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"Over \$9000 Raised in 2001 Have-a-Heart Campaign" Thanks to Area Masons!

By R. W. Donald Darrohn

I wonder how many times the phrase Have-a-Heart has been uttered during the last two weeks? The response has been (tongue in cheek) heartwarming! I am most grateful to each and every person who pitched in to help with this year's Campaign. There were over three hundred members of our Masonic family involved this year!

The money is great to collect and continue to contribute to the Ronald McDonald House, but the real mark in my mind of this event is the memories. It's the smile on the children's faces when they made out that valentine that no one could decipher. It was the older man who couldn't speak, but wanted to contribute. It was the woman who told of her stay at the "Home Away from Home" while her child was in the hospital. It was those Howlett Brothers from Eunice Lodge No. 830, Livingston District, talking about



Michael Ferguson, Richard Shellman and a patron. (Photos courtesy William Lindsay)

what a great time they had. We also had help from Milnor Lodge No. 139, and Eagle Lodge No. 619, both from the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District. It's the love and compassion this facility has brought to our community—that's why we do this each year! Thank you!

This year we raised \$9444 for the Ronald McDonald House!

Special thanks to:

The Mall at Greece Ridge Center, Marketplace Mall and Eastview Mall:

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Masonic Family-Family Day 2001

By W. Jim Weick

R. W. William Lindsay, District Deputy Grand Master of the Monroe District, has announced the creation of the first ever Masonic Family-Family Day. The event will take place on April 1st at Cathedral Hall, Downtown Masonic Temple. The first program starts at 1:30 p.m.

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

"We've lined up some incredible talent to entertain all ages," says Lindsay, in making his announcement. The Greece Athena Show Choir is the main act. They have been performing at international venues through France, Italy (The Vatican), Switzerland and other European locations. Their U.S. venues include the White House, Capitol,

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Masonic Widows Luncheon

By R. W. Terry W. Wihlen, Chairman

"Furthermore, you have already promised and sworn to look after the widows and orphans of our Brothers who have passed to the celestial Lodge above." The Widows Luncheon presents a good opportunity to partly fulfill that duty.

The 2001 Widows Luncheon promises to be one of the best ever. This annual "red letter" day on the calendar for the Monroe District will take place at Logan's Party House, as in the past.

The guest speaker will be W. Arthur Mason, who is the Director of the Elder Abuse Program for Lifespan in Rochester. For those of you who have not heard Brother Art speak, he is a warm, intelligent and caring Mason.

We hope that each Lodge will make an all out effort to reach out to all of their ladies and provide them with transportation, tickets and a smile with which to attend the event.

Each Lodge will receive information packets including tickets and everything else it needs to succeed. DO NOT WAIT! Begin now to contact the widows and let them know what is going on. Here are the particulars:

When: Saturday, March 31, 2001.

Where: Logan's Party House, 1420 Scottsville Rd. (235-6878).

Price: \$14.00.

The doors will open at 11:00 a.m.

Please plan on attending this most valuable event. The Widows Luncheon originated in the Monroe Districts. Let's show our pride on March 31st! □



Keith Stambach and contributors at the Have-a-Heart table.



John Lindsay, Cliff Short and Keith Stambach.

Our Masonic Campus at Utica



How much do you know about the Masonic Campus? Each month I will introduce you to one of the 16 buildings located on this sprawling tree lined Campus. I

hope these brief introductions will entice you to take a trip this Spring or Summer and visit our beautiful grounds.

The word "beautiful" automatically brings to mind the Daniel D. Tompkins Chapel. If you have not seen this stately Chapel, I urge you to do so. The graceful steeple looms above the Campus and the tower bells resound gently over our 400-acre Campus at 12 noon and 5:00 p.m. daily.

The most striking part of this building is the truly magnificent stained glass windows that encase the Chapel. The windows were created by Tiffany of New York and remain priceless and timeless works of art. The focal point, as you enter the Chapel, are the three windows over the sanctuary.

These "paintings" reflect the three virtues, Faith, Hope, and Charity. On a sunny day, as beams of light reflect through the glass, one can see that these are indeed inspired works of art and creations of beauty.

The sides of the Chapel are also graced with brilliant stained glass windows depicting various themes such as: "David and Jonathan before King Saul", "The Iron Worker" and "The Guardian Angel". The Reverend David Kirkpatrick, Masonic Campus Director of Pastoral Care, sums up the feeling one has in the Chapel. "It's very inspirational," says Reverend Kirkpatrick. "Every Sunday morning as I sit in the pulpit and look out over the Chapel, I still say, wow. It has a beauty hard to describe."

The Grand Master, M. W. Robert Judson Kenworthy, dedicated the Chapel on June 25, 1912, during the St. John's Day Celebration. Services are held every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m., with a

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Editor's Corner

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Pitching in

I am sure that all of you have been at meetings and observed the behavior of the Brethren prior to a meeting. This behavior is universal and pervasive. Most of the time you will see early arrivals in small knots discussing one thing or another.

The conversations, however, seem to become more intense and engaging when it comes closer to the meeting time. You know, that time when the presiding officer is scurrying around, trying to get the room prepared. Getting out paraphernalia, banners, the Bible and Working Tools. Now, in the Blue Lodge this is not much of a problem, there is the Tiler who, for the most part, is responsible for preparing the room.

In Concordant Bodies, however, this is not usually the case and even if the presiding officer has assigned someone to the task, that person may be late or not in attendance that night.

The point

The point is why don't the Brethren pitch in and get the room ready so that the meeting can proceed and be over in a reasonable time? There is plenty of time for fellowship, gassing and maybe even a hand or two of Euchre, after the meeting; that is if meeting doesn't start late and take all night.

I think most of you know that the Fraternity has a smaller number of participants than in the past, many of the Officers are going around for the umpteenth time, all are spread a little thin trying to support all the organizations they belong to. I may be a little naive about this, but I think that it should not be a game of complaining about the late start of the meeting when you could help things along.

What to do?

A good Mason should not have to be asked to assist, he should just do it. If an officer is absent, ask if you are needed to fill in, it wouldn't hurt. If you want to exhibit your prowess at the Ritual do it, don't sit on the sidelines and sharp shoot someone else's mistakes.

P.S.

Another thing, while I'm at it, don't hold your own little meet-

ing while business is being conducted, no matter how boring it becomes; especially during the reading of the minutes. It is only common courtesy. Be polite! □

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Brethren, the heart and soul of the Service Bureau is you! The community judges Freemasonry everytime a Mason is seen as having morals; everytime a Mason is seen performing a charitable act; everytime a Mason speaks and acts in both business and pleasure. Unfortunately, it takes several good images to offset just one bad image. Masons take great pride in our heritage, traditions, and support of one another, and in our service to mankind and our community.

Your Service Bureau is on the leading edge of our commitment and service to our community. This is readily apparent in our Loan Closet (over 8000 calls a year), in the utilization of our Camp, in our Eagle Scout participation, our grants to different community outreach programs, our Scholarship Program, the Ronald McDonald House, our Widows Program and I could go on and on.

Yes, your Service Bureau is an extension of you. Support it with your precious time, your hard earned dollars, and your thoughts and prayers. Yes, your Service Bureau is unique in the Country, but so too is our Masonic heritage. Be proud to be a Mason and be proud to support your Service Bureau. □

Money Tips

By Dave Larson

Keep a low profile

Many of us are dreading the chore of preparing tax returns, pulling together our W-2's and 1099's, and perhaps even writing a check payable to "U.S. Treasury." All of that work will seem like child's play compared to an IRS audit. In this column I'll present a few tips on how to keep a low profile for the IRS.

Nobody looks forward to being audited, so how can you reduce your chances that the IRS

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Exemptions and deductions you claim should generally be in line with your reported income. Too many of either may make the IRS suspect that you have income you're not reporting.

Report your deductions accurately based on your records. Round numbers suggest that you're guessing at figures.

If you are self-employed, be sure to itemize deductions on Schedule C. High gross income, low profits, and a standard deduction may make the IRS suspicious that you've included non-deductible personal expenses in your business write-offs.

Be careful to document everything if you file an amended return.

Keep travel and entertainment write-off amounts reasonable.

Overall, the chance of getting audited is about 1%, but it's higher for high-income and self-employed taxpayers. By following the advice above, you may avoid "winning" the IRS's version of the lottery. □

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architect couldn't pitch a tent much less design a house.

Having to pay for a fault not of your own making is one hell of a price to pay. So, how do you make good your loss?

A professional is held to a higher standard of care. That means the law expects that the professional is skilled in what he or she does.

The Lawyer

Legal malpractice is when a lawyer's efforts fall below the standard of care expected of all attorneys in a community in which they practice. To prove a lawyer was negligent requires proof that: (1) the lawyer didn't exercise that degree of care, skill and diligence commonly possessed by other lawyers in town; (2) the lawyer's negligence is what caused you your loss; and (3) you sustained actual monetary losses (Pattern Jury Instructions 2:15; hereafter PJI). To prevail in a legal malpractice claim, you have to prove you would have had a favorable outcome but for the attorney's negligence. To win such a claim requires proof that you would have had a favorable outcome, but that the attorney's negligence is the reason you didn't. In effect, you have to prove

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R.W. William Lindsay
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You might wonder why the Editor of the *Masonic Times* has such a full head of gray hair. It undoubtedly comes from the stress of waiting for people like me to get articles in. I must confess that all my life, when it comes to writing things, I am truly last minute.

At the present time, my monthly article has to be written in a timely fashion; I should be commenting on important happenings in the District prior to them actually occurring. Writing what I know to be true is difficult enough; speculating on that which has not happened yet truly challenges my writing skill.

To all my fellow contributors, faced with the same challenge, "I know your pain." To the Editor, I sincerely appreciate your forbearance.

Reasons for becoming a member

Appearing at a Brother Bring-a-Friend Program gave me an opportunity to think about what are the important reasons for becoming a member of the Craft. What do you tell a potential petitioner? Allow me to list some reasons that I feel are important. Your list may be different; send your ideas to me and I will add and publish them.

1. The opportunity to belong to the world's oldest Fraternity; indeed, one of the world's oldest and ongoing institutions.
2. The opportunity to meet new people.
3. The opportunity to travel to distant places and be greeted by friends.
4. The opportunity to learn how past times and events shape our current lives.
5. The opportunity to expand our minds, hearts, and consciences through the learning of Ritual.
6. The opportunity to positively influence the moral and social climate in which we live.
7. The opportunity to be a positive role model for our families and friends.
8. The opportunity to adopt a sound moral foundation for our lives.
9. The opportunity to assist the less fortunate.
10. The opportunity to look in the mirror everyday and see someone you'd want for a best friend.

Of course, your petitioner has to think of how a commitment to membership will affect his family. Larry Dunn shared with me the following dialog. When several wives were talking about their spouses' frequent absence for Masonic events, one wife spoke up and said, "I'm glad my husband is a Mason. I learned a long time ago that men have a need to get together as groups of

men; they need to do that. So when my husband goes out in the evening, I know where he's going, I know who he's with, I know what he's doing, and I know he'll come home safe."

Balancing Craft and family demands is an issue for every Freemason. It is incumbent upon us all to make sure our families know our Masonic commitments, and know that we schedule our lives so that family comes first. Enough said.

Successful Campaign

As this article goes to press, our District's Have-a-Heart Campaign 2001 will have concluded, and in other columns you can read of that effort's success. I want to commend Don and Mickie Darrohn for their untiring commitment to making it a successful Campaign. I used to think that the dollar amount raised was the surest indicator of the Campaign's success, and thus the basis for Monroe Freemason's continued support. Having had the opportunity to visit a number of different days at different malls, it becomes clear to me that Have-a-Heart has values far beyond dollars.

What other activity could we devise that would join the efforts of the entire Masonic family?

What other activity could we devise that would better show the community the values to which we are committed?

What other activity could we devise that would put us in contact with so many members of the public?

What other activity could we devise that is so selfless in terms of an authentic community need?

What other activity could we devise that would allow us as Masons to include our family members?

What other activity could we devise that is so personally rewarding?

Some observations of things I saw in my travels: Mike Ferguson of Seneca Lodge and his team charming contributions from numerous passersby; "Uncle Al", the clown (Al Pulcino) performing for all the wide-eyed children in Marketplace, an Eastern Star contingent from Clio, made up of members and friends joyfully filling out hearts at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center. Other good news, time and again our much maligned young people, green haired, hardwired, rag headed and tattooed, reaching deep into their baggy pockets and finding money to make a contribution. Have-a-Heart is about a lot more than money.

Conveying ideas

Every time you look at a story, a poem, a novel, or a movie, you have to think that the author began somewhere—a word, a line, an image. The author then proceeded to build around that to complete the whole work. Usually, guessing where that starting point is will identify the important and powerful idea that the text is intended to convey. From a meaning perspective, this may be the most powerful part of the text, and is frequently the passage that readers carry around in their heads long after they have forgotten much of the detail of the complete work.

Applying this discovery principle to our Ritual can lead to better understanding of the Ritual. Take the Ritual of any of the degrees and ask your Brethren, "What do you think is the most important passage of the whole?" Responses will vary de-

pending upon the Brother, but listening to their insight will strengthen our own.

My own favorite is the line "...distinguished by the manner in which they wore their aprons." This is a line you can walk all around and look at from any direction and it has a rich meaning. Think about it.

I'd be curious to learn what others have as favorite lines. Let me know and I will share them in this column.

Even though I write this when the temperature is in the teens, I keep in mind that it will be published just a few days prior to the end of Winter. I've had my fill of wind, cold, snow, ice and sleet for this year, and I'm ready for warmer days. So here we are. □

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LSOME update

The last session of the Lodge System of Masonic Education will take place on Monday, April 2nd. It will be held in the 3rd Floor Dining Room at the Downtown Temple at 7:30 p.m. This program is designed to help new Masons learn about our great Fraternity, some of its rules and regulations, its history and symbolisms.

Although the program is slated for "new" Masons, when we talk about this program as being for "new" Masons, we're not just speaking of the Brothers who just finished their 3rd Degree, but Brothers who may have been in the Fraternity for 5-10 years. These sessions are turning out to be very informative for all Brothers. As Masons, we should always be seeking more light, and one of the best places to start is right here, at the LSOME.

Symbols and Allegories of the 3rd Degree

By now you have learned that every phrase, event and detail in every Degree is full of meaning. This is especially true in the 3rd Degree where you will find deeper and more profound teachings. You received the Degree in one evening, but you could study it for years and still have more to learn and understand.

The symbolisms of the first two Degrees were mostly built around the art of architecture. In the 1st Degree, the purpose was to teach you to be a builder of yourself. In the 2nd Degree, the purpose was to teach you to build your responsibility to society.

In the 3rd Degree, the symbolism, though continuing its architectural background, becomes mainly a spiritual symbolism dealing with immortality. It teaches that even if a man allows himself to be buried under the sins and passions of life, it is possible for him to rise again into a new life, with the help of God and the Brotherhood of Man. This is the key to the entire Degree, and with this key, all its

symbols, emblems and allegories can be understood.

The Working Tools of the Degree are all the implements of Masonry, but most especially the Trowel, by which we learn to spread the cement of Brotherly Love, which has its source in the soul. To love another above his sins, to be friendly in spite of his faults, is to forgive him with sincerity. This is possible only if we have learned to be unselfish and understanding by spreading the cement of Brotherly Love.

Like all symbols, the lost word means many different things. One of its more profound meanings is that if a man has lost the ideals and principles of his youth; lost his faith in all that is good; and the secret of what it is to be a man; he must, if he wants to live the Masonic life, search for that which was lost and continue looking until he finds it.

The Ritual of the Degree doesn't fully and clearly explain the meaning of this symbolism because one of the tenets of the Masonic life is that we grow much more because of what we do for ourselves, than because of what others do for us. The Ritual also often leaves each man to interpret the symbolism as it applies to his own situation and needs.

This is especially true in the 3rd Degree where we are exposed to many symbols with only a slight suggestion of what they mean. Yet, each one stands for some great idea, or ideal, that should be used in our lives, and of which we should always be conscious.

It is unfortunate if a man reaches his middle years without understanding all the important truths taught by this Degree. If he doesn't understand them, he has ignored the fact that his life is in God's hands. The central idea of the Master Mason Degree shows a Mason a way to recover a purpose in, and control of his life, by being brought to a new manhood. By so doing, he may be called back from a grave worse than the one that will be the final resting place for his body. By repudiating his old life, and by regaining his faith in God, he can find the way to be brought from that grave. (Source: "The Lodge System of Masonic Education" by the Committee on Masonic Education - September, 1987.)

RTTE wrap-up

Twenty-seven Brothers received certificates of completion at the "Road to the East" session on February 3rd. Judging from the enthusiasm from the Brothers who attended, the format and presentations of this year's sessions were very well received. Highlights of the last session included presentations by our Junior Grand Warden, R.W. Richard C. Friedman, and R.W. Bruce Chilton.

