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2001 RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE HAVE-A-HEART CAMPAIGN FEB. 3-14TH

By Don Brugger

This year's Have-A-Heart Campaign will run from February 3rd to the 14th at Eastview Mall and from February 5th to the 14th at the Mall at Greece-Ridge Center and at Marketplace Mall. Shifts will usually be from 9:00 a.m. to noon, noon to 3:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. These times are general and depend on the Mall's hours of operation. If, during the Campaign, you have a few hours free, I am sure that you will be welcomed to help fill the ranks.

Donald Darrohn is the General Chairman and contact person for the Mall at Greece Ridge (225-1782). He can supply additional information if needed. Dean Smith is the contact person for Eastview Mall (586-9298) and Lou Perna is the contact for Marketplace Mall (334-8265).

The make-up of the crew for each booth can be general in nature, wives and family members are encouraged to participate. For young people this experience may help fill a community service requirement for them.

Those manning the booths are asked to dress appropriately, preferably jackets and ties for the men. The wearing of Concordant Body paraphernalia is also encouraged.

Those manning the booths are reminded that this is an effort to raise funds for the House. Greet the public, make eye contact, be friendly and attentive, but try not to impede the shoppers. Tell them about the Ronald McDonald House and what its mission is and be prepared to answer any questions about Freemasonry. Just don't sit there, focus on what you are there for and try to limit personal conversations. Remember, all proceeds go directly to the Ronald McDonald House.

The House is always in need of the donation of prepared meals for the residents, paper products,

books and periodicals, batteries and volunteers. The Ronald McDonald House also has a wish list of needs. If you are interested

in learning more about this or any other aspect of the Ronald McDonald House, call them at 442-5437.

Another Monroe Brother Receives State Honor



W. William H. (Bud) Golding, Jr. and his wife, Betty, at the County Office Building receiving the State Conspicuous Service Star presented from Governor Pataki by State Senator, James Alessi, and Monroe County Manager, Jack Doyle. (More in Masonic War Veterans column.) (Photo courtesy Dean Marsaw)

Grand Lodge Millennium Project Program a Success



R.W. Alan Roggen-DDGM, Livingston; R.W. Bill Jones-DDGM, Wayne; R.W. Richard Friedman-Junior Grand Warden; R.W. William R. Lindsay-DDGM, Monroe; and Lt. Col. Fr. Elmer Heindl-Chaplain, U.S. Army Retired, Vicar for the Veterans of Monroe County.

Volunteers Receive Recognition for Camp DeMolay Renovations



Presentations of DeMolay "Hats Off Award" were made by Gary Burke, Trustee for the State DeMolay Organization, at the Service Bureau Volunteer Recognition Dinner on December 27th to Vernon Goodrich, William Hook and Richard Snyder. Those also receiving this Award were: Tom Paglia, Ron Weber, Rene Van DeVeire, Bill Guinup, Richard Vaughn and Angelo DiCataldo.

Service Bureau Scholarships Available

By Erna-Jean T. Walker

The Masonic Service Bureau is happy to again offer Scholarship Applications for high school seniors or students attending an accredited college. The Scholarships are for \$1,000 on a one time basis only.

All applicants must belong to a Masonic youth organization or be sponsored by a member of a Masonic Lodge or related Body.

The deadline is March 31st, 2001, and all applications should be mailed to:

Mrs. Erna-Jean T. Walker
4580 Dewey Avenue
Rochester, NY 14612-3951

Applications may be obtained at the Masonic Service Bureau, Secretary of a Lodge, Eastern Star Chapter, or youth organization.

The Service Bureau number is 473-4351 and mine is 663-2266.

Theology of Crime Seminar

By George Peter

A Theology of Crime Seminar will be held at Cornell University from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on March 9, 2001. The Seminar will be at The One World Room in Anabel Taylor Hall on the Cornell Campus. Refreshments will follow and those who desire to dine may retire to nearby Willard Straight Hall. The Seminar is based upon the recently published book, "The Theology of Crime and the Paradox of Freedom", the Masonic writings of Dr. E. Scott Ryan. The program will be under the auspices of the Cornell United Religious Work (CURW) and I will be the co-host. I am a Trustee Emeritus of Cornell and a retired Director of Research and Development

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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I would recommend the O.E.S. District column, by Neil Laundry, to those of you who are in need of positive reinforcement respecting Freemasonry.

Getting real

In the past, I have been accused of being negative in some of my comments in this column. In my estimation, this is probably due to the fact that I am a realist; a person who believes in being true to the facts of life, art and literature; the opposite of an idealist. This has at times gotten me into trouble with those of a more liberal leaning. I believe that effort should be rewarded, as they do, but constructive criticism is not necessarily a bad thing either.

I am sure that you have been in a situation where your performance, whether in the Ritual or at required tasks, has not been satisfactory. I am also sure that in these situations you are painfully aware of this and somewhat embarrassed. The question is do you want to hear words of undeserved praise or do you want to hear the truth. To quote a trite phrase, "the truth hurts," most of us are only too aware of that. No matter what our altruistic utterances are in regard to these situations, the ego is always somewhat wounded.

How do we cope with that?

Time and serious reflection usually ameliorate these immediate feelings of quiet anger and we realize that further diligent work needs to be done. This should be uppermost in your mind when receiving and giving constructive criticism. Hopefully the person giving the criticism is knowledgeable in the area of concern and has the best interests of Freemasonry in mind when offering it. This has always been my criteria. A pat on the back and a well done may not suffice to spur a Brother to improvement. We are pledged to stretch forth a hand to support a failing Brother, why not an offer of a little committed help, an offer to be available to assist and be supportive in the learning process.

After a night of witnessing sub-standard performances, don't go away angry and never return. Rather, do what you can to improve things. Be supportive, constructive and sympathetic. Don't be discouraged if your offer of assistance is greeted with some disdain, this is natural. Wait for a

better, less tension-filled moment to volunteer. Sometimes a "let's talk about it later," may get you farther.

We all know that only through repetition and understanding what the Ritual is trying to convey will make it your own. Try to be patient and sympathetic, but don't settle for mediocrity for the sake of being Mr. Nice-guy. □

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Camp DeMolay Fund Drive

Camp DeMolay needs to create an Endowment Fund. The Service Bureau Scholarship Fund and the Grant Fund are financially secure, but the Camp Fund is non-existent. To preserve the Camp for the future, we need to place it on an equal footing with our other investments. This means we are embarking on a major fund drive.

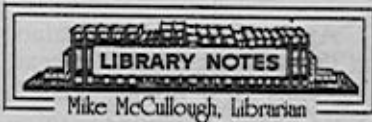
The categories are:

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*May be pledged over a 5 year period and will have their name recorded on a plaque placed on the walls inside the main Lodge Hall.

** Will have their names on a sign at the entrance to the Camp.

All contributors will have their names recorded under the proper Circle in the *Masonic Times*. □



By F. Jay McCullough

Ruel Lovett is working on the final rack of books to be entered into the computer system. He has been steadily at the helm as chief volunteer in making ours a functioning Masonic Library of which we can be proud. The book racks are ready for numbering, with placards for each row and shelf.

We are in the process of completing the attachment of card envelopes in each book so standard library cards can be placed in all of them. We are also using the Library Software Program to enter dates on 5x7 card stock for each book in our system, as well as on the cards contained in each book. These will be tools for volunteer staffers to use for tracking our stock. Another step in this process to make us fully functional is to enter codes on labels that will stick to the spines of books in our collection so they will be easier to locate in the appropriate shelf space.

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Our most recent volunteer staffer is Mike McBride of Valley/Simes Lodge. Once we're up and operating (in another 4 to 6 weeks), he expects to begin an assignment on Tuesday evenings when he's regularly at the Rochester Temple that will permit the loan and return of books with a knowledgeable person on hand. He has a strong interest in the Library and we welcome his volunteerism.

Others who would like to spend some time at the desk need only to contact the Service Bureau Office to let them know of their interest and availability.

Our Library also has accepted, and will continue to accept, Masonic memorabilia and artifacts that come from bequests and from heirs who have no interest or desire in keeping in their family. Our curator, Grant Romer, is the principal expert in the artifact, collectible and memorabilia area of our Masonic Preservation Program. The Service Bureau Office will arrange for him to contact anyone who has an interest along these lines. □

Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Debit Card

More and more I find myself using my debit card to make purchases from supermarkets, hardware stores, gas stations, drug stores, post office, or any merchant that accepts payment electronically. It used to be I would just use it to withdraw cash from an automated teller machine (ATM).

Will cash ever be replaced? I doubt it; but the days of writing a check at a check-out line seem numbered.

Each time you use your debit card to make a purchase, you are making an electronic funds transfer (EFT). By swiping your card through the point of sale (POS) terminal, and keying in a personal identification number (PIN), you have authorized your bank to electronically transfer an amount of money from your account to the merchant's account. This transfer happens instantaneously. No more floating checks. Banks love this set up. According to the Federal Reserve Board, it costs a bank \$3 to process each check. It only costs \$1.50 to process an EFT.

No matter how new and improved the ways are to spend your money, chances are someone else wants to spend more of it than you do.

The way to protect yourself is a lot like handling your checkbook.

First-take that receipt the cashier gave you and proof it. Was the correct amount debited from your account? Everyone makes mistakes and it's possible that the cashier rang the sale up as \$850, as opposed to \$8.50. Seem far-fetched? Well, maybe you have noticed that some merchants are no longer requiring a signature on the debit charge slip (e.g. Wegmans, Tops, the gas station). Just like you count your change before leaving the register, proof that receipt.

OK, you don't proof your receipt. You stick it in your pocket and forget about it. Well, you do check your bank statement each month just to make sure you and the bank are on the same page, as it were.

OK, you don't check your statements each month to be sure

you and the bank are in harmony.

Here's why you should proof that receipt. If you don't tell the bank about the mistake, then they won't correct it. If you aren't aware of the mistake, then the bank won't make good your loss if someone is taking money they aren't entitled to.

Now let's say you catch an EFT mistake on your bank statement. Prompt action will save the day.

First notify the bank, and follow up with a letter. This will preserve your rights under federal banking laws. The law imposes a 60-day time limit to tell the bank of the mistake. This 60 day rule begins when the statement showing the error was first issued to you.

Second, the bank must promptly investigate the error and resolve it within 45 days. If the error occurred when you made a purchase using a debit or ATM card (POS withdrawal), then the bank has 90 days to resolve the error. In either case, the bank must credit your account with the amount in dispute, if it

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will take them longer than 10 days to investigate.

Third, the bank must notify you of the results of its investigation. If it turns out to be a bank error, then the initial re-credit of your account would become final. If the bank is not at fault, then it must supply you with a written explanation as to why there is no error on their part. The bank also has to tell you if they will be deducting the amount they placed in your account while they were investigating the error. Upon request, the bank must supply you with copies of documents it relies upon to support its "no error" position.

Let's say someone gets hold of your card and PIN number, thereby allowing them access to your bank account.

If you are aware that your debit or ATM card is missing, and you don't remember where you left it, then report the loss to the bank. By reporting the loss, you limit your liability if someone starts making unauthorized withdrawals from your account. Your liability is \$50 if you notify the bank within two business days after realizing your card was lost or PIN code was disclosed to unauthorized persons. Failure to report this loss within two business days could result in liability up to \$500. If you do not report any loss to the bank within 60 days after the bank statement was issued to you, then your liability is unlimited.

You can lose not only all the money in your account, but you could be liable for overdrafts from your account. An excellent example of how all this works is found in the Federal Reserve Board's Consumer Handbook to Credit Protection Laws. On Monday, John's debit card and PIN were stolen. On Tuesday, the thief withdrew \$250, all the money John had in his checking account. Five days later, the thief withdrew another \$500, triggering John's overdraft line of credit. John did not realize his card was stolen until he received his bank statement showing withdrawals of \$750 he did not make. He called the bank right away. John's liability is \$50.

Now suppose that when John got his bank statement he didn't look at it, consequently he didn't call the bank. Seventy days after the statement was mailed to John the thief withdrew another \$1,000, reaching the limit on John's line of credit. In this case, John would be liable for \$1,050 (\$50 for transfers before the end of the 60 days; \$1,000 for transfers made more than 60 days after the statement was mailed.)

Money Tips

By Dave Larson

If you're like most Americans, credit is a huge part of your everyday life. However, many people don't realize that it's up to them to make sure their credit report is a true reflection of their credit history. According to a study by the United States Public Interest Research Group (US PIRG), 70% of credit reports have errors of some kind and 29% contain serious errors like false delinquencies and judgments that don't belong to the consumer. All the more reason to review a copy of your report!

The best way to check your credit history is to order a three-in-one report, which contains information from the three national credit bureaus: Experian, Equifax, and TransUnion. A report will be sent to you for approximately \$8.50. You can check each agency's website at www.experian.com, www.equifax.com and www.transunion.com to order a copy of your credit report online.

Check your credit report on a regular basis to make sure any new inquiries and accounts are not fraudulent. Review all information for accuracy and, if you suspect fraud, contact your credit-reporting agency.

If you are considering applying for a credit card, mortgage, auto financing, or bank loan, you might want to be aware of what is on your credit report. This is important because if there are questions about your credit history, it might explain things to the lender up front. Also, if your application is denied based on information found in the credit report, be sure to exercise your right to obtain a free copy of the report. You may be able to correct information or add a consumer statement to your report.

If you get a divorce, notify the three major agencies and tell them that your status has changed. Obtain a copy of your report so that you are aware of all open joint accounts. After reviewing this information, it is best to notify lenders to have them close the account or change them to a single name.

Your credit report represents your reputation in the personal financial community. If it's solid, it can be one of your greatest assets; if it's damaged, it can be one of your biggest liabilities. Your credit report is not something to be feared, but rather a tool to build financial security. Remember that it's up to you to keep it accurate.

The Cameron Memorial Jewel

By Don Brugger

In October of 1945 R.W. Earl M. Cameron received his appointment as Grand Director of Ceremonies. Win Yah Lodge No. 866, Pelham, New York, of which Brother Cameron was a member at the time, presented him with his Staff Officer's Jewel. Win Yah Lodge has long since vanished. Upon his death the Jewel came into the possession of his son, Robert Cameron who is a member of Fairport Lodge No. 476 and of the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R.

In 1989, when I was appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies, Brother Bob Cameron was kind enough to let me wear his father's Jewel during my term. Needless to say, I was very honored to do so. At the end of my term I tried to persuade Brother Bob to allow me to purchase the Jewel, but he would not part with it. After a time, however, Bob did offer the Jewel to me as a gift. I was flabbergasted; I accepted, of course.

In 1993 R.W. Bruce Chilton was appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies and I asked Brother Cameron if he would mind if I offered the Jewel to R.W. Chilton to wear during his term. Bob agreed that the Jewel should be used and Bruce wore it for the two years of his term.

In 1995 R.W. William Spillane was appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies from the



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Winterfest 2000 On the Masonic Home Campus

Christmas came early to the Masonic Campus last year. Our Third Annual Winterfest was held on Sunday, December 3rd, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and despite the lack of snow, the cold temperatures put everyone in that "Holiday Spirit". The Masonic Campus was transformed into a Winter Wonderland of lights, sights, sounds, and aromas. Upon entering the grounds, strolling street carolers dressed in old fashioned holiday costumes, greeted you with songs; the smell of roasting chestnuts in the chill air was irresistible; and the wagon rides to see Santa were a treat for all ages.

Free musical entertainment was available in every major building on the Campus from Barbershop Chorus to Dance-center Dancers to the Shriners Band to high school choruses. There was music for everyone's taste.

For those who crave crafts, we added a larger Arts and Crafts Fair. Forty exhibitors graced the Administration Building's halls and auditorium. If it was a holiday ornament or plant you desired, we had it for sale!

Most families braved the chill and took a wagon ride to Acacia Village for the traditional photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Nothing can equal the joy in a child's face when they see Santa in person. After the photo, some children went to the Library where Acacia Village resident, Brother Ed Ward, recited from memory, "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Others made their way to the craft room and created their own tree ornaments. For Mom we had a Holiday Decoration Demonstration...toy soldiers made from flowerpots. Believe me, they were beautiful!

The highlight of the day's activities was at 5:30 p.m. when our beautiful tree was lit while carolers sang favorite holiday songs. Our Winterfest proved again to be a huge success. We stressed the idea of Friendship, Family, Community and the joy of the holiday season.

Be sure to mark your calendar for next time, Sunday, December 2, 2001 and celebrate the season on the Masonic Campus with Winterfest 2001.

Ist Monroe and I offered the Jewel to him to wear during his term and he said that he would be honored to do so.

It occurred to me that there should be some recognition of the generosity of Brother Bob Cameron and some mention of this emerging tradition in the Monroe District. I therefore suggest that the Jewel be named the "R.W. Earl M. Cameron Memorial Jewel," with the hope that it will be used in perpetuity by future Grand Director of Ceremonies appointees during their terms of office.

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Strong leadership

How do we get our Lodge to be more positive? We start by building a good Lodge of strong lead-

ership. The Lodge must have a Master and a group of officers who are willing to work as a team; a good Master should be more of a manager who divides the workload and responsibility among his officers. This will give him more time to develop programs for the Craft.

Better programs will help with our declining membership. Programs should not only be interesting to the Brothers, but should engage the Brothers and encourage their participation.

The next Genesee/Wyoming Masonic War Veterans meeting will be January 31st at Attica Lodge, 7:30 p.m. We still need a few more good men.

Thanks to Brother Dagen for the work he has done on the e-mail list. This has been working very well. If you are not on it, contact R.W. Dagen.

Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall! (Confucius).

God bless you. □

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Happy Valentine's Day to all! If this article seems somewhat abbreviated, I apologize, as I am pecking out this material with my left hand, having fallen on icy steps at work and fractured my right wrist (always the dominant hand, right? I'm not ambidextrous). Hopefully, the bones will knit properly, or surgery to install pins will be in the offing. One consolation, however, I inquired of the emergency room staff during treatment, whether I would be able to play the piano once my wrist healed. They earnestly replied that they couldn't see why I wouldn't be able to. I responded with relief, gratitude--and amazement when I told them how wonderful that was, since prior to my fall I couldn't play a note! (Yes, they let me leave there alive!)

Successful events

The distribution of Christmas baskets and plants was very successful, in terms of the turnout of both Masonic and community workers, as well as the number of deliveries.

Our Table Lodge was a success, although due to my aforementioned mishap and the effects of pain medication, I was unable to attend. I was told the business meeting was held BEFORE the Table Lodge this year, thereby enabling more Brothers to recall the content of said meeting--right, Marty?

