should be sent to William J. Smith, 200 Marshall Ave., Carnegie, PA 15106. On July 15th we will check-out, and return home with memories and friendships to last a lifetime. Oh, ya!

Lodging for the Convention will be at the Super 8 Motel, 929 Sheraton Drive (Cranberry Twp.), Mars, PA 16046, exit 3 off the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The cost is \$40.00 per night, per room. If there is one or fifty-five people in the room, the cost is the same. Reservations must be made by June 23rd directly to the Super 8 Motel, toll free at 1-800-800-8000. This Convention is open. I hope to see someone besides Shirley. □

Caldron News

By Doris Bell, MCO

Can it be that Spring is coming? The calendar says so, we can only hope that the weatherman cooperates and we can say goodbye to the cruelest season for another year.

Friendship and fellowship remain as warm as ever at the Caldron meetings, and social time we all share. We will share some of our bountiful cooking skills at our Annual Charity Smorgasbord on April 7th, 3rd floor dining room at the Downtown Temple. It is always a good meal, and all

proceeds benefit the Grotto Humanitarian Foundation. Please contact any Caldron Daughter for tickets or they may be purchased at the door. Serving time is from 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Speedy recoveries

Our best to P.S.M.C.O., Jean Wood, who is recuperating from surgery. Hope to see you back soon, Jean.

To all Daughters who have been under the weather, we wish you speedy recoveries.

Fun time!

April 12th marks Prophet and Ladies Night. It should be a fun time. So, Prophets, bring your ladies and come out to Doric Hall at 7:30 p.m. We'll even feed you!

Reminder

May 10th is our Annual Supreme Visitation. Hopefully, the Daughters we don't see very often will be able to join us.

Donate to the Smorgasbord, come to Prophets and Ladies Night, attend the Supreme Visitation, but most of all, don't forget to make a wish on the very first robin you see. □

"What Goes Around, Comes Around"

By R. W. J. Edward Gillott

I read with interest the article, "What Goes Around, Comes Around" in the January, 2001 issue on page 19. "His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scot-

tish farmer." I have known of this story for some years now and enjoyed telling it myself. It is mentioned in the book, "Masonic Gleanings", by the late Col. Edward Lisy, PM and Historian of Boiling Springs Lodge No. 152 in Rutherford, New Jersey, the meeting place of my DeMolay Chapter. I have since seen the following article in the "Scottish Sunday Post" of February 6, 2000.

No, Churchill wasn't pulled from a bog after all. Donald Smith, from East Lothian, is a keen e-mail user with a large list of friends who send jokes and stories to each other over the web.

He was surprised when two of his friends, one in Scotland, and the other in the State of Wisconsin, sent him the same tale.

Headed, "A Nice Story", it starts, "His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer." It goes on to tell about the son of a nobleman whose life was saved when he was pulled from a muddy bog by the farmer. In gratitude, the boy's father paid for the farmer's son, Alexander, to be put through school. Years later, the story goes, that the boy, Alexander Fleming, discovered penicillin, which was used to save the life of Winston Churchill, when he had pneumonia.

It's a heart-warming tale, carried on at least four hundred websites. So, is there any truth to it?

One website, hosted by the Churchill Centre, an academic institute in Washington, DC, fea-

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York Rite NEWS

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District Deputy Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitulat District



R.E. Richard C. Anderson

I am pleased and honored to represent the 29th Capitulat District of Royal Arch Masons as the DDGHP. I have been in Masonry for approximately 12 years, was appointed Grand Sword Bearer of the Genesee/Wyoming District in 1996-98, and also appointed Assistant Grand Lecturer of the 29th Capitulat District 1998-2000. Your help and support will be greatly appreciated in the next two years in keeping our District successful.

Thank you

I thank R.E. Stephen Licht for helping me with Capitulat Education and guidance in the past two years as the AGL. He will be a hard act to follow. Thank you, Steve. At the same time I welcome and introduce V.E. Leonard Mason, AGL of our District, for our educational and Ritual guidance. He is very capable and hard working in seeing that our work is by the book. Let's give him our support to become as proficient as possible.

Update

Let's start by updating you with some of the future events in the District in order for you to plan your schedule.

Official Visits

This schedule has been sent to your High Priest and Secretary.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

This will be hosted by Arcade Chapter No. 322 in Pike on April 9th at 7:00 p.m. Work of the evening will be the Opening and Closing, as well as the MEM Degree. You should have details for that meeting by the time you read this issue.

PHPA Scholarship Dinner

Western N.Y., Past High Priest's Association Scholarship Dinner will be held on June 30th. Information will be distributed and those interested in attending and supporting the Scholarship Fund, contact R.E. Stephen Licht or R.E. Ken Kohlhausen for details.

Temple Dedication

The afternoon of June 30th Attica Temple is being Dedicated for Capitulat Masonry by the Grand Line of the Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York. It would be rewarding for our District to have as many Companions in attendance as possible.