This was the first time that five DDGM's and Staff Officers com-

bined their efforts into producing a program such as the "Road to the East". We believe our efforts were appreciated by all who attended. There wasn't a Brother, including the presenters, who left any of the sessions without learning something new about the Craft.

The plans for next year's sessions are in the early stages. The tentative dates are November 3, 2001, January 5, 2002, and February 2, 2002. We've tried to stay away from the 1st weekend in December, in observance of hunting season. The location of the program will again be at Phoenix Lodge in Dansville, mainly due to its central location. It looks as though the program will be expanded to six Districts, the Brothers from the Allegheny District may be joining us.

We urge all senior Officers, from Senior Deacon to Master, to attend these sessions. Talk to some of the Brothers who attended this year's classes. We're sure that they will tell you that you shouldn't miss out on this valuable information and training, as you work your way to the East. Not only will you learn what your roles and responsibilities will be, but you will also learn what you should expect from your elected and appointed Officers, as well.

Installations

There has been some interest shown in the District, in learning more about the Ceremony of Installation. As a result, on Monday, April 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. in Doric Hall, there will be a program designed to help Senior and Junior Wardens plan their installations. Should your installations be public or tiled? What are the things that can be carried over from a tiled to a public ceremony? Maybe some other Lodges in our District do things a little different that you may want to include in your ceremony. The installation ceremony should be very special time for the incoming Master. We're sure that all of us could benefit from this session.

One of the first duties of the incoming Master is to schedule a date for the District Deputy's Official Visit. This night would present an excellent opportunity to discuss this with our own R.W. William R. Lindsay. We look forward to seeing you there.

Utilize us

Your District Deputy and Staff Officers are here to serve you, our Brothers of the Monroe District. If you need answers to questions, call us. If you would like us to attend a special function or meeting, call us. Remember, we are a resource that you should utilize. We will do our best to be there. See you in the quarries.

Remember the Brotherhood Fund! □

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February Meeting

Our attendance was low this month, we had only 15 Brothers from 8 Lodges. Masters and Wardens is an integral part of Masonry in this District. It is essential that ALL Lodges are represented at these meetings. Are there reasons that several of the Lodges have not been present at any meeting this year? Is it the day? The time? Or is it just a lack of interest?

We need the support of all Lodges to make this organization successful. Please make a concerted effort to attend the next meeting.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

We have been quite fortunate to have R.:W.: Don Darrohn administering the event for us the last two years. It is time for us to start looking for a new Chairman. If you have the desire to run this program next year, please contact the M&W Association or R.:W.: Don Darrohn.

The Party


Due to lack of interest, and the fact that we lost quite a lot of money last year, there will be no formal M&W's Ball this year. There is still talk about having an informal family gathering or a dinner and show night.


Dates to remember

March 10-M&W-Charlotte/
Corinthian - 10 a.m.


March 17-Road to the East
March 29-School of Ritual-
Etolian - 7:30 p.m.
March 31-Widows Luncheon-
Logan's Party House - 11 a.m.
April 1-Masonic Family Day-
DTT-See your Master for
tickets-1:30 p.m.
April 2-L.S.O.M.E. Program-
DTT-7:30 p.m.
April 14-Masters and Wardens-
Ronald McDonald House,
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School of Ritual

R.:W.: Brother Keith and I had a great time at the School of Ritual held at Northfield Lodge on Monday, January 29th. Brother Keith and several of the Brethren brought up several topics of interest. For those Brethren who were not in attendance, the School was a question and answer session about Ritualistic and Protocol matters. We deviated from the usual procedure of exemplifying Ritual work. The participation and comments afterward indicate that we should, and will, do this again.

At this same School, the manner of signing in was changed. Instead of individual signing cards, the attendance was taken by having Lodge sign-in sheets.

The sheets had the Lodge Office listed with a place for the name of the attending Brother holding that Office. In addition, there was a space for the name of the members, other than officers, attending the School. This method helps us track attendance quicker and assists the Lodges in ascertaining who of their Brethren are present. We will continue this practice at the next School.

Speaking of the next School of Ritual, it will be held on Thursday, March 29th, at Etolian Lodge in Spencerport. The Officers of Clio and Oatka Lodges will be exemplifying the Ritual of the 1st Section of the 3rd Degree. Brother Keith and I are looking forward to the work for that evening.

Question

The question was asked at the last School of Ritual concerning where the ballot box is to be placed if there is no room at the Altar. The answer at the School was: on a small table placed North of the Altar. Upon review of the Standard Work, it was discovered that the small table is to be placed West of the Altar.

Why Ritual

There has been a considerable amount of discussion on the Grand Lodge Listbot (for those unfamiliar with a listbot, it is a private internet e-mail discussion forum) on the reasons for learning the Ritual and who should present it for the candidate. The consensus of the respondents is that the Ritual is for the enlightenment of the candidate.

The Ritual's main reason for existence is the instruction of a candidate or new Brother in the principles and philosophy of the Craft. The instruction is done using Symbols and Allegory. We attempt to inform the candidate for the Degree what the Symbols mean, but we do not give him instruction on how to use the lesson in his personal life. This is left to the candidate to determine, hopefully with the aid of a well-informed Brother as a mentor.

The Ritual should always be presented by Brethren who are well versed in the work and meaning of the Ritual. Hopefully, this is the line of Officers in the Lodge conferring the Degree. However, it is the responsibility of the Master of the Lodge to insure that the Ritual is presented in the best possible manner. If this means using Brothers who are not Officers, or seeking assistance from other Lodges, then it should be done. The Ritual is intended for the candidate and should not be used for other means.

If we, as Freemasons, impress the candidates for our Degrees with the presentation and lessons

of the Ritual, we will be building better men and Brothers. By building better Masons we build a stronger Craft. A stronger Craft will attract better men. This will in turn promote, in the words of R.:W.: Steve Whittaker, "Fraternal Knowledge and Growth."

Enough said. Brother Keith and I are interested in your comments, etc. We are always willing to help any Lodge or Brother on Ritual matters. Do not hesitate to call either of us. Phone numbers are printed on page 2 of this publication and in the Monroe District Directory. □

Membership Retention



R.:W.: Joseph Privitera
Monroe District

Something special

A really special event will be happening at the end of March. To be specific, the Widows Luncheon will be happening on March 31st. It will take place at Logan's and it begins at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon.

OK, you know the date, time and place. Yes, the Luncheon has been going on for years now and all we have to do is know about it and everything will take care of itself. WRONG! It takes a lot of planning, work, and organization to put this together. R.:W.: Terry Wihlen, and his Committee, will be working very hard to make sure that everything goes well.

What is needed from the Lodges is their support. All widows must be contacted. It is not enough to just write a letter and expect a reply. All letters should be followed up with a phone call. Rides should be provided. Utmost care should be given to each lady who wants to attend. If we fail in this effort, then we should really examine our priorities.

Attendance at the Luncheon has been going down over the last few years. I believe that one of the reasons is lack of effort on our part. When I see Lodges bring 1 or 2 ladies, it is an indication that somebody is not doing their job. The husbands of these ladies gave their time and effort to the Craft. The very least we can do is honor their memory to their wives and ladies. It is time that some of us get off our complacent butts and get to work to support this function and make it a very special occasion.

By the way, have a happy day. □

Monroe Brotherhood Fund



Philip Hurwitz, Chairman

On behalf of Grand Lodge, and R.:W.: Robert Stack (State Brotherhood Fund Chairman), I thank all of you for your generous donations to date to the Brotherhood Fund.

According to Grand Lodge figures, the Monroe District has raised \$18,615.50 as of December

31, 2000. 17% of the District membership has contributed to the Fund.

Your Lodge should be getting ready to send out a Spring appeal for donations to the Brotherhood Fund. I urge each of you to give as generously as your circumstances allow.

The Masonic Home has invited our District to come to Utica to see the Home this Spring. A bus will take us to the Home on April 28th. We will meet the bus at Damascus Temple at 6:30 a.m.

The tour itself will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with lunch provided. Seating on the bus is limited. Give your reservations to your Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairman. Reservation deadline is March 31st.

To all Lodge Chairman

Keep up the good work. If you need supplies, you can directly contact the Brotherhood Fund at 212-463-7485 or e-mail at lois@nyfreemason.com; prea@nyfreemason.com or robert.stack@freemason.com; or contact me directly at 720-6019. □

Bureau of Masonic Education
Monroe County

President:
V.:W.: John Zabel

By V.:W.: John Zabel
Officers' roles

The Lodge was having a pretty good year, all things considered. The Master had scheduled several very interesting programs. The attendance had been better than expected. The Ritual work was good, maybe even better than usual. On the other side of the coin, more than one officer had indicated that their employer was transferring them out of town. This, obviously, left several holes in the line of officers.

George had been asked by the Master to serve on the Nominating Committee. The Master asked the Committee to help find Brothers to fill some of the soon to be vacant offices, plus fill the usual entry-level spot. The Committee met and came up with several names. George was asked to call one of the Brothers being considered. The Brother had never served as a Lodge officer, but appeared to be well qualified.

"Hank, this is George. How are you doing?"

"I'm fine, how are you?", asked Hank.

"I'm fine", replied George.

"Hank, I'm calling to ask if you would be interested in taking the office of Junior Deacon next year? Tom will be moving up to Senior Deacon and we just learned that Frank will be moving out of town. Sam, the Junior Master of Ceremony does not want to jump to Junior Deacon at




Brother Terry Wihlen, Jr. receiving his completion Certificate from R.:W.: Jim De Lorenzo, GDC and R.:W.: Bill Lindsay, DDGM.



District Officers present at the R. to E. Session in Dansville: R.: & V.:W.:s Bill Lindsay - DDGM; Cliff Short; Jim De Lorenzo; and Keith Stambach - Mon., Ray Barber - DDGM and Arthur Drew - G/W; Bill Jones - DDGM and Stu Smith - Wayne; Bob Schultz DDGM and Dave Lathers - Steuben; and R.:W.: Gene Flint - Staff Off. - Livingston. (Photo courtesy W Lindsay)

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this time. So, we have an opening for a Junior Deacon. The Nominating Committee is thinking of you for the position and would like your input."

"I'm pleased you asked, but I really don't know what the duties would be", said Hank.

"Well, to start with, every officer is expected to attend every meeting. As Junior Deacon you would have a small, but important part in opening Lodge. Second, other than opening and closing, the Junior Deacon is usually asked to do the Apron Presentation in the 1st Degree. Third, you would be asked to work on one of the Lodge committees, most probably the Brotherhood Fund Drive Committee. There will also be Degree rehearsals and officer meetings that may be scheduled concurrently", stated George.

"It doesn't sound too bad, except for the Ritual part. I don't know that I can learn the speeches. I've never memorized anything before."

"Not even in school?", asked George.

"Well, there was the "Midnight Ride of Paul Revere" in Junior High School, but nothing since", said Hank.

"The Ritual parts are not nearly as challenging as that poem, besides, I will be more than willing to help you learn the Lectures", replied George.

"I would have a problem running the Brotherhood Fund Drive all by myself."

"Again, I can help, but more importantly you can ask any Brother to help. Some will be willing and some won't, but you can build a team to handle the Drive", replied George. "After all, we are all Brothers and should help each other when needed."

"Well, thinking of it in that way, Brother helping Brother, I will be willing to take the job", said Hank.

"Good, I'll tell the Nominating Committee and the Senior Warden. He should be talking to you soon to help him plan next year", said George.

"Good, George, I'll see you at the next meeting."

"See you then, Hank. Good-bye", George replied and hung up.

What's happening

If you missed the "Road to the East" Course in Dansville, contact either Jim De Lorenzo or Cliff Short for information on the Course presentation in another District or area.

The third of the LSOME Programs will be held on March 29th. This session will cover the 3rd Degree portion of the LSOME Program. We hope that the attendees will learn more about Freemasonry and have a good time. A notice for this session will be communicated to the Lodges.

Leadership Development Course

Some may have been wondering when the Leadership Development Course will be given. We have decided not to present the Course this Masonic year. However, the Course will be presented next Fall. That presentation will be the last for the current Course as the Course is being redone.

The new Course will be called the, "Masonic Development Course." It is being re-focused toward the basic knowledge a Brother needs to help assimilate the lessons taught in the three Degrees. We are looking forward to the completion of the new Course. Our District Deputy and yours truly are part of the redevelopment team.



**Monroe
Masonic
Secretaries
Association**

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Karl-Heinz M. Reich
426-6836

Secretary/Treasurer
Philip Averbach
458-1817

The annual meeting of the Monroe Secretaries Association was held on January 29th at the Downtown Masonic Temple. Before the meeting, we were served dinner, well prepared by Hildegard DiJames and Joy Woodley.

The meeting opened with a prayer by R. W. William R. Lindsay. There were about 15 members in attendance. After the introduction of all members present, the first order of business was the Election of Officers for the year 2001.

Since I had held the job as Vice President, I was nominated and elected to be President for the year 2001. W. Michael G. Schwartz was nominated and elected to be the Vice President.

As usual, if you do a good job, you will get elected again. This did happen to our faithful Secretary, R. W. Philip Averbach, who also accepted another term as Secretary for 2001.

W. Thomas Kendig passed out brochures-pamphlets for personalized stamped envelopes from the United States Postal Service. A very good propaganda method, for Masonic organizations.


For the main event of the night, R. W. Richard Friedman explained in the smallest detail the Masonic Lodge Secretary System (MLSS).

Brother Rich set up his personal computer. Several questions were answered to solve individual problems. He also promised that he will return for another follow-up meeting at a later date.

As a personal note, I thank Brother Rich for the interesting lecture and I invite all individuals who are interested in bookkeeping and the future of their respected Masonic organization to attend the next time. We will see you at the next meeting.

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Fraternal greetings from the East. It is hard to believe that half of my Mastership has been completed. Sorry for forgetting to write my article, but there was nothing really going on.

Welcome

First off, I welcome three new Brothers to our Lodge.

Thank you

On Monday, February 12th, Charlotte/Corinthian was at the

Greece Ridge Center Mall for the Have-a-Heart Campaign. The proceeds help the Ronald McDonald House. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to support this charity.

1st Degree

On March 6th we will be having a 1st Degree with the Senior Warden in the East.

Brunch

On Saturday, March 17th, we will be having our Annual Lodge Brunch from 10:00 a.m. to noon. W. Tom Grape has posted additional information on this event.

Circus

Let's not forget that the Shrine Circus is approaching fast and volunteers are needed. If you are interested, please contact Larry Thibault at his home, 225-2768, or the Shrine Office, 671-7701.

News from the Brotherhood Fund Chairman

By W. Tom Grape

Brunch

Our Annual Lodge Brunch will be at the Lodge from 10:00 a.m. to noon on March 17th. This year we will have a simplified menu of pancakes, sausages, and syrups and a new theme. The Lodge will buy your and your families' breakfasts when you make your donation to the Brotherhood Fund. The recommended donation is \$6.00 for each Brother attending, \$2.00 per adult for other attendees, and \$1.00 per child under 12.

Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund is our major Blue Lodge charity endeavor and your donation can be directed to the Grand Master's Allocation, Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, Masonic Home in Utica, Veteran's Hospital Program, Masonic Youth Foundation, Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program, Livingston Masonic Library, or all of the above. You can pay by check made out to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, or by credit card. Appropriate forms and envelopes will be available at the door.

Special diet?

If you cannot attend because of special dietary concerns, call me at 621-5282 and I will endeavor to accommodate your needs. I would appreciate a call and a number of attendees in each Brother's party so that no one will go away hungry. If you can't attend for any other reason, but would like to make a contribution to the Brotherhood Fund, give or mail me your check or money order, made out to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, showing who is the designated recipient. My address is 854 Latta Rd., Rochester, NY 14612.

Can you help?

If you would like to help work on this event, we need cooks, servers, dish washers, and clerks. Please volunteer!

School of Ritual

By R. W. Joe Privitera
First of all, I must apologize for the mistake I made in last month's article. I said that the School of Ritual was January 30th, when it really was January 29th. I received several phone calls wondering about the correct date. It proves that someone out there is reading the Lodge column.

The good news is that 15 Brothers from Charlotte/Corinthian were present at Northfield Lodge for the School. The format was changed from Degree work to etiquette and protocol. It was

very interesting. We were led by SW Bill King. Also present were Brothers Harold Bollotin, Jim De Lorenzo, Dick Felgner, Don Freeman, Don Fox, Tom Grape, Chuck Harwell, Mike Hueston, Dave Jones, Tom Paglia, Cliff Short, Chuck Simpson, Keith Stambach and myself.

The next School of Ritual will be on the West side. Yes, my Brothers, there is life West of the Genesee River. It will be at Etoian Lodge in Spencerport, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 29th. If you need a ride, want to car pool or just need directions, just call me at home, 392-5583, or the office, 392-5030. We need everyone's support to keep the Banner. Thank you for your help.