I do express my gratitude to SW, Brother Marty Krause, who came to the rescue and led the Table Lodge with admirable results when I was not able to do so. Now he has developed the expertise to conduct a stellar performance next year, when it really is his turn!

The meal, I am told, was superb, which gives me the opportunity to express my gratitude to our JW, Brother Ralph Marsocci, for all the delicious snacks and treats with which he supplies us after each meeting--not an easy job, and I'd just like to say, "Thanks, Ralph", for all your efforts. They are greatly appreciated by all of us. Incidentally, we hope you had an enjoyable hiatus in Florida, and it's nice to have you back.

Bring-a-Friend Night

Our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on January 18th went well, and hopefully, we will increase our membership as a result. Thanks to W. Joe Chimino for his efforts in this regard. SW Marty Krause, JW Ralph Marsocci, and SMC Harry Tyson, are progressing well through the "Road to the East" Program, having completed the second of three sessions at Phoenix Lodge in Dansville. I am very pleased to have them attending this Program, as I believe it supplies a wealth of invaluable information for not only future Masters, but for Masons in general.

Good news

R.W. John Bater continues to recuperate at the Veterans Home in Batavia. His family was able to come and enjoy a special Christmas gathering with him.

Brethren, don't forget the Brotherhood Fund. Hesperus is already ahead of our ending total last year. Let's continue this trend, and strive for one hundred percent participation. Each of you should have received your dues notice for this year. Prompt attention to this will be greatly appreciated by our Secretary. If you have already responded, our sincere thanks.

Please be extremely careful of your footing when outdoors. We undoubtedly have a few more months of inclement weather ahead of us, and the icy conditions have the potential for disaster. One weather related casualty this season is enough. Allow me to leave you with this thought, which unfortunately, I have no source to credit: "It is better to do something imperfectly than to do nothing perfectly."

Until next month... □

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Several events took place during the month of December that I thought should be passed on to each of you. One of the events happened on the 21st of December, that being a visitation to Hesperus Lodge No. 837 by several of the Brethren of Batavia Lodge. The evening consisted of fellowship with the Brethren of Hesperus in the Lodge room and then participating in the consumption of some delicious 'oyster stew' after the communication, this being the annual event held for that purpose. Already several Brethren are anticipating this event for the year of 2001. We had also planned on capturing Molly at the same time, but unfortunately, we did not have a sufficient number of our Brethren in attendance and Molly continues to reside at Hesperus Lodge.

DeMolay

To bring all up to date of the happenings of the Charles L. Carter Chapter of DeMolay for boys, I have had the opportunity along with several other Brethren of Batavia Lodge and visiting Brethren, to observe the fraternalism that has developed among the young men of the Chapter. I have no doubt this organization will flourish and grow in number in the very near future. Elsewhere in this issue of the *Masonic Times*, you should find more information about the Chapter and upcoming events.

Child ID

The Child ID Program that was anticipated to be held at the Cooperative Extension in Batavia this Spring has experienced a slight setback. We are in the process of locating another location

for this event, due to the fact that the Cooperative Extension could not supply the necessary facilities. More information will be forthcoming.

Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund Chairman is reporting that donations are being received in support of this charity, supported by the Brethren. If you have not taken the opportunity to make your respective contributions to date, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Scholarships

The Secretary has in his possession applications for the 2001 Education Assistance Program. If you have a child, grandchild or great-grandchild and they are anticipating higher learning after completing high school this Spring or are continuing their respective educations in college, they may qualify for these grants. The applications must be completed and turned into the Committee by April 30th. Contact the Secretary for the applications.

Sickness and distress

In closing the only thing I have to report as relates to sickness and distress among our fellow Brethren is our musician, Brother John O'Connor, who continues to improve each day. Unfortunately, throughout the Genesee/Wyoming District there are several Brethren whom I would recommend your continued prayers. W. Bob Forbes and R.W. Bob Nicoll of Olive Branch; Brother Van Hulbert and R.W. John Bater of Hesperus Lodge, just to mention a few who I personally am aware of at this time.

The Brethren of Batavia Lodge extend our sincere sympathy and condolences to W. John Cook of Constellation Lodge in Perry, and his family, during this time of great sorrow in the loss of members of their family. We pray that the Supreme Architect will grant them the strength to pass through this time of sorrow.

Until next month, may God bless us all. □

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



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

W. Robert Forbes, Secretary
768-2657

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First and foremost, this is very important. There will be a Special Meeting on February 21st at the Temple at 6:00 p.m. We will serve you Roast Beef, Potatoes, Gravy, Veggie, Salad and Dessert. So there will be enough to eat, call me at 768-7922 with your reservation. I'll be sending you a follow-up letter. **This meeting is very important.**

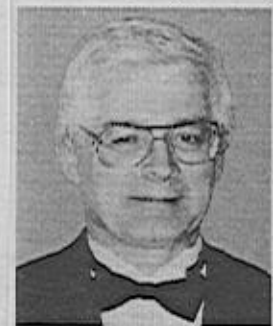
It's that time of year to send in your contribution to the Brotherhood Fund.

Sickness and distress

Bob Forbes is back in Genesee Hospital, Batavia. Paul Smith is recuperating at home. I'm doing very well, except for cataracts. My vision is blurry. □

Grand Director of Ceremonies

Genesee/Wyoming



R.W. Arthur E. Drew
492-4860

Brethren, I invite you to join R.W. Barber, DDGM, and I, when we travel to New York City

in May to attend Grand Lodge. We are traveling with R.W. William Learn and the Allegany District on their chartered bus. We will leave May 5th and return May 8th. Lodging in New York will be at the Hotel Edison on 47th Street in the Theater District. Flyers are on the way to Masters and Secretaries in the Genesee/Wyoming District. If anyone else is interested, from any District, give me a call and I will send you information. Wives are welcome.

In October, Genesee/Wyoming District will be host to a Grand Master's Town Meeting to be held in Attica on the 20th. I want to hear from some Brothers who would like to help with this project. This is the same day that Mt. Vernon Lodge is having their Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Don't forget the Brotherhood Fund. Give as generously as you can. □

leave their loved one in the skilled hands of the nurses and doctors of the Masonic Home, so that they might take some much needed time off for R & R. Anyone who has had the responsibility (as I have) for providing total care for someone at home, knows just how important that vacation can be.

You can take advantage of this program for 30 days at one time, or for 42 calendar days a year.

Another area that we can take advantage of is our excellent Rehabilitation Center, which provides both short term and long term rehabilitation services.

Our Rehabilitation Center provides us with both Physical and Occupational Therapy, plus Speech and Language Therapy and Audiology services.

I will discuss these programs in depth in my next article.

As always, I am at your service any time for assistance or questions. □

Masonic Home Admissions Counselor

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Hello, Brethren!

I think many of us picture a 'home', such as our Masonic Home, just as we do the fabled elephant graveyard. It is a place to go and die. This is not the attitude or the mission of your Masonic Home. The keywords here are, "quality of life!"

There are some really exciting programs available for all of us when we need them. Some I didn't know about prior to becoming your Admissions Counselor.


For instance, the 'take a break' program. This program enables a Mason who is caring for a loved one at home (respite care) to

Calling All Brothers! Help is needed for the Have-A-Heart Fund Drive

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Once again we hope everyone had safe and happy holidays! Other than the holidays, everything has been rather uneventful at West Star No. 413. Our first meeting for January was scheduled for 01-01-01, so needless to say, we all stayed home where it was nice and warm.

I attended Attica's Pancake Breakfast on January 7th. Like always, the Pancakes were excellent. If you are free the first Sunday of any month, you should try to make it to Attica's Breakfast.

Is everyone looking for a friend to bring to our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on February 19th? We want to have a good turnout, so if you can't find a friend, bring a Brother. Call and offer a Brother a ride to Lodge!

Sickness and distress

Brother Richard Spink is home in Buffalo recovering from an operation. I'm sure he would enjoy any cards. R.: W.: Merle Robinson has some lower back problems and was in the hospital for some tests. He is home and feeling much better. Sherry Grover, (Boopah), had to have an operation on her knee and is also home doing better.

On a happy note, Duncan King enjoyed his 43rd birthday on January 8th.

We all look forward to seeing you at Lodge on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 8:00 p.m. Come to Lodge and we will play a few games of cards and have a cup of coffee or maybe a piece of pie. If your driveway is full of snow and you can't get out, give one of us a call and we will come pick you up. See you then!

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



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

W.: Norman Steinbaugh, Secretary
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Temple update

The painting of the Lodge room has been completed along with the stairway to the second floor, and a new ceiling in the upstairs hallway. The Dining Room duct work has been improved for better heating efficiency, thanks to the efforts of Brother Sam Norris. The duct work and the kitchen ceiling also have new coats of paint. The project for January has been insulating the Lodge room and second floor ceilings to try and cut the heating bill. Please come to the following Lodge events and see the improvements.

Pancake Breakfast

This will be Sunday, February 4th, from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Attica Lodge's "famous all you can eat Pancakes" and real maple syrup.

German Table Lodge

Wednesday, February 21st, at 7:30 p.m. RSVP by February 14th.

Awards Night

They will be Wednesday, March 21st, at 8:00 p.m. RSVP by March 14th. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Widows Program (open Lodge)

This event will be Wednesday, April 18th at 8:00 p.m. RSVP by April 11th. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Directories

The new Attica Directories are being sent out with the 2001 dues cards. The Directories are the handiwork of R.: W.: Dennis Turton, Sr., and are very nicely done. Thank you, R.: W.: Dennis. Please check your information and let us know if there are any updates so that you receive the *ESM*, *Masonic Times* and Lodge mailings, etc.

Scholarships

The 2001 Education Assistance Program applications are now available. Please contact the Secretary for details and requirements. As in the past, children, grandchildren and widows of Master Masons belonging to a Lodge in the State of New York are eligible. The deadline for applicants to return completed applications is April 30, 2001, so do not delay.

Dues and Brotherhood

Dues payment and Brotherhood Fund contribution responses have been excellent this year and thanks to all for your timely payments. Dues are needed to keep the Lodge operating and the Brotherhood Fund is certainly a good cause. If YOU haven't sent it yet, do it now before YOU forget.

Rochester Forest
No. 133
Tall Cedars
of Lebanon

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



Donald C. Bell, Scribe

By Ted Snyder, PGT

The following officers have been elected and installed for the year 2001:

- Grand Tall - Paul Woodley
- SDGTC - John E. Zabel
- JDGTC - Raymond DiJames
- Scribe - Donald Bell
- Treasurer - Paul Kober
- Trustee - Ted Snyder
- Chief Ranger - Charles Spiegel
- Sentinel - Gordon Ball

Sickness and distress

We send our sympathies to Grand Tall Paul Woodley on the passing of his father, W.: Clarence Woodley.

Past Grand Tall, Robert P. Zabel is recovering from surgery.

I recently had hernia surgery and when you read this I will be recovering in the Florida sunshine.

February meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 28th, with dinner at the Penfield Tavern at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the Lodge hall at 7:30 p.m.

District Deputy
Grand Master
Monroe District



R.: W.: William Lindsay
 621-3573

In a recent column I wrote attempting to answer the question, "Who are we (Masons)?" I said then that the question is an ongoing one for all of us, collectively and individually. We define ourselves by our changing beliefs and actions, and so our answer to that fundamental question is always being updated by what we see, what we do, and how we see others act. What I saw at the Veteran's Ceremony in Cathedral Hall enriches my answer. I saw heroes from days past, in some cases physically struggling to participate, walking with that lighter step that indicates a pride in having measured up when called to duty; I saw heroes too modest to talk about their own achievements; I saw heroes with a special sadness in their hearts for brothers unable to be there, and I saw that profound respect demonstrated, that all citizens should reserve for the memory of the men and women who with simple faith in God and country, preserved the freedom to assemble, to speak, all the bounties we enjoy in this country and in this age. Thank you Grand Lodge for this program of recognition and thank you, Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R., for your support for this program. Thank you all.

Masters and Wardens

Masters & Wardens met on January 13th at the Downtown Temple as the guests of Valley/Simes Lodge and its Master, W.: Mike Batz. In addition to the regular business meeting, W.: Peter Fallone, Master of Oatka Lodge, put on a martial arts demonstration for family and friends who had gathered for the event. The focus of the event was to sensitize people to safety-enhancing strategies that they can use while traveling about the community and when encountering people who are prone to violence.

Each of us can benefit from W.: Peter's knowledge based on his many years experience as a martial arts teacher and his extensive and ongoing training in the field. Groups that would be interested in his putting on an awareness class for its members should contact him at 594-0231. Thank you, Brother Fallone.

Trip to Utica

I recently attended the Brotherhood Fund meeting held by Brother Phil Hurwitz. In addition to reviewing the Grand Lodge reports, Brother Hurwitz described plans for a visit to the Masonic Home in Utica scheduled for April 28th and sponsored by the Brotherhood Fund. A bus will leave from the Downtown Temple about 7:00 a.m., a short breakfast stop will be made on the road (Thruway coffee & do-

nuts is my guess), with arrivals slated for 9:30 a.m. at the Home. The day's program will consist of a tour of the entire Campus, all its facilities and programs, and lots of food. Return is scheduled for early (daylight) evening. Reservations are limited and required. They can be made with your Lodge's Brotherhood Fund Chairman. Cost to you? (see coffee & donuts above).

Have-a-Heart

In another column in this paper, you will see details regarding the Monroe Masons, Ronald McDonald House, Have-a-Heart Campaign. If you haven't signed up, call Brother Don Darrohn at 225-1782. You don't have to be a chartered group to fill one of the slots at the Malls. Any 2-3 people can handle the donation table and the hearts. If you can't stand, chairs are available. By all means, take your family members, children and grandchildren, they love it. Brother Darrohn plans an opportunity for all Masons to tour and/or volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House later in the Spring, a chance to see up close the important cause you support.

Scholarships

Scholarship forms are available and you should be encouraging your children and grandchildren to get the forms and sign up. If your kids are like most, it can be like pushing a string to get it to move. Service Bureau Scholarship forms are available from their office, Lodges, and OES Chapter Secretaries. Scottish Rite forms are available at their office (271-0715), and Secretaries of each Lodge received Grand Lodge Scholarship forms from Chairman, James Sullivan (716-434-5401). I know the Grand Master will be here to present the scholarships on August 4th, according to R.: W.: Clifford Short and R.: W.: James DeLorenzo, who coordinate that program in our area. You should also ask your Secretary about Lodge Scholarships, as many are given locally as well.

Musical

W.: Jim Weick (924-1666) has just released information about the upcoming musical show to be held in Cathedral Hall on April 1st, at 1:30 p.m. The program will feature a full performance by the Athena Show Choir, under the direction of Judith Ranaletta. This choir has performed around the nation and internationally as well. Local performances are fairly rare, so this becomes a somewhat unique opportunity for the Masons in our area. Tickets (\$5/per person) will be available from Lodge Secretaries. More details will be forthcoming. This is one of those exciting performances that would be most appropriate for all your family members.

Donations needed

In a recent column we learned about the plight of our loved ones who reside in nursing homes where the shortage of clothing is

an ongoing-near crisis. We also learned about what we can do about it, individually, or in groups, buy some sweat (tops or bottoms) and warm socks to be given to the residents in need. This program is just getting up and running under the coordination of W.: Lew Perna (334-8265) and R.: W.: Clifford Short (225-0464). Contact them when you have donations to make.

Behavior

We all know of people who see a glass half-full and others who always see it as half-empty. In my present role, I encounter people who are in the second group, not a lot, but I am always amazed at their ability to turn group energy in a negative direction. It's a fact of life that when you are the leader of the group, you will encounter such behavior, and it becomes your job to blunt the undermining effect of a negative comment and steer it in a more positive direction.

In trying to understand the maker of such negative comments, I looked first to my own behavior to see what I could learn from personal experience. I observed others who behaved this way; I looked at people who dealt with negative comment makers, and I did a little reading on the subject, as well. Let me share with you some of the things I found out, that you may better handle those around you who block progress by their choice of words. Not all negative types are marching to the same drummer.

One type are those whose natures have been shaped by ongoing and unsuccessful life experiences. They are sad by nature and probably will do better with lots of love and support.

Another group are those who tend not to do their homework/share of the group activity and try to deflect their lack of preparedness. Best response is to kindly offer to help them complete their part.

Another group is composed of those who have huge status needs and whatever the current process, it isn't rewarding their egos. Best response is to reinforce how important they are to the group, and they are.

Another group are the ones who have huge control needs (the only good ideas are the ones they think of!). Just connect the current effort with other ideas they have had and they will become helpers too.

We've all met negative folks who have difficulty grasping complex ideas quickly; they hide their need for time to achieve understanding by condemning whatever the proposed issue is. Get them to verbally explain their understanding of the idea, and they frequently talk their way to understanding.

For some, making negative comments is perceived as the way to be mature, and socially and interpersonally successful. Look at all the public role models they've watched. When was the

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last time you saw a news headline that said, "President Does Something Right"?

Some people always perceive new ideas as "more work for me" and as they are frequently stressed out with their current workload, just don't want another idea to fly. Teach them that they are an important communication link only, and they need to know. They will get involved in the activity eventually.

We've all dealt with the "seen it all crowd" who know that all innovations are doomed to failure, because that's not how we did it in my day. Good luck with this one.

My last group is my favorite - they anger me the most. I have an idea, they shoot it down, and suddenly it sinks in, they are correct and I am wrong. Ways to deal with them is to eat the crow while it's still warm and apologize. You'll know they are nice people if they don't rub it in at every opportunity.

Negativism generally should be avoided, but each of us has to work at it. In the great scheme of things there is more right about the world than wrong. Freemasonry will survive as long as it wants to, the bill will get paid, what needs to get done will, and we will all go home to the House of the Lord in due time.

A wag once said that all people bring joy to the world, some by arriving, some by leaving. We each have a choice as to the role we will play. As Masons, we know the obligations we are committed to.

So here we are. □

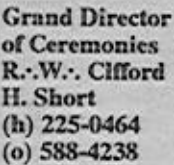
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We extend our heartfelt wish that this New Year be a prosperous one for you and your families.

Busy times

It is hard to believe that we have been in office for nine months, nine of the busiest months we have ever had in Masonry. As part of the District Leadership Team, we have been busy helping to coordinate new and ongoing programs to promote Masonic education in and around our Monroe District.

LSOME

One of the ongoing programs is the LSOME (Lodge System of Masonic Education) Program. The 1st session was presented on November 20th and the 2nd on January 15th. We will be presenting the 3rd session near the end of February. The 1st two sessions have been very well attended and we look forward to the 3rd.

We are so encouraged with the enthusiasm for the Program that we are starting to prepare for the Fall sessions.