Medical Research Charities

I ask that you support the Medical Research Charities with the purchase of the new 2001-2002 pins which I have available. □

LeRoy Chapter No. 183 RAM

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R.E. Karl-Heinz M. Reich
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Greetings, Companions! After a late Election of Officers, and a speedy trip to Grand Chapter in Albany, I attended the Order of the High Priesthood and was anointed as High Priest of this fine Chapter. Many thanks to R.E. Karl-Heinz Reich for supplying round trip transportation to and from Grand Chapter, and to both Karl and Brother Art McMichael for allowing me to room with them at a late date.

Thanks to all the Companions whose confidence in me and my ability to lead them allowed me to proudly accept this esteemed office. Appreciation is extended to V.E. Jim MacConnell for my nomination, and to R.E. Steven L. Wing for serving as our Installing Officer. I will endeavor to meet your expectations.

Other Officers of this Chapter include:

King	Ruel Lovett
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Secretary	Doug Poole
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Principal Sojourner	Garry Hutcherson
Royal Arch Captain	Craig Mollon
Master of the 3rd Veil	John Cooper
Master of the 2nd Veil	Harry Tyson
Master of the 1st Veil	John Hennessy, Jr.
Sentinel	Jim Powell

With a stellar line of officers such as this, how can we go wrong? Congratulations, guys! As a result of recent Degrees, we have increased our membership and acquired several new Companions. What is particularly encouraging, is that these new Companions are now members of the Line, and in moving up through their new capacities, will be learning the rudiments of how the Chapter operates. What better way to begin one's membership? After all, if you're not the lead dog, the scenery never changes. Sounds trite, but think about that one.

Our meeting on March 27th will be the Official Visit of our DDGHP, R.E. Dick Anderson, and AGL, V.E. Len Mason. We hope they enjoy their visit to our Chapter.

Bob Forbes is now home from the hospital and is resting comfortably. Our thoughts and prayers are with him. Cards would be most welcome. I only wish he had felt well enough to

have attended and to have witnessed my Installation. (I finally made it, Bob!) This month, E. Don Read will be undergoing surgery on his shoulder. We wish him well, and hope to see him back in Chapter soon.

It is my ardent desire (sound familiar?) to supply programs of interest to encourage Companions to come out to join us at each meeting. If anyone has any ideas or input to share in this regard, please feel free to call or speak to me, and we'll see what we can do to make those suggestions a reality.

In the meantime, we'll look forward to seeing you on the 4th Tuesday of each month. In closing, a point to ponder: A ship in the harbor is safe—but that is not what ships are for. □

3x3 Chapter

NO. 333
Royal Arch Masons
(Chartered in 1990)



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2nd Tue.
7:30 p.m.

It is getting to look a lot like Spring out there! Before long we should be able to get out the golf clubs and head for the links. Before you do that, why not attend a Royal Arch meeting? We would love to have you join us on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Since our last meeting, I attended the Grand Chapter Convocation in Albany. A large number of Companions were in attendance from the 27th and 29th Capitulat Districts. As the 29th District did not have a hospitality room, I joined with the 27th District's group. They received me with open arms. My thanks go out to the 27th Capitulat District for allowing my wife and I attend.

As your Grand Representative of Pennsylvania, I was honorably impressed with the attendance of M.E. Ronald L. Pennell, Grand High Priest of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and his wife, Sandy. Both my wife, Chickie, and I were pleased to have them in attendance. My wife was able to go shopping with Sandy, while we were attending Grand Chapter. In the evenings, we attended the banquets and had very good meals. I attended the lunch on Friday and it was better than anything I have had in the past.

Our new Grand High Priest is the M.E. Donald Lounsbury. R.E. Richard Anderson is our new District Deputy Grand High Priest and our new Assistant Grand Lecturer is V.E. Leonard Mason. The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held at Arcade on April 9th, for the 29th District. If you need to contact either of the men, I will gladly furnish you with their telephone number. If you are unable to get in touch with me, you may contact our Secretary, as he has their numbers, too.

Some statistics you might be interested in for the year 2000. New York has 112 Chapters with a total membership of 6146. We had a loss of 314 members for the year 2000. This resulted in a percentage change of -4.68%. This in itself, tells us we need new members.

I have a copy of the proceedings of the Convocation. Anyone interested in looking it over, please contact me.

There were two things voted on and approved and will again be voted on at the next Convocation. One dealt with a new Chapter for our Medical Research Team, and the other had to deal with money to sponsor a medical student on the Research Team. I'm sure we will hear more about both of the above in the future.

This is it for this month. If you need my help, call the Secretary or me.

Remember, our meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. I would like to see you at them. If anyone is sick, please contact me. □

Hiram Chapter

No. 62
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Albany

Our visit to Grand Chapter in Albany, for a change, was uneventful, weatherwise. That week always seems a dicey time of year for we Rochester folk (remember the '91 ice storm?). While the main focus of the visit is to refresh our connections with the rest of Royal Arch Brothers in this jurisdiction and to greet our new officers, it is equally important as a family social outing for

our Companions. The Hiram Hospitality Room is recognized throughout the jurisdiction for its warmth of reception, bountiful refreshments, and delicious food. Bob and Linda Zahn bear the brunt of this and we all appreciate their support.