Past Masters Night

Tuesday, April 3rd, will be Past Masters Night at Lodge. The Past Masters will be putting on the 2nd Degree. Please call me at the above numbers. I will be in touch with the Past Masters to take a part in this Degree. All Past Masters will be recognized.

I hope to see you in Lodge! ☐

**Electrifying
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Tom Paglia

Case one

This call was for dimmer switches that felt hot to the touch. The only reason they found out they were hot is because a lady wearing a sleeveless dress leaned against them. There was a bank of five dimmer switches and she must have been surprised when she leaned against them. Someone asked if they could be replaced, you know what the answer to that one is. How difficult would it be to replace dimmer switches? So, they bought five new dimmer switches, he replaced

them like a nice guy and said how's that and just charged for the switches. When I took them out of the wall, two had started to show signs of burning, two had wires burned back at least two inches and the other had completely burned out.

These dimmers controlled the lights in a large dining room area and each fixture, of which there were five, had 12 bulbs of 75 watts each. You do the math (almost 900 watts). The dimmer switches, however, were only rated at 600 watts, 300 watts short of the necessary protection to just light them, let alone handle them for 6 or 7 hours at a time. What was needed was 100 watt dimmer switches.

After repairing the five, the manager asked if I could look at one more. I found the same problem there. They were lucky the building was still standing.

The manager then asked if I would look at the fixtures in the bar area. "Sure," I said. I looked at the first one, put a pair of gloves on and proceeded to remove the bulb, thinking that might be the problem. He said that he had done that. You guessed it, as I started to turn the bulb, there was one flash and the breaker went. What he had done was twist the entire socket. It wasn't enough to short it out, but my turning it finished the job.

It turned out that there were three fixtures like that and I had to remove all three from the ceiling to work on them. The first one was just about hanging on, because all the nuts that held it were loose. One nut was cross threaded with just a half thread holding it in place. The wires were all burnt. All three were a complete mess. In fact one of the sockets was shorted out, but did not blow the breaker because there was no ground wire attached

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As Spring approaches, the activities of Clio Lodge are in full swing. We have revised the trestleboard for the next few months. Details are listed in the ensuing article.

Kudos

Thanks to all Brothers and their families for their work during the recent Have-a-Heart Campaign. Supporting the local Ronald McDonald House charities, while enjoying great fellowship at the same time, what a deal! We all win!

The Spaghetti "Team" again did a remarkable job in serving dinners to the community on February 14th and 28th. Upcoming Spaghetti Dinners will be March 14th and 28th. See you there! Your help in and about the kitchen is always needed to lighten the load.

The "Team" was in full force to sponsor a dinner for our local Ronald McDonald House on February 19th. What a pleasure to see the families of loved ones take a needed break, and enjoy a home-cooked meal under stressful times. After dinner the "Team" was given a tour by the staff, and the realization really set in of the importance of having friendly surroundings available, in such a time of need. This is truly fellowship at its best.

Important dates and changes

We will be participating in the upcoming School of Ritual, March 29th, at Etolian Lodge. The officers wish to see you there in support, as we portray the first section of the 3rd Degree, with members of Oatka Lodge completing the Degree work.

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

The Investigating Committee is busy. With positive balloting, we have penciled in dates for Degree work. The 1st Degree is March 20th, 2nd Degree on April 17th and the 3rd Degree is slated for May 1st. Come out and show your support for the candidate(s) and the Degree Teams.

The Service Awards presentation will be April 3rd. Details to follow.

The 36th Annual Ox Roast will be Saturday, May 5th. Your help in supporting this main fundraiser is needed, and will be appreciated. Stay tuned for details, or better yet, visit your Lodge and see what you are missing.

Jeopardy

The team of officers vs. sideliners competition was fierce when answers in the form of a question prevailed in our version of Jeopardy on February 20th. Who won? Everyone who attended.

Did you forget?!

For those Brothers who have not yet remitted their dues, blow the dust off the wallet. Is there some reason you forgot? Let us know if we can be of some assistance. Do not be bashful, we do have an attentive ear.

March birthdays

Congratulations to Allen Mercer on achieving more light (how many candles, Al?)

Closing

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

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By Robert Ogden

Pancake Luncheon

W. Bill Hook has arranged for another luncheon bus trip on Thursday, March 29th to Short Track for Buckwheat Pancakes with genuine Maple Syrup, Ham and Sausage. Departure will be from the Shrine Mosque on Bay Road. Please call the Mosque at 671-7701 or Brother Hook at 671-6452 for reservations.

Widows Luncheon

The 15th Annual Widows Luncheon will be held on March 31st at Logan's Party House. Widows will be contacted soon by Brothers Jack Grover, Ed Walker and myself. Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Extended Care

Brother Warren Doerr has scheduled Mary Beth Davidson as our speaker for our dinner meeting with the ladies on March 6th. Her subject is "Extended Care".

Grand Master's Cruise

Brother Derek VanHouten and Judy recently returned from an Eastern Caribbean cruise with the Grand Master at which time he presented Derek with a gift of a Weather Station to be given to our Master, W. Gabe Milonni. It was a complete surprise to Brother Gabe, as well as the



Louise Milonni and Gabe Milonni with a Brother from Eunice Lodge at the Mail at Greece-Ridge Center. (Photo courtesy V. Frankel)

Brothers present, and he stated he would count it among his treasures. Derek said he and Judy enjoyed the cruise immensely with approximately 60 other Masons and wives.

Note of thanks

I sure appreciated and thank all for the several get well cards and phone calls from my Brothers during my recovery from a fractured collar bone on New Year's Day.

In memoriam

Karen Strickland's mother, Ruth Allen, passed away on January 17th. Our sincere sympathy to Karen, Chuck and the family. Several Brothers attended a Masonic Service to offer their sympathies to the family and friends of Brother Samuel E. Grover, who passed away January 31st.

Masonic Brotherhood Fund

The total received to date is \$2,702.00 from 76 donors. Last year at this time our total was \$3,993.00, with 105 contributors. If you haven't contributed, please do so as soon as possible.

Birthdays

Many happy returns to the Brothers who were born in March: Clyde Siverd, Duane King, Ron Freida, Clif Hayner, Jay Rodgers, Larry Weekes, Fred Martin, Doug Fix, Pat MacWhinney, Hal Russell, Don Deback, Dick Howard, Lew Schultz, Earl Kraft, George Steele and Dick Barth.

March meetings

There will be a dinner meeting, with ladies invited, on March 6th.

The 2nd Degree rehearsal will be March 13th.

The 2nd Degree will be conferred on March 20th.

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It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of two Brothers. Brother Charles Briggs passed on January 21st and was a faithful Mason for 73 years, and R. W. Roger Lowry died on January 27th and was a Mason for 50 years. I know that I speak for the Lodge when I say that these Brothers will be sorely missed. I

thank R. W. Ray Beardsley for conducting the Service for R. W. Roger Lowry, and all the Brothers in attendance.

Have-a-Heart

February 3rd was Northfield's day at Eastview Mall. It was a great success, thanks to the efforts of Brothers: Dean Smith, Jim Weick, Bill Spillane, R.J. "the mouth of the South" Muto, Dick Trolley, Pedro Ugalde, Harold and Sylvia Bollotin, Roy Daniel and my son, Matthew, who helped by stringing the hearts together and hanging them. We collected just over \$770.00. Nice job, and thank you!

Brotherhood Fund

By now, you should have received an envelope containing a letter from our Senior Deacon, Pedro Ugalde, asking for your support for the Brotherhood Fund. I ask that you continue to support the programs as you have in the past, as liberally as you can. Thank you.

2nd Degree

March 15th is the date of the 2nd Degree. JW Dean Smith will be in the East. Please come out and show your support. There will be a dinner. If you are not contacted by March 10th, call Brother Dean Smith with your reservation at 586-9298.

Education assistance

I have applications for the Masonic Education Assistance Program for anyone who would like one. They may be obtained from me by calling 787-3357. It is open to any children, grandchildren and widows of Master Masons. Please direct questions to James E. Sullivan at 434-5401.

Food Cupboard

The Pittsford Food Cupboard sent us a letter asking for our help again to collect non-perishable foods such as powdered milk, canned veggies, cereal, jelly, pasta, toiletries, etc. There will be a box inside the Lodge to put your donations in. Bring something to Lodge next time. If you would like to make a personal donation you may contact Carolyn Huntress at 383-0861, or log on to cghuntress@aol.com.

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I hope this letter finds each of you in good health.

Meeting

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

Dinner

There is a dinner scheduled for Thursday, March 1st. We will meet at FDR's in Henrietta at 6:30 p.m. Please join us for a relaxing evening.

Merger

We are scheduled to meet with Fairport Lodge on Monday, March 5th, at 7:30 p.m. to further our discussions concerning the upcoming merger. I will report

the details as they become available. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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

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Many of our Brothers participated in the recent Have-a-Heart Campaign to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Our Lodges attended booths at various malls throughout the area in hopes that many of the mall travelers would make donations for the Ronald McDonald House. Through this activity, the Lodges in our District have become one of the major supporters of this worthy cause.

The Ronald McDonald House provides housing for the families who have someone in our local hospitals for special treatment. These are usually families from out of town who want to be nearby for their frequent visits during hospital stays. The proceeds from this endeavor will be presented to the staff at the Ronald McDonald House in combination with the Masters and Wardens meeting, held at that location on Saturday, April 14th. Let's have a good turnout for this meeting, and, as usual, the Deacons are also invited to attend.

Preceding our regular meeting at the Lodge on March 12th, we will have a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to call in your reservation to SW Jim Nersinger at 334-9057.


The Fellowcraft Club will be meeting on Monday, March 26th, at 7:00 p.m. If you need further information on this group, give a call to our Junior Warden, Gary Sanford, at 425-4240. We try to do the types of projects that will improve the Lodge. Perhaps you have some ideas to pass along.

The next School of Ritual will be presented by our Assistant Grand Lecturers on Thursday, March 29th, at Etolian Lodge in Spencerport. The address there is 133 S. Union Street. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m., but you should be a little early to sign in. The scheduled topic to be covered at this School will be the 3rd Degree, but this may be subject to change. The last meeting covered Etiquette and Protocol and was very enlightening.

These School sessions are presented through the hard work of the Assistant Grand Lecturers and the officers of the participating Lodges, and they always impart us with knowledge to help with the procedures in our own Lodges.

If any of our Brothers might be interested in learning about the Scottish Rite or the Shrine, talk to me or to W. Richard Dye, we are both Ambassadors. On Friday, March 2nd, the Scottish Rite will be having a Brother Bring-a-Brother Night at the Downtown Temple, which will include a dinner. Give me a call if you would be interested in going to learn more about this Concordant Body of the Masons.

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Thursdays
7:30 P.M.

W. Paul Sobtzcik, Sec.
671-8980

On January 18th we had a 3rd Degree with W. Bernie Russell in the East. I thank Bernie and all the Officers for conferring an excellent Degree. A special thank you to the Fellowcraft Club for the great work in the Second Section and a special thanks to R. W. Keith Stambach, who came to help. We had over 40 Brothers in attendance for the Degree.

I welcome 2 new Brothers to Webster Lodge, namely, Ron Bryant and Ed Malchoff. We hope to see you in Lodge.

Special guests

On February 1st we had as special guests the Sea Explorers No. 303. They showed a video of their sailing ship, The Lotus, and explained all the things they do while sailing. Their ages range from 13 thru 19. In the Summer they have a fundraising Chicken Bar-B-Que and a 2 hour sail around Sodus Bay for \$25.00. I'm looking forward to that!

March

At our first meeting in March we will have a brief meeting, close Lodge, and go out to visit some Brothers who have not been able to come to meetings and let them know they are not forgotten.

On March 8th is the Fellowcraft meeting and I am still looking for help on the drop ceiling and small jobs around the Lodge.

At the March 15th meeting we will have Lodge of Remembrance and Brother Speaker Night. At this they will speak about themselves, and give a brief history about what they do for a living and their hobbies.

We see the Brothers at meetings, but know very little about them. This is a good way to learn about one another.

March 22-25th is the Shrine Circus at the Blue Cross Arena. Webster Lodge will be helping out at a food booth. If you want to help, please call me at 265-3932. We will need help for all 3 days. There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowcraft room.

March 29th will be the School of Ritual and this will be at Etoilian Lodge in Spencerport. At the last School of Ritual they had informal talks with questions. This was something new and well received by all.

March 31st is the Widows Luncheon at Logan's. We will be looking for help to drive the ladies to the luncheon. If you would like to help, call me.

Webster Lodge and Webster Eastern Star have donated \$200.00 they have received from donations toward a van for Carol Ortis. This is a fundraiser for Webster Kiwanis. Carol is a volunteer, a Visiting Nurse patient, and a quadriplegic. She donated 50 hours per week to volunteerism. A fundraising effort is underway to purchase a new specially adapted van for her, as her van is now 13 years old and in need of many repairs.

If you would like to help, mail checks to: Webster Kiwanis Club, Inc., PO Box 632, Webster, NY 14580.

Happy birthday


To all the Brothers who are celebrating birthdays in March, we wish you a great day.

Please take time to smell the roses. See you in Lodge and check the *Masonic Times* for all upcoming events.

For the calendar

March 1st-regular meeting.
March 2nd-Spaghetti Dinner at Webster Lodge, 30 Orchard St. 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., \$6.00 adults and \$3.00 children.
March 15th-regular meeting.

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

Leon VanHuben, Secretary
647-1391

The name March is derived from Mars, the Roman god of war. In fact, it is a time of battle between the entrenched forces of Winter and the invading Spring. Sudden storms, resulting from the collision of warm and cold air are the norm. Winds gust, sending hats and paper through the air. Hats are chased and coats and dresses billow.

Condolences

The sympathy of the Lodge was extended to our Secretary, Leon VanHuben, who lost his father in February. Ralph VanHuben was a long-time Brother whose devotion to participation in the Craft will be ever remembered.

News


According to Grand Lodge, the merger is proceeding as fast as can be expected. I hope to have more about this matter at the next meeting.

Our Ladies Day fete was a grand success. The food and fellowship were outstanding.

Again, I would remind everyone to contact me with news of anyone in sickness or distress, or in need of our aid or sympathy.

Finally, we're starting to get hot-stove news again. Soon we'll be seeing Grapefruit and Cactus League games. Ah, Spring, when a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of baseball! I'm asking you, "Who's on first?"

Seneca Lodge
No. 797
Second Tuesday
6:00 P.M.



W. Michael C. Ferguson
359-9052
Robert C. Green, Jr., Secretary
223-5953
30 Orchard St.,
Webster, N.Y. 14580

Spring is just around the corner, and it's time to get growing. It's time to plan your garden and the plantings around the home,


and it's time to grow our Lodge. March 13th is our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. It is time to talk to your friends and acquaintances whom you feel are good candidates for membership. We have had numerous discussions on how our Lodge can prosper into this millennium, and it all boils down to increased membership. I am counting on you to bring your friends and introduce them to our fine Craft. We need to get a head count as soon as possible. We already have 3 commitments, and I am looking forward to many more. Please call in your reservations for you and your guests ASAP to me at 359-9052 or to Brother Ray Glegg at 223-3433.

April 10th will be a night to remember, as we will take a Past Masters photo. We haven't done this since 1985. The cast of characters will be memorable. We haven't had much response for a Past Master's Night, with Past Masters filling the chairs, but it is still early. Any volunteers?

Canadian visit

Don't forget our Canadian Brethren's visit on the weekend of May 18th and 19th. It will be held at the Lodge at Woodcliff in Fairport. There will be an open house Friday night, a golf tournament on Saturday morning, a Lodge activity Saturday afternoon, and a dinner on Saturday night. Stay tuned for further details.

O-At-Ka
Lodge No. 759



W. Peter Fallone
Master
594-0231

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

R. W. Lawrence W. Dunn
Secretary 594-8033
5 Browns Ave.
Scottsville, N.Y. 14546

Good news

Brother Terry Wright had his surgery and is doing ok, and we are looking forward to his return to Lodge. Hurry back, Terry.

Not so good news

We had a problem with the roof of the Lodge during a recent high wind. We will be fixing that soon. Thanks to all of the Brothers who have gotten materials for the job.

Thanks

We had a little conflict with our Pancake Breakfast. It seems that two other parties also had Breakfasts that day. Thanks to all of the Brothers from other Lodges who came out. It's always great to see you all.

Changes


At our next meeting, we will discuss selling the building after the repairs are made and possibly building a new one. May God be on our side.

If we do build a new Lodge hall, we have to remember to make it tall enough for the East, or we will have to put it outside. (Just joking).

Dinner-Dance

As we do every year, we will be having our St. Patrick's Day Dinner-Dance. Please come out and join us. Tickets are \$30.00 per couple and \$15.00, single. Music will be by Southern Comfort and the food will be cooked by our very own Larry Blazey and Rich Fimbel. Come out and have a great time.