Our main purpose for these presentations is to help our new members of our great Fraternity

to understand the meanings and symbolism of each of the three Degrees through which they are progressing and thus prepare them to be better Masons.

Duties, privileges and rights

The duties, privileges and rights of a Master Mason aren't actually printed anywhere in list form because they are so varied. Some are the result of custom, some are in the Masonic Law, and some are very explicit, while others are implied. It would be impossible to cover most of them in a reasonable period of time, so we will just touch on the most important ones.

A Master Mason's first duty is to live up to all the points covered by his Obligations. Otherwise, he can't perform his other duties or claim his rights and privileges.

Another important duty, in addition to the many covered in the three Obligations, is the requirement to pay your share of the financial costs of the Fraternity promptly and ungrudgingly; whether the costs are in the form of dues or assessments or a voluntary appeal.

You have the right to ask for, and receive, a demit if your Lodge dues are paid up to date. This means that you voluntarily relinquish your membership in your Lodge. Why would you want to do that? Usually, it would be because you move to another area and want to exercise your right to affiliate with a local Lodge. However, you also have the right to plural affiliation, meaning that you can hold membership in more than one Lodge. This is true according to the laws of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, but may not be true in other Grand Lodge Jurisdictions.

Between the time you demit from your Lodge and join another Lodge, you are a non-affiliated Mason. If you remain non-affiliated for more than one year, all your Masonic rights and privileges are suspended until such time as you affiliate with a Lodge.

One of the privileges you would lose is that of visiting other Lodges. This is a privilege rather than a right, because the Master has the right to exclude you from visiting if he feels that the presence of any visitors at that particular time would not be in the best interest of the Lodge. The Master must determine that a visitor is entitled to sit in his Lodge. You have a right to be vouched for by a Lodge member who knows you to be a Master Mason. If nobody in the Lodge can vouch for you, then the Master will appoint a Committee to examine you, meaning that they will ask you certain questions to satisfy themselves that you really are a Master Mason.

You have the right to request Masonic relief without the degradation of your dignity. The request may be to a Lodge or to a Master Mason. Practically, the request will be made to a Lodge, but they are not required to provide relief just on the basis of a request. You must remember that the Lodge isn't an insurance society or a death benefit association. Usually the Lodge will evaluate the request and make a decision based on extreme urgency or true financial need. The Lodge is free to exercise judgement in each case with respect to how much relief to extend, if any; and also the form of the relief. If the Lodge feels that a particular request merits more than they can provide, they can request that the Masonic District and the Grand Lodge contribute the ad-

ditional sums.

A Mason accused of violation of Masonic Law is entitled to a Masonic trial under prescribed, regulated conditions where he is free to present evidence. If convicted by trial, conducted by a Trial Commission appointed by the Grand Master, he has the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge Commission of Appeals. This is his guarantee against possible injustice because of prejudice or because of spiteful action by some personal enemy.

Every Mason has the right to a Masonic Funeral Service and Burial Service; meaning that the family has the right to request it from the Lodge, and the Lodge must provide it if asked. In practice, many Lodges ask the family if they desire a Masonic Service; and in fact, a Lodge will usually provide the Service for a former Mason if asked - just out of consideration for the family; and also to maintain good public relations.

There are many privileges, which are also rights. They include having both a voice and a vote in the Lodge, including balloting on the acceptance of candidates.

You also have the privilege of holding office in your Lodge and the right to apply for membership in several Masonic, or Masonically related Bodies whose prerequisite for acceptance is that a petitioner must be a Master Mason in good standing.

There are many privileges that vary in detail, with availability depending on local conditions and circumstances. A Lodge may do many things which are neither required nor prohibited, but are usually strongly encouraged. These include holding social affairs, providing special entertainment, offering special programs of one kind or another, involvement in community service projects, and so forth, according to its abilities and the desires of its membership. If community service activities are available, your participation in them is an exercise of your privilege of providing Masonic service; which will be one of the principle sources of satisfaction in your Masonic life.

Above all, your most important privilege, and the one that should always be in the forefront of your mind, whether consciously or unconsciously, is that Masonry in all its aspects, belongs to you to use and enjoy. ("The Lodge System of Masonic Education" by the Committee on Masonic Education, September, 1987)

Road to the East Program

Our 2nd Road to the East Program took place on Saturday, January 6th. We were once again surprised at the attendance, 33 Brothers! The morning, for the coordinators, started with breakfast at the Sunrise Restaurant. After a brief registration, the morning instructional session



R.W. Bill Jones - DDGM, Wayne District.

was started with some great doughnuts supplied by R.W. Bill Jones of Wayne District.

After brief introductions by R.W. Art Drew, Genesee/Wyoming District, R.W. Bill Jones covered the "Secretary's Obligation". After a short break, the group adjourned to the Lodge room for the next presentation by R.W. Dave Lathers, Steuben District, on "Duties of the Worshipful Master."

This was followed by talks on: Grand Lodge and Blue Lodge Committees - "Choosing a Chairman" by R.W. Ray Barber, Genesee/Wyoming District; "Expectations of a Chairman" by R.W. Bill Lindsay; and "Phone Trees" by R.W. Al Roggen, Livingston District.

Then it was back downstairs for a presentation by R.W. Ed Marriot, Wayne District, on "News Articles". Each Brother

took a homework assignment with them when they left, which was to write a Master's article by the next session. We finished the morning with a brief question, answer, and comment session.

Since there was enough interest shown last time in regards to the LSOME Program, we showed the entire LSOME video series after the formal RTTE Program for those who were interested.

It has been difficult not to leave one of these sessions totally pumped up with enthusiasm from the interest the Brothers have shown during this program. The number of Masons worldwide may be declining, but if the commitment and dedication of the Brothers at these sessions are any indication, the Fraternity is as strong as it has ever been, and will continue to be so.

Remember the Brotherhood Fund. □

Regional "Road to the East" Works Well



R.W. Bill Lindsay-DDGM, Monroe; R.W. Al Roggen-DDGM, Livingston District; and R.W. Ray Barber-DDGM, GW.



Some of the "Road to the East" attendees enjoyed breakfast at the "Sunrise Restaurant" prior to the session. (Photos Bill Lindsay)




Lecture portion of the program, Phoenix Lodge.




Question & Answer Session, Dave Lathers, GDC, Steuben District in sweater. R.W. Gene Flint - GSB, Livingston District, extreme right.


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MONROE DISTRICT



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V.W.
John Zabel
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By R.W. Keith Stambach
As the Masonic year progresses, it is rewarding to see that the Ritual of Opening and Closing and the Work of the Degrees has improved immeasurably in the Monroe District. Further improvement can be made if all of the officers of the Lodges would commit themselves to continued reference to the 1996 issue of the Ritual Book and attend rehearsals for the Degrees.

Poor attendance at rehearsals only makes it difficult to coordinate the floor work and hinders continuity of the Degrees. Remember, the better our Ritual, the better the light will shine on our new candidates and the cleaner the tenants of our Craft will be transmitted to all. Let's all be inspired to do our very best.

Our next area of concern should and will be Etiquette and Protocol in the Lodge, which will be covered at the next School of Ritual on January 29th at Northfield Lodge. The attendance has been a big improvement this year, let's keep it up!

The next School of Ritual will be March 29th at Etolian Lodge No. 479.

Membership Retention



R.W. Joseph Privitera
Monroe District

To paraphrase a certain US Senator, there's a lot of Masonic Education going on. I hope you can attend some of these sessions. An educated Mason is an informed Mason and is more apt to retain his membership in the Craft.

Our Staff Officers, R.W. Cliff Short and R.W. Jim DeLorenzo, are currently putting on LSOME (Lodge System of Masonic Education) sessions. You can read their article in the January issue of the *Masonic Times* about the details. The third session will be held in February. I am sure the time and date will be in their article this month. They are also doing a "Road to the East" Program for Monroe and four other Districts.

There will be a School of Ritual put on by our Assistant Grand Lecturers, R.W. Keith Stambach and V.W. John Zabel, covering Masonic Etiquette and Protocol. The School will also be open for any questions you may have on Masonry. The School will be held at Northfield Lodge, Monday, January 29th at 7:30 p.m.

On the subject of instruction, the Masonic Library, next to the Masonic Service Bureau, is there for you to use. R.W. Jay Mc-


Cullough and his staff have spent many hours bringing the Library up to date. All you have to do is call the Service Bureau to make sure someone will be there to let you in.

One last thing...

Read the article in the Winter 2000 issue, page 8, of the "Empire State Mason" by M.W. Gary Henningsen, PGM and Grand Secretary. It is fantastic reading. Fair warning, if you are afraid of the truth, then you may not want to read it.

See you in Lodge. ☐

Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.



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The Masters and Wardens had their monthly meeting at Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109, with 12 Lodges, 23 members, and 5 Grand Lodge Officers in attendance. The total was 28, this is the best yet. I thank W. Michael Batz for hosting our meeting and providing us with some fine refreshments.

I'm sorry to say that Masters and Wardens meetings are not taken seriously by some of the Lodges. These meetings are for Masters and Wardens; the Deacons are also invited.

The Lodges that have not had any officers at any meetings this year are: Fame No. 945, Flower City No. 910, Monroe No. 173 and Seneca No. 797. Maybe we will see them at the next meeting.

First on the agenda was R.W. Bill Lindsay, who spoke about the Veterans Award Program. This was attended by more than 200 veterans and family members. What a great day for all who attended.

W. Gordon Ball gave us information on the prices for the Masters' trip to Grand Lodge in NYC. Air, train, and room rates. If anyone needs information, you can call me at 265-3932. I have sent out e-mails to all Masters I have addresses for.

R.W. Keith Stambach mentioned the next School of Ritual on January 29th at Northfield Lodge No. 426, 17 Church Street, Pittsford.

He also mentioned that the list for Ritualists on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degrees is available and all Masters have the list. If anyone needs any help, they can call him at 865-7416.

R.W. Don Darrohn said he still can use help at some of the Malls for the Have-a-Heart Campaign. They are Eastview, Greece Ridge, and Marketplace. If you want to help, call Don at 225-1782.

R.W. Vern Goodrich mentioned that the Masonic Service Bureau is sponsoring a 19 day Hawaiian Cruise and Tour. The dates are September 25, 2001 and September 24, 2002. The cost is \$2500 per person, double occupancy, inside cabin, or \$2800 for an outside one. For more information, call Vern at 473-4351. This sounds like something we don't want to miss.

Upcoming events

Masonic Family Day is Sunday, April 1st, Cathedral Hall, Downtown Temple. Donation is \$5.00 adults, \$3.00 students. For more information, call Jim Weick at 924-1666.

W. Phillip Hurwitz, Brotherhood Chairman, is having a bus trip and tour of the Masonic Campus in Utica on Saturday, April 28th at 7:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. The bus will be at the Downtown Temple, 875 Main St. E. There is no charge and lunch will be provided. This is open to all family and friends and space is available on a first come, first served basis. You can call him at 581-1831 or his office, 663-5820.

February

On Saturday, February 10th, 10:00 a.m., Masters and Wardens will be meeting at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154, 1822A Penfield Road, Penfield. We will be discussing whether or not to hold the Masters and Wardens Ball in May. I know some Lodges use this night for their Lodge Ladies Night, and might want it to continue. The Masters will meet after that to make arrangements for the New York trip to Grand Lodge. We cannot wait much longer because we don't want to wait until all the rooms near Grand Lodge are taken. We need to know how many want to go by train or bus. There is a lot to discuss.


Our March meeting will be at the Ronald McDonald House, when we will present to them the money received during the Have-a-Heart Campaign.

M&W Project

Don't forget to bring any clothing you may have for Ms. Lynn Prytula for area nursing homes. I know R.W. Cliff Short will be glad to get them. Remember, this is a Masters and Wardens project.

We hope to see you all at the next meeting. ☐

Monroe Brotherhood Fund



Philip Hurwitz, Chairman

Livingston Masonic Library

There are 7 charities that make up the Brotherhood Fund. They are: Grand Master's Allocation; Masonic Medical Research Laboratory; Masonic Home in Utica; Veteran's Hospital Program; Masonic Youth Foundation; Drug and Alcohol Abuse; and Livingston Masonic Library.

This month I'll cover the Livingston Masonic Library.

The Library is located within Grand Lodge. Its mission is to "...collect, preserve, interpret and make available for education and research, to both members of the Fraternity and others, such materials as relate to the history, philosophy, culture, and organization of Freemasonry in its social and historical contexts, with a special emphasis of Freemasonry in New York State." (Source: *Livingston Masonic Library 2000 Annual Report*).

For all Masons, the Library serves as a valuable resource in gaining further light in Masonry. The Library offers reading courses open to all Masons (NY Grand Lodge affiliated) in good standing. These courses are: Standard Course (general overview of Masonry); Advanced Course (specialized materials on Masonic history); American History Course (Masonry in American

history); Recreational Course (assortment of Masonic essays); Warden's Course (readings designed to prepare Brothers entering the East); Public Speaking Course (materials to enhance public speaking skills); District Deputy's Course; Royal Arch Course; Scottish Rite Course; Masonic Antique Collectors Course (guides to assist collectors of antiques relating to Freemasonry); Lives of Famous Masons (biographies), and Masonic Organizations.

A listing of each book contained in each reading course can be found on the Library's website, located at www.livmalib.org

Enrolling in a reading course is as easy as sending an e-mail (livmalib@pipeline.com) or phoning 212-337-6620.

The Library is a designee on the Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign. To contribute, just check off box #7 on your Brotherhood Fund Appeal Envelope. ☐

Bureau of Masonic Education

Monroe County

President:
V.W. John Zabel

Buildings

"George, I heard that my Lodge is considering a consolidation with another Lodge", said Sam. "I know that we are having a few difficulties like finding Brothers to be officers, but I like my Lodge and its building and would hate to see it disappear."

"Yes, I know what you're saying, but let's look at what a Lodge really is. To my mind, a Lodge is a collection of men, all of whom have been raised as Master Masons. These Brothers congregate for fellowship, friendship and to confer the Masonic Degrees on worthy candidates. Isn't this enough?" replied George.

"My Lodge has its own character, part of which is our building. It was built as a Masonic Temple over a hundred years ago. It is beautifully decorated with seeds of Masonic symbols. I like being there. I will admit that we have been having problems with upkeep, utilities and taxes, but I'm sure we can work these problems out," said Sam.

"But wouldn't it be more beneficial to the Fraternity and your Lodge if you sold the building and moved someplace that took less of a drain on your Lodge's resources? I like your Lodge also, but I like your Brethren more. At one time Lodges could easily manage a building of their own, but in today's world it has become a problem. Maintenance costs and taxes keep rising while membership has been slipping. Wouldn't it be better if your Lodge could shed some of the financial burden the building causes and spend more effort in those areas that can build the Fraternity and increase the feeling of Brotherhood among the members?"

"I wonder if your Master and officers have thought about consolidating facilities with another Lodge instead of consolidating the Lodges," said George.

"I don't know, but you have raised an interesting point. When the Lodge has social functions away from the building, the camaraderie is still the same. I guess we have gotten used to the facilities. They're comfortable and familiar. Maybe change would be a

good idea, like a fresh start whether we move to different facilities or consolidate with another Lodge," replied Sam.

"Maybe you and I could discuss some of this with the Master of your Lodge. We might be able to start a meaningful dialog to find the best answer for your Lodge," said George.

What's happening

The last session of the "Road to the East" Program will be completed on Saturday, February 3rd. This was the first time the Monroe District and five other Districts have gotten together to put on the Program. From all reports it was a resounding success. This should lead to other cooperative educational ventures.

The 2nd of the LSOME Programs was held on January 15th. This session covered the 2nd Degree portion of the LSOME Program. We hope that the attendees learned more about Freemasonry and had a good time. A notice of the schedule for the 3rd session will be communicated to the Lodges in the near future. ☐

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speakers from the Sea Explorers No. 303. Their age group is 13-20 years of age. They will have some videos of their sailing ship and activities they are involved in. This should be a good evening to see these young people in action. Please try to come and show your support.

On February 8th is the Fellowship meeting and I know we will probably be doing some work on the ceiling.

On February 10th we will be at Eastview Mall for the Have-a-Heart Campaign, 2001. We will be there all day with 3 hour shifts. In anyone wants to help with this, you can call me at 265-3932.

We were supposed to go to Irondequoit Mall, but they did not respond. The Webster Eastern Star will be at Eastview on Sunday from noon to 6:00 p.m., when the mall closes.

At the February 15th meeting, we will be hosting the Webster Police K9 Unit. They will be bringing in their Police Dog and demonstrating how the dog helps with Police work. This should be a very interesting program.

February 22nd will be an Officers meeting held at the Lodge at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to come—we need your input.

Condolences

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Vernon Collier, whose mother passed away. Our prayers are with them.

Remember to take time to stop and smell the roses.

All those having a birthday in February, I wish you all the best.

See you in Lodge and check the *Asiatic Times* for all upcoming events. □

Seneca Lodge
No. 797Second Tuesday
6:00 P.M.W. Michael C. Ferguson
359-9052Robert C. Green, Jr., Secretary
223-595330 Orchard St.,
Webster, N.Y. 14580

Membership is the key. This is the bottom line that we have determined through our meetings about the future direction of the Lodge. We must bring in new members and increase the activity of our current members that we seldom see.

Presentation

Last month we had a great presentation from R. W. Stephen Whittaker, W. Robert Green, and W. Richard Townsend on what to say to a prospective member and how to say it. My sincere thanks to these gentlemen for their wise words. The comments after the meeting were all positive and I am confident your hard work will bear fruit. The proof will be at our March 13th meeting which will be a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, a tool that was created in Seneca Lodge and given to all other Masons. It is a tool that works, if you the Brothers, bring friends. Use the methods you have learned to get these new men to the meeting.

Official Visit

Our February 13th meeting will feature the Official Visit of DDGM William Lindsay. He will have more words on how we can gain members and also how to reenergize our present membership. It will be a good lesson and I look forward to seeing you there.

Traditions

It has been a year of traditions at Seneca. We have retraced our steps as Frank R. Lawrence Lodge No. 797 and Seneca Lodge No. 920. We have partaken from the Peter J. McPherson Memorial Fellowship Bowl and tasted the eggnog of days gone by, courtesy of Brother Jack Phillips. We will continue the Seneca tradition of Brother Bring-a-Friend Night.

Our next tradition that will be continued is the Past Masters Photo. It will be taken at our April 9th meeting. We will try to have a Past Masters Night, with Past Masters filling the chairs for our Ritual. Mark your calendar now for this glorious night.