The Hospitality Room is also an opportunity to discover rarely seen facets of our Companions. Who would have guessed that Companion Jones is as funny as he is? And Reverend Roberts? Or watching an unnamed poker shark (otherwise even tempered) relieve naive Companions of Scholarship funds was a hoot. Yours truly gave often and early prior to an early retirement from the circle of scholarly fellowship.

Degrees

The fun ended, and we came back, and put on excellent Degrees on March 8th. Working with a revised schedule (open at 5:45 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m., etc.). Special thanks to Larry Dunn and Bill Zufall for their Degree work and to Tom Kendig for arranging a wonderful dinner for the Companions.

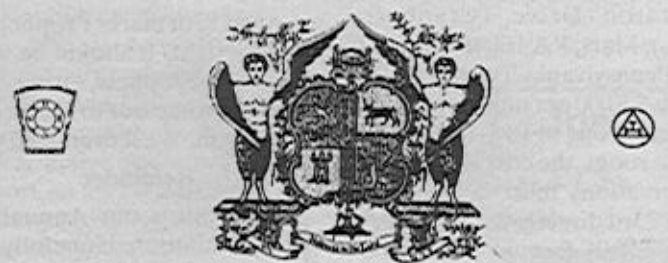
On March 22nd our schedule was revised with the opening at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the Most Excellent Master Degree at 7:30 p.m. The evening was highlighted by the visit of the Grand High Priest, M.E. Donald Lounsbury, who is no stranger to Rochester, he having grown up in the area. It is good to know he is mending after health concerns.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

On April 10th we will travel to Dansville for the Grand Lecturer's Convention. Carpooling will be arranged and Companions wishing to attend can call me to participate. An a la carte meal will precede the Convention at the Sunrise Restaurant on Main Street in Dansville. It will be good to greet E. Skip Thorpe and our good friends. Sadly, it will be our last Convention with R.E. Hobert Cook who is retiring after 20 years of service.

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E. Bill Lindsay - HP, assisted by Comp. Tom Kendig - Scribe, presenting R.E. Jerry Jones the "High Priest's Appreciation Award."



R.E. Don Wright favored the Companions with a dissertation on the History of the Royal Arch in New York State.

Join in

Our Chapter is always ready to welcome new Companions to its ranks and I encourage every Companion to bring in a petition. They are available by calling our Secretary, Companion Larry Dunn at 594-8033, or e-mailing him at l-dunn@juno.com. The only requirement is that the petitioner be a Master Mason in good standing.

York Rite Bodies in the Rochester/Monroe area are committed to working cooperatively with each other, other Concordant Bodies and with the Craft Lodges. In addition, family participation is strongly encouraged, and family activities are planned. There is a strong Scholarship Program available to our children and grandchildren.

Dinners

Dinner reservations are a must and can be made by contacting Companion Tom Kendig at 315-524-4063, or e-mailing him at TKendig@aol.com. It will always be the practice to schedule a dinner whenever there is competition for parking downtown.

As your High Priest this year, I am committed to keeping our meetings timely and interesting, and dedicated to fellowship and the high principles of the Rite. □

18th. V. Ill. Bill Zufall has engaged a very interesting speaker and we will have the pleasure of greeting our Grand Master, M. Ill. William Fagan.

Dinner will be at 6:30. Make sure you get your reservation in by the 13th with our Secretary, Ed Walker. All Companions are welcome, so, bring your Chapter friends. See you there. □

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Well, it is once again the time of year for Inspections, and some of the upcoming Inspections in Zone 12 include: Genesee No. 10, Lockport, Monday, April 2nd; Tonawanda, Tuesday, April 10th; Hugh De Paynes, East Aurora, Monday, April 16th; and Tancred, East Aurora, Monday, May 7th. I hope to attend all of these, and look forward to seeing many other Sir Knights in attendance to support their fellow Commanderies.

Our Inspection on March 8th went very well, and was preceded by a delicious Ham Dinner. Thanks to all who contributed to the sumptuous repast. Eminent Grand Generalissimo, SK M. Eugene Ellis, our Inspecting Officer, was accompanied by SK Burtiss V. Goodnough, Eminent Commander of Lake Ontario Commandery No. 32, and SK William L. DuPree, Eminent Commander of Central City Commandery No. 25, both of Zone 9.


We hope these Sir Knights enjoyed their evening with us; it was indeed a pleasure to host them and we thank them for the opportunity to do so. Thanks go out to all the Sir Knights from other Commanderies, who took of their time to come out to support us. After all, that's what it's all about, and we really do appreciate it.

While we were holding our Inspection, Lady Janet Lee presented a most interesting program for the Ladies on The Social Order of the Beauceant. I received many comments on how much it was enjoyed. Thank you, Janet!

Don't forget the Orders of the Templary to be conferred at Lake Eric Commandery at 10:00 a.m. on the 31st of this month; Batavia will have several new Sir Knights join our ranks.

My comment on lack of mechanical aptitude in last month's article prompted me to include this bit of sage advice credited to Andy Rooney: "Don't rule out using your hands, it does not preclude using your head." □

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Re-dedication

At our February 19th meeting, SK Ronald Bertie gave a report about the Grand Commandery Re-dedication of the George Washington Historical Site in Newburgh, N.Y., on Saturday, February 17th. It was the 150th Anniversary of the site as the first public Historical Site in the United States. The building has been restored with special lighting to better display the George Washington painting.