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

As I sit here at my desk and listen to the rain, I wonder if the weather will ever be nice again.

Dinner

Our OES Dinner was a huge success with 55 members and ladies in attendance. The next dinner with the ladies will be March 12th and a choral group will entertain us.

Degrees

Our 1st Degree was held on February 26th with three candidates. The 2nd Degree will be on March 26th.

I remind you of a point in the 1st Degree. You promised to attend all meetings, regular and summoned, of the Lodge subject to the length of your cabledow, health, work and family allowing.


Statistics

We need more members. According to a report I received from Grand Lodge for the last 10 years, we received 50 new members, but lost 150 to deaths, demits or suspensions.

Sickness

It was nice to see R. W. Fred Nielsen up and around and back in Lodge. JD Bill Cobb had a short stay in Rochester General Hospital and is now home. R. W. Bob Zabel and W. Ted Snyder both had operations and are doing well. I will be going in for minor surgery on March 5th. I wish they had a zipper on it.

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

www.geocities.com/
churchvillelodges667/
W. George R. Burke,
Secretary 293-1629

We have a new website: www.geocities.com/churchville-lodge667/

Spring is around the corner. I hope the weather will be improving over the next few weeks allowing more of our Brothers to venture out to Lodge.

Date change

Our 3rd Degree is now scheduled for March 28th. The Shrine Degree Team will be visiting our Lodge that night to confer the Degree. I'm sure our new Brothers will appreciate their effort, as I have many times in the past. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the Degree starting at 7:30 p.m. For reservations call me at 594-1545.

Table Lodge

Our Table Lodge in February was well received. We had a number of guests in attendance and I'm sure that the evening was

thoroughly enjoyable for all. As a direct result of the dinner, I believe we will be getting a few new petitions. I thank Brothers Craig Mollon and Alan Jeerings, along with all the other contributors, for the success of the evening.

Thank you

Special thanks to Nolatka Chapter, OES, and all those who turned out for the Have-a-Heart Fund Drive! It was a huge success.

Picnic news

Yes, we are having another picnic! The date is June 9th. The place: Pinetree Lodge in Churchville Park. The price this year will be \$10.00 per family and include hots, hamburgers, and sausage. Bring a dish to pass. Reservations are a must and can be given to any officer in Lodge.

Best wishes

At this time Brother George Simon has been experiencing a bout of poor health and many stays in the hospital. We are all especially proud of him for all he has meant to us and we wish him a speedy recovery. We hope to see him in Lodge real soon!

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My apology for missing the deadline for the last article. No excuse. I did not plan well enough. Had there been an article, it would have communicated that we held the 2nd Degree with nine Brothers, one of which was a guest from Churchville Lodge. The Degree went well and the Fellowcrafts were provided a memorable 2nd Degree.

ERAC No. 163 was responsible for covering Marketplace Mall on Thursday, February 8th, for the Have-a-Heart Campaign. At the request of R.: W.: Don Darrohn, this was an additional shift. Our day to cover Marketplace Mall was February 12th, from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m. This was our scheduled Lodge night, and an open event where family and friends were welcome.

Speaker

R.: W.: Tom Paglia was our guest speaker on February 26th. He spoke on Veterans Services, which included a video presentation. As usual, there was a dinner before the meeting. It was pasta, in honor of our Italian American Brother!

The 3rd Degree will be held on March 12th, which will prove to be the epic event of my year. I have been privileged to confer all 3 Degrees for a rather large class of Brothers, and hope that the consistency of the Degree Team will result in these Brothers feeling quite connected to the Lodge and Masonry as a whole. Please come out for this august event. I guarantee you will not be disappointed, and your presence will be appreciated by the newly raised Brothers.

Move-Up Night will be held March 26th, when the Officer line moves up a chair in preparation for next year. Please come and encourage their growth. As usual, there will be a dinner preceding the evening's work. You may make your dinner reservations by calling Joe Bogmis at 423-1965 or by e-mailing him a joebogmis@hotmail.com

Thank you for your support and energy. Call me whenever necessary at 334-8265 or send me an e-mail Lperna@peoplepc.com




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W.: Nelson Bertch,
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671-4792

3rd Tues.
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1st Tues.
My., Jr., Oct.
7:30 P.M.

Secretary
W.: John H. Foster 467-1677

By W.: Dave Foster

March!! The month Spring starts-at least according to the calendar. Hopefully, the calendar will be right and the weather will cooperate. Well, can't do anything about the weather, but you can make the decision to come out to Lodge. Our meeting this month will be Tuesday, March 20th, and will be a 2nd Degree. Please be sure to make a special effort to come that night and help bring our newest Brother to more light with your presence. Your officers would also appreciate your support. These men put in a lot of effort and their work shows it. A Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. will precede the meeting.

Effective group

Thanks to all the Brothers from Germania Lodge who manned the booth for the Have-a-Heart Campaign this past February 4th. We were a small, but effective, group. We can be proud that we helped to make life for folks in a difficult situation easier. This is what Masonry is all about!

Consolidation

As to the status of our consolidation with Fame Lodge, as of this writing, I still have not heard anything from Grand Lodge. As we know more, we'll let you know.

Brotherhood Fund

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

Sickness

I hope this finds you all healthy and enjoying yourselves, and by the time this is published, Brother Joe Minas will be back up to snuff. Get well soon, Joe!

If you (or if you hear of one of our Brothers) who are under the weather or otherwise needs our help or charity, please make sure you call one of your officers.

Remember, if you have a question whether or not we are having Lodge due to the weather, call one of your officers 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 March birthdays.

See you in Lodge.

We hate to NAG you...



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

**District Deputy
Grand Master**
Genesee/Wyoming



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

I congratulate the Brothers who put on the "Road to the East" Program at Dansville. It shows what can be done when we work together.

I also congratulate W.: Dennis Parmerter on his election to President of the Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities. Let's all get behind him and get the Council moving forward. If your Lodge is not involved, it is missing out, and you are only hurting yourselves. Thanks to George Springett for all the work he did as President and Secretary.

Installation


Spring is just around the corner and it will soon be time to think about installation of officers. If your Lodge is going to have a joint installation, you must get a dispensation. If you are going to have the Purple Apron Club do the installation, contact R.: W.: Jerold Brade, R.: W.: Ken Kohlhausen, or R.: W.: Vernon Rupert.

Two Lodges have had 3rd Degrees in February. Let's keep up the good work.

The Masonic War Vets held their meeting on January 31st. They have 19 members and have applied for their Charter. They will be available to any Lodge that would like a Color Guard for installation or other activity. Their next meeting will be March 29th at 7:30 p.m., to be held at Mt. Vernon. They are still looking for new members.

Keep thinking positive!
God bless you.

West Star
Lodge No. 413
F. & A.M.



W.: Dennis G. Parmerter,
Master
786-3544

1st & 3rd
Mondays

R.: W.: Kenneth E. Kohlhausen,
Secretary 591-9598

2473 Route 20A
Varysburg, N.Y. 14167

By W.: William Geitner

I hope everyone is fine and avoiding the flu. I haven't seen any robins yet, but Spring is coming!

There's lots of news, so I will get started. On January 15th our DDGM, R.: W.: Ray Barber, visited West Star and presented R.: W.: Kenneth Kohlhausen and me the Millennium Military Service Award and Pin. It's nice to have the veterans recognized.

In March, besides our regular meetings, West Star has two extra events. Our Brother Bring-a-Friend Program has been postponed to March 11th, at 2:00 p.m.

Any Brother in the District is welcome to bring a friend. Contact W.: Dennis at 786-3544 if you have a friend or have any questions. Also, the Council of Masonic Activities will be meeting at West Star on Sunday, March 18th, at 2:00 p.m.

April 2nd will be our Annual Uniform Night. Anyone who wears a uniform is welcome to wear it to Lodge on this night. It will be a fun night. There will be pictures. The 16th of April will be Awards Night. We have nine Brothers who will be receiving Awards for 5 to 50 years of Masonic Service. We will try to get this picture in the *Masonic Times*.

Several years ago West Star had Lodge jackets made. We have a few members who are interested in buying new jackets, but we need six for a minimum order. If anyone is interested in ordering a West Star Lodge No. 413 jacket, please contact Carl at 535-7472.

I have something I would like all Masons to think about for just one minute. I became a Master Mason almost 20 years ago and I don't remember (Days of Obligations) ever being explained. I've done almost all the parts of all 3 Degrees, as well as Masonic Education, for new candidates. Maybe we should spend a little time explaining The Days of Obligation to our candidates, as they take their 3 Degrees.

Statistics

From 1900 to date we've gained 27 members, but at the same time, we lost 39 members, 16 by unaffiliation and 23 by being passed to the Grand East. This is a deficit of 12 members in just 10 years. Today our membership number is 48. This is why Brother Bring-a-Friend Night is so important. Your help is important! That's enough for now!

It would be nice to see you sitting on the sidelines some 1st or 3rd Monday. Take care of yourself until then.

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



2nd & 4th
Tuesdays

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Secretary
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I suppose it is entirely natural at this time of year to entertain thoughts of the main subject of the present, the "weather", for those of us who reside in upstate New York. As I write, I am looking out at the thermometer and it is reading 54°. I then turned on the TV and radio and am informed that by this time tomorrow, it will be 20° or so. As we all have been told many times, we can complain about the weather, but can do nothing about changing it. I suppose it gives us some kind of relief just to complain about it. I remind myself, again being a resident of upstate New York, that Spring is just around the corner. Which corner, I do not know. I wonder how many of my Brethren are also suffering from this "cabin fever" phenomenon?

Dinner and Awards

Plans are underway for our annual "Awards and Recognition Dinner" in honor of the ladies of our deceased Brethren and the recognition of those of our Brethren with many years of commit-

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ment to our great Fraternity. Tentative plans for this event should be for a Saturday evening late in the Month of April or early May. As soon as the planning and scheduling is accomplished, you will be notified.

"Flower Talk"

Another event which all are invited to will be held on Tuesday, May 9th at the Masonic Temple in Batavia. Members of the Order of DeMolay will be presenting the "Flower Talk" at an open meeting to be held on that date. This will coincide with the celebration of Mother's Day on the following Sunday.

This is an open invitation to all the ladies, Brethren and widows. If you have never witnessed this presentation, I can assure you that you will come away with an indelible memory of this event. It is probably one of the most beautiful ceremonies I have ever witnessed. Final details will be included in next month's column of this publication.

Brotherhood Fund

The Lodge chairman of the Brotherhood Campaign reported that we have had approximately 25% participation at this point in time. Those who intend to make a contribution to this charitable program, please do so at your earliest convenience. The end of this year's campaign is rapidly coming to a close.

Flu season

I do not have any specific knowledge of any Brethren or members of their families who are presently known to be incapacitated or confined with sickness. I am aware, however, that several of the Brethren are suffering from the flu and we wish them a speedy recovery.

Sorry

I apologize to all for not relaying information on the loss of one of our Brothers during the month of December. Brother Barry P. Plue, who has resided in Arizona for the last few years, passed to the Eternal East on December 19, 2000. Brother Barry is the son of W.: Richard Plue, also presently residing in AZ. Our sincere sympathies and condolences to his lady, Sylvia, and family.

Our sincere sympathies and condolences to the family of W.: Mike Willwerth and his lady, Louise, on the loss of her mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families.

Come out and greet him

Yesterday, as I was doing some shopping at a local grocery store, I had the pleasant surprise of meeting and greeting one of the stalwarts of Batavia Lodge, W.: Robert Clement, who was escorted by his son, Bob. I report that W.: Bob continues to do quite well for himself. It is always such a pleasant time visiting with him. He informed me that he was planning to see us in Lodge in the near future. I encourage all to come out and greet him!

Don't forget

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. Until next month, may God bless us all!

HESPERUS
Lodge No. 837
 1st and 3rd Thursday



Master
W. Norman P. Austin
 494-2223



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

Well, March is here and Spring can't be far off--can it? Before I begin, I'd like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all for the calls, cards, and expressions of concern I received following my accident. It meant so much to know that others cared, and I appreciate it more than I can ever say. Friends like you are indeed, a treasure. My cast is off now, and I have progressed to a brace, so that, I feel, is a sign of progress.

One of the traits of a successful Master, is to set an example for others to follow. Apparently, W. Dick Sands took this theory literally when he too, slipped on the ice, fell and broke his right wrist--welcome to the club, Dick! Also, W. Don Read is having shoulder problems. We wish them both hasty recoveries. In addition, W. John Bater continues to do well as he recovers.

We will soon be receiving new Aprons and Cords for our Jewels, and thanks go out to Brother Harry Tyson for his research and efforts to make this a reality. Also, our kitchen is considerably quieter now, after the replacement of the refrigerator fan. It no longer sounds as though a UFO has landed on the roof and that the Lodge is about to be invaded by aliens (hmm, (possible candidates?) Sincere appreciation is extended to W. Jim McConnell for his generous contribution of the fan, and to Brother Marty Krause for his expertise in installation--thanks, guys!

We are also in the process of having new ceiling tiles installed in both the Lodge room and the dining room, this also under the auspices of Brother Marty Krause, as the first phase of an ambitious remodeling program.

Bring-a-Friend Night

Our first Brother Bring-a-Friend Night of the year had four potential candidates joining us for the evening, and a delicious Roast Beef Dinner was enjoyed prior to the evening's activities. Our thanks are extended to W. Joe Chimino, for chairing the event, to W. Garry Hutcherson for procuring the provisions, and to Brother Marty Krause for his culinary skills in preparing the repast.

Degree

We will be adding two new Brothers to our roster as a result of these efforts, with our 1st Degree scheduled for March 15th.

Veterans

On February 20th, the Brothers of Hesperus attended Masonic Bingo Night at the VA Hospital in Batavia. It is indeed, a humbling experience to provide an evening of entertainment for these fine ladies and gentlemen who have done so much for us and for our country. My admirations for R. W. Sheldon J. Moden, who knows no bounds for all he has done for the veterans over the years.

I was remiss in not extending thanks in my previous column to R. W. Paul Smith and Brother Nevin Brick of Olive Branch Lodge, LeRoy, for coming out to join us at our recent Table Lodge. We hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we enjoyed having you with us.

Unfortunately, the Tri-Lodge Euchre Tournament mentioned in last month's article, never materialized, due to miscommunication. The next one is scheduled for Monday, April 30th. Hesperus has elected to sponsor a soccer team at the Gillam-Grant Center this Spring. Hopefully, as many Brothers as possible will attend the games to show support.


On March 1st we will be having a Veteran's Presentation by R. W. Ray Barber, DDGM, and his traveling companions. Three Brothers will be receiving recognition and certificates for service that evening.

Mollie

The Traveling Trophy continues to repose in our Lodge room, awaiting the arrival of some ambitious Brothers from other Lodges to take her out and show her some new scenery.

As an aside, I have recently been studying some Ritual for an upcoming Degree. To me, the old adage: "Practice makes perfect" rings true. I've received comments such as: "Oh, I can't do that", or, "I don't have a very good memory". In ruminating over these responses, I suspect that although Ritual work is not everyone's forte, many more are capable of such than give themselves credit. All it takes is fifteen minutes an evening to conjure success--the key is to work at it. After all, the only place success comes before work is in the dictionary. I leave you with the following thought: "Time, like a snowflake, disappears while we are deciding what to do with it."

Eagle Valley
Lodge No. 1161
 2nd & 4th
 Thurs. 8:00 p.m.



Master
W. Edwin C. Law
 322-7221

R. W. Sheldon Moden
 Secretary 322-7343
 Liberty St.
 Bliss, NY 14024

Brothers of Eagle Valley and all Brothers everywhere: this writer greets you with the warmest Fraternal greeting! As the vernal equinox approaches, our region becomes the beneficiary of the increase in the sun's warmth and light. All life responds positively to that increase.

After the seemingly long, dreary Winter, Spring is surely most welcome among us. May each of us ask the Grand Architect of the Universe in this beautiful season He provides, to move us toward the renewal of life in Spirit, and Spirit in Life, and guide us in contemplating anew the sublime principles of our Craft. Amen.

News-good and bad

The bad news is that it was found necessary for Brother Gene Chandler to undergo extensive surgery, which he did at Wyoming County Community Hospital in Warsaw, NY. The good news is that Brother Chandler is now making satisfactory progress toward recovery. Even so, he expects a somewhat lengthy

stay in the hospital and it's extended care facility. Also included under "good news", is that Brother Lyle Drake is continuing to recover-at home--from a medical problem. He, too, advises this writer that he is making satisfactory progress. Brothers Chandler and Drake would enjoy our visits and cards.

Who ya gonna call?