Social events

Our active social calendar continues in February. Tuesday, February 6th, will be the annual Have-a-Heart fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House. Seneca is manning the booth at Eastview Mall in Victor. The hours are from noon - 9:00 p.m. Please come and help this worthy cause. An hour or two of your time can make an immeasurable difference in a family's life.

Golf

Did you ever want to play golf in February without travelling South? You can, on Tuesday,

February 27th, at the Family Golf Center Dome in Henrietta. It will be a great evening to brush up on your game, and get a jump-start on your competition. We will have unlimited range balls and the help and advice of the resident pros. The number of participants will determine the number of pros. Friends and family are welcome. Make your reservations with me at 359-9052.

You will have the opportunity to use that jump-start for a Golf Tournament planned in conjunction with the visit of St. Andrews Lodge, our Canadian Brothers, on May 19th. Mark your calendars now for this quadrennial visit. It is always a great time. □

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Hello, everyone. Well, another year has come and gone. I trust it was a great New Year's Eve for all (and not too bad of a morning).

The Self Defense Class went well on the 13th. I'm looking forward to doing another.

It was nice to be part of the Awards Ceremony, also on the 13th. We had a good turnout.

Here at Oatka we will be doing another Pancake Breakfast on Super Bowl Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please come out and join us in some fun, food and laughter.

Oatka Lodge is located at 5 Browns Avenue, Scottsville. The menu consists of Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee, Milk and Juice. The cost is \$4.00 for adults (15 years and up), \$3.00 for Senior Citizens (60-up), \$2.00 for children 5-15 and children under 5 are free. □

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152 Commercial St. West
East Rochester, N.Y. 14445**Have-a-Heart**

The Have-a-Heart Campaign, for us, will be at Marketplace Mall on February 12th (our usual meeting night). ERAC is responsible for the entire day, so please plan accordingly. For those of you who do not have daily commitments, your help in covering the earlier part of the day would be valuable. I will follow up with all of you. R. W. Don Darrohn has also asked me if ERAC could assist in covering Thursday evening, February 8th, at Marketplace. I assured him that this would be taken care of. I will be there. Who will join me?

Lodge clean-up

The first in a series of cleaning, and sprucing up the Lodge is scheduled for February 24th. More is coming about this. However, mark your calendars. Donate any amount of time you can. The most pressing job is the cleaning up of the basement while the ground is still frozen. There is stuff that has to be moved and/or removed. We could start with a hearty man's breakfast and enjoy some great fellowship.

This is your Lodge. I am challenging all of you to invest a small amount of your time to this worthy project. To date I have received commitments from two Brothers. I hope the response improves.

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Sept. - Apr.
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May, Jun., Oct.
7:30 P.M.**Secretary**

W. John H. Foster 467-1677

By W. Dave Foster

Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday, February 20th, and will be a 1st Degree. That's right, a 1st Degree! We have at least one candidate and possibly as many as three! Please be sure to make a special effort to come that night and help bring our newest candidate(s) to light with your presence. A Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. will precede the meeting.

Have-a-Heart

Germania Lodge will be helping with the Have-a-Heart Campaign again this year. We will be manning the booth on Sunday, February 4th, from noon - 6:00 p.m., but we don't know which mall yet. If you are available and would like to help, call me at 244-0194 to volunteer.

Consolidation

As to the status of our consolidation with Fame Lodge, as of this writing I have not heard anything from Grand Lodge. As we know more, we will 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!

Call me

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 needs our help or charity, please make sure you call one of the officers.

Take care

Remember, if you have a question whether or not we are having Lodge due to the weather, call an officer to find out. If the weather is such that you wouldn't feel safe driving, stay home! Your safety is the most important issue. Last, but not least, "Happy birthday" to all our Brothers with February birthdays.

See you in Lodge. □



Peter Breidt, Knights of Columbus Representative, with Peter Bowers, Webster Lodge Blood Drive Chairman, and Emil Schirano, Master of Webster Lodge, at the Red Cross Holiday Blood Drive. (Photos courtesy Emil Schirano)


Webster Masons and Eastern Star Serve at Senior Center

Brother Carl Peck helping senior on chair lift.




Members of Webster Chapter, O.E.S., under the direction of Joy Woodley, Why, Matron, and members of Webster Lodge under W. Emil Schirano, served dinner to over 100 seniors of the Webster Senior Center at the Webster Temple in November.

Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109



W.: Michael G. Batz, Master
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(o) 272-8470

2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.



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

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Ripley's "Believe It or Not" called me for an interview when they heard that I lived through the year 2000 in a record setting 6 weeks! I was hoping that someone else took pictures, because the ones I took were a blur, just like the year. Well, it's over and I must get over it. Many planned, up-coming activities mean a lot to me. Degrees, socials, outside fellowship, Table Lodge (to name a few) are planned, and then of course, it will be time to turn the reins over to the next Master. Our Lodge is in great shape in many ways, yet there is a high demand for new men to fill the void left by many departed Brothers and to keep the enthusiasm going. We will have had a Brother Bring-a-Friend Event (January 30th), which may produce 4 to 5 candidates for the 1st Degree scheduled for February 27th.

Dinner

The Sweetheart Dinner is scheduled for February 13th and I am looking forward to a nice dinner with the ladies and some good entertainment. It will be at the Downtown Temple, 3rd floor Dining Room. Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., and entertainment immediately afterward. There will not be a business meeting. If you want to bring a friend and their significant other, please do. Please make your reservations as early as possible, but no later than February 9th to Herb Spencer at 271-8577 or Dick Giedd at 621-3045.

Secretary

Our Secretary has stated his intention to retire from his station at the end of his term this year, and I want to state for the record that I appreciated his staying on with me this year, even though he wanted to retire last year. It has been a pleasure to work with Brother Herb Spencer over these past 5 1/2 years, and I know that retirement doesn't mean that he leaves altogether. Herb has helped to bring the Lodge into the computer age and is leaving a strong legacy for his successor. I have given the Nominating Committee my interest in becoming your next Secretary, if so nominated.

Have-a-Heart

Valley/Simes Lodge is scheduled for the Have-a-Heart Campaign on February 6th at the Greece Mall complex. We are scheduled from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. I hope to see many come out. Please don't dress down if you are planning to volunteer. Bring the family by if you like. Wear a Lodge nametag if you can find one and bring your smile. See you there!

Greetings to all those who went to Florida to keep warm. You can run, but you can't hide! Seriously, I hope the temps go higher sooner, and that all is as it should be in the chad state. See y'all in May!

To those who stay in New York, chin up-stay warm and we'll see you soon. Please read the sections in the front of the Times that are written by the District Leadership Committee. There are many things going on in this District and you should be excited and enthused by the Committee's efforts.

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969



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By Robert Ogden

Traveling Gavel

On December 12th, thirteen Brothers from our Lodge paid a surprise visit to Valley/Simes Lodge and retrieved the Gavel. We may not have it for long, as the word spread, "we'll have it back soon!"

In memoriam

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Brothers Stanley S. Nash and Raymond W. Smith. Our deepest sympathy to their families and friends.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

The Annual Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign starts in February at several malls. Craftsman/Robertson Lodge is scheduled to participate on February 9th at the Greece Ridge location. Please contact W. Gabe Milonni to assist in filling a slot for that day. Thank you.

Christmas cheer

W. Bill Hook and I recently conveyed Christmas greetings with beautiful poinsettia plants to several Brothers who have been unable to attend Lodge. It was gratifying to see the surprise on their faces as they greeted us at the door.

Service Award presentation

Brothers Gabe Milonni, Tom Kendig and I recently visited Brother Lew Schultz at the Renaissance apartments to present him with a 50 Year Award Certificate and Pin. He was most appreciative and wished us happy holidays. Congratulations, Brother Lew.

Apologies

At our last dinner meeting 35 reservations were taken and 40 attended, creating a serious problem. In order to stretch the coverage, Hilde and Joy were considerate enough to forego eating. When you are called and a message is left on your machine, besure to return the call. This caused part of the problem. Our sincere apologies to Hilde and Joy.

Special Olympics

Brother Warren Doerrer reports that Brother Ken Schumacher will be introducing us to Laurie Johnston, a spokesperson for the Special Olympics on February 6th, following dinner with our ladies.

February birthdays

We salute the following with birthdays falling in February: Brothers Ron Hibbard, Roy Cluff, Ken Goodrich, Bob Burns,

Fred Seuffert, George Fanning, Hal Impson, John Walker and Sharif Jalil.

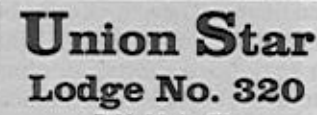
February meetings

On February 6th we will have a dinner meeting with our ladies, followed by a speaker.

The Fellowcraft Club will have a 1st Degree rehearsal on February 13th.

The 1st Degree will be conferred on February 20th.


Union Star Lodge No. 320



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Honeoye Falls, NY

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



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

Have-a-Heart Campaign

The most important activity coming up for February will be our participation in the Have-a-Heart Campaign to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Our Lodges have been participating in this worthwhile cause for a number of years. We attend booths at various malls throughout the area and hope that many of the mall travelers will make donations for the Ronald McDonald House, and they have an opportunity to fill in their names or other sentiments on red hearts that are then posted in the booths.

Through this activity the Lodges in our District and the surrounding Districts have become major supporters of this worthy cause. The Ronald McDonald House provides housing to families of children who are in our local hospitals for special treatments. Our assignment will be for Sunday, February 11th, at Marketplace Mall from noon - 3:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 6 p.m.

"Road to the East"

Our Wardens have been taking the "Road to the East" Program. It is now combined with other neighboring Districts and is being held at Phoenix Lodge in Dansville. We give them lots of credit for making the long trip to the Southern Tier.

Fellowcraft Club

The Fellowcraft Club will be meeting on Monday, February 26th. This meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. If you need further information about group, give a call to JW Gary Sanford, 425-4240. We try to do the types of projects that will improve the Lodge. Perhaps you have some ideas to pass along. We are still looking for members who could help with laying linoleum tiles in our restrooms.


School of Ritual

The next School of Ritual, presented by our AGL's, will be on Monday, January 29th, at Northfield Lodge, 17 Church St., Pittsford. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m., but you should be a little early to sign in. This School will be covering a general forum, a question and answer session about various aspects of all the Ritual work and protocol and etiquette.

Next meeting

On Monday, February 12th, we will have our regular communication at the Lodge. I hope to see all of you there.

FAME Lodge No. 945



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

Leon VanHuben, Secretary
647-1391

We began this new year with hope and high expectations. The months of January, February and March, though still carrying the sting of cruel Winter's bite, yet also bear the promise of renewal and rebirth. The hours of sunlight, though still pitifully small, grow longer the dawn of each day. Soon, though never soon enough, we will be itching and thirsting to get out into the garden, or just "the backyard" to repair seasonal injuries and prepare for Spring plantings.

Thank you

I express thankfulness and gratitude for all the expressions of sympathy and condolence advanced to me at the death of my father. Truly, I was moved by the sheer number of such messages, as well as the depth and sincerity of emotion.

I thank all the Brothers who assisted at the Memorial Service for "Ted" Hoag. He was a good Mason, and a good friend. His death leaves a hole in our ranks that will not easily be filled.

Merger

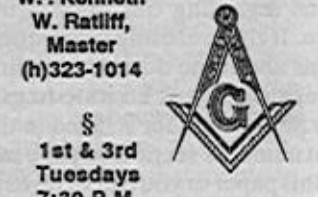
We are still in the hold mode regarding the merger with Germania. I expect to provide more information at our next meeting.

Take care

Remember, it is still Winter, so take time to clear the snow from your car, and let it warm up. Always give yourself enough time

to drive safely, and slowly if necessary, to your destination. Please keep me advised of any problems befalling anyone.

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088



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7:30 P.M.

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Rochester, New York 14612

By Joe Privitera

A Little More on Dues

When the Lodge sent out the dues notice along with a budget summary, the Lodge Secretary, Brother Bill Flemming, received a few questions regarding the different classifications of dues. For those of you who possibly were curious about this but did not ask, the answer is as follows. We have three levels of dues; regular, longevity and life. The longevity and life levels of dues are carryovers from the Corinthian Temple No. 805, dues structure. When Lodges consolidate, whatever dues structure exists in both Lodges are carried over to the new Lodge. Every member pays Grand Lodge dues at \$18. Life members pay no other dues. The remainder of the regular dues are Lodge dues which are \$38. Longevity dues are half of the regular dues, plus Grand Lodge dues.

Over the years we have discussed extending the dues structure to more Brothers, but we could never come up with a formula. This year we decided to subsidize with more from our Trustees Account, which is accrued from our investments account via dividends and interest. This results in a five dollar decrease.

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crease in dues across the board for regular members and a two dollar decrease for longevity members.


I hope this answers your questions regarding our dues structure. If there are any other questions about the dues or anything else, please don't hesitate to ask. My phone number is listed in the 'hot numbers' section on page two of this paper or you can write us at the Lodge address located at the top of this column.

School of Ritual

While I have your attention, I will remind everyone that the next School of Ritual will be on January 30th at 7:30 p.m. The place will be Northfield Lodge, located at 17 Church Street, Pittsford. The subjects will be Etiquette and Protocol. If you need a ride, want to car pool, or just need directions, call me at 392-5583. We are currently in second place for the Banner and need everyone's support to keep it.

Thank you for your help and I hope to see you in Lodge.

Churchville Lodge No. 667
20 South Main St.
Churchville, N.Y. 14428
2nd & 4th Weds. 7:30 p.m.



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

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

Brothers! It is a pleasure to report that this month I have news from the Lodge. Last month's article drained me, as I was frantic to find things of interest for our Brethren to read.

Great job!

On January 10th we had our 2nd Degree with Allan Jeerings sitting in the East, and I'm proud to report that all went well. A great deal of effort goes into our Degrees, as many of our Brothers are new to the work. Please tell them what a great job they are doing when you get a chance. Our next Degree is tentatively scheduled for March 14th.

Veterans recognition

On January 13th we had two Brothers from our Lodge honored at the Ceremony of Recognition for Veterans. Lawrence Bright and Franklin Higgins were both presented with a Grand Lodge Certificate and a Pin for having served in the defense of our country.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

We are scheduled on February 8th from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center. Any Brother who can give us a few hours of his time will be greatly appreciated. You can call Franklin Higgins at 544-1952 for more details.

Table Lodge

We will be having a Table Lodge on February 28th. Craig Mollon will be running this year's event. We will be having a Steak Dinner and a guest speaker, Pamela Katzenbach, cigar aficionado. She is carrying on the traditions of her father and grandfather who were tobacconists in Fredonia. After her talk you will

be able to test your newfound knowledge by purchasing cigars from the assortment she will be bringing. The cost of the dinner is \$15.00. We've had a great time with these in the past, and I hope you all can attend. Reservations can be made by contacting me at 594-1545.

ETOLIAN Lodge No. 479
133 South Union St.
Spencerport, N.Y. 14559



W.. John E. Dyer Master
733-1743
2nd & 4th Mondays
7:30 p. m.

W.. Michael G. Schwartz Secretary
352-4016

January events

The new year kicked off with a lot of new and old business. Our first meeting was concluded with a little trivia, and I do believe that a few of our Past Masters were a little surprised by their inability to answer all the questions. Our second meeting was Move-Up Night, with all next year's officers trying out the chairs.

Upcoming events

February is a busy month, with changes to the trestleboard the challenge. February 12th will be an open meeting. The officers will open the Lodge at 7:00 p.m. and close by 7:30 p.m. We will then have the privilege of hearing the DeMolay Flower Talk. This is an open meeting and I would encourage you to bring your wives, daughters, or friends to see it. February 26th is our Official Visit, beginning with dinner at 5:00 p.m., and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Please come out and hear the Grand Master's message.

Distressing numbers

With the business of the new year, came our Secretary's report. As it has been for the past several years, it was again distressing to hear the number of Brothers we are losing compared to the number we are gaining. The question that comes to mind is why are we losing Brothers? One of the first answers that comes to mind is the number we lose to the Great Architect. This is an area that is impossible to control, so let's try to focus on areas we have control over.

Having talked to some of our Brothers over the last couple of months, a few key concepts keep coming up. **Communication, Ritual and time.**

Without bringing up names, it came to my attention that one of the Brothers who left the Lodge had gone into the hospital for a major operation. One of the reasons he became distraught with the Lodge is that no one came to see him, nor did he receive any cards or calls during his recovery. Something to think about. Do you remember your obligation? Now, in this particular case, no one knew the person was hospitalized. This brings us to what may be the core of the problem-communication. We need, and want, to know what is going on with you. If you have moved, or have a new Winter address, let the Secretary know. If you are ill, need help, or just a friend to talk to, call us, we are here to help.

Ritual

I have said it before, and I will again, it is the Ritual that sepa-

rates us from other organizations. Yes, it can influence new and old Brothers. I am very aware of the commitment needed to learn the work, but it is worth the effort.


Time

"Meetings are just too long," "I don't have the time to commit to every single meeting by becoming an officer," "I get bored," "less talk, more action." These are just a few of the words that I have been hearing. Has the Lodge become a place of business? What can be done to shorten or eliminate all the business and financial talk?

At our first meeting this year, we only had half the program because of all the business. Grand Lodge has mandated some of this, and our By-Laws some more. If you have ideas, or suggestions of ways we can improve, let me know. Call, write or e-mail me.

At the rate that our Lodge is going, we may not make it another ten years, much less see another century or millennium. It will take the effort of all of us to make sure that our Lodge and Masonry can survive what is happening.

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

As daylight gets longer, do we really feel any warmer? Soon we will be talking about our golf swings, mowing the lawn and other warm outside activities.

News for you

A cold snowy night, warmed by the Spaghetti Dinners served by the members of Clio. A community effort, enjoyed by all whether they cooked, served, cleaned or just came to sit and eat. A few minutes of your time are worth the effort. Enjoy the fellowship. Bring your family and friends. Our next Spaghetti Dinners are February 14th and 28th.

It was an honor to participate in the Veteran's Recognition Ceremony January 13th. Those who attended were deeply touched as servicemen of all ages were honored. To be recognized, you had to fill out the form in the October issue of the *Masonic Times*. If you missed this opportunity and wish to have your name on record, please give me a call at 464-4806. You will need to supply the following information: full name, Grand Lodge # (on your Clio Lodge dues card), address, phone, branch of service with dates, rank, status (active/retired) and service serial no.

We have a new Treasurer. Brother Sante Panella has been voted upon and installed. He left his position as Junior Deacon to take this responsibility. I thank Dave Goodrich, DSA, for filling in. At this time, we moved up Brother Gus Neidrich III to Junior Deacon and Stephen Mitchell to SMC.