State Officers were present to receive the painting from Washington Commandery, No. 33, Knights Templar. SK Bertie said it was an impressive Ceremony despite the very cold, rainy day that caused the program to be shortened.

Thank you

Thanks to all Sir Knights who attended our Inspection on March 19th. The Schicker Club provided tasty hors d'oeuvres and punch after the Inspection.


Easter Service

SK Charles Roberts will once again be organizing our Easter Service on April 16th.

Eye Foundation

If you have not already sent a check to support our Annual Knights Templar Eye Foundation Fund Drive, please do so as soon as possible. Your check should be sent to SK Larry Dunn, 25 Evergreen Dr., Rochester, NY 14624-3623. □

Genesee
York Rite
College No. 25
(Chartered July 14, 1962)



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Knight of York

On March 10th a class of 10 area Companions were elevated to Knights of York. Four were for Niagara Frontier College. The six for Genesee College were:

- John Dudley
- Bruce Horncastle
- Gary Hutcherson
- Doug Koenig
- Leonard Mason
- Ted Powley

The Order went well with Norm Austin as our new Prince Edwin. Fine job, Norm. A well done goes to Jim MacConnell for his first time "Rose Lecture". All participants did well, especially Vern Rupert, who filled in as DG and Ken Kohlhagen did the Primate's work. Good job Ken!

Community Service Project

The Flag Project (period flags for the Genesee Country Museum) was briefly discussed. Hopefully the committee will resolve the funding and a proposal will be ready for a vote in May.


Official Visit

It was the occasion of the Official Visit of the Eminent Distinguished Brother, Donald Markham, Grand Governor.

In his message, delivered after the Order was completed, the Grand Governor emphasized expansion of the existing Colleges. He remarked that the York Rite Sovereign College has been the only Masonic organization that

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



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I think we all agree that "Spring has Sprung", "Snow Birds are returning", "April showers will bring May flowers"...etc. How about some information. Why not try to communicate instead of trying to imitate Ernest Hemingway. Here are the facts.

Degrees

Doric Council exemplified the Select Master Degree at our March meeting. This was very illuminating and was good practice for our back-up people, all do well.

Under the weather

Stan Peterson is doing better and is feeling better. Ed Brereton will undergo surgery in April. We will have an update in the next issue. Our prayers are with these Companions.

Table Council

As mentioned in my last column, our Table Council will occupy the next meeting on April



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has consistently grown in membership since its inception. He encouraged us to keep up the good work.

The Grand Governor critiqued the Ritual work, mostly complimentary, and the opening including instruction on how he would like the work concerning the Pledge and Flag presentation done. All present appreciated his informative remarks and responded appropriately.

He recounted some of the history linking Genesee and Niagara Frontier Colleges; he is a member of both.

Special meeting

On March 25th a meeting of the Past Governors was held. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the succession in the Officer's line for the next College year.

May

Our next regular assembly will be held on May 12th. The work of the day will be our Annual, Election and Installation of Officers. The meeting place and dinner arrangement will be in your meeting notice.



USO Show

On Sunday afternoon, February 11th, a group of four lovely USO ladies entertained the ward residents with a repertoire of

World War II vintage songs in observance of Valentine's Day. It was a highly entertaining and enjoyable program and was well received by the patients, as well as by the staff members and our volunteer crew.

Some of the seated veteran patients were absolutely delighted when the USO ladies came to them, sat on their laps, and sang love songs to them personally, one on one. It was a highly amusing and enjoyable event.

Our five volunteers representing the Monroe District were: Tom Paglia, Larry and Marge Hood, my wife, Sylvia, and I.

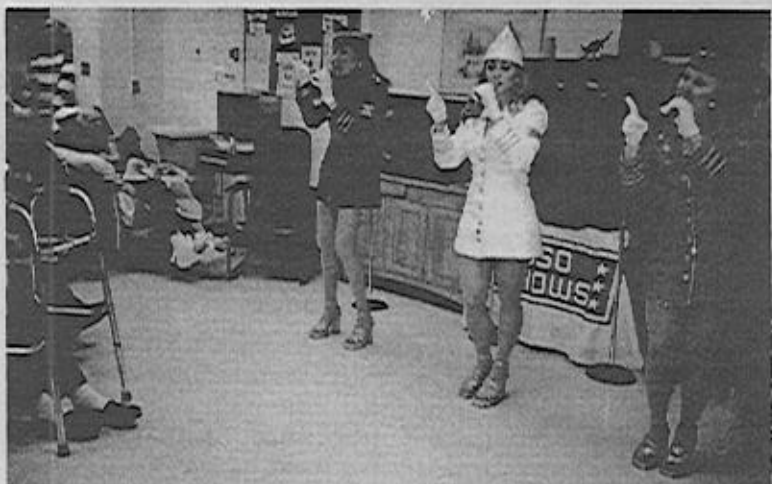
The veterans remember these shows evoking a memorable historic era which were enthusiastically enjoyed by the Armed Forces. On a personal note, this performance evoked in me, nostalgic feelings and memories of a most unforgettable experience of my life.