I guess I haven't made it clear enough in the past, so I'll try once more to "talk plain". Call me at (716) 322-7221 with news items for the *Masonic Times*, or any reason, or no reason at all if that be the case. I'll be pleased to hear from you, no matter what. See you at Lodge No. 1161, in Bliss, of course.

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



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

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

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

Bingo

With March comes Spring and Attica Lodge Bingo Night at the Batavia Veterans Hospital on Tuesday, March 20th. As in the past, eight to ten members are needed to assist the players and serve refreshments. If you can help, please meet in Building No. 4, Recreation Hall, at 6:30 p.m. It is very rewarding to see the veterans having a good time. Hope to see you there. If you need a ride, please call me.

Awards Night

Wednesday, March 21st, is Awards Night at Attica Lodge at 8:00 p.m. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP by April 11th.


Pancakes

Attica Lodge's "First Sunday of the Month Pancake Breakfast" will be held on March 4th from 8:00 a.m. to noon. No reservations are necessary, just come and enjoy our "famous all-you-can-eat pancakes" and real maple syrup.

Scholarships

Please keep the Scholarship Program in mind. You don't want to miss out and the deadline will be here before you know it.

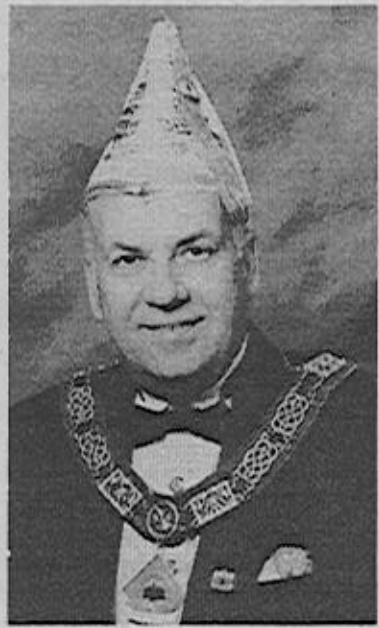
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Daymond J. Vogel
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By Albert H. Hensinger, PSTC
 At a Midwinter Conference held at Split Rock Lodge, at Lake Harmony in the Poconos of Pennsylvania, January 12th thru the 14th, 2001, Past Supreme Tall Cedar Jacob R. Corwell installed Brother Raymond J. Vogel as Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America. The keynote speaker

for the evening was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, R. W. Jack Frazier.



Brother Vogel was raised as a Master Mason in November, 1965, and joined Baltimore Forest No. 45 in December of 1965. Ray's father, grandfather, uncle, wife, mother and mother-in-law have all been active in the history of Baltimore Forest and the Cedettes of Baltimore. He is married to Brenda and has two children, Andrea and John. Brother Ray is retired from Sears Roebuck and Company, where he worked as a manager for thirty years in various stores and is now employed by the Grand Lodge.



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Brother Ray was a Past Master Counselor of Baltimore Chapter, Order of DeMolay in 1959, Drum Major of Baltimore Junior Drum Corps 1961-1965, served as a member of the Stewards of Baltimore Forest 1965-1982, served as Chief Steward 1982-1987, is a Life Member of the Tall Cedar Foundation since 1985, served as Vice President of Baltimore No. 45 Association 1987-1992, and President 1993-1995. Brother Ray served as Grand Tall Cedar of Baltimore Forest in 1989 and also President of the Officers and Past Officers Association of District No. 14, 1994-1995.

Brother Ray served as Chairman on many other committees of Baltimore Forest and has organized many affairs for his Forest. He is very proud to be a Master Mason and a Tall Cedar and promotes both organizations wherever he travels.

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Kenneth Hutchinson, Monarch

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



Kenneth Hutchinson

January was a very busy month with an excellent attendance at the Public Installation, and a positive mood...let's hope our Prophets who have been unable to attend so far, will be spurred to come and see what we've been up to.

Our Grotto meetings will be held in Cathedral Hall, and our very own Color Guard will present the colors at each meeting.

The weekend of February 2nd to the 4th found five Prophets and their Ladies at Rani Ghar Grotto's Past Monarch's Ball in Toronto.

Have-a-Heart

A tip of the fez to Frank Murrer, Jim Spencer, Ernie Swan, Dick Topel, Mike and Doris Bell, Al Pulcino III, and his lady, Shirley Kothringer, and to my lady, Edna, who accompanied me to Marketplace Mall on February 6th. We all represented the Grotto for the Have-a-Heart Campaign.

Caldron's Birthday

On Friday, February 9th, Rick's Prime Rib Restaurant was the site of the Caldron's 53rd Birthday celebration. Seven Prophets and their Ladies attended. Past Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Jean Wood, did a marvelous job as Party Chairperson, and provided excellent entertainment. It was an evening to be remembered. Our very best wishes to MCO, Doris Bell, and the Daughters of the Caldron for a very successful year.

Legion of Honor

The Legion of Honor held their Public Installation on Saturday, February 10th, at the Dutch Mill Restaurant. I had the honor and privilege of installing Commander Ernie Swan and his officers of 2001. Ernie is a man of few words, but has all the hopes, aspirations, and ambitious zeal to obtain the goals and plans for the Legion of 2001.

At the February Grotto meeting, the Revolutionary War Reinactors provided an interesting meeting.

Euchre Tournament

The Annual Euchre Tournament will be held following the March 21st Grotto meeting. A year ago I asked Don McDill if he would organize the 2001 Tournament. He has volunteered to come out of "retirement" and do just that.

Don will be assisted by Doug Spencer and his Entertainment Committee. I know all will welcome Don back to help with this fun-filled evening. If you are interested, please contact Doug Spencer at 723-8703.

You had better hurry, as reservations are going fast.

To Joe Minas, Earl DeSmith, and our other sick and shut-ins, we hope that you will soon be well and that we can greet you at a future meeting.

Please plan to attend one or all of our events. Lalla Rookh has a lot going on right now. Be part of the excitement.

Chief Justice

By Al Pulcino, III

We're on the move now! One month into the new year of our new Monarch, Ken Hutchinson, and we've been out of the country, out of town and two big nights out with dinners and all. Shirley has already forgotten how to start up the stove. A good time was had by all.

Traveling

First of all, a few of us went to Buffalo for Zulekia Grotto's Installation on the 13th of January. I, for one, was truly impressed with the Lodge, and the relaxed atmosphere of the Installation, hospitality at its best.

Then it was off to Toronto, Rani Ghar Past Monarch's Ball on February 3rd, with 4 Brothers and their Ladies. Most of you missed out on a great time, and nice weekend. We ended up with another new \$99.00 Canadian tux-pinstripes! Took the longway home, not on purpose. Nice ride!

We joined the Caldron Ladies for their Birthday Party at Rick's Prime Rib House on Friday, February 9th. When the Ladies have a doing, they all turn out. Sure did look like it for the whole room was full of people, not too many Prophets, what's up?

Next was the Installation of our own Ernest Swan and his new Officers, at the Dutch Mill on Saturday, February 10th, with 32 in attendance. Nice showing, but with all of these outings, where

Attend Grotto Meetings

Mon., March 5th-Board of Governor's Meeting
Grotto Office 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 8th-Lalla Rookh's Caldron meeting
7:30 p.m.

Mon., March 19th-Legion of Honor meeting and dinner
Dutch Mill Restaurant
6:30 p.m.

Wed., March 21st-Grotto Meeting Cathedral Hall
Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy the Fellowship

were all of the Prophets? Most of all, where were most of you officers? To be part is to take part and if we officers don't, how do we get the Prophets out? You are missing out on lots of fun and friends. So much for that.

Our next trip is to Warren, Pennsylvania, for Farrah Grotto's Past Monarch's Ball on March 10th at the Holiday Inn. I know this is a good time for sure. Blair Outlet is right down the street for great deals. With most of us it's Spring shopping start up. Never know what ya might find! If you haven't made your reservations yet, it might be too late, but it's worth the try.

You do have time to make plans for the combined Past Monarch's Ball, Kharram and Sharif Grotto's on April 7th at the Holiday Inn in Jamestown. The deadline for the rooms and dinner is March 23rd, with a big time show for our entertainment.

Then it's back to Farrah Grotto in Warren, Pa., to pick up what you forgot and should of bought at Blair's on April 27th and 28th for our E.S.G.A. Spring Convention. The Holiday Inn will be the Convention Hotel. The deadline for pre-registration and hotel is March 30th. You are the one who misses out if you miss this one. If you need more information on any of these trips, please call me at 225-8471.

I hope all have a great St. Patrick's Day and sure hope to see ya all at the next Grotto meeting on March 21st, with Corned Beef and Cabbage for dinner. I've been told that St. Patrick was Italian! □

Master of Ceremonies

By Douglas C. Spencer

Greetings Prophets! Here it is March already and Spring is just around the corner. Before that, we have a very important meeting on March 21st. Dinner will proceed as always and reservations must be to me by March 17th at 723-8703. After what I know will be a wonderful dinner, we'll have a short meeting followed by our Annual Euchre Tournament. Get your teams together and help make this a great evening for all.

Thanks

I'm adding to my list of Prophets that I owe favors. Last month it was Al Pulcino, III, for all his help in transitioning me into my new responsibilities. This month very special thanks to Dick and Howie Topel for helping me get things set up for our February meeting. Thanks to all those who have offered their help. It is greatly appreciated. See you at our March meeting. □

Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

Spring is just around the corner. This is the time we see things starting to grow. Now is the time for us to make the membership in Lalla Rookh Grotto grow! If every Prophet would talk to a Brother Mason about the benefits of becoming a member of our Grotto, we would keep our Fraternity strong.

We have scheduled a Master Mason Night outing on April 11th, at Henrietta Town Park. This event is an important part of our Membership Campaign. Each Prophet and his guest will be treated to a Steak Dinner with all the trimmings. Prophets attending without a guest will be charged \$5.00 for dinner.

Please do your part and invite a Brother Mason to this affair. Reservations are required. Call me at 334-4753 or Ron Morthorst at 334-4196 by April 4th for more information.

See this and April's issue of the Masonic Times for special details regarding this event. □

Clowns

By Al Pulcino, III

Well, the whole Unit was out with our Ladies (Shirley and I) in force for the Have-a-Heart Campaign. I think we had a good response with our antics; lots of stickers, heart balloons were given out and in return, money was put into the big jug and names put on lots of hearts and put up for show by our Monarch, Ken Hutchinson, with help from P.M. Mike Bell, and the ladies. The District Deputy even came by to check on us, but instead he joined in and helped out. Thank you, R.W. William Lindsay. We need to get him into the Grotto, I know we can make him a good clown!

Speaking of that, we still have openings in the best of all Units, for a few Prophets, or Master



Uncle Al (Alfred Pulcino III) and Monarch, Ken Hutchinson.



Ken Hutchinson, Monarch, Doris Bell, MCO, Jean Wood, Past Supreme MCO and Party Chairperson, at the Caldron Birthday Celebration. (Photos courtesy Ken Hutchinson)

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Masons, you can be Prophets.

The big news for the Enchanted Realm is there is going to be the 22nd Annual Grotto Clown Convention in Pittsburgh, Pa., on July 13th and 14th, hosted by Islam Grotto. This Convention is open to all Grotto members. Best of all, Super 8 Motel, \$40.00 per night, per room! What a deal! You don't have to be a clown to go. It's open and has to be fun! We will have more on this in the next issue. I need to get back to shining my shoes, these size 24's take a lot of work! Keep smiling 'til next time! See ya! ☐

Legion of Honor

By Al Pulcino, III Past Commander

I'm not going to miss this job, doing the column, that is. Oh, well! We had our Installation of Officers at the Dutch Mill on February 10th, with 32 in attendance. We had a good meal and real nice entertainment. The new Officers were installed by our Monarch, Kenneth Hutchinson, and a nice job he did. The Officers are as follows:

- Commander Ernest Swan
- Exe. Officer Alfred Pulcino III
- Personnel Officer P.M. Ronald Morthorst
- Financial Officer Frank Murrer
- Quartermaster Howard Topel
- Chaplain P.M. Michael Bell

Congratulations to all, I hope we have a good year. One thing I forgot to tell all is that we are going to give all new and past Prophet's who were service connected a free year's membership in the Legion of Honor. Dues are only \$5.00 a year for all Prophets. The meetings are held at the Dutch Mill every 3rd Monday. We start with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and a meeting follows. We need you. Think about it and come out or call me at 225-8471.

Our next get-together is on March 19th at 6:00 p.m. Call me for your reservation-it is a must! We need more of you to think about joining the Honor Guard. We have some jobs coming up, out of town, even. We have been noticed! How about that? Help! ☐

Caldron News

By Doris S. Bell, MCO

Well, Winter is almost over, we hope. I trust this finds everyone in good health and looking forward to the warmer weather.

Lalla Rookh Caldron's birthday was celebrated February 9th with a dinner at Rick's Prime Rib House. Many thanks to PSMCO, Jean Wood, for coordinating this festive event.

To those Daughters who are under the weather, we hope you are feeling better, especially Daughter Pearl Smith.

April dates

Mark your calendar for April 7th, the date of our Annual Smorgasbord. The price is right, the food is great, and the company sublime. All proceeds are donated to the Grottoes of North America Humanitarian Foundation.

Please join us on Prophet's and Ladies Night, April 12th. We urge all Prophets and ladies who are not yet Caldron members to join us that evening. We will have an informal gathering, affording all to learn more about the organization and its members. Following a short program, we will join for food and fellowship. The latching string is out, so y'all come.

Special thanks to all the Daughters of Lalla Rookh who come out and support our meetings and efforts to keep our group going.

Til next time... ☐


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February events

For our first meeting of the month, we had the honor of hearing an excellent rendition of the DeMolay Flower Talk, performed by Rick Horch. It was the first time I had heard this piece of Ritual and I don't think there was a dry eye in the room. Our second meeting was our Official Visit.

Congratulations

Our Senior Warden, Karl-Heinz Reich, has been elected President of the Secretaries Association and, along with him, Mike Schwartz has been elected Vice President. Our Lodge is fortunate to have these two representing Etolian at the District level. Thank you, Brothers.

From the Secretary's desk

I have been asked by our Secretary to remind all Brothers who have not paid dues yet to get them in to him. The Lodge has to pay the Grand Lodge dues and subscription fees for the whole Lodge whether all the members have paid or not. Early payment can help us be assured of meeting all the Lodge's financial responsibilities. Please try to include some extra for the Brotherhood Fund.

Our Secretary is also in the process of updating all the records for Grand Lodge and would appreciate it if anyone who has recently moved, or has a Winter address, would forward this information to him.



Web site and e-mail addresses

I have been receiving many questions as to why the web site is not up yet. Well, I will try to update you all on its status. Shortly after we agreed to go ahead with the web site, I found out that the District was in the process of building a web site providing space for all the Lodges in the District. I am currently in a bit of a holding pattern until they have their site up and running. These delays may help save the Lodge a significant amount of money annually by sharing hosting with the District. We will proceed with one of the free internet providers for our e-mail account.

March events

March is going to be a very busy month for Ritual. Our Senior and Junior Wardens will be conferring the 1st and 2nd Degrees two weeks apart. ☐

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I'm thrilled to report that our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night turned up some really good fellas! We may have up to 3 candidates to evaluate. We have planned Degrees and the positions are mostly filled, but please attend even if you are not participating. We will be sending the proper communication for this.

I experienced some difficulty keeping our entertainment healthy for our Annual Sweetheart Dinner. The barbershop quartet backed out due to unforeseen circumstances and another group had difficulty with juggling their schedule. The Senior Deacon, Mike McBride, and I went on a band hunt. We were looking for a "Tony something" who sang with a lady and performed at this place "a couple months back." It turns out that "Ernie" hadn't performed there for nearly a year and a half, but miraculously the manager still had a contact number! Well, the short story is "Ernie" was booked out of town and gave the SD another name and number. Mike called and locked in the entertainment. It turned out to be a high school buddy of mine, Jim Bonanno, and a second fellow I



Richard Allen, City Recreation Department, accepting t-shirts from Michael Batz, Master.



One of the Floor Hockey teams in uniform. (Photos Mike Batz)

knew, Kelly Roberts. They performed popular hits with the aid of prerecorded background music and did a great job! Jim's been in the entertainment business since we were kids and he's still got the voice. There were 30 or so in attendance. I thank Jean McBride again, for selecting such thoughtful gifts for the ladies.

Our Junior Warden, Bob Hill, made a connection with the City of Rochester Recreation Department and came up with a wonderful way to contribute to our kids. The Lodge supplied sport jerseys for all eight floor-hockey teams and they were delivered and well received. Thank you for your effort, Brother Bob.

Brothers Raul Fernandez and Dave Clarke also did an exemplary job sifting through the charity candidates and choosing several meaningful ways for us to make a difference. We are supporting more youth and many more charities than ever before. We do not give to administrative charities, rather to the charity that does the work directly. You

can be very proud of your Lodge, for the impact we make.