Looking ahead

Clio will again take part in the upcoming Have-a-Heart Campaign. Our day in Greece Ridge

Center Mall is Saturday, February 10th from noon to 9:00 p.m. We ask only for a three hour shift. Bring the family, this is a family event. Those who participate reap the rewards of fellowship and camaraderie as the proceeds benefit the local Ronald McDonald House. Call Gordie Smith, 392-9261 or me if you are interested in helping this great cause.


February Birthdays

Congratulations to: Bill Hess, John Burgess, Dave Goodrich, Roy Spry, Nick Panarites, Clyde Rathbun, Jeff Ross, Scott Brickman, Gus Neidrich III, and Scott Gresko.

Closing

In our fast paced world, where pressures on time become greater, and greater, please join us to take a deep breath and share some quality time with your Brothers. Friendship abounds, as we all take a break from our daily responsibilities. In need of a ride? We are only a telephone call away. Do not consider it a bother, call a Brother.

FAIRPORT Lodge No. 476



W.. Thomas G. Goodrich, Master
383-1429

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

W.. George R. Bracht, Secretary
(h) 383-1947
37 South Main St.
Fairport, N.Y. 14450

Recognition Program

This article is being written after attending the "Veteran's Millennium Recognition Program". Fairport Lodge has the good fortune of having the following members registered with Grand Lodge: R..W.. Gerald Becker, W.. Robert Cameron, W.. Edward Goodrich, Brother Lawrence E. Hood, Brother Alfred K. Miller, W.. David Taber, Brother Donald Swanson, and W.. Dwight Turner. Three Brothers, R..W.. Gerald Becker, Donald Swanson and W.. Dwight Turner were able to attend and receive their special Lapel Pin and Certificate.

The Ceremony started with a Veteran's Story by Chaplain Elmer Heindl, and a description of, "The Grand Lodge Veteran's Millennium Project", by R..W.. Richard Friedman, Junior Grand Warden. The messages were emotional and meaningful. They thanked our veterans for the time they served our country and especially those who serving during conflict, saw action and may have suffered pain.

Degrees

The officers have been busy with the conferring of the Degrees. Their proficiency has been excellent and it is an honor to be part of Fairport Lodge. Their Opening and Closing Ritual is perfect, which shows their dedication and pride in the Lodge. If you have not attended lately you are missing good fellowship and a Lodge to be proud of.

Happy Birthday

The officers and members wish the following Brothers a "Happy Birthday" in February: Peter Swanson, Robert Cook, Ralph Hansen, R..W.. Roger Scott, Erick Honsberger, W.. George Bracht, Michael

Despain, Richard Budgeon and Robert Slominski.

Remember these Brothers

We have some members in our Lodge that need our prayers to help them through medical problems: R..W.. Gerald (Chick) Becker, W.. Mike Landgren, Pete Swanson, and R..W.. John Moll. Please remember them with prayers and get well cards. If you are having problems, please call me at 383-1947.


Brotherhood Fund

Please remember the Brotherhood Fund and mail your donation to Gerald Becker, 19 Deland Park B, Fairport, N.Y. 14450. To date he has received donations from 38 members and is waiting for your donations.

Come on out

We hope to see you at our next meeting, they are always followed with fellowship and excellent refreshments provided by JW Kermit Moyer.

Flower City Lodge No. 910



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

2nd Thursday
7:30 P.M.

R..W.. Philip Averbach, Secretary 458-1817
875 Main St. E.
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

The Annual Latke Hop was held on January 14th.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, February 8th, in Ionic Hall, starting at 7:30 p.m. I hope you will all come out and support the Lodge and your officers.

Have-a-Heart


The Have-a-Heart Campaign is coming up. Flower City Lodge is responsible for Marketplace Mall on Saturday, February 10th from 12 noon-6:00 p.m. Please be aware that we need volunteers for this. Please contact your officers or me and sign up to help us in this very important event.

Merger

We were scheduled to meet with Fairport Lodge on Monday, January 15th to discuss the upcoming merger. I will have a report on this meeting in my next communication. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me and I will answer whatever questions I can.

I'm afraid that is all there is to report at the moment. Be safe and be well. I hope to see some of you at our next meeting.

Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154



W.. Gordon J. Ball, Master
315-986-2964

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

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

It was a pleasure to have R..W.. Bill Lindsay, DDGM, and his Staff Officers in Lodge on January 8th.

Sadness

Our Lodge was saddened with the passing of W. Clarence Woodley and Brother John Zona. Our thoughts go out to their families.

February

On February 9th the Lodge will be at Eastview Mall for the Have-a-Heart Campaign. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated. Our hours are 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

We will celebrate Valentine's Day at our meeting on February 12th. We will honor the OES and our ladies for dinner.

1st Degree

February 26th is the date of our 1st Degree. Please get those petitions in.

News

W. Ted Snyder said he will be back from Florida at the end of February. Brother Art Johnson reported he worked hard shoveling sunshine in Florida in January.

Veterans

Veterans, if you did not send in your name to Grand Lodge, please get them to me and I will do so. We had 13 in attendance to receive Pins and Certificates on January 13th at the Downtown Temple.

1978 Masters Gather for Another Holiday Get-together

By Don Brugger

To prove that lasting relationships are fostered through the "Masters and Wardens Assoc.," we offer here some evidence.

On January 6th the 1978 Masters celebrated another year of

close fellowship via a dinner held at Clementi's Restaurant in Fairport. This gathering marked their 25th year of fellowship. This is not the only group of Masters that are still together; just ask your Past Masters.



Joanne Woodard, Raymond Beardsley-PM Northfield, Glen Stahl-PM Valley/Simes (Frank L. Simes #990) and wife, Carol.



Dave Crawford-PM ERAC (Zetland #951), Dave Taber-PM Fairport, Frank Kelsey-PM ERAC (Yonnondio #163), Carol Foster, Jean Brugger, Betty Glaser, Louis DiJames-PM Wakan/Hubbard (F. R. Lawrence #797).



Dave Foster-PM Germania, Earl Steffen-DDGM 2nd Mon., Leon Perkins-GSB. (Photos Don Brugger, PM Wakan/Hubbard)



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But the plural of ox is oxen,
not oxes.
Then one fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,
Yet the plural of moose would never be meese.
You may find a lone mouse, or a whole nest of mice,
But the plural of house is houses, not hicc.

If the plural of man is always called men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
If I speak of a foot and you show me your feet,
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?
If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one would be that, and three would be those,
Yet the plural of hat would never be hose.
We speak of a brother and also of brethren,
But though we say mother we never say methren.
Then masculine pronouns are he, his and him,
But imagine the feminine she, shis, and shim.
So English I fancy you all will agree,
Is the funniest language you ever did see.

Author Unknown
Submitted by J. Edward Gillott

Visit a Masonic War Veteran

ERAC

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Addendum

I was asked by John Hennessy, Jr., Master of Churchville Lodge, to have one of his Lodge's EA join us for the 2nd Degree. I assured him that this would be fine. They will not be joining us for the dinner, but will arrive between 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Let's show Churchville Lodge some fine, ERAC hospitality, and treat them to an inspirational Degree.

Sickness and distress

I spoke to the daughter of Glen Heiber, he remains in ICU with

signs of improvement. He is off a respirator for approximately 12 hours a day. Visitors are welcome. He is in Strong Memorial Hospital.

Al Peters is at home and doing well. His spirits are very good and he appreciated all of our kindness and thoughtfulness.

W. Tom O'Leary's wife is doing fine. I spoke with her on the phone. Tom has been absent from Lodge primarily due to the Cancer Support Group that meets on Monday nights. I made it quite clear that we would love to see Tom back in Lodge.

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Scottish Rite NEWS

Consistory
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Charles O. Hancock
Commander-in-Chief



Last month I made the statement, "the lessons of our degrees are not a random collection of moral and ethical precepts. They are an organized and coherent system of doctrine relating to the perfectibility of human conduct."

Unfortunately, as we present our degrees at our Reunions, something gets lost in translation. As I explained, there are many reasons for this occurring. So, it is for each of us to seek out those missing parts and attempt to put together the whole picture for our own understanding.

As a starter, you can attempt to fill out your Millennium Passport by traveling to other Valleys and Jurisdictions to witness each and every degree. That may not be practical for everyone. Nonetheless, you can, over the next five years, witness all of the degrees right here in Rochester as we work to present them all in that time frame.

Regardless of the approach you choose, you really need to do some thinking about what lessons these degrees are intending to present. You have to begin to put into action your thoughts on those observations you make. You must put them into practice. Otherwise, why bother?

I'd like to share some essential thoughts regarding our Scottish Rite Degrees that may help you have them come alive for you. These degrees boil down to some very basic and sound advice on how to deal with situations and circumstances that we all encounter in everyday life. If we can make that connection between the opportunity (the real life situation) and the idealized solution (the rule to live by) as expressed in the classic Scottish Rite Degree, then we can accept and implement the value that Masonry has in our lives.

I will work my way through the degrees to benchmark my thoughts and observations. If you would follow along with me over the coming months, we can all sort out the basics together. We will start at the beginning by looking at the lessons of the Ineffable Degrees presented in the Lodge of Perfection.

The degrees are called the Ineffable Degrees because their principle purpose is the investigation and contemplation of the ineffable name of Deity. These Ineffable Degrees are built upon the legend that forms the basis for the 3rd Degree Ritual of the Symbolic Lodge. The Ineffable Degrees continue to elaborate this Masonic Legend. By presenting the lessons in this context, we all have a familiar frame of reference for relating the message to our own circumstances and understandings.

The 4°, or Secret Master, teaches that Duty is the one great law of Masonry. Specifically, the duties of practicing Silence, Obedience and Fidelity are spelled out. Out of all the relationships of life grow duties.

The duties of the Scottish Rite Mason are not to be performed in the hope or expectation of earthly rewards or honors, but in the simple expectation of personal satisfaction. Silence is important because it prevents demands being placed upon us which we are

only obligated to perform for the benefit of a truly needful Brother. Silence also affords us the opportunity to let the facts concerning a circumstance surface before we exercise a judgement.

Obedience is not blindness to tyranny, but is the proper submission of the individual will to the necessary demands of living in a society. Remember, "Prepare to command by learning to obey."

Fidelity is one of the highest virtues. We must strive always to keep faith with God and our fellows otherwise our obligations are meaningless and our words of similar value. The word of a Mason, like the work of a knight in time of chivalry, once given must be kept sacred.

The 5°, Perfect Master, teaches the lesson that life is uncertain, that death may call at any time. Accepting our duty to be industrious and honest leads us to the recognition that virtue is its own reward.

In death we may look back upon ourselves as others may look upon us as having accomplished as much as possible honestly. The duty of a Mason as an honest man is plain and easy. It requires of us honesty in contracting, sincerity in affirming, simplicity in bargaining, and faithfulness in performing. We say what we do, and we do what we say.

The 6°, Intimate Secretary, teaches that we should be zealous and faithful in carrying out our duties. Benevolence, disinterestedness and peacemaking are explained in terms of generosity. Benevolence in terms of praising others in a manner that advances them without the thought of that advancement lessening your own worth. Disinterestedness, generosity and a liberal spirit are marks of a gentleman who is humane and genial, open-hearted, frank, sincere, earnest to do good, and a well-wisher of all mankind. (Note: disinterestedness in this context means to be unbiased by personal interest or selfish motive.)

As a peacemaker, it is the duty of a Mason to endeavor to make man think better of his neighbor, to quiet, in, instead of aggravating difficulties, to bring together those who are separated or estranged; to keep friends from becoming foes, and persuade foes to become friends. To do that he must control his own temper and emotions so as to be a good example for others to follow.

Ideally, we should be presenting these lessons in the entirety on a continuing basis. If we did, the Scottish Rite would indeed be a University of Freemasonry with a full curriculum of valuable and meaningful content for the candidate and the member. What would you think to be the value in presenting a degree at each meeting? Please let me know your thoughts. I appreciate the feedback I get from you in response to these messages.

Leadership, Membership, and Each One of Us

By Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°
"Why don't they do something about this?" Then take a moment to look in the mirror and ask the person you see: "Why don't you do something about this?" The reality is that each of our 1100 members (we) are they! As part of the leadership focus that is exhibited by

our organization, we need to be able to count on our members saying, "OK, I'll accept the challenge. I'll take the lead on this."

In the newest version of the "Leadership Challenge", these simple quotes set the stage for each of us to realize that the leadership challenge is a personal and daily challenge. The only limits are the limits we place on ourselves. Such is the nature of our challenge to secure a total of 66 new Sublime Princes during the 2000-2001 year.

Let's start early on our Spring Reunion Class. Under the capable leadership of Brothers Bob Pedersen and Joe Oelgoetz, the Ambassador Team has become re-energized in its efforts to focus on Monroe County Lodges. While each Ambassador does what he can, we need to reach out and secure the help and special support of each member to reach out and contact eligible Blue Lodge Masons to become Scottish Rite Masons. Say "Hello" and ask.

We also need the help of our membership in Wayne, Ontario/Seneca/Yates, Livingston and Genesee/Wyoming Districts to reach eligible men. A special mailing will be sent out that will include the pamphlet, "The Ten Most Frequently Asked Questions about the Scottish Rite with Answers".

Should your prospect not be a Blue Lodge member, please let us hear from you and we will supply the very informative tool, "Who are the Masons and What do they do?" Please let us hear from you about your thoughts.

Another part of *Say Hello and Ask* is our collective effort to restore Brothers who have discontinued their membership. There is a special effort taking place by several Officers to reach out and contact these former members. If you are personally acquainted with a Brother who used to be a Scottish Rite member, "Say Hello and Ask" how we might be able to regain him as a member. If you



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know someone, but would like some help in this discussion, please call the Office at 271-0715 and we will be glad to assist.

As leaders in our Craft, it is up to us to unleash more of our own courage and more of our own talent to get extraordinary things done within our Fraternity. Can we count on you?

Please let us hear from you with any positive input about "Say Hello and Ask."

Hospitaler's Report

- By Thomas Paglia, 32° MSA
 - Norman Austin - fell and broke his wrist.
 - Earl K. DeSmith, 32° MSA - now residing in the Brightonian Nursing Home.
 - Warren Doerrer - was in an auto accident.
 - Robert Ogden - fell and broke his collarbone.
 - George Simon - in Lakeside hospital for tests.
 - John C. Wihlen - had surgery recently.
 - Robert P. Zabel, 33° - had prostate surgery.
 - William R. Zufall - hospitalized following an auto accident.
- Please remember these Brothers with cards and calls. □



Gift wrapping

On Sunday afternoon, December 12th, the gift wrapping session was held in the VAMC auditorium. The seven volunteers who participated were: Tom and Cora Paglia, Larry and Marge Hood, June Moon, and my wife, Sylvia and me.

It was a very busy and fun-filled experience, as usual. The total number of volunteers present was 40. This is not as many as in previous years.

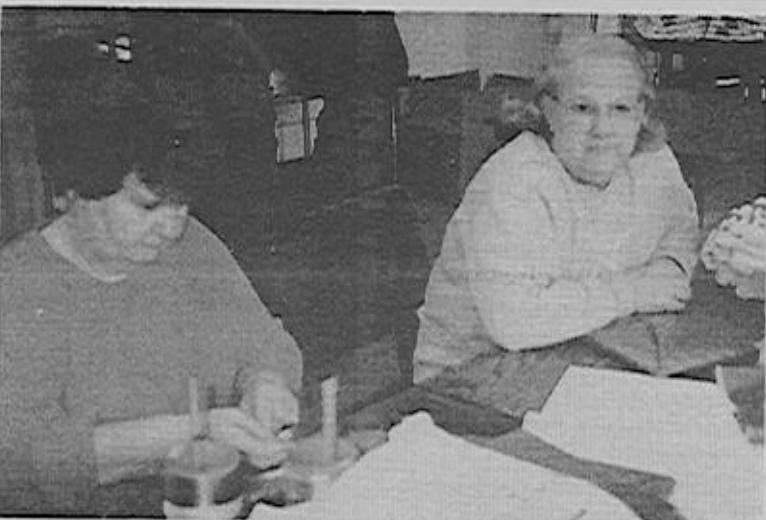
We wrapped 220 gifts for the VAMC in-patients and 1,400 for the veteran domiciled elsewhere. Prior to the downsizing, there were about 1,700 in-patients.

Schedule

The schedule for this year is: February 11th, March 11th, and April 8th. These are all on Sunday afternoons. □



(Right) Tom Paglia at gift wrapping session.



Sylvia Bollotin and June Moon wrapping gifts for the residents of the VAMC facility. (Photos courtesy Harold Bollotin)



VAMC Volunteers: Marge Hood, Sylvia Bollotin, Cora Paglia and June Moon. (Back) Larry Hood, Harold Bollotin, and Tom Paglia.

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Theology of Crime

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Laboratory for the Cornell operated National Astronomy and Ionosphere Center. I am also the Grand Historian for the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York.

There will be a video case study of the Armenian Genocide, along with a video presentation and discussion by Professor E. Scott Ryan, who will be representing the Millennium Masonic Society. Dr. Ryan has been invited to present his "Theology of Crime" Seminar at the Annual Conference of the American Psychotherapy Association and at various criminological associations.

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**District Deputy
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*Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitulat District*



R.E. Stephen Licht

One of the earliest questions posed to me in Masonry was an inquiry as to where I was and where was I heading.

I have been pondering my response if the question was presented in the plural format, "Where are we heading?" The Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees have recently been conferred several times in the District and the other Degrees are in progress. An honest effort to spread Royal Arch Masonry in this District has been OUR ongoing program. Or, has it?

Is your Chapter able to open on a regular basis with nine or more of your own Companions, or does a convocation end up a session around the table drinking coffee because you couldn't open? After a few of those type of evenings, even the most stalwart Companion grows discouraged.

When a Companion assents to an office, he obliges himself to fulfill certain duties, within the length of his cabledow; not merely become a name on the District Directory or append a title to his recognition or put a fancy trim on his apron. Sometimes it seems promotion in Masonry is

grounded in desperation rather than qualification, "with a firm reliance on Divine Providence", as our founding fathers phrased.

The principles of honesty and decency in our dealings with our fellow man are not reliant upon Freemasonry for their promulgation and practice. Whatever may be the future of the Craft, the tenets we esteem so highly will never be diminished.

Freemasonry serves as a mechanism to bring together like-minded men in an environment that nurtures every positive trait of humanity. If one man is positively influenced by Royal Arch Masonry, we have done well, for any degree of goodness elevates us all. The ripple-like effect of that one man's actions will extend further than you can conceive. If we, as Masons, (or just men of good character) can inspire just a single such action within the circle in which our lives are lived, the far reaching effects are beyond comprehension.