Future events

On Sunday, March 11th, a regular ward visit was made. The final ward visit for this season is scheduled for April 8th. The Annual VAMC Banquet will be held on April 26th at the Burgundy Basin Inn.



Tom Paglia, Sylvia Bollotin, Larry Hood, Harold Bollotin and Marge Hood with the U.S.O. Girls. (Photos courtesy Harold Bollotin)



U.S.O. Girls belting out WWII favorites in the Andrews Sisters' style for the patients at the V.A.M.C. Canandaigua.



Marge and Larry Hood with Miss U.S.O. 2001.

One of the girls singing to one of the "shier" patients.



One of the U.S.O. girls trading hats and singing to a V.A.M.C.

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

By Rt. Wthy. Janet Lee
It looks like Punxsutawney Phil has been right. (Remember he predicted six more weeks of Winter when he saw his shadow on February 2nd.) A very good source, and not the weather man, tells me that Spring will arrive soon and probably before this copy of the *Masonic Times* reaches you. Hope it did and that the Winter storms we are having as I write this are long gone and the flowers are blooming. Only time will tell if this is true, but we are keeping busy here in Genesee/Wyoming District these cold and snowy days.

Last November I said farewell as author of the District News in this column, however our 2001 DDGM and DGL found it necessary to resign from their duties on February 10, 2001 because of Chuck's health. As Junior Past DDGM and DGL, Tim and I were asked to complete their Terms of Office. So, here I am again.

Please keep Waneta and Chuck Krauss in your prayers as Chuck recovers from a heart attack, by-pass surgery, etc. The last report was that Chuck was home and healing nicely.

District Official Visits

- April 5th - Arcade Chapter No. 337, 8:00 p.m.
- April 11th - Batavia Chapter No. 267, 8:00 p.m.
- April 17th - Thorpe Chapter No. 462, 8:00 p.m.
- April 23rd - Hesperus Chapter No. 823, 7:30 p.m.
- April 27th - Vernon Chapter No. 611, 8:00 p.m.
- April 30th - Centennial Chapter No. 299, 8:00 p.m.
- May 1st - Perry Chapter No. 497, 7:30 p.m.

May 2nd - Stebbins Chapter No. 503, 8:00 p.m.

May 7th - Olive Branch Chapter No. 509, 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming events

On June 15th, Genesee/Wyoming District will be holding a Public Auction at the Pike Firemen's Building. Please mark your calendar and watch this column for more details. If you have things to donate or questions, please call me at 716-343-6285.

Our Grand Official Visit will be May 17th at the Methodist Church on Lewiston Road (Rte. 63), Batavia, NY. The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Please call me for dinner reservations.

Rehearsals for this Visit will be at the Methodist Church on May 5th at 10:00 a.m. After rehearsal those who can will go to the Sport of Kings Restaurant for lunch (Dutch treat).

Study Club

The Genesee/Wyoming Angels Study Club will meet on April 21st at the Masonic Hall, Main Street, LeRoy, NY, at 8:30 a.m. for coffee and donuts. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. Olive Branch Chapter will be our host. After the meeting favors will be made for our Grand Official Meeting.

Order of the Eastern Star HiLights
MONROE DISTRICT
DDGM
Rt. Wthy. Charlene Stankey
DGL
Rt. Wthy. Neil E. Laundry

By Rt. Wthy. Neil Laundry

Official Visits

Our plans for a timely start of our District Official Visits were derailed by that "March Lion". Fairport's March 6th Visit was canceled as a result of three days of snow. It has been rescheduled for June 5th. Our first Visit, therefore, was March 12th at Mary Jane Holmes Chapter. By this time next month, we'll be able to report on several completed Visits. Once again, we encourage all members to travel a bit this Spring to support your Sister Chapters not only on their Official Visit nights, but at their regular meetings and special events, as well. Your 2001 Grand Officers will be making every attempt to do the same and also to include as many area Grand Matron's Official Visits as possible.

Featured speaker

Our March Line Officers Meeting featured a guest speaker from the Breast Cancer Coalition. This organization provides many benefits and informational sources for victims of breast cancer and their families. The Coalition will have a table at our April Bingo fundraiser and will be prepared with newsletters, pamphlets, and volunteers who have battled breast cancer and are ready to discuss and answer questions on the topic.

The group will also have a supply of "Hearts" which can be worn as pendants, but were originally designed by a survivor of breast cancer to serve a function similar to "worry stones". These beautiful items will be on sale for \$10.00 apiece, with the proceeds going to support advanced research in breast cancer.

Bingo!

Having alluded to the Bingo fundraiser, let us remind you that this function is the sole fundraiser for this year's District Project for "Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention". Rather than "passing the hat" at every meeting of each Chapter, we have opted to have a one-time event that will be fun, raise money, and build awareness of our organization among our own members, their families and their friends. We hope also to place articles on the event in several local publications to get the word out to the general public about the good works sponsored and promoted by the Order of the Eastern Star. Rt. Wthy. Georgia Schutt has volunteered her expertise to chair and organize the day's festivities. In order for this event to be successful, however, we need your participation and enthusiastic support. Check out the information in the ad accompanying this article. Then mark your calendar with a firm commitment to come out, have a great time, and help put the 2001 Monroe District Project over the top. We need you!