There is plenty of enthusiasm in the membership and that is certainly heartwarming. Our officers are looking forward to advancing and there are new potential Brothers. Many activities are planned and I don't want to understate the need for an audience. If you haven't been out to a meeting lately, come on out and meet our newest members. Most of them got in Line.

I may have left something out...oh, yes. The District is sponsoring a website that will allow us to get District news and will have links to the Service Bureau, Grand Lodge, and other important sites! We are going to have some tips on how to use our site more efficiently and other educational information. If you don't have a computer, just go to a public library and you can enjoy the experience.

Stay warm, Spring is around the corner. It's finally starting to warm up in the Orange State, I see. Hope all are well. Please stay in touch. ☐

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For the next few months I'd like to call your attention to the opportunities available to you to visit other Valleys as they present various Scottish Rite Degrees. This is an opportunity for you to fill in your Millennium Passport by visiting a Valley and obtaining a stamp in your Passport validating your attendance at that Degree. Here is a preliminary schedule for the Valleys of New York for this Spring. Remember that our Reunion will be held on April 19 and 21.

- Albany: 4/21 - 6°, 14°, 15°, 18°, 26°, 32°.
- Binghamton: 4/27 - 8°, 14°, 4/28 - 16°, 18°, 25°, 32°.
- Buffalo: 3/9 - 18°; 3/10 - 32°.
- Corning: 4/21 - 4°, 14°, 15°, 18°; 4/28 - 26°, 32°.
- Jamestown: 3/23 - 4°, 14°, 15°, 16°; 3/24 - 17°, 18°, 32°.
- New York: 3/6 - 20°, 32°.
- Norwood: 3/10 - 15°, 16°, 18°.
- Rochester: 4/19 - 6°, 14°; 4/21 - 16°, 18°, 20°, 32°.
- Rockville Center: 4/26 - 6°; 5/3 - 16°; 5/10 - 17°, 18°; 5/17 - 32°.
- Schenectady: 3/24 - 4°, 14°, 16°, 18°, 26°, 32°.
- Syracuse: 2/26 - 14°; 3/19 - 16°; 4/16 - 18°; 4/28 - 26°, 32°.
- Troy: 4/21 - 6°, 14°, 15°, 18° (Albany Masonic Temple).
- Utica: 3/2 - 15°, 18°; 4/6 - 24°; 4/28 - 32°.

If you are interested in visiting any of these Valleys, please contact the Scottish Rite Office for directions and contact information.

In keeping with the lessons of the Ineffable Degrees presented in our Lodge of Perfection that I began examining last month, I'll continue where I left off by examining the 7°.

7° - **Provost and Judge** derives its name from the action of King Solomon following the death of Master Hiram in appointing seven Provosts and Judges to administer justice among the workmen. The Degree teaches us to judge righteously, without respect to person, and that one law and one custom shall apply to all. Every wrong done by one man to another, whether it affects his person, his property, his happiness, or his reputation, is an offense against the law of justice. The duty here is to let justice be the guide of all your actions. Remember that all actions have consequences. Be just in judging others' motives. We can only be just when we are charitable. In dealing with others, there are two kinds of injustice: the first of those who injure; the second, of those who have it in their power to avert injury, but do not. It follows that active injustice may be done in two ways - by force and by fraud. While both are repugnant, fraud is by far the more detestable.

8° - **Intendant of the Building** derives its name from those charged with the supervision of the completion of the temple after the death of Master Hiram. The Degree teaches that each new honor is meant to be a step toward perfection in the moral code, each a development of a particular duty, and that benevolence and charity are necessary virtues of leadership. Benevolence and charity demand we correct our own faults and those of others. This Degree also teaches the lesson that what we know dies

with us; therefore we should transmit our knowledge to others while we can. We learn also that labor is honorable if done with sobriety, temperance, punctuality and industry.

There will always be in this world, wrongs to forgive, suffering to alleviate, sorrow asking for sympathy, necessities and destitution to relieve, and ample occasion for the exercise of active charity.

9° - **Master Elect of Nine** refers to those chosen to find and inflict punishment upon the three assassins of the Master Hiram. Elect was also a term used to define someone who was in possession of divine knowledge acquired by revelation. The Degree reminds us that through the ages man has searched for God in many ways and worshiped Him in many tongues, but that Universal Worship is found in service to our fellowman.

We learn of the duty to enlighten our souls and minds, to instruct and enlighten the people, and to be vigilant to the interests and honor of our country. We learn the lesson that ignorance is the principal enemy of human freedom. We learn also that remorse and guilt are God's punishment and so are more severe than that of man.

Principles are permanent and controlling impressions of goodness and virtue. They are rules of action that shape and control our conduct; and it is these that Masonry insists upon. Masonry is action. Masonry requires its members to work actively and earnestly, for the benefit of their Brethren, country, and mankind.

The true Mason identifies the honor of his country with his own.

So far we have examined six of the Ineffable Degrees of the Lodge of Perfection. The province of Masonry is to teach all truth - moral, political, philosophical and religious. The lessons of these Degrees can be thought of in political terms wherein we build a system of government to which man should aspire that requires:

- 4°, 5°, 6° - an enlightened citizenry.
- 7° - an independent judiciary.
- 8° - an economic order based on capital and labor.
- 9° - an upper house of legislation.

We will build on this model in subsequent months in order to place these Scottish Rite lessons in a perspective that we can relate to our daily lives. I would appreciate feedback concerning what you think of this series on the basics of our Degrees. Should we consider making this the basis for a live discussion group or formal class program? What are your thoughts?

Leadership is the key to the success of any organization. Masonry in general and the Scottish Rite in particular stand challenged to identify, develop and utilize a new breed of leader for this 21st Century. We must identify individuals who can initiate actions. We must develop in them tools they can employ effectively to the full extent of their intellectual ability. We must encourage and reinforce their enthusiastic approach to action.

"A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage

to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the quality of his actions and the integrity of his intent. In the end, leaders are much like eagles...they don't flock, you find them one at a time." □

Children Overcome Dyslexia

By William W. Sorn

In just one semester of "one on one" teaching, student Adrienne Esposito has advanced significantly in her reading skills. She started last Fall at the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, in the Rochester Auditorium Center Building, 875 Main Street East, Rochester. Her teacher, Chris Gaudio, is pleased to reward Adrienne's progress with the Reading Achievement Certificate.

The Learning Center is a service to the community provided by the Scottish Rite Masons, who pay all the costs. The purpose of the Center is to provide free, state of the art treatment to children with dyslexia. Professional clinical evaluation will determine

which children can benefit from the programs offered by the Center. Children will be treated on a "first come, first served" basis, regardless of race or creed.

Dyslexia is a specific language-based disorder characterized by difficulties in reading and spelling single words. These difficulties are not related to age or to other academic abilities, and occur in people with average to above average intelligence.

For more information about dyslexia and the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, call the Rochester Center at 716-442-7290, or write to: Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc., 875 Main St. E., Rochester, NY 14605. □

Let's hear from you!

By Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°

Last month's article asked each Scottish Rite Mason to "Reach Out and Ask" a fellow Lodge Brother to join the Scottish Rite. We need to see some commitment in acting on that request. As Lou Holtz used to say: "Count on Me!" Our Com-



Adrienne Esposito, student received her Reading Achievement Certificate from her teacher, Chris Gaudio.

Life Memberships

Using the following table as a guide, you can determine the cost of purchasing a Life Annuity Membership. This means you will provide for the payment of your dues for the remainder of your life, on condition that you remain in good standing in your Symbolic Lodge.

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Attained Age	Annuity Due	Attained Age	Annuity Due
21	944.16	46	762.72
22	939.54	47	752.64
23	934.50	48	741.72
24	929.46	49	731.22
25	924.42	50	720.30
26	918.96	51	708.96
27	913.50	52	697.62
28	907.62	53	686.28
29	901.74	54	674.10
30	895.44	55	662.34
31	889.14	56	649.74
32	882.42	57	637.15
33	875.70	58	624.12
34	868.56	59	610.68
35	861.00	60	596.82
36	853.44	61	582.96
37	845.46	62	568.68
38	837.48	63	553.98
39	829.08	64	539.28
40	820.26	65	524.16
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mander-in-Chief has brought forth a new group of incentives for Membership Development.

1 new petition: Valley of Rochester distinctive pin plus a SR hat.

3 new petitions: Valley of Rochester distinctive pin, a dinner at the Annual Banquet, plus a Learning Center tie.

5 new petitions: Valley of Rochester distinctive pin, one year's dues, plus a SR shirt.

"Hats Off" to Robert Pedersen and Joseph Oelgoetz

We are proud of the special efforts that have been put forth on behalf of our "Reach Out and Say Hello" efforts through the Valley of Rochester Ambassador Team. Let's all "Stand Tall and Be Proud" of the efforts of this special team that is out there attempting to communicate among Craft Lodge Masons that represent potential new members. The focus is to promote new Masonic knowledge and provide an opportunity for personal growth.

Some new thought has been given to re-naming our Membership Development effort that might include something like... "Fraternal Knowledge and Growth"... "Personal Growth and Outreach"... "Individual Growth and Development"... "Fraternal Relationship Building"... Let's hear from you with your thoughts on this most important effort.

In the meantime, the most valuable contribution that each member can make is to simply call one or more of your fraternal acquaintances and ask if he would be interested in joining the Scottish Rite. Remember, we miss 100% of the shots that we never take! Think about that!

Class of 61 for this Spring

If one does the math, it's really quite simple. The available market represents over 800 potential new members. Please put forth a special effort and contact one Lodge Brother and invite him to join our beloved Scottish Rite. It's one of the few organizations that returns the equivalent of a year's dues in activities. Each of you has received a petition and informational folder (10 Questions and Answers) that can be used as a tool.

"Say Hello" efforts

Your Valley Leadership Team has applied due diligence in this effort in many areas. Here are a few that you need to be aware of:

1. A memo has been sent to all Brothers who have chosen to take a demit from the Valley with a professional invitation to "keep the door open" for future possibilities.

2. A memo has been sent to all Brothers suspended for nonpayment of dues with a professional invitation to again "keep the door open" for future possibilities.

3. Contact with nearly 200 plus Brothers listed in our Valley's "Workers List" who are the energetic nucleus for many of the ongoing functions that the Valley supports, including participation at Reunions.

4. Contact with the last seven sets of Class Officers, eliciting their support to provide a further network among members of each of their respective classes for potential future involvement.

5. Cover letter with a petition and "10 Questions and Answers" to all local members of the Scottish Rite.

Scottish Rite Fellowcraft Degree Team

It has been suggested by several of our Officers that there may be a need for assembling this kind of a team to assist our Craft Lodges. Should you be willing to participate in this, please let us hear from you by calling the Office at 271-0715.

Veterans Recognition Program

Special thanks to DDGM, R.W.: William Lindsay, and our Junior Grand Warden, R.W.: Richard Friedman, for their special efforts in presenting Grand Lodge Certificates and Pins to area Masonic Veterans. Special thanks to R.W.: Thomas Paglia for his efforts in getting this program started. The Scottish Rite was delighted to have supplied refreshments for that special event. Thanks.

Officer's memory jogger

Please make sure that your Masonic Biography is up to date and on file with the Office.

Spring Reunion overview

Thursday evening, April 19th, will begin with the 6° and 14°. Saturday, April 21st, sessions will cover the 16°, 18°, 20° and 32°. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you.

Special efforts

A special personal appeal is being made to each Sublime Prince of our Consistory to reach out and ask a Lodge Brother to

join the Scottish Rite. Please let us hear from you if you need assistance in this effort. Keep your eyes open for "Brother Bring-a-Brother" opportunities!

As Lou Holtz says: "You can count on me. Can we count on you?" Thank you, Brothers. Let's see what we can do to make it happen. □

Legal Rights

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thopedist is judged against other orthopedists; a pediatrician is judged against other pediatricians. Proving medical malpractice requires that the physician: (1) deviated or departed from accepted medical practice; and (2) it was this deviation or departure which caused injury or damage to the patient.

Proving medical malpractice is difficult. Let's assume the physician decided to make you a guinea pig by trying out some uncommon procedure in treating you. You still couldn't prove malpractice unless you could show this uncommon procedure injured or damaged you. One does not necessarily follow the other. Let's assume that the physician used a commonly used procedure to treat you. You feel worse coming out of treatment than you felt going in. Malpractice? Not necessarily so. Physicians are not guarantors of any result. The law expects that the physician possesses a reasonable degree of knowledge and skill expected of similar physicians in the medical community in which the physician practices. (PJI 2:150).

Accountant

An accountant who examines his clients books and audits those records is not deemed responsible for guaranteeing the correctness of those records. This means you can't blame your accountant if your bookkeeper prepares and maintains poor records. An accountant is obligated to use such skill and care in his work as a reasonably skillful and diligent accountant uses under the same circumstances. An accountant is expected to investigate if something doesn't look right. This duty to investigate occurs, if the situation is one where any reasonable skillful and diligent accountant would have investigated. An accountant can't ignore account entries that don't look right under accepted accounting standards. Failure to make an investigation which if undertaken, would have prevented loss, made the accountant liable.

This liability doesn't extend to third parties, unless you (as a third party) can show that the accountant was aware that you were relying upon his audit. For example, you loan Joe money based on an audit of Joe's records. Joe hired the accountant to prepare the audit. Relying on this audit, you loan Joe the money. The audit turns out to have been poorly prepared, and, misstated some items. After borrowing the money from you, Joe declares bankruptcy. You can't sue Joe. Can you sue the accountant? Maybe. Provided you can prove that the accountant was aware that you were relying upon his audit in deciding whether to loan Joe money or not. (PJI 2:154).

Architects

An architect who plans and specs out a structure, guarantees that they not only know how to plan out a building, and specify

codes. In addition, an architect is expected to stay current on approved methods in general use in the construction industry. An architect is liable if he fails to use such skills, which result in building defects.

If an architect is also responsible for supervising construction, then he has a duty to see to it that the work performed complies with building codes, plans and specs agreed to before construction, and that the work is

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Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitular District



R. E. Stephen Licht

This being my final column as the DDGHP of the 29th District, neither am I left with any well defined sense of accomplishment, nor that of failure. I welcomed the assignment and tried to meet and exceed the general objectives given me by the Grand Chapter, which would have been a simple task. Putting on a tuxedo and being escorted into a sanctuary to deliver greetings followed by refreshments, was NOT what I envisioned as my function, nor as a reservation clerk. The promotion of the status quo would have met the approbation of some Companions, but I had no desire to watch the Chapters continue to just exist.

With the efforts and energies of a few dedicated Companions, WE took an annual picnic, that was losing money and attendance annually, and turned the event into a profitable Steak Roast that met the expense of District Officer Aprons and allowed us as a District to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund. If this type of activity is to continue, YOU must be willing to stand up and take a risk. A few of us risked our cash to underwrite the project and we did not lose. I was criti-

cized for moving the event and changing the entire format and attendance was the highest in recent memory.

Degree work that was being farmed out to festivals is being done in the individual Chapters, at regular Chapter Convocations throughout the District. New faces are appearing in the Degree casts and the use of Ritual books and 'crib sheets' during the conferral is slowly going the way of the dodo bird!

Chapters that have consistently found it difficult to open with nine Companions are finally coming to the realization that a solution is available and are taking genuine action to resolve the situation. It is frustrating to the faithful Companions that attend a convocation only to find an insufficient number present and return home empty handed. If this is allowed to become a habit, it is only a small step further to lose to other interests those who make the effort to attend.

I am puzzled by the fact that this District has only one Cryptic Council and one Commandery of Knights Templar, both of which open regularly, actively engage in Degree work, have members sitting on the sidelines and engage in many and various activities, BUT we have six Chapters in the District, of which the records indicate only three function regularly. Perhaps there are not enough York Rite Masons to sustain the number of Royal Arch Chapters. My Chapter had over 100 Companions when I was exalted only 26 years ago, today we stand at about 1/3 that number.

As each of us advance through the various Degrees, we assent to an obligation with each Degree. It is very easy to fulfill those obligations until we are faced with challenging situations that put our resolve to the test. The worth of a soldier is best proven when under fire, not how fine he looks in his dress uniform while on parade. Such it is with Masonry. It is wonderful to espouse lofty ideals and noble aspirations, but Masonry is proven ONLY through the actions of our daily lives. This

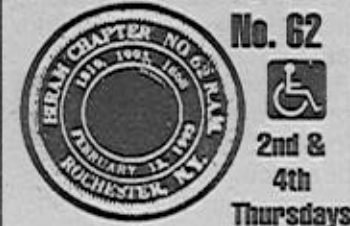
is not a simple undertaking and it is reasonable to conjecture that each of us falls short of the final goal.

The Constitution, and individual by-laws, were not entrusted to each of us in the Holy Royal Arch Degree with the stipulation that we may violate them when a situation becomes inconvenient. Thus ends my thoughts.