Tying a ribbon on this thought, I would suggest that we look at the broader picture outside the sanctuary of your Chapter. Ask what can be done with your limited resources, be it cash or manpower, to make positive differences in the world in which you live. There is more to Royal Arch Masonry than four Degrees and the Ritual of the convocation.

Here is another thought I hope will stimulate some action, somewhere. For several years I have enjoyed watching the animated cartoon, "The Simpson's", on Sunday evening. The father character, Homer, is a blundering ignoramus who has been a failure in life's lessons. His son, Bart, seems to be following in his father's footsteps down the same path. In a promo, Homer falls between automatic doors that repeatedly slam against his head, only to cause him to exclaim in pain, open and re-close against his head. He fails to assess the situation and move his head out of the doorway, thus stopping the slamming against his thick skull...Now, let's think about our

annual Convocations conducted dutifully in December, according to OUR By-Laws.

I am informed that three of our Chapters failed to hold their Annual Convocations and that weather played a role. A dispensation was obtained, a second mailing made and for a second time "the doors slammed against the heads". With a few minutes effort perusing the minutes, this scenario establishes itself as a pattern. If this sounds like your Chapter, why not do something to try to prevent this pattern? How many November convocations have been snowed out in the last 10 years in your Chapter?

Good work!

Congratulations to Arcade Chapter No. 322 for the conferral of the Most Excellent Master Degree on three candidates. I see that R.E. Brade has not lost his touch.

Upcoming events

The Holy Royal Arch Degree by Western Star Chapter No. 35 will be Thursday, February 15th. Ceremonies will begin at 7:00 p.m. A Degree rehearsal will be called by R.E. Vern Rupert.

On Monday, April 9th, the Grand Lecturer's Convention will be at Arcade Chapter No. 322. The work of the evening will be the Most Excellent Master Degree (again).

The Dedication of Western Star Chapter No. 35 by the Grand Chapter will be Saturday, June 30th at 1:30 p.m. This will be followed by the Royal Arch Scholarship Dinner at Frederick's Manor in Lancaster at 5:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, August 22nd, the Annual Steak Roast will take place at Kiwanis Park in Batavia at 5:30 p.m.

I wonder what the trek will be like as we head off to Grand Chapter?

**3x3 Chapter
NO. 333
Royal Arch Masons
(Chartered in 1990)**



**2nd Tue.
7:30 p.m.**

E. James J. Powell
High Priest - 352-6358
R.E. Karl-Heinz Reich,
Secretary - 426-6836
133 S. Union Street
Spencerport, N.Y. 14559

This is my first article as your High Priest for the year 2001. My hope is that it finds all the Companions in good health. If not, I would like to hear from you. If you are in good health, I would hope that you would come to our meetings on the 2nd Tuesday night of each month.

As every Companion knows, it takes nine or more Companions to open a meeting. Once a meeting is open, it is most important that we take care of business at hand. Sometimes taking care of business is boring. I hope that it never comes to the day that business is taken care of behind closed doors.

Ritual work, especially Opening and Closing of Chapter, is

important to do right at 3X3. We will spend extra time trying to do just that. All Chapters should be able to confer the Degrees. This, to me, means that all Companions should have an interest in doing the work.

Cabletow is something that we all are taught about when we take our 3 Degrees of Masonry. Masonry needs good men, and my feeling is that Royal Arch Masonry makes a man even better. To serve as High Priest of a Chapter, one should have to serve some time in the Line, learning the workings of a Chapter.

It would be nice to have something entertaining at every meeting. I would welcome any Companion who could help me along these lines, to come forward.

No question about it, we could use some new members. Any Mason who would like to join the Royal Arch Masons, please bring it to my attention.

On January 22nd, Etolian Lodge is having Move-Up Night. Before the Lodge meeting, there will be a Spaghetti Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Call me for a reservation. After the meeting, a representative from Met Life will give a talk on Estate Planning, which can be very important to men and their families. All are welcome.

Our Secretary has informed me that there are still a few dues for the year of 2001 that have not been paid. Please try and get them caught up.

Hiram Chapter
No. 62
2nd & 4th
Thursdays



E. William R. Lindsay, High Priest
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I welcome each and every Hiram Companion to the new York Rite year and am pleased to introduce your Officers who were installed at the 1st meeting in January. They are:

- High Priest - William R. Lindsay
 - King - Dennis K. Gellasch
 - Scribe - Thomas Kendig
 - Treasurer - Robert C. Pettit
 - Asst. Treas. - Michael Adamus
 - Secretary - Lawrence W. Dunn
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 - Chaplains - Ernest Stelianou, Michael Adamus
 - Organist - John Walker
- For your information:
Grand Rep., Delaware - Gerald Jones
Grand Rep., Maryland - Robert Cook
Grand Rep., Wisconsin - Fred Holderle

Degree Directors: Lawrence W. Dunn (MMM), William R. Zufall (PM), Bruce Horncastle (MEM), Gerald Jones (HRA)

Every Officer is a valuable resource to each member and can be contacted to learn about Chapter activities. If you would like to come out to a meeting and need transportation, contact any one of us and we can help with rides. I look forward to seeing each of you sometime during Chapter events this year. You will be receiving a Trestleboard from the Secretary and I encourage you to go over it with your family and look for activities that you can participate in. In addition to Chapter activities, we look forward to sharing with other York Rite groups in our area.

Health update

Robert L. Zahn - is recovering from surgery.
Stanley Peterson - undergoing radiation therapy.
William Zufall - recovering from surgery following an automobile accident.
We wish each of these Brothers a speedy recovery.

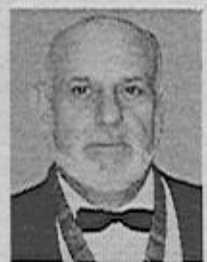
Goals

My goals for the year are to create reasons for all Companions to attend our Chapter meetings, fulfill our traditional obligations, support family involvement, and to have fun doing it. Won't you join me?

Schedule

February 8th - meeting, dinner at 6:30 p.m., Chapter opens at 7:30 p.m.
February 22nd - meeting, Degree preparation.
Please contact Companion Tom Kendig with your dinner reservations at 315-524-4063.

**District Deputy
Grand Master
8th Cryptic District**



R.E. Daniel N. Evans, Sr.
492-2807

Well, I guess Winter is upon us. Writing this article and looking out my window, the snow is gently falling. Back in the woods where I live, it is like a Winter Wonderland. As most of you know, I live in a Masonic commune. Lake Hiram by name, all members have to belong to the Craft, membership can only be obtained by being a Mason in good standing.

A strong Council

To make a strong and healthy Council each Council should make a long-range plan. The Officers should hold meetings for planning, not only for business meetings, but to have activities to hold the Companions' interest. Put these in a newsletter and see that all Companions are well informed. A Companion who is a dues paying member is entitled to know how his Council plans to utilize his dues.

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Ritual

An important part of our Order is its Ritual. Without it we are but another bunch of guys spending a night out. It is for this reason that the AGL and myself will be working on a Certificate of Proficiency in Ritual and Degree work. These will be presented to deserving Companions for their Ritual work. We are hoping this will be firmed up by next year's visits.

Cancellations

Due to the snow, my visits to Bath Council No. 40 and Skoi-Yase Council No. 75 were cancelled. I am looking forward to Spring.

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Cryptic Masons
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Pictures included

My report on the November meeting (December '00 issue) is history, but from the archives (a roll of film that's been in my camera for three months) I have included two photos from the York Rite Unity Night. I am still getting compliments on what a great night that was.



Karl Heinz-Reich provided incidental music for dining at the York Rite Unity Night.



Magician Extraordinaire, Jerry Argetsinger, provided magical entertainment for the York Rite members, family and guests.

Sickness and distress

Our Chaplain and Grand Lecturer, R.I. Bill Zufall had an auto accident late in December. He suffered 5 broken ribs, a collapsed lung and a bruised spleen. Companion Zufall was recuperating at home, but suffered a setback and was re-admitted to Genesee Hospital, on January 12th, for removal of a ruptured spleen. Stan Peterson is still undergoing radiation therapy for skin cancer and appears to be holding his own. Our prayers are with both of these Companions for a speedy recovery. On a brighter note, Companion Bob Zahn is recovering after undergoing colon surgery. He was doing well enough to proceed with cataract surgery. We wish R.I. Companion Zahn continued good health.

What happened

In January, after a delicious Braised Chicken Dinner, we enjoyed our first regular meeting of the year. This night had been left open for a possible Grand Council Visit, but the Visit did not materialize.

What's happening

Our February schedule calls for the beginning of our Degree cycle. At this time we do not have any prospective candidates. If you have any petitions out or have prospective candidates, please let the Secretary know. In any event we will be having a Roast Pork Dinner prior to the meeting. A Chicken alternative will be available for those with dietary restrictions. We had planned to have a rehearsal prior to the Royal Master Degree, however, this may not be necessary if no candidates are forthcoming.

sweetheart a Valentine yet? This month we will be having our Valentine's Party with the Ladies, always an enjoyable event. At our Christmas Toast, our Recorder, SK Alan Capwell, PC, received his Certificate attesting that he has been named Grand Representative to Peru, from SK Ray Barber. Our heartiest congratulations, Cappy!

Sickness and distress

SK Bob Forbes is taking both radiation treatments and chemotherapy, and our best wishes are with him. He sends to all his fellow Sir Knights his greetings and thanks for the calls and cards he has received during his recuperation. Bob's daughter, Barb LaRocco, is back in her home again, although she has to make several trips to her doctor each week. SK Jim MacConnell continues to improve after his recent health problem (remember, Jim, chicken, not beef!).

Our sympathies are extended to SK & Rev. Charles Lee and his wife, Janet, on the recent passing of Charlie's aunt.

If you have read Hesperus' Blue Lodge article, you are aware of my recent fall and wrist fracture. Since it is my sword arm which sustained injury, my subsequent floorwork and sword manual should prove interesting. I cannot offer anything more than a sincere promise that I will endeavor to do the best I can with that with which I have to work. We had one practice session in January; and we have two this month in which to perfect our floorwork and sword manual (under the most capable guidance of SK Alan Capwell, PC, who always does a stellar job of preparing the Commandery for its Annual Inspection). Hopefully, by March 8th, my cast will be off, surgery will not be necessary, and I will be able to demonstrate a modicum of dexterity.

Next month begins a series of Inspections within Zone 12 as well as other Commanderies. I hope to attend as many as possible, as I always look forward to the camaraderie such events offer. Also next month, we will, hopefully, have a St. Patrick's Day celebration.


Sir Knights and Ladies, please be extremely cautious when walking in this weather. I cannot stress strongly enough the need for vigilance in navigating on ice or in snow (you never know what's under it!). I'm sure you've heard such

warnings many times before, as have I, but if this caveat can help prevent my experience from befalling one other person, the repetition will have been well worthwhile--it can happen to you!

You can tell I've either been housebound too long recuperating, or perhaps it's the effects of the codeine, but I've conjured up a couple of thoughts for you to ponder: if you were present when God sneezed, what would you say? Also, if Geronimo were to jump out of a plane, what would he shout as he went?

Until next month...

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Thank you

I thank Rev. and SK Charles Roberts for organizing the Christmas Toast. It was a very beautiful and meaningful observance. It was very well attended by our own and Sister Commanderies, as well as our Ladies. Our Ladies prepared a great assortment of hors d'oeuvres and punch. Thank you, Ladies.

A special thank you to SK William Kuehne for his skillful organ playing, which added so much to the program. Thanks also to SK Don Brugger who was instrumental in setting up the asylum for the Toast and his Lady, Jean, who had the dining room set up almost completely when we arrived.

Petition

SK Skip Thorp brought a friend who submitted a petition that evening. This is great news.

Great evening

By the time you read this article, many of you will have seen a great program at the January 15th meeting. SK Bruce Horncastle presented a program on Roslin Chapel in Scotland. Bruce and SK Arnold Palmer went with

Companions from Orient Chapter, Toronto, this past year to visit the Chapel and had a wonderful enlightening time.

By-Laws

I have received notice from Richard Clark that our revised By-Laws have been approved, subject to approval by Grand Commandery at the Annual Conclave. We will be reprinting them and make them available to all Sir Knights.

February dates

Our next meeting, February 5th, will be our Annual Summons Meeting. All Committees will supply written reports on their activities. Please plan to attend. The 2nd meeting, on the 19th, will be preceded by a Potluck Supper with chicken as the main course. Please call June Stelianou at 265-9329 and let her know if you are coming so we can plan accordingly.

Eye Foundation

If you have not sent a check in to support our Annual Knights Templar Eye Foundation Drive, please do so as soon as possible.

Inspection

We expect all Sir Knights to attend the Inspection on March 19th. If you can't attend, please let our Recorder, Lawrence Dunn, know so we can plan accordingly. His number is 594-8033.

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Here we are in February already! Have you gotten your

Attention!
All Ritualists

If you can do Ritual well and would like to assist other Lodges in the critical function of raising new Master Masons, please call Keith Stambach, Assistant Grand Lecturer. Let him know what parts you do well so that he can put your name on the list. This list is provided to all Masters of Lodges in the Monroe District.

Keith Stambach 865-7416

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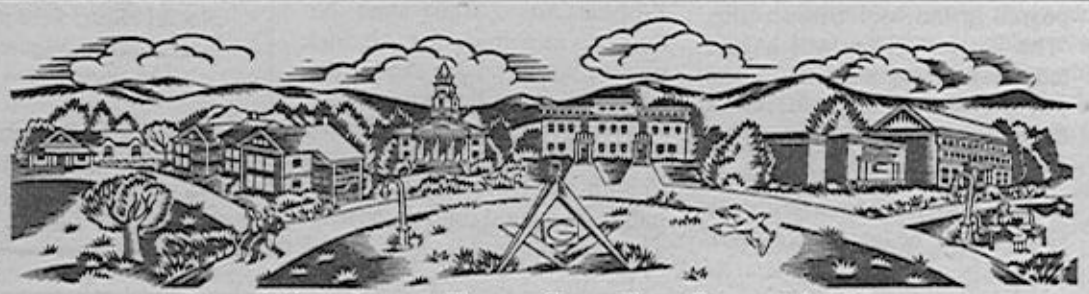
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Kenneth Hutchinson

Monarch's Message

I wish to thank the Prophets of Lalla Rookh Grotto for electing me Monarch. I promise you I will do everything in my power to merit your confidence and carry on the good work to the best of my ability this year.

Our profound thanks to ESGA President, George Abraham, and his Officers, who installed our 2001 Officers on January 20th; William Kuehne, who provided our organ music; James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12, whose Color Guard presented the Colors; Shirley Ward and the Eagle Singers of Eagle Chapter, OES, Honeoye, for their entertainment after the Installation; to the out of town Monarchs, members and their Ladies, and particularly Emil Schirano, Master of Webster Lodge, Past Masters, members and their Ladies who were in attendance; to my family, and Al Pulcino III, and all who worked behind the scenes in so many ways to make the evening the success it was.

The splendid entertainment, the excellent dinner and good fellowship that prevailed through the evening were indications of what the Grotto stands for.

The British are coming!

The February 21st meeting is our traditional free dinner. We will have as our guests, Ford Best and Hiram Lyons, British Revolutionary Reinactors who spoke to us two years ago about the uniforms and weapons of the British in the Colonies.

Since we saw them, they appeared in the Mel Gibson film, "The Patriot". They will have a lady reinactress with them and will discuss the "Life and Time of the British in Colonial America".

Have-a-Heart Campaign

On Tuesday, February 6th, the Grotto will be at Marketplace

Mall to help out the Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser. To volunteer call me at 1-315-589-9021 or Al Pulcino III at 225-8471.

More fun in 2001. ☐

Chief Justice

By Al Pulcino, III

Oh, Lord! I keep stepping into Prophet, please forgive me, I mean MONARCH, Kenneth Hutchinson's old foot wear. Now I know why his feet bother him so! I will try not to trip on the laces, and do my best.

At the time of writing this article, we attended the Annual Cast Dinner meeting at Rick's Prime Rib for a great meal arranged by Prophet George Knierim. Nice job, George, and a big thank you. The sad part was that we only had about 14 Prophets come out for the foundation of our Grotto. We need all of you to take part in this group, it's called the Cast.

A few of us are packing up and off to Buffalo with our ladies for Zulekia Installation on January 13th, at their Temple. More on the trip later. Zafar, in Williamsport, PA, and Rani Ghar in Toronto, Ontario, also had their Installations on the same date. It would be nice if we could have Lalla Rookh Prophets at all of them!

The next trip is off to Toronto for Rani Ghar Past Monarch's Ball on February 3rd at the Quality Inn, starting at 7:00 p.m. We have quite a few planning on this one with our ladies. Should be fun and a good time.

It's not too early to start thinking about taking a trip South to Farrah Grotto in Warren, PA., for their Past Monarch's Ball on March 17th at the Holiday Inn at 7:00 p.m.

Hope all are well and see ya at the next Grotto meeting on February 16th. It's a FREE Dinner. See ya there. ☐

Clowns

By Al Pulcino, III

This Unit had a great Holiday Party with the ladies, Lobster Tails stuffed with Crabmeat and Prime Rib, plus all the fixings. See what you are missing? This Unit is not closed, it is open to all Prophets for a short time. No dues, no meetings, just fun. Pick up the phone and give me a call at 225-8471. Be glad to sign you up.

Our next job will be February 6th at Marketplace Mall, to join in with the Have-a-Heart Campaign. It's a good time to see what we are about-fun! ☐

Attend Grotto Meetings

Mon., February 5th-Board of Governor's Meeting
Grotto Office 7:00 p.m.
Fri., February 9th-Caldron Birthday Party Rick's Prime Rib House
Sat., February 10th-Legion of Honor Public Installation Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Wed., February 21st-Grotto Meeting Cathedral Hall Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy the Fellowship

Membership

By Ronald Morthorst, PM

Happy Winter!! It is snowing and blowing as I write this for our Membership Chairman, who is traveling way down South.

Now is the time to think about that special friend, that Brother Mason whom you would like to let in on "The Biggest Secret in Masonry". As you already know, it is being a member of Lalla Rookh Grotto.

When did you present a petition for a Brother to your Grotto? If you need a petition, information to update yourself and enlighten this special person, call me at 334-4196 or Bill Fredenburg at 334-4753. ☐

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Master of Ceremonies

By Douglas C. Spencer

I thank all the Prophets of Lalla Rookh Grotto for their confidence in electing me as Master of Ceremonies. Special thanks to Prophet Al Pulcino for his help during the transition into this new job. I will work hard for Lalla Rookh to help make this a successful year.

Congratulations to Prophet Ken Hutchinson on his election to the position of Monarch. I know it will be a successful year if we all work together as a team.