Rt. Wthy. Georgia has also graciously consented to continue with the collection of the Campbell Soup and related products labels. Please check with your Matron or Secretary for a listing of the products that qualify for collection and the proper preparation of the labels. On a related topic, when collecting manufacturer's coupons for the "Overseas Coupon Project", please take the time to clip and trim the coupons into individual coupons, and to sort them into food and non-food packets. The coupons should not be more than two months expired. For example, if a shipment of coupons is to be mailed on April 1st, it would include coupons that had expired no earlier than February 1st. That means that if coupons are turned in in March for the

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April 2001

April shipping date, none should be included that expired before February 1st.

We deeply appreciate the wonderful response that we've received for these projects, but we really need your help if we're going to make the rather limited turn-around time we face each month.

I have included and excerpt from a letter from Ms. Becky Thane, the coordinator of the Overseas Coupon Project.

Rt. Wthy. Charlene and I wish to thank everyone for the terrific support we've received from the District membership in the form of volunteered time and wise counsel. The Star Year is off and running and it wouldn't have happened without the outpouring of time and effort on your part.

Remember that a friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and sings it back to you when you've forgotten the words. Peace!

Excerpts from Becky Thane

Dear Neil: Thank you and the members of the Order of the Eastern Star for your recent contribution of coupons to the Overseas Coupon Project! They were distributed as follows to: Sigonella, Sicily; Naples, Italy; Vilseck, Germany; Yokohama, Japan; and Atsugi, Japan.

It seems to have become habit that every January I declare that the previous year has been another banner year for the OCP. 2000 was certainly no exception! While I'm, still waiting on some reports, the preliminary total is \$1,851,486.51 worth of coupons, well over \$50,000 more than 1999. While this represents a significant slowing of growth, I believe that the overseas American military basis which the OCP services are still being well served. Thank you for your assistance!

You may have heard by now that the Department of Defense had submitted a proposal to Congress which they believe would make up for the lack of Food Stamp availability overseas for those needy military families.

This program would have involved issuing cards like credit cards to those families who would qualify for Food Stamps if they were stationed State-side. They would credit an extra allowance to the card which these families could use only at the military commissaries (grocery stores) overseas to purchase the same sorts of items for which Food Stamps may be used. This program would be funded and administered by the Department of Defense. While I have heard no official word, rumor has it that Congress has, once again, decided that they know better than those who run the military; they did not approve this proposal. Even worse, Congress has done nothing to help ameliorate the need for these families.

Rest assured, the OCP will be there for as long as we're needed. While WIC was instituted at overseas American military bases this year, we're still hoping for the day that the military and Congress can reach some compromise on how to meet the needs of military families overseas.

As many OCP contributors learned in the past several months, when school is in session my responses can sometimes be slow. (In case I haven't mentioned it before, I'm attending college at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. I'll be graduating in May, then continuing on next Fall to seminary.) I hope you'll bear with me. Keeping the coupons

flowing has been a top priority in my life for the past eight years, and will continue to be. Which ever seminary accepts me for next Fall will have to do so with the understanding that I have a commitment that I cannot, and will not, break. So, while my responses may sometimes be slow, I hope you know that I always keep the coupons steadily going to those families who so desperately need our support and assistance. Becky Thane, President, OCP ☐

NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

Order of the Eastern Star
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7:30 p.m.

Wthy. MaryAnne Sovocool
Matron

Rt. Wthy. William Baxter
Patron

Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings
Secretary, 594-4692
20 South Main Street
Churchville, N. Y. 14428

By Sister Alice Hassett

Since our March 6th meeting was canceled due to snow, the rehearsal for Official Visit took place on March 13th. My report on Official Visit will appear in the next issue of the *Masonic Times*.

April meetings

The April 3rd meeting will open in Long Form. The April 17th meeting will be a regular meeting. During both of these meetings, we will be planning for the Grand Matron's and Grand Patron's Social Visit to our Chapter on May 15th.

The Chairperson for the Committee for April is Sister Carol Pickworth. Assisting her will be Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings, Wthy. Felicia Clark and Wthy. Robert Crystal.

Condolences

We sadly report the death of Sister Alice Richardson. Our condolences to her family and friends. Sister Jane LaPree will present the Necrology Report at our April 3rd meeting.

Wthy. George Simon is recovering from a recent illness and Rt. Wthy. Wilda Robinson has recovered from her surgery so that she can drive again. Please remember our Sisters and Brothers with cards and phone calls, when they face illness and surgery.

My visit to the Homestead, Fl., Chapter

One Friday evening, I rode with a member to Astra Chapter No. 71. I signed in a register for guests. Shortly, there was a flurry of activity and I was invited into a small room with 5 or 6 other Eastern Star and Masonic officers. There I was examined on the signs and passwords of our Order. I brought with me my current membership card, so that further verified my affiliation.