I know we all will support R. E. Richard Anderson as our new DDGHP and V. E. Leonard Mason, the new Assistant Grand Lecturer. These dedicated Companions have stepped forward and offered their talents and efforts to promote Capitular activity in the District and each individual Chapter, as they no longer serve only Arcade Chapter No. 322. Offer them your suggestions and follow their direction as they oversee our labor in the quarries. Four of the Chapters in the District have new Companions, this first year of the 21st Century, and it becomes the responsibility of all our officers to instruct and incorporate them into Royal Arch Masonry.

We will soon be leaving for Grand Chapter in Albany, trusting the weather will be conducive to the drive. Here I will end my tenure, but not my support for the Royal Craft. It has been a learning experience, that cannot be fully appreciated until you have completed your term, riding high on the positives and dealing with the negatives, but always forging ahead. Thank you to the R. E. Companions who recommended me for this office, the Grand High Priests who supported my decisions and to all the Companions who so faithfully labored to maintain and build Royal Arch Masonry. □

Hiram Chapter



No. 62



2nd &
4th

Thursdays

E. William R. Lindsay, High Priest
621-3573

E. Larry Dunn, Secretary
594-8033

875 Main Street East
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Despite a very uncooperative weatherman, at our February 8th meeting we had a chance to review all the plans for Hiram's participation at Grand Chapter in March. It is an event that is important in our Royal Arch year and gives us the opportunity to renew our friendships across the jurisdiction. All Companions should consider attending for part or all of the session. For information, please call me.

History

At that same meeting, R. E. L. Edward Walker shared his research on "History of Royal Arch Masonry in Monroe County". His remarks were based on research done several years ago when he was High Priest and the Chapter was celebrating a rededication of the Chapter. Newer Companions especially enjoyed the long and rich history unfolded in the presentation, which stretched back to the pre-Morgan era.

Planning meeting

At our February 22nd meeting we reviewed the plans for the Degree cycle for March.

March

Please note that Chapter will open on March 8th at 5:45 p.m. in

Cathedral Hall and the Mark Master Mason Degree will be put on at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Past Master Degree. Dinner reservations are a must and can be made by contacting Companion Tom Kendig at 315-524-4063, or e-mailing him at TKendig@aol.com. It will always be the practice to schedule a dinner whenever there is competition for parking downtown.

On March 22nd, our schedule will be slightly revised. We will open at 6:00 p.m., have dinner at 6:30 p.m. and put on the Most Excellent Master Degree at 7:30 p.m. I expect that our evening will be highlighted by the visit of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Donald Lounsbury. He is no stranger to Rochester, he having grown up in the Rochester area. It is good to know that he is mending after some health concerns this past year and we look forward to his visit. All Companions should make every effort to be present.

Petitions needed

Our Chapter is always ready to welcome Companions to its ranks, and I encourage every Companion to bring in a petition. They are available by calling our Secretary, Companion Lawrence Dunn at 594-8033, or e-mailing him at l-c-dunn@juno.com. The only requirement is that the petitioner be a Master Mason in good standing. Most who take the Royal Arch Degrees are very interested in Ritual and Craft history as it is founded on lore and Biblical writings. It is fair to say that York Rite Masonry does in fact "complete" the Degrees offered in the Blue Lodge. The light truly is sublime.

York Rite Bodies in the Rochester/Monroe area are committed to working cooperatively with

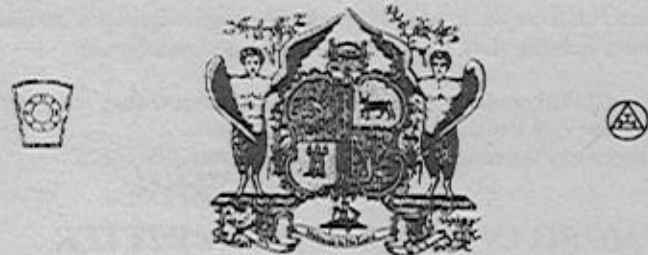
Hiram Chapter Installs New Officers for 2001-2002



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each other, other Concordant Bodies, and with the Craft Lodge. In addition, family participation is strongly encouraged, and family activities are planned. There is a strong scholarship program available to our children and grandchildren.

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

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

Since my first article, I've heard of no one who is under the weather except for Companion George Simon, who is back in the hospital in Brockport. I'm sure he would enjoy hearing from you.

New Companions

Our last scheduled meeting was cancelled, due to the weather. We tried to notify every one so they would not make an unnecessary trip to our Masonic Temple. We had a special convocation for the purpose of voting on two petitions, Daniel Homa and Ed Zorn. Both applications were accepted. The following evening our Chapter conferred the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees on them at Attica. On Monday, February 12th, at Pike, the Most Excellent Master Degree was conferred. The Royal Arch Degree was held on February 15th.

Thank you

I take this time to thank everyone for their help in conferring the Degrees. I'm not going to mention any names, I'm sure that I would leave someone out. Again, thanks to all who helped. We had our Official Visit on the 13th of February. To ensure good attendance at future meetings, please mark your calendars for the 2nd Tuesday of the month as Royal Arch meeting night.

I am open for suggestions. Anyone interested in putting on a program at our meetings, let me hear from you. I will work it into the schedule.

Grand Chapter

On March 1st and 2nd, I will be in Albany attending our Annual Convocation. Others of our Chapter will be there. If you are interested in attending, please bring it to my attention. I will do all within my power to make it a reality for you.

Need helpers

The entrance to our Chapter Room is being worked on. If you are interested in helping out with this work, please contact me or our Secretary, Karl-Heinz Reich.

Come on out

Please mark your calendars and come out to our meetings. Remember that we need nine or more to open. □

If it weren't for the last minute, nothing would get done.

Lunch time at the Anointing




Grand High Priest, Dale Tynan, and other hungry Companions.



Carm Dunn dipping applesauce.

District Deputy
Grand Master
8th Cryptic District



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

We have had a slight reprieve from Winter. January was not too bad. The weatherman said January snowfall was below average. We all know about March, and the weather as we travel to Grand Chapter in Albany. Maybe this year will be different.

Official Visits

I had two Official Visits in January. On the 16th at my Visit to Skoi-Yase Council (Geneva), the Council thought that they might need my help to open. Nundawaga Council and Palmyra attended and it turned out our help was not needed. I thank Companions Dick Anderson, James R. MacConnell, V. I. Ruel Lovett and R. I. Cullen Henry, who were ready to lend assistance if needed.

Installation

The R. I. Deputy Master installed a new Master and a Principal Conductor of the Work. I am hoping to have their names for the next issue of this publication. Skoi-Yase had 11 members present. Several things were discussed. The most important was changing their meeting night. I also visited Nundawaga Council where there were 13 Companions there. Companion Charles




R. E. Lawrence Dunn and M. W. Carl Smith, Grand Master.

Lee and his lovely Lady furnished a light lunch:

Degree

The Royal Master Degree was conferred by Nundawaga Council at the LeRoy Temple on February 26th at 7:30 p.m. There were several candidates. □

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



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What was

Our exemplification of the Royal Master Degree went well. It would have, however, been more productive to have had candidates. At least the exercise gave our back-up ritualists a chance to try their wings.

The meeting was preceded by

another sumptuous feast by Hilde DiJames. We were invited by the Grotto to participate in their program after our meeting. It was a Civil War theme highlighting the effect of the war on the families of the combatants.

The exemplification of the Select Master Degree will be the work of our March meeting. This will again be an opportunity for our back-ups to hone their skills.

Remember, we will be having a dinner before each meeting. So, if you do not get a call, make sure you contact our Secretary, R. I. Ed Walker with your reservation.

What will be

Our Table Council will be coming up in April with a possible visit from the Grand Master, M. I. Edward Patrick Fagan, Jr. His reception will be interesting at best. We will be seeing the Grand Master again at our Rededication on Saturday, June 9th. It will be open to the public and the Grand Line will be installing our new Officers. So, save that date, it promises to be a stellar event. More later. Of course May will be the election and Installation of officers.

What is to come

So, my year is winding down. It

15 has been a year of learning and good fellowship. To quote an old saw, "it seems like only yesterday..." My only regret is that we did not greet more candidates, we really need them. Hopefully our Deputy Master, Vern Goodrich, will fare better in that category.

Sickness and distress

We have had some Companions who have been in physical distress recently, but are on the road back. R. I. Bob Zahn is recovering from eye and colon surgery and is doing well. R. I. Bill Zufall is now back on his feet following an auto accident. We welcome them back.

Our Prayers are with R. I. Stan Peterson during radiation treatments. Comp. Ed Brereton had a short stay in the hospital for tests. More on that later. □

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 Master - 343-5159,
 e-mail: sirgrouch@2ki.net
 III. Vernon Rupert
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We had an excellent Official Visit by R. I. Dan Evans at our January meeting. He gave us the important message that M. I. Edward P. Fagan, Jr., wanted us to hear.

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Degrees

We conferred the Royal Master Degree on several candidates at our February assembly. We had a good turnout, not only from our own Companions, but Companions and candidates from other Councils in our District. We have scheduled conferral of the Select Master Degree for our March assembly. Come on by and help us greet these new Companions.

Grand Line hopeful

We hope to have a visit from I. Joseph Caruso at our April assembly. Joe wants to be considered as a candidate for the Grand Council Line this year, and I am sure he would be pleased to greet all of you to hear his message. □


Cyrene Monroe Commandery No. 12

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I thank Sir Knight Bruce Horncastle for his presentation, at our January dinner meeting, on Rosslyn Chapel in Scotland. We were shown two videotapes: one produced by the curators of Rosslyn Chapel and one done by Sir Knight Bruce. Sir Knight Bruce's enthusiasm was catching and several have said they would like to visit Rosslyn. I thank the ladies of the Schicker Club for an excellent meal. Remember, the second meeting of each month is always preceded by a Pot Luck Supper.

One item of discussion at our Annual Meeting on February 5th was whether to raise our dues next year. Sir Knight Larry Dunn covered the dues structure for this year. We will investigate the possibilities and re-address it in the future.

By the time you read this article, our Grand Commandery will have been instrumental in the Rededication of the George Washington Historical Site in Newburgh, New York, on Saturday, February 17th. It is the 150th Anniversary of the site as the first public historical site in the United States. The building has been restored with special lighting to better display the George Washington painting. The Governor and other State officials were there to receive the painting from Washington Commandery No. 33, Knights Templar.

We expect all Sir Knights to attend the Inspection on March 19th, which will be preceded by a Pot Luck Dinner. If you cannot attend, please let our Recorder, Larry Dunn (594-8033), know so we can plan accordingly. This is the most important meeting of the year and everyone's participation is crucial. I am also asking all Cyrene/Monroe Sir Knights to support our Sister Commandery Inspections. Sagoyewatha Inspection will take place on March 17th at 10:00 a.m. at 67 Ontario Street, Phelps. Salem Town Commandery will be March 20th at 7:30 p.m. at Church Street, Port Byron, NY.

Thanks to Sir Knight Charles Roberts for an impressive Zone 11 Council Officers meeting in Palmyra on February 11th. We worked on the remainder of the schedule for this year, including Spring Orders, Easter Sunrise Service, Go-to-Church and Honor Guards.

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

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My thanks to all the Sir Knights and Ladies who graciously thought of me during my recent mishap through calls, cards, and concern. It is indeed appreciated.

It is now March, and our Inspection by SK M. Eugene Ellis, Eminent Grand Generalissimo, is just around the corner. Hopefully, our recent practice sessions will have done us well, and we will rise to the occasion. We express thanks to Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, Louis Wunsch, for serving as the Inspecting Officer during these practice sessions.

Valentine Party

Our Valentine's Party last month was well received--we enjoyed a delicious Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner with the ladies graciously contributing a myriad of desserts and other items and each Lady received a carnation. Thanks to SK Jim MacConnell for coordinating this event, and to his Lady, Marsha, for supplying the program for the Ladies. They created their own unique Valentines while we conducted our conclave and practiced earnestly for our upcoming Inspection.

On Saturday, March 31st, at 9:00 a.m., there will be a conferral of Commandery Orders, the Order of the Red Cross, the Order of the Malta, and the Order of the Temple at Lake Erie Commandery in Buffalo. We will have several candidates in attendance.

With the advent of Spring imminent, it is time to begin to consider those home "fix it" chores. I always face this time with a certain degree of trepidation, as the pencil sharpener is about as far as I ever got to operating a complicated piece of machinery with any degree of success. In fact, one time Miss Linda asked me to repair the coo-coo clock; when I got through, the bird came out backwards and asked: "What time is it?" Oh well, hopefully, I have other redeeming qualities.

Sickness

SK Bob Forbes has returned from his recent hospital stay and is resting comfortably at home; our prayers and thoughts are with him. SK Merie Robinson is doing fine after his brief hospital visit and SK Jim MacConnell is doing extremely well after his procedure. We wish each of these Sir Knights our very best.

Just as a thought in passing--when attempting to compose copy for these monthly articles, I


try to operate under the premise that growing old is mandatory, growing up is not--it helps!

May I leave you with the following: when Baalam lived it was considered a miracle when an ass spoke. How times have changed! □

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Knight of York


Our March meeting on Saturday, the 10th, will see at least six new Companions joining Genesee York Rite College No. 25. The Order will be conferred in Ionic Lodge Room at the Rochester Downtown Temple, beginning at 2:00 p.m. sharp. We need help in the Ritual work. If our Director, Dave Taber, has not contacted you, perhaps you could call him and offer assistance. The possibility of a visit from of Rt. Em. Dist. Bro. Don Markam, Grand Governor at that time behooves us to put on a good show.

For the Ladies

The Ladies will again be entertained during our meeting by Marsha McConnell, who did such a great job at our last meeting. At 5:00 p.m. we will be partaking of a delicious feast of Roast Beef (Chicken alternative), oven baked potatoes, and carrots prepared by Hilde DiJames and Joy Woodley. These gals do a very fine job. Dinner will be in the Temple dining room so you will not have to scramble through traffic. Please answer your letter promptly for reservations.

Unfortunately there will be a show at the Auditorium theater with a matinee at 2:00 p.m. The advice is to get there early (12:30), the Theater doors open at 1:00 p.m. Parking at the Temple should be \$1.00 plus your Masonic membership card. □

Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee



R. W. THOMAS M. PAGLIA
VICE CHAIRMAN
VETERAN'S SERVICE

The following is from the "American Legion" magazine, dated January, 2001.

"The US Marine Corps is looking for former residents who were



Veteran's Day wreath laying by the Grand Commandery Knights Templar. From the U.S. Navy Memorial News. (Courtesy T. Paglia)

born at Camp Lejeune, NC, between 1968 and 1985. The Marine Corps is trying to locate approximately 10,000 children born to parents residing at Camp Lejeune who may have been exposed to contaminants in the camp's water supply prior to 1985. Camp Lejeune water was contaminated with compounds linked to birth defects and childhood cancers, such as leukemia.

Based on a small sampling of former Camp Lejeune residents, the Federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATS-DR) published a report in 1998 identifying a potential link between the waterborne contaminants and birth defects. The ATSDR health survey is conducted by telephone. Those who believe they are among the targeted group may participate in the survey by calling the National Opinion Research Center at 1-800-639-4270. The Center is conducting the survey for ATSDR.

Vietnam Vets

Vietnam vets are urged to seek diabetes test. The United States has spurred a call for Vietnam War Veterans to seek a routine health examination for the disease. If diabetes is diagnosed and treated, serious health complications can be avoided, according to House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman, Bob Stump, R. Arizona.

Type II diabetes, often referred to as "the hidden killer", affects 16 million Americans. Vietnam War Veterans, most of whom are over 50 years of age, are clearly at risk, said VA Subcommittee on Health Chairman, Cliff Stearns. Veterans who served in Vietnam and have not had this routine test in the past several years should inquire about it."

My comment

As a member of the VA Volunteer Executive Board in Canandaigua VA Medical Center, I feel that you may have this done there. Call the Canandaigua Medical Center to find out at 716-394-2000 or the Westfall Road Outpatient Clinic and they can direct you to the proper people.

National World War II Memorial

The Official Ground Breaking Ceremony for the World War II Memorial took place on Veterans Day, November 11, 2000. Over 12,000 Americans, including thousands of World War II veterans and their families, attended. Those present were Senator Bob Dole, actor Tom Hanks, and many other prominent Americans who put an extraordinary amount of effort into the campaign. Actual construction will begin shortly and will take at least two years to complete. The goal is for the year 2003 completion.

What is now needed is financial help from all of the World War II veterans to make this a reality. Over 50 years ago, young men and women from all walks of life answered the call. It has taken

a long time to make this dream come true and now it is up to you to see it through its final phases. Many have contributed towards this Memorial. Remember, it will be there for all eternity and people from all walks of life will pay to view this marvelous imposing edifice dedicated as a living memorial to those who gave their all.