Our next meeting is February 16th, which will be preceded by a free dinner for all those with a 2001 dues card. For reservations, call me at 723-8703. Entertainment after the meeting will be an informative talk on the American Revolution. Look forward to seeing all of you in February. ☐

Legion of Honor

By Al Pulcino, III

It's not too late, if you do it right now, and that is to make your reservations for you and your lady for the Legion of Honor Open Installation of our new Commander Ernest Swan and his slate of Officers. It will be at the Dutch Mill on February 10th at 5:30 p.m. It is always a good time and most of all, a time to show your support for your fellow Brothers.

Well, my year is at last over, but I'm still in Line! Oh, well! I think we had a great year, some of the same old and some new things got out in the eye of the public and more to come.

Some of us were Downtown at the Temple on January 13th to participate in the Masonic Veterans Recognition Program. Nice turnout.

We have a big show in town at the George Eastman House, 900 East Avenue, January 20th through June 3rd. I believe it is a tribute to the combat photographers, primarily the Viet Nam era. I do know that we have a Prophet and also a Brother, who are involved in some way in this Program. For more information, call the George Eastman House at 271-3361, extension 218, or visit the GEH website, www-eastman.org.

Thanks to all for your support and keeping me on my toes. I have to, to be seen! Hope to see all at the Installation. ☐

Caldron News

By Doris Bell, MCO

A belated happy New Year to all. Just where did 2000 go? Seems like we are slipping from one year to another more rapidly than ever. I trust you all had a good holiday season.

Congratulations to Prophet Kenneth Hutchinson on his elevation to Monarch of Lalla Rookh Grotto. I am looking forward to working with him and anticipate a great year for both organizations

To all Grotto Prophets, Ladies and Friends: The Daughters of Lalla Rookh Caldron invite you to join us in celebrating our 55th Birthday at a dinner at Rick's Prime Rib House on Buffalo Road, Friday, February 9th. We will gather at 5:00-5:30 p.m. in order to take advantage of early bird pricing. The menu choices are Prime Rib, Chicken French, and Orange Roughy. Please call reservations to Daughter Jean Wood at 288-4451 or myself at 244-2895 before February 2nd.

Dates for your calendars

April 7th will mark our Annual Charity Smorgasbord. The Calling Committees will be contacting you for food donations and commitment to work. This is generally a successful venture for the Caldron and give us an opportunity to help the Grotto Humanitarian Fund in its philanthropic efforts.

May 10th marks the Supreme Visitation and Inspection of Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Ruby Kalkman. I urge all Daughters to come out and help us with the Ceremonial production. There is always a need for another to fill out the cast.

If you would like to come out to a meeting and need a ride, please don't hesitate to call me and I will help to set one up for you.

In the Winter blahs of the next couple of months, keep warm, think good thoughts, and stay well. Spring is only a couple of months away. ☐

Attention

If you need to contact someone during an evening meeting at the Downtown Temple, please call 271-3255 and Roger will deliver the message.

Masonic Gothic Bowling League



John J. Flynn, Secretary
227-6106

Brendan Dady rolled his first 600 Series the last week of December (621-225, 188, 208). The first week of the new year he did even better. His 660 Series (235, 201, 223) earned him an ABC

Patch for a series of 150 pins over his average.

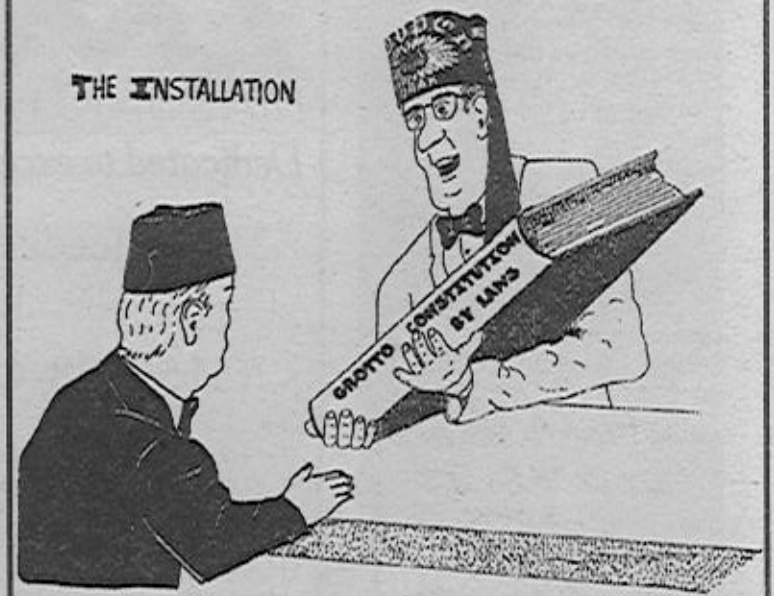
Harold Reynolds was also an award winner. His 283 game was 97 pins over his average and earned him an ABC Series Award Patch.

In the last eight weeks, league bowlers have rolled 16 600 series and 84 200 games. 600 series were rolled by Rick Flanagan-694 (236, 234, 224), 645 (222, 242) and 602 (229). Mark Dinitto-650 (228, 257), Jeremy Fromm-634 (222, 243), and 624 (234), David Hoerth-633 (237), Don Weis-620 (225, 237), 615 (278) and 603 (236), Gary Bonisteel-606 (224), Ken Masi-603, John Flynn-602, and Mitch Wright-600.

Other notable games were rolled by David Hoerth-262, and 233, Mitch Wright-250, Mike Metheny-235, Rob Goodyear-233 and 224, Rex Edwards, Jr.-233, 224, and 221, Jason Dale-280, Bill Ruber-227, Jeremy Fromm-227, Mike Trafficante-224, Bud Crane-222, Chris Masi-222, Mark Dinitto-221, Ken Kassel-220, Bob Eckman-220, Ken Masi-210, Len Mack-240, and Derek Masi-200.

The league bowls at Maiden Lanes on Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. The league is open to both Masons and non-Masons. We usually have a need for substitute bowlers. If interested, stop by some Wednesday. ☐

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Damascus Temple No. 2 Shrine News

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FROM THE POTENTATE



DAYNE A. THARRETT
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I wanted to start my column with a poem, but the Junior Past Potentate, Illustrious George Simon, wouldn't give me the book. So I'll try and make this good reading.

Let's start by thanking all the Nobles who came to our January 3rd meeting. I'm sure they came for the FUN and brotherhood or just for the Steak Dinner for a buck! Whatever the reason, it was nice to see most of our Clubs and Units represented, along with a Grand Lodge Officer and an Officer of the Valley of Rochester Scottish Rite. Thank you for bestowing on me the honor of serving as your Potentate this year.

We ended 2000 with 1001 members. We all have to work on membership and get that number higher. Regarding membership, I have appointed Illustrious George Simon, PP, as Membership Chairman. When Ill. George returns from his current setback, I'm sure you will be hearing from him. Ill. George, please get better soon, you are missed and wanted back.

The CIRCUS is coming fast. I'll let the Circus Chairman tell you more about that.

With your help, I would like to put the FUN back into being a member of Damascus Shrine Center.

Some of the FUN things in the works for this year is the Circus, March 22nd thru March 25th. We need everyone's help, but we can have FUN doing it. We're going to the Maple Tree Inn for the Pancake Breakfast on March 29th; Family Picnic at Sea Breeze on August 25th; the Clambake on September 15th; an October bus trip to Springfield Hospital and we are looking into a bus trip to a Buffalo Bills game early in the season before the snow flies. As other things materialize, you will see them in print in future articles.

Before closing, if you are interested in attending the Imperial Session in Las Vegas, please get your deposits in. Working on a FUN time in Vegas-more details next month.

TIME FOR FUN IN 01. □

Shrine Circus
March 22 - 25

Mornings
Thur. - Sat. 11:00 a.m.

Evenings
Thur.-Sat. 7:30 p.m.
Sun.-6:00 p.m.

Matinees
Thur.-Sat. 3:00 p.m.
Sun.-1:00 p.m.

Damascus Shrine Circus is Just Two Months Away

By Erwin Newell, Circus Chairman

Close your eyes and smell the popcorn, hot dogs, and cotton candy. Of course we can't forget all the other wonderful aromas of the Circus. Nobles and Ladies, this gets the Circus blood flowing in myveins. It tells me that March 22, 23, 24, and 25 are almost here. There is a lot of work to be done. This year, more than ever, we need your help in making the Circus a success.

Ill. Joe Bourcy, Ill. George Simon and Captain of the Guard, Larry Thibault, are our Man/Woman Power Chairmen. They will be trying to contact one and all. However, do not be angry if they have not contacted you as yet. Help them by calling the Temple Office and leaving a message to let them know that you would like to join the Circus Team. This goes not only for you, the Nobles, but also for our Ladies. We certainly have a job for everyone. To save you from looking up the Temple's phone number, it is 716-671-7701.

I have been working with the War Memorial, TV, radio stations and newspapers, placing our advertising for our all new Circus, presented by George Cardin. Novelties will be under the direction of our Potentate, Dayne Tharrett. He will be assisted by Noble Don McDill and Assistant Rabban, Ken Buckland. The Commissary will be under the direction of Executive Aide, Dick Lippincott and Chief Aide, Bill Hook. Chief Stewart, Earl Pearce, will be in charge of boxing popcorn for our stands, as well as for the vendors. The vendors will be selling snow cones, cotton candy, and popcorn in the arena area only.

The Ad Book has been put together by Ill. Cy Kloner. As you know, Ill. Cy jumped in at the last minute to make it possible for us to have an ad book this year. Thank you, Cy, in advance for a job well done. Nobles, we can't let him off the hook so easy. He will need help in selling the Program Books at the Circus. The clowns promise to support this project, however, they cannot handle money because of their costumes. So your support is needed.

For those who enjoyed the delicious meals that we have had the last few years, they will again be prepared by our own First Lady, Kathi Tharrett, and her very capable committee.

Finances will be under the direction of Robert Anderson II, Bill Anderson, and Glenn Stahl.

The Provost will be under the direction of Noble Bud Dox. Guess who is coming back from Florida? You are right, Ed Bastian. He tells me his life wouldn't be complete if he missed a Circus and couldn't bug the boys.

Circus Daddies and Mommies are headed up by Chief Rabban Harry Dainty, and Assistant Rabban, Ken Buckland. Nobles and Ladies, if you have not sent your check in for this important

program, please do it soon. Your support is important. Don't forget we invite a host of over 20,000 children and guests at the Circus. This money helps underwrite this endeavor.

February 7th will be the only time you can purchase discounted tickets for the Circus. If you would like to buy your tickets and be assured of good seats, bring your checkbook.

Before I forget, the times for the performances are as follows:

Thursday, March 22-11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 23-11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 24-11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 25-1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

We need you in the building at least one and one half hours (1 1/2 hours) before the performance begins. The times listed are when the show starts.

Thank you for your support in advance. □



By Jean R. Friedrich, PQ

Here we are, at last, in the second month of the second millennium. The New Year arrived quietly compared to the uproar and anxiety with which we greeted the year 2000. It may be because we are all a year older and a year wiser.

Now is the time to fight the mid-Winter blahs! Zama Temple is the place to be. This is a good time to review the many groups and programs just waiting for you. We have Patrol for you, who enjoy performing intricate drills, and a Pageantry Unit for frustrated dancers.

There are two card playing groups-one of Bridge with other added card games for those who make up a table. This one meets during the day at various Clubs. The other is a Friday evening group of Bridge players. Each would be happy to have you join them as a substitute or a regular member.

We also have a Finger Lakes Nile Club for those who live outside Monroe County. Members convene at various area restaurants for dinner meetings.

All of these meet just once a month. Contact any member for more information. We would be delighted to have you join in the fun and fellowship.

All of these are fun groups aiding our stated purpose: to support the children in the Shrine Hospitals. Without this goal, we would be just another women's club.

The best way to become involved with this great organization is to become an officer. You will find the true meaning of service and friendship by accepting a key role in our ceremonies with your fellow members. We also have many social occasions and fundraisers, making friends as we work and play.

You have only to visit one of the Shrine Hospitals to become a fervent supporter of what we do.

Nationally, Daughters of the Nile contributes approximately one and a half million dollars annually to these Hospitals. You can see we work hard to meet our goals.

Our next Session is February 10th at 1:00 p.m. at Fairport Lodge, when we will have our Winter Ceremonial. Be sure to come! We'll see you there! □

Hermon Lodge No. 6

Lawrence (Larry) Cooley, a member of Damascus Temple since 1957, recently traveled back to Clarksburg, West Virginia, where he joined Hermon Lodge No. 6 in June, 1950, and was raised to Master Mason on August 30, 1950. He then later joined the Scottish Rite in the Spring of 1952. In 1989 he returned to Clarksburg for the 175th Anniversary of the founding of Hermon Lodge No. 6.

In October of 2000 he returned to Clarksburg where he received his 50 Year Pin on October 23rd.

The presentation was made by G. Glenwood Brown, PGM, who was Master of Hermon No. 6 when he was raised to Master Mason. Assisting in the presentation were Past Lodge Secretary, Seba Anderson, PGM, and Charles Forsythe, PGM, present Secretary of Hermon No. 6.

His prior history includes his becoming a Charter Member of Charles L. Carter Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Batavia, NY (his home town), and his Charter Installation as Chaplain. He is a Past Master Counselor of Batavia DeMolay, having served his term in 1942. □

Wanted Alive Only!

Workers for the Circus
March 22, 23, 24, 25

Manpower Committee
Ill. Joe Bourcy, Ill. George Simon & Larry Thibault

Damascus Shriner Receives 50 Year Service Recognition at His Mother Lodge



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Grand Lodge Veterans Millennium Project Program

By Don Brugger

On Saturday, January 13th, over 200 veterans, family members and guests gathered in Cathedral Hall at the Downtown Temple. The occasion was the Grand Lodge Millennium Project which attempted to register all those who served their country regardless of when and where they served. Each veteran present received a Certificate and a Lapel Pin from Grand lodge.

Someone who attended had not yet registered. If you have served the United States in any capacity you are probably eligible for this recognition. The Millennium Project information was carried in the September issue, along with a form for registration. If you did not register



R.W. Richard Friedman, Junior Grand Warden, represented Grand Lodge at the Presentation Ceremony.

you can still do that and be properly recognized for your service. Contact your Master or the *Masonic Times*.



Procession of veterans.



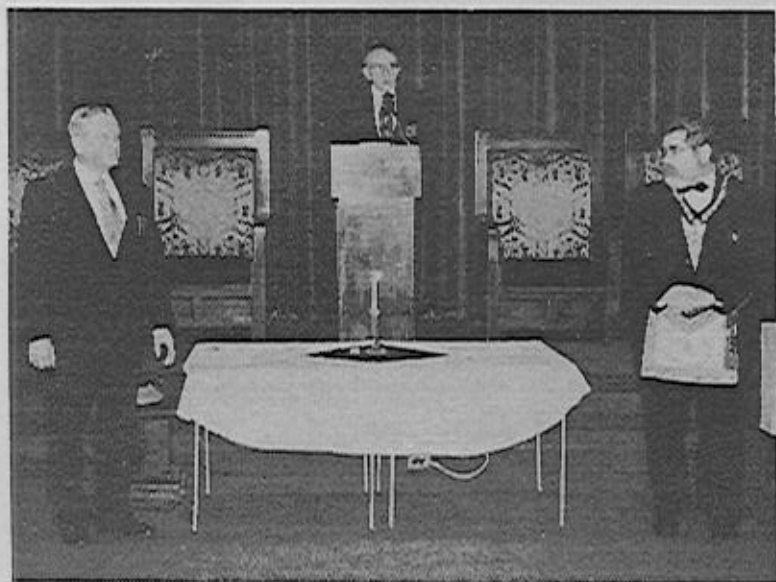
R.W. Maurice Solomon, member of the Custodians of the Work Committee, receiving his Certificate and Pin.



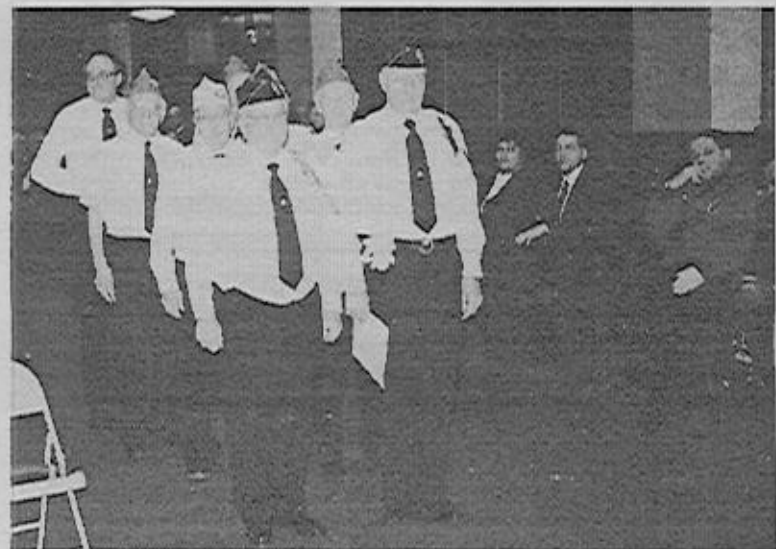
R.W. Tom Paglia lighting the Memorial Candle for those who have passed on. (Photos courtesy William Lindsay)



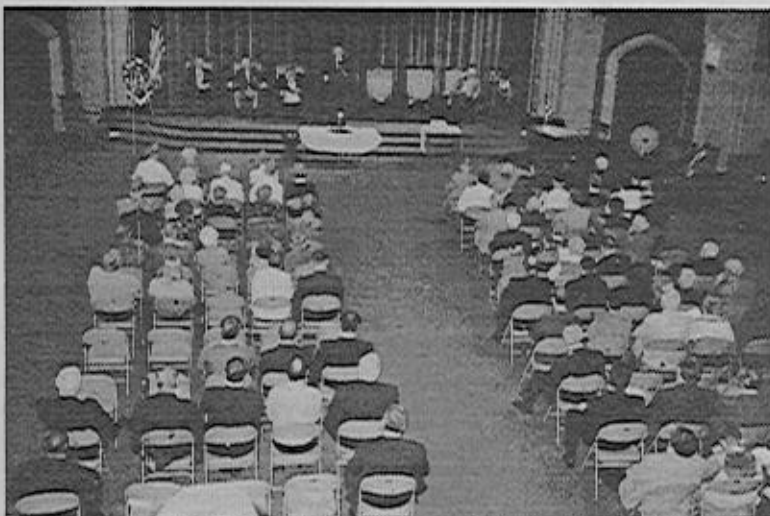
Brother Larry Bright receiving his Certificate from the Junior Grand Warden. R.W. Bill Jones-DDGM, Wayne; and R.W. James De Lorenzo-GDC, Monroe assisting.