How different are the various Rituals! I understand that the officers wear white gowns to all meetings. All meetings except for four, each year, are in long form. Each time the Conductress and Associate Conductress met during a march, or accompanied an officer to the East, both parties made a slight bow of the head to each other. I was amazed that neither of the prayers offered by the Chaplain were like ours. Their altar was 5-sided with colored lights appropriately shining from each of the sides. Carpeting was placed around the altar, which featured the 5 rays of the

star. It was gorgeous. Both the Matron and Patron were wonderful to me. The Worthy Patron provided me with a copy of their full member roster, and his wife, the Worthy Matron, who had been absent from the Order for fifty years, was super. She told me where to get a white gown at a reasonable price and even offered to shop with me. I went where she suggested and bought a new gown. Eastern Star ladies get a 10% discount.

That is my report for now. I have fundraising ideas to share with my Chapter when I return in April.

Aside from that, I have met Dorothea Tewes of Cathedral Chapter, Long Island, NY. She was a member of the Order of Amaranth and was Grand Royal Matron from 1969-1970. She was a Mother Advisor for the Rainbow, and was on the Board for 40 years. ☐

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Words of wisdom

If you laugh a lot when you get older, your wrinkles will be in the right places.

Snow, snow, snow, enough already, it is time for Spring flowers and leaves on the trees. I certainly hope everyone has gotten through the long, cold Winter. It will be so nice to be able to look out the windows and see green, that will happen as soon as I can get my windows washed! I know Spring is coming because I cannot see out of my windows!

Time change

Official Visits have started and ours is March 31st. I have changed the time because there is a show on that evening at the Auditorium. We will begin at 7:00 p.m. I suggest you get there early so that you have a place to park.

Instruction Classes will be April 5th at my home at 7:00 p.m. Please let me know if you are attending.

Fun time

The Committee for Monte Carlo Nite met and it looks like it is going to be a really fun time. Lots of games, lots of food and great prizes. For those members who have yet to volunteer my phone number is 244-1503. You are on the List, I just need to let you know which job you will have. The next meeting is April 29th at Wthy. Effie's. Bring a dish to pass and the meeting starts at 3:00 p.m.

Visit

The Grand Matron and Grand Patron will be visiting us on April 20th. It would do my heart good to see as many members there as possible. We have 22 Officers, some of whom have attended the Visit many times and some who have never attended. It is a lovely evening, the food is good and ample, the fellowship is fantastic. So think about it. Spouses and/or significant others are welcome. Let Rochester Chapter show our strength and dedication to the Order by attending.

April 7th will be Honor Night. I am not telling who is being "honored", but it will be a lovely evening of memories.

April Official Visits

Monroe Chapter, April 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Charlotte Chapter, April 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

Thanks to my Calling Committee for getting information out when it is needed.

If you hear of a Sister or Brother in distress, please let Rt. Wthy. Barbara Mertens or me know.

Until next time, I wish you peace. ☐

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"Dad" Robert A. King

By Jim Weick

On the 17th of February, 2001, the Order of DeMolay lost one of its great leaders. The man of many Masonic, Eastern Star and DeMolay titles went on to meet the Supreme Architect. With him he took that one title we're sure he might have cherished the most, that of "Dad".

"Dad" Robert A. King, of Pultneyville Lodge No. 159, F&AM, was known to all DeMolays of the region for over a quarter century for his quiet and influential direction as an advisor to our Order.

In the late 1960's, Dad King brought his sons and for that matter, their friends and neighbors into the influence of the Fraternal Order with their introduction into DeMolay. The nearest Chapter being in Fairport, Dad King began his endless drives from Williamson to develop youth for the betterment of mankind. His initial drives would pale in comparison to his endless contribution to this Order serving young men.

His tireless dedication to the cause eventually established a Chapter in Williamson, called the Ray DeSmit Chapter, Order of DeMolay. While that Chapter, like so many fraternal institutions, was unsustainable in his life, Dad King will be sustained for all who knew him for the rest of their lives.

Dad King was always the quiet advisor in DeMolay. While advising on local, regional and state levels he acted in an exemplary manner. Hours could pass in an Advisory Board Meeting when Dad King would finally pass on his advice and wisdom. All would listen. As usual, his comments would be most appropriate. He was the very epitome of the word "advisor".

Having never known Dad Land, the founder of DeMolay, we would say that the local DeMolay of the past quarter century has known the man that could have best filled his shoes.

Dad King will not be missed most by this generation, for it is we who have been inspired by his life. Dad King will indeed be missed by the generations who are yet to come, for it is they who will have the misfortune of never knowing him or calling him "Dad".
Signed-"His Boys". ☐

In Memoriam

February

Lemperle, Karl A.

Karl was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 when he died on February 15th. Survivors include his 3 children and grandchildren.

Cocking, Thomas E.

Thomas was also known as Bubbles the Clown and passed away on February 18th. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

Rohr, Robert J., Jr.