R.W. William Lindsay reading the Memorial Roll.



The Masonic War Veterans, under the direction of Alfred Pulcino-Commander, led the veterans during the Recognition Ceremony.



R.W. Al Roggen-DDGM, Livingston, presenting R.W. Robert Sanford's Certificate to Bob's son, Brother Gary Sanford.



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Attention

Our Color Guard is available for Ceremonies.

I haven't much to write this month as we didn't have a meeting in January. The meeting this month will be the Election of Officers for 2001.

The Election Committee will have names to present, however, nominations are in order from the floor before we vote on the slate of names.

Veterans remembered

On November 13th, a Ceremony was held at the Monroe County Court House to honor 18 World War II veterans. Our own W. William H. (Bud) Golding, Jr., was presented the New York State Conspicuous Service Star Medal along with a framed Certificate signed by Governor Pataki. The presentation was made by Senator Jim Alesi and Monroe County Executive, Jack Doyle.

Bud told me it is a pleasure to be a member of this Post. He served three years in the Marine Corp, and was in the Pacific Theater on the Island of Peleliu part of the time, starting September 15, 1944.

Bud and Betty recently celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary and she was present at that time.

I know I speak on behalf of the Post to say, "Congratulations, Bud".

Dates

February 22nd will be our next meeting and Election of Officers, with a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. Be prepared for a longer meeting, as we have a lot to cover that was put aside at our Christmas Party meeting. Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid, unless sickness or emergency.

The Calling Tree will be in touch for reservations.

The April 26th meeting will be a Beef Bar-B-Que, with all the trimmings.

Last call for Dine-A-Mate Books.

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

Masons-Help

In keeping with the Grand Master's slogan, "Masons = Help," the *Masonic Times* will feature stories of instances where Masons have given help to people in need. Any instance that you have knowledge of or have participated in, would be worth sharing with our readers.

You can call the Service Bureau Office at 473-4351, 9:00 a.m. - noon or 458-6125, after 3:00 p.m., to set up a time when we can write the story together.

Save the dates
DAMASCUS SHRINE CIRCUS
Performances March 22-25

Order of the Eastern Star HiLights

MONROE DISTRICT

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Laundry

By Rt. Wthy. Neil Laundry

Greetings from the North Pole (or at least it feels like that!). It may be a bit nippy outside, but things are beginning to heat up around the District. The Installations of Officers have been completed and the 2001 Matrons are already hard at work beginning preparations for the April 20th Grand Matron's Official Visit. I had the pleasure of attending the Matron's organizational meeting on January 6th and they zipped through a prodigious amount of work in record time. I am in awe of their ability to talk, listen, and work, all at the same time!

Line Officer Group meetings

The first of our regular Line Officer meetings will be held on February 3rd at the Downtown Masonic Temple, 9:30 a.m. for coffee and donuts; 10:00 a.m. start. Your District Deputy and Lecturer will host the luncheon to follow. We encourage all Line Officers to attend and to plan on becoming an active member of the 2001 "Char's Angels". If you're new to the groups, you will learn a lot and meet some great people. If you've been around, then you already know the importance of the groups for communication and effective planning. The success of this year's District activities will depend on the active participation of all the Chapters' leadership. Come on out, have some fun, support your officer's group, and help us make 2001 a super year.

School of Instruction

The Annual District School of Instruction will be held on February 10th. Please plan to attend. We will gather for coffee and donuts at 9:30 a.m. and begin at 10:00 a.m. sharp! We will conclude the festivities no later than 12:30 p.m. The program will cover information on a wide range of topics related to Ritual and protocol.

Officers of Chapter, new members, old pros, and all other members interested in the Ritual and traditions of the Order will find this a worthwhile, educational, and enjoyable use of a cold Saturday morning. We hope to see you there.

Bingo party!

Party? Did somebody say party? That's right! Monroe District is hosting a Bingo Party to raise funds to support Charlene's District Project for Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention. The date is April 28th at the Webster Masonic Temple. Lunch is from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. Soup, sandwiches, desserts and beverages will be available. After all, it is a fundraiser. Bingo, prizes and fun in the sun are at 1:00 p.m. (Well, fun, anyway!)

Come on out! We hope that this event will be a lot of fun for everyone and a successful fundraiser. We also hope that members will invite family and friends. Here's a great opportunity to spread the word about not only the good work that is accomplished by the Order, but also the fun that we have doing it. Wouldn't this be the perfect event to interest a friend in membership in our wonderful organization? Well, although we can't remember who, someone once said, "There's nothing to it, but to do it!" Let's do it!

District Official Visits

Before signing off, we'd like to encourage all of the members to attend not only the regular meetings of their own Chapter, but to make an attempt to visit other Chapters as well. This is particularly important when a Chapter has put all of the special care and planning into the preparation for a special event such as an Official Visit. How wonderful it is to look out across a Chapter room that is filled to capacity. What a thrill to see one's Sisters and Brothers lining the Chapter's sidelines. What a super way to support the efforts of our fellow members. Mark the dates below and pledge to make a special effort to support your Sisters and Brothers throughout the District.

Remember

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

Monroe District Official Visits

Fairport No. 444, March 6th, 8:00 p.m.
Mary Jane Holmes No. 440, March 12th, 7:30 p.m.
Irondequoit No. 572, March 19th, 8:00 p.m.

Nolatka No. 320, March 20th, 7:30 p.m.
Leah No. 183, March 27th, 7:30 p.m.
Rochester No. 314, March 31st, 8:00 p.m.
Monroe No. 57, April 3rd, 7:00 p.m.
Grand Matron's Visit, April 20th, 8:00 p.m.
Charlotte No. 507, April 23rd, 7:30 p.m.
Webster No. 171/Henrietta No. 475 combined at Webster, May 1st, 7:30 p.m.
Etolian No. 308, May 7th, 8:00 p.m.
Corinthian/Fellowship No. 322, May 9th, 7:30 p.m.
Germania No. 72, May 21st, 7:00 p.m.

District dates

Walk-a-Thon and District Picnic, May 20th.
Lilac Luncheon, June 14th.
Combined Homecomings, June 15th.
Chicken Bar-B-Que, August 11th.
Pancake Breakfast, August 12th.
District Banquet, October 19th.

State dates

State Walk-a-Thon, April 7th.
Grand Matron's Visit, April 20th.
Pilgrimage to Oriskany, July 27-28th.
Grand Sessions, Lake Placid, October 11-13th.

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By Sister Alice Hassett

Seven members attended Monroe Chapter's Installation on January 2nd. Wthy. William Baxter was the Installing Officer, and since he will be our Worthy Patron in the year 2001, we wanted to show our support.

On January 16th, Nolatka Installed its Officers. We extend our thanks to guests attending. In addition to the Officers mentioned in the last issue of the *Masonic Times*, the following were Installed:

Historian	Beverly Bacher
Marshal	Martha Loomis
Assistant Marshal	Jeri Fimbel
Color Bearer	Florence Smith
Chaplain	Jane LaPree
Musician pro-tem	Betty Reisinger
	Edith Lewis
	Dean Hiler
Warder	Antoinette Jeerings
Sentinel	Susan Huff
Star Points	Jean Stewart
Adah	Carol Pickworth
Ruth	Kim Morici
Esther	
Martha	
Electa	
	Sunshine

Wthy. Berneda Riley is residing at the Edna Tina Wilson Living Center, Room 122R, 700 Island Cottage Road, Rochester, 14612. Please remember our Sister with cards.

Wthy. Kim Morici, at this writing, expected a carpal tunnel operation on her wrist on January 11th. Our best wishes to her for a speedy recovery.

Meetings

February 6th and 20th will be regular meetings. Remember to bring your dues. Chairperson for the Committee is Rt. Wthy. Susan Huff. Committee members are Wthy. Avis Theis, Sisters Barbara Heeg and Joyce Hooker.

Birthdays in February

Wthy. Kim Morici, Sister Cathy Thompson, Wthy. Cora Anderson and Sister June Hagen.

Valentine reminder

Happy Valentine's Day, and, additionally, let's remember to tell our families and friends how much they mean to us on an on-going basis.

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Words of wisdom

The person who says, "It can't be done," is liable to be interrupted by someone doing it.

Greetings to all, another year has begun and unfortunately we had to change Installation until January 20th.

The year ended with a bang, literally. Rt. Wthy. Bill Zufall had a car accident and was in the hospital for a week. He is now home recuperating. We all wish him well. I spoke to Sister Georgia Coates this past week and she is holding her own with her problems. Sister Nancy had surgery, but is also home and doing well. Please remember these Sisters and Brothers with your prayers.

We have planned our projects for the year and formed the committees. Now all we need is to do the work and have good results.

Instruction Class was held on January 5th. We worked an Opening in Ample Form. We all felt it was beneficial. Thank you to all who attended. The next class will be February 1st, and I am hoping Rt. Wthy. Bill will be up to teaching, as we will be working on Initiation. This is open to all members of Rochester Chapter. Please let me know if you will be able to attend. I will announce in Chapter where and what time.

Rochester Chapter Past Matrons will be meeting on January 21st at the home of Wthy. Effie Simpson. It will be a Tureen Dinner and we are all looking forward to having Sister Gail Caraballo and Brother Frank Jansson with us.

Official Visits

These will be starting in March, so get your datebooks out for the first 6.

March 6-Fairport, 8:00 p.m.
March 12-Mary Jane Holmes, 7:30 p.m.
March 19-Irondequoit, 7:00 p.m.
March 20-Nolatka, 7:30 p.m.
March 27-Leah, 7:30 p.m.
March 31-Rochester, 8:00 p.m.

Let's get out there and lend our support to these Chapters. Happiness and health to all. Until next time, I wish you peace.

In Memoriam

November, 2000

Ziegler, Clarence M.

Clarence was 93 years old when he passed away on November 30th. He was a member of Etolian Lodge No. 479 and is survived by his children, 5 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Booth, L. Gordon

Death claimed Gordon on December 17th, at the age of 90. He was a member of Seneca Lodge No. 797, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, 2 children, 4 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

December

Hoag, Edward F. "Ted"

After a long illness, Ted was called Home on December 24th. He was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163, Fame Lodge No. 945, and Irondequoit Chapter No. 572, OES. Ted leaves his wife, Betty, 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

Levin, Bert A.

Flower City Lodge No. 910 lost a member with the death of Bert on December 28th. He is survived by his wife, Jane, and one son.

Rushforth, Robert E.

The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Robert on December 30th. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 and is survived by his children, and 9 grandchildren.

January, 2001

Woodley, Clarence G.

Clarence entered Eternal Rest on January 8th at the age of 92. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. Survivors include his son, Paul and Joy, a daughter, 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Andrews, Frank H.

The Supreme Architect claimed Frank on January 12th at the age of 92. He was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538 and leaves his wife, Margaret, daughter and two grandchildren.

Zona, John J.

John was 71 years old at the time of his passing on January 12th. A onetime member of the Maintenance Staff of the Downtown Temple, John was a member of Northfield Lodge No. 426 and Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154. He is survived by his wife, Liane, 4 sons and grandchildren.

The following death was reported to us with no specific information.

Traub, Clarence L.

Clarence was a member of Rochester Consistory and died December 17th at his home in Sun City Center, Florida.

Goossenspiegels Annual Turning Stone Casino Cabin Fever Reliever

February 17th
\$23 per person
(Driver Tip Included)

Payment deadline - February 3rd
For information or reservations
Call: Debbie Leipold 647-3550
Joy Woodley 671-6152

Calling All Brothers!
Help is needed for the
Have-A-Heart Fund Drive
The Ronald McDonald House
"The Home Away from Home"
If you can spare any time from February 3rd to February 14th
Call Donald Darrohn at 716-225-1782

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Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

To make additions, call the Service Bureau at 473-4351
2001

- Mar 1-3 Grand Chapter, RAM, Albany
- Mar 22-25 Shrine Circus, Blue Cross Arena at the Rochester War Memorial School Ritual, Etolian, 3°
- Mar 30 Widows Luncheon, Logans
- Mar 31 Monroe District Family Night, DDT
- Apr 1 Grand Lodge, New York City
- May 7,8 Potentates Ball
- Jun 9 Grand Council, Fishkill
- Aug 17-19 Interfaith Service and Breakfast
- Oct 28

Lodge Rentals Available	
Etolian Lodge, Union St., Spencerport - Cap. 250 Tom Michielsen - 352-4831, 1st Floor Commercial Space also available.	
Fairport Lodge, 87 North Main St., Fairport Tom Richenderfer 377-7782, Greg Ludwig-388-1241, David Taber-388-0629	
Fame Lodge, 4275 Culver Rd., Rochester John Rehback 338-7918	
Northfield Lodge, 17 Church St., Pittsford - Cap. 80 Dan Walker - 429-6572, Bill Spillane - 436-0264, John Dudley - 586-6426	
Webster Lodge, 30 Orchard St., Webster - Cap. 200 Frederick Cornell, Sr. 671-3102	
ERAC Lodge, 152 W. Commercial Street, East Rochester - Cap. 75, 1st Floor Dining Rm. and Rest Rooms - Richard Schmanke 477-8191 (w) or 271-4473 (h).	

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

Little Known Facts

(A compilation of Urban Legends and hearsay)

Michael Jordan makes more money in a year from Nike than all the Nike factory workers in Malaysia combined.

You burn more calories when you sleep than when watching TV.

Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are at least 50 years old. It takes 3000 cows to supply the NFL with enough leather for a years supply of footballs.

American auto horns beep in the tone "F".

Classified
Wanted: Toy Trains, (O and O27), accessories, any condition. Fair price based on Greenberg Book and condition. D. Brugger 473-4351, 458-6125.
Wanted: Slate Pool Tables, any condition. Call: Angelo DiCataldo 738-9709.
For Sale: Masonic 32° Ring, 14k gold, .35 center diamond. \$400. 359-4330.

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Sept. 24, 2002

Carnival Line's "Spirit"

19 Days - 12 aboard ship
4 Island Tour
Hawaii, Maui, Kauai, Oahu plus
Seattle and Vancouver

Inside Cabin \$2500
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per person
double occupancy

If you are interested in either of this cruise, please call the Service Bureau at 473-4351.

Donkeys kill more people than airplane crashes.

The first owner of the Marlboro Company died of lung cancer.

Pearls dissolve in vinegar. □

Program Speakers

(Current List, 10/99. If you have any other prospects, please let us know.)

- Harold August**
"The Morgan Affair", Expense Reimbursement requested. Middleport, N.Y. 716-735-7557
- Donald Brugger**
"The Masonic Times, a short History and Profile", "Writing for a Masonic Publication" - (w) 716-473-4351, (h) 716-458-6125.
- George Frame**
General insurance topics including "Estate Planning" & "Long Term Care" - (w) 716-436-6470, (h) 716-334-6934.
- Vern Goodrich**
"The Masonic service Bureau", "Financial Planning" - (w) 716-473-4351, (h) 716-377-0367.
- Charles Hancock**
Scottish Rite - 716-223-1850.
- William Lindsay**
Various Masonic Topics - 716-621-3573.
- NY State Trial Lawyers Assoc., Speaker's Bureau**
Wide Range of legal topics. For Information call: 1-212-349-5890 or write to the above at: 132 Nassau Street, NY, NY 10038.
- Grant Romer**
"Solomon's Temple", "Masonic Aspects of the Great Pyramid" - (w) 716-271-3361, (h) 716-242-0619.
- William Schenke**
"55 Alive Program" - 716-254-0729.
- William Zufall**
"The Morgan Affair" - 716-271-0795.

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Arcade	
Eagle Valley	
Mt. Vernon	2x
Oakland	3x
Triluminar	3x
Northfield	
Char./Cor.	1/12
Clio	1/10
Etolian	1/13
ERAC	1/11
Fairport	1/15
Fame	1/12
Flower City	1/12
Oatka	1/10
Seneca	1/11
Valley/Simes	1/12
Wakan/Hubbard	1/16

*x= months missed.
If you see your Lodge name here, call your Master, whatever you like!
The Deadline for the March issue is: February 12, 2001

Auditorium CENTER

Schedule on Big Calendar Lower Right Hand Corner

Sat. Feb. 3
R & B Concert
8:00 p.m.

Tue. - Sun. Feb. 6-11
Footloose
Tues.-Thur. 7:30 p.m.
Fri. 8:00 p.m.
Sat. - 2:00, 8:00 p.m.
Sun. - 2:00, 7:00 p.m.

Mon. Feb. 13
Lauren Bacall
7:30 p.m.

Fri. Feb. 16
Jo Dee Messina
7:30 p.m.

Big Calendar February 2001

February Flower - Violet
February Gem - Amethyst

Deadline for the Masonic Times

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ronald McDonald House				1 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster	2 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5 - 7 p.m. 30 Orchard St., Webster Adults \$6, Child \$3	3 Rochester Chapter, OES O.E.S. - District, DDT
Have-A-Heart Campaign Eastview-Feb. 3 - 14, MarketPlace & Greece/Ridge Center Feb. 5-14						
4 First Sunday Breakfast Attica Lodge Boy Scout Week Feb. 5 - 11	5 West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club	6 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson Germania Oakland - Castile Warsaw OES - Fairport, Monroe, Perry, Webster	7 Olive Branch - LeRoy Attica Damascus Shrine OES - Henrietta	8 Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City Lalla Rookh Caldron RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia	9	10 Order of the High Priesthood Cathedral Hall - DDT OES - School of Instruction DDT
11 Pancake Breakfast Mt. Vernon Lodge Java Village 7:00-10:00 a.m. Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Feb. 14 & 28th	12 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club Lincoln's Birthday	13 Batavia Craftsman/Robertson-F Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes RAM - 3x3, Dansville, Wyoming O.E.S. - Leah	14 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Service Bureau Luncheon OES - Batavia, Corinthian/ Fellowship 	15 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite - Program RAM - Western Star	16	17
18	19 West Star - Varysburg, BAF KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club	20 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson, 1° Oakland - Castile Warsaw OES - Fairport, Nolotka, Perry, Webster	21 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Lalla Rookh Grotto RSM - Doric	22 Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery Washington's Birthday	23	24
25 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Mt. Vernon - Java Village Wakan/Hubbard-Penfield, 1° RSM - Nundawaga OES - Charlotte Shrine Lunch Club	26	27 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Valley/Simes	28 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Tall Cedars OES - Batavia, Corinthian/ Fellowship Ash Wednesday	2001 JANUARY 2001 2001 MARCH 2001		