Robert was called Home on February 19th at the age of 92. He was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163 and leaves his wife, Harriett, 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

McGurrin, J. Harper

The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Harper on February 21st at the age of 85. A member of Etolian Lodge No. 479, he leaves 5 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Peters, A. Allan

ERAC Lodge No. 163 lost another member with the passing of Allan on February 25th at the age of 78. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

March

Hulburt, Van Allen

Van was 63 years old when he lost his battle with lung cancer on March 3rd. He was a member of Hesperus Lodge No. 837, where he was Master in 1989. Survivors include his wife, Helen, 3 children, and 10 grandchildren.

Roberts, Clinton A.

The Supreme Architect claimed Clinton on March 7th. He was a member of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 and leaves his wife, Pearl, 1 daughter and 1 daughter-in-law, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Freeman, Horace L.

The death of Horace was a loss for Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 and Rochester Consistory. He leaves his wife, Alice, 1 daughter, 1 grandchild and one great-grandchild.

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

Nelmes, Albert E.

Albert was a member of Etolian Lodge No. 479 when he died February 26th.

Norton, Leo T.

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 and Rochester Consistory lost a member with the passing of Leo on February 6th. ☐

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Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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- May 5 Ox Roast - Clio Lodge in Hilton
 - May 7,8 Grand Lodge - New York City
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 - Aug 17-19 Grand Council - Fishkill, NY
 - Sept 14, 15 Grand Commandery - Suffern, NY
 - Oct 28 Interfaith Service and Breakfast, Logan's

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 - 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**
Frederic Cornell, Sr. 671-3102
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What Goes Around...

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tures the story, but only to point out there's no truth in it at all.

They say that although Churchill contracted pneumonia during the war, he wasn't treated with penicillin. In fact, the only connection between the two men seems to be that in 1946, Churchill consulted Fleming about an infection which had resisted penicillin.

Fabrication. Just to be sure, we also contacted the Fleming Museum in St. Mary's Hospital in

London, where the scientist trained. They suggested we ask the scientist's son, Robert, a retired doctor in Sussex. He told us it's not the first time the story has surfaced, although it seems it's a complete fabrication dreamed up by an American newspaper some fifty or so years ago and published in some unsolicited biographies of Fleming.

Moreover, Alexander Fleming's father was more of a gentleman farmer than a struggling one and the young scientist wasn't educated privately but at Kilmarnock Academy.



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So it seems there's no truth in this exciting tale of how the lives of two of the 20th Century's greatest men became intertwined.

A more accurate biography of Fleming can be found on a website dedicated to winners of the Nobel Prize.

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Keith Stambach 865-7416

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- Wakan/Hubbard
- Flower City 3/14
- Northfield 3/14
- Valley/Simes 3/15

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

The Deadline for the
May issue is:

Wed., April 11, 2001

Calendar April 2001

Deadline for the Masonic Times

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>First Sunday Breakfast Attica Lodge 8 a.m. - noon</p> <p>Monroe District Family-Family Day DDT 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Daylight Saving Begins</p>	<p>West Star - Varysburg</p> <p>KT - Cyrene/Monroe</p> <p>OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson Oakland - Castile Warsaw</p> <p>OES - Fairport, Monroe, Perry, Webster</p>	<p>Olive Branch - LeRoy Attica</p> <p>Damascus Shrine</p> <p>OES - Henrietta</p>	<p>Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster</p> <p>Scottish Rite Feast of the Paschal Lamb Ceremony</p>	<p>Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. 30 Orchard St., Webster Adults \$6, Child \$3</p>	<p>Lalla Rookh Smorgasbord DDT - 4:30-6:30 p.m.</p> <p>OES - East/West Luncheon</p> <p>Rochester Chapter Passover Begins at Sundown</p>
<p>PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinners April 11 & 25</p>	<p>ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield</p> <p>OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>Batavia Craftsman/Robertson - F Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes</p> <p>RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming</p> <p>OES - Leah</p>	<p>Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike</p> <p>Service Bureau Luncheon</p> <p>Grotto Master Mason Night Henrietta Town Park</p> <p>OES - Batavia, Corinthian/ Fellowship</p>	<p>Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City</p> <p>Lalla Rookh Caldron</p> <p>RAM - Hiram</p> <p>KT - Batavia</p>	<p>Good Friday</p>	<p>Masters & Wardens Ronald McDonald House 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>West Star - Varysburg</p> <p>KT - Cyrene/Monroe</p> <p>OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson - 3* Germania - 3* Oakland - Castile Valley/Simes Warsaw</p> <p>OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Perry, Webster</p>	<p>Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy</p> <p>Lalla Rookh Grotto</p> <p>RSM - Doric</p>	<p>Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford - 3* Webster</p> <p>Scottish Rite Reunion</p> <p>RAM - Western Star</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>Scottish Rite Reunion Beginning at 8:00 a.m.</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Earth Day</p>	<p>ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Mt. Vernon - Java Village Wakan/Hubbard - Pnflid - 3*</p> <p>RSM - Nundawaga</p> <p>OES - Charlotte</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Valley/Simes</p>	<p>Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike</p> <p>Tall Cedars of Lebanon</p> <p>OES - Batavia, Corinthian/ Fellowship</p> <p>Secretaries Day</p>	<p>Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City</p> <p>RAM - Hiram</p> <p>KT - Batavia</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Arbor Day</p>	<p>Monroe District Bus Trip to Utica</p>



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