You can become a Charter Member by contributing \$100 or more and your name will be listed in the book of Charter Members. Americans now recognize that the greatest generation of all time deserve their own memorial. This can only be accomplished if you send in your contribution. I am not asking you to do this by yourself, because I have already become a Charter Member, so won't you join me in this endeavor?


You may receive more information on this by calling 1-800-639-4WW2. In the meantime, won't you make your contribution today and mail it to: American Battle Monuments Commission, PO Box 96766, Washington, DC 20090-6766.

Thank you for your generous contribution. □

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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 January meeting.

We had Election of Officers at the February meeting for the year 2001-2002. The list of Officers will be in the April issue.

Veterans remembered

I thank and congratulate all of our members who took part and received their Certificates, and all the veterans from our area who received their Certificates from the Grand Lodge Masonic Veterans Recognition Program on January 13th. The Program was very impressive. A big congratulations to all!

Dates

There will not be a meeting in March, as some of our members will be very busy during that time with the Shrine Circus.

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

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

There will be an order form sent to every member for shirts, pins, patches, pocket plaques, hats, etc. Please send any orders to our Adjutant, Vance Collom, Jr., 1491 Harris Road, Webster, NY 14580, with a check to cover the cost. His address and phone number will be on the form.

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

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Damascus Temple No. 2 Shrine News



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Potentate - Dayne A. Tharrett

FROM THE POTENTATE



DAYNE A. THARRETT
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Shrine Office
671-7701

Are we having FUN yet? I am, and I am working very hard to make this a fun year. As the days fly by, I am still coming up with some more things to do. When they are finalized, I will communicate them to you.

Have you made your reservations for the Pancake Breakfast on March 29th? Space is limited, so call early and be ready for some real good food and FUN.

The March meeting will be open for all Nobles, family, and friends. Our High Priest and Prophet, Bruce Chilton, promises a night of FUN.

We are in the process of finalizing the trip to Las Vegas for the Imperial Sessions. We only have 25 rooms reserved, so make your plans early. If more rooms are required, we need time to make arrangements. We want you there!

Remember the Circus, March 22nd thru the 25th. We need your help and support. Please think and DO your part for membership. For us to continue to grow, we need each Noble to bring in at least one new member!

Thank you for your support. □

Circus Work Areas

Large food centers

Four persons are needed in these centers. These are commonly referred to as "Riverside" and "Broad Street" sides. These four stands sell the majority of the food items at the Circus. They generally require a lot of help, especially "Counter" people, taking orders, and serving. Cashiers will be provided at each stand, along with a chef.

Alcove refreshment stands

Six to eight persons are needed here. These small stands sell specialized items, such as "slushy cones" and pretzels.

Novelty stands

Six people are needed here. These are located throughout the Arena, at the main entrance, and the upper and lower levels. These are the "busy" stands and require lots of manpower, especially during intermission times!

Commissary

This is the area that supplies all the refreshment stands as required. If you have strong legs, this area can use your help delivering goods to the stands!

Novelty supply room

This is the area where all those novelties supplied to the stands are assembled, batteries installed, etc.,. They are always looking for help in this area, particularly assisting in delivering goods to the stands.

Program sales

Programs are sold at the main entrance. The majority of help is required during the time people are coming into the Arena. If you help in this area, plan to be at the Arena two hours before show time to assist!

Popcorn room

This is where all the popcorn gets boxed and prepared for delivery to the stands. □

March Shrine Meeting

By Erwin Newell, Chairman
The March 7th Shrine meeting will be an Open Family Night. Nobles, friends, family and children are welcome. The dinner will be Corned Beef and Cabbage, with the trimmings. There will be hots, etc., for the kids. The dinner

Stand Captains Manpower Meeting

Thur., Mar. 8, 2001
7:00 p.m.

Damascus Shrine Center
General information meeting for all Stand Captains and other Department Heads for Circus preparations.

Manpower Chairmen
Ill. Joe Bourcy, P.P.
Ill. George Simon, P.P.
Bruce Chilton
Larry Thibault

Circus

Parking Facilities

Parking is available all day in the Exchange Street Parking Lot for \$2.00.

You must show your Fez or Workers Pass to the attendant.

This lot is next to the former Casket Company Bldg., accessible from Exchange Street.

is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Reservations are required no later than Monday, February 26th. Call the Office at 671-7701 with your name and total people attending.

There will be clowns, face painting, makeup and fun!

Due to the large crowd anticipated, no walk-ins, please. □

Circus Goes High Tech!

By Erwin Newell

Damascus Shrine Circus Committee has entered into a partnership with Logical Solutions, net, a web developing and hosting company. "MyRochester.com", a featured web site, will bring the circus information and advertising to a new frontier.

This web site will provide an on-line convenience for families to purchase tickets to the circus.

This site attracts a large customer base, with the majority of audience being in the age group attractive to circus ticket sales.

Tell your friends to visit MyRochester.com and see why all the excitement about this new advertising concept. □

For Ladies Only!

Do you like to prepare food? Circus workers are a hungry lot, and love to eat!

We have an area set aside for Circus workers to go and rest, enjoy each other's company, and be fed good wholesome food. This requires a lot of help to prepare for snacks and dinners.

Again this year, First Lady, Kathi Tharrett, will be heading up this area, and will require a lot of help keeping us all full, and happy. If you enjoy this and would like to assist, contact Kathi for details.

Novelty Preparations Day

Wed., Mar. 21, 2001
10:00 a.m.

Blue Cross Arena at the Rochester War Memorial

Come and help, blow up inflatables, install batteries, prepare popcorn, and fill stands.

Have Fun!

Lunch will be served.
Please call the Shrine Office if you plan to attend, so we can prepare sufficient food.
(716) 671-7701

Circus Show Times

Thur., Mar. 22
11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

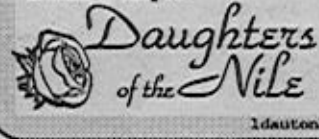
Fri., Mar. 23
11:00 a.m., 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Mar. 24
11:00 a.m., 3:00 & 7:30 p.m.

Sun., Mar. 25
11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Workers are requested to arrive at the Arena at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled show time.

Zama Temple



By Jean R. Friedrich, PQ

We held our Spring Ceremonial on February 10th, welcoming two new members. It is an inspiring ritual for all our members to witness and renew their Obligation as Daughters of the Nile. Queen Corinne Routley and her Officers are to be congratulated for their dedicated work. The Patrol Drill added much to the day, as did PQ Sharon Baldwin's graceful dance.

Ladies, be sure to attend the March 10th Stated Session. This will be Queen Corinne's last Session as Queen, and your last opportunity to bid her Officers farewell. I'm sure you will all want to attend and congratulate them on a successful year. Election of Officers will be held at this Summoned Session.

I hope you saved your lavender February issue of the "Nile Newsletter". It is a three month

issue, and, since the editor will be away, the last issue you will receive until April. It contains all the news you will need about the Stated Sessions, and the Installation of Officers on April first, with the following No-Host Dinner. PQ Judy VanHouten is Chairman of the dinner; please call her at 247-2920 if you need more information.

Winter is almost over, according to the calendar. The weatherman doesn't always agree, but we are certain that Spring can't be far away. As hardy Northerners, we have survived a season more stormy and colder than most. We know that if we brush away the snow, the daffodils are sending forth their first green messengers of Spring.

Look, oh look, the Spring has come:

Feel the gentle air,
That wanders through the boughs to burst

The thick buds everywhere!
The birds are glad to see

The high unclouded sun:
Winter is fled away, they sing,

The Springtime has begun.
(Author Unknown) □

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Name (print) _____

Please Check appropriate times available to work.

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		Sun. p.m.	_____



Gift Distribution

On December 17th this annual event was held for the patients. As always, it was a festive and rewarding occasion. Although the total number of volunteers was diminished from previous years, a number of groups were present.

Masonic participation

The six volunteers, representing the Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester were: Tom and Cora Paglia, Larry and Marge Hood, and my wife, Sylvia and myself.

The Masonic volunteers representing other organizations

were for the 2nd year, Wayne Smith, a five time Master of Rushville Lodge, accompanied by his lady, Leslie Smith, Past Matron of the OES.

Schedule

On February 11th a group of entertainers visited the wards for Valentine's Day. Sunday, March 11th and April 8th, will be regular ward visits.



Wayne and Leslie Smith

Masonic Campus

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congregation that averages about 30-35 people. A closed circuit television allows residents of the Nursing Home and Wiley Hall to enjoy the services without leaving their building.

The Chapel has also become quite popular for weddings and photo sessions for couples who either work on Campus or live in the community. On a more solemn note, the Chapel is used for the funeral services for departed residents and members of the Masonic community.

What is a Chapel without beautiful music? Our Tompkins Chapel has a majestic pipe organ that was built and installed in 1910. Over the years the organ has been enlarged and rebuilt to its present state of 38 ranks of pipes totaling about 2,300 individual pipes. The sound is awe-inspiring, especially when Jack Ovit, the Grand Organist, performs at the Investiture Service on St. John's Day.

Next time you are in our area, we invite you to worship with us on Sundays!



Harold Bollotin and the Raging Rhino's mascot.

Family-Family Day

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Pentagon, Avery Fisher Hall at the Lincoln Center, as well as both Disney Theme Parks. "They are headed back to Europe again this year and we have booked one of their rare local performances," Lindsay commented. Attendees will appreciate how this international award-winning group inspires their listeners.

Rounding out the program of over 2 hours will be the string quartet, Simplicity, and the just off the Circus tour-Shrine Clowns. Who knows what will be in store when the clowns are let loose on April Fool's Day?

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

Promotional packets, with tickets, have been sent to all organizations. Ask who is handling ticket sales at your next meeting. Buying tickets early is recommended due to the potential of selling out. You won't want to miss out on the big event that everyone will be talking about for years to come.

Additional tickets can be arranged by contacting me at 924-1666. I can also answer any questions that readers may have about the program.

Order of the Eastern Star HiLights

MONROE DISTRICT

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Charlene
Stankey



DGL
Rt. Wthy.
Neil E.
Laundry

Star greetings! We hope that everyone has enjoyed the past two months of Winter and is looking forward to the exciting and busy Spring unfolding before us. Since our Official Visits begin with Fairport Chapter No. 444 on March 6th, we know that the weather will be perfect from March 5th on. (This will also provide smooth sailing for our returning "snowbirds"). Rt. Wthy. Charlene and her husband, Chuck, enjoyed their Caribbean Cruise (you have to watch those desserts flambe), and Rt. Wthy's Neil and Donna will be back from their travels in early March. It is a tough job, but...

A great event

In between all that "work" we also had some fun. We enjoyed our first full Line Officers get-together on February 3rd and completed a great deal of business and preparation for the Grand Matrons Visit, before having the pleasure of hosting a luncheon featuring Rt. Wthy. Char's "Chicken and Biscuits" and Rt. Wthy. Neil's "Spice Cake w/ Cream Cheese Frosting". Rt. Wthy. Donna Laundry and Rt. Wthy. Cecil Losinger helped out

with salads and desserts. Chuck carried the stuff up from the car, did most of the set-up, slaved in the kitchen, and couldn't even get a lousy piece of pie. This Charlene is one tough boss.

Sickness and Distress

Rt. Wthy. Bill Cobb is recovering and, at last report, doing well after several rather scary days in the hospital. At the same time, Rt. Wthy. Barb, Grand Chaplain, had a nasty bout with a flu bug which precipitated a fall, and an injured arm and side. We hope to have both of these friends back soon and traveling at our side.

Luncheon

Your Deputy and Lecturer met with the management of the Country Party House in East Rochester. Plans for the facility use and menu for both the April 20th Grand Matron's Luncheon and Official Visit are complete. We are looking forward to receiving the same excellent service and culinary presentation that we have enjoyed in the past. Matrons and Secretaries will receive ticket pricing and seating request options in early March. Please plan on joining us to honor our State Grand Officers and to celebrate our membership in the Order.

Bingo!

Remember to set aside April 28th as the date you will be attending the Monroe District Bingo Party at Webster Masonic Temple. This will be the single fundraiser for Monroe District's 2001 Project, which is dedicated to Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention.

Lunch items will be available for purchase beginning at noon. These will consist of cafeteria style sandwiches, homemade vegetable soup, coffee, tea, and iced tea. A variety of pies (by the slice or whole) and a wonderful selection of other baked goods will also be on sale for dessert or to be enjoyed later at home.

An then...to work some of those calories off...games. Ten games of Bingo (eight regular and two split-pots) and other games.

Come on out! Support your District, have some great fun, and while you're at it, bring your friends. Make them aware of the worthwhile projects supported by the OES and let them see the fun we have doing it. Have those petitions handy. Remember, there's nothing to it, but to do it!

Next meeting

A special note regarding the next Line Officers Meeting. Rt. Wthy. Char has arranged for a guest speaker on the topic of "Breast Cancer Awareness". In addition, the Conductresses and Associate Conductresses will be reviewing the Ritual for the Ceremony of Initiation. With the next round of Official Visits upon us, it is particularly important that every effort be made to attend. Don't forget to arrive early and enjoy the snacks.

Pass the information

A word for the Matrons and Secretaries: many of our Sisters do not receive the *Masonic Times*. Please post or pass along the information needed by our members to fully participate in Chapter and District events.

We hope to see you at the upcoming Official Visits and District activities. Make that extra effort to visit and support other Chapters. You'll have a great time.

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



Monroe District's regular crew.



Harold Bollotin, Larry Hood, Tom Paglia with Recreation Therapist, Jane Heath. (Photos courtesy Harold Bollotin)



Canandaigua V.A.M.C. residents.



Tom Paglia, Larry Hood, Sylvia Bollotin, Cora Paglia and Marge Hood.

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Words of wisdom

Let us be at least as generous in judging others as we are in judging ourselves.

Happy hello's. It seems time flies so quickly. Here it is March already. Snow is falling and it is quite chilly as I sit at the computer writing this article. I wish for sunshine and Summer breezes.

Our February meeting was very nice. In watching the floor work I knew that the Officers had been really concentrating on a fluid motion. Well done.

Fellowship

Instruction Class was very informative and interesting. Though we are small in numbers, we find a growing interest in what the Chapter is all about. Questions get answered, explanations on why we do things the way we do get explained, and the fellowship is strengthened. March 1st, at 7:00 p.m., will be the next Class at my house. Please let me know if you are attending and bring your Constitution along with any questions you may have.

We are making plans and getting ready for our Official Visit on March 31st. The Officers would really appreciate members coming out to support the Chapter that evening.

Monte Carlo Night

A meeting of the Chairpersons for our Monte Carlo Night was held on February 23rd, at 7:00 p.m., my home. We had a night of ideas and ways to make this a huge success. Donations of "new" items would be appreciated for prizes. Please let me know if you can be of help in that area.

Sickness and distress

We were very happy to see Rt. Wthy. Bill back in Chapter. Our sympathy to the Zahn's on the death of their nephew. It was so nice to see Sister Norma Gingold in Chapter, having been with one of her daughters who has been very ill. Welcome back.

Please call me if there is an illness or problem, prayers are much needed at these times and they certainly do help and work. Remember "F.R.O.G."

March Official Visits

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

Once again I will ask you to support these Chapters.

Until next time, I wish you peace.

Birthdays

Happy birthday to those born in March: Wthy. Eleanora Dick, Sister Betty Oakley and W. Florence Thayer.

Alice's notes from Florida

Hello from Tavernier, on the Southern end of balmy and warm Key Largo, 1 1/2 hours South of Miami. I can see the Ocean a mere 3 houses away.

After learning that our New York State Grand Officers would be visiting 4 cities in Florida in January, to see our many Florida full and Winter-time residents, I planned my trip so as to attend the Tuesday, January 23rd, luncheon in Tampa. M. Wthy. Wanda Williams had attended the previous Saturday luncheon in Sarasota. When I spoke with our Grand Matron, M. Wthy. Linda A. Angiolillo, and our Grand Patron, M. Wthy. Everett H. Vail, and his wife, Rt. Wthy. Betty, Associate Grand Marshal, I was impressed with the significant Masonic dignitaries in attendance. I took photos of Willard G. Orr, of the Genesee/Wyoming District, when he received his 50 year Pin and Certificate. I forwarded those photos to Willard and Rose. About 250 Eastern Star and Masonic members were at that luncheon.

On to Tavernier, where I had high hopes of attending nearby Eastern Star meetings, No one around the Star telephone number, so when I drove by the Masonic Hall one afternoon, and saw two cars outside, I stopped in and introduced myself to two Masons who were setting up tables for the Widows Dinner to be held the next Saturday night. They informed me that the Eastern Star Chapter had closed two weeks prior to my arrival. After we chatted for a few minutes, they invited me to attend the dinner. I explained that I wasn't eligible, but they insisted that I attend to meet Eastern Star women who would be there. So I did. I arrived a little early and helped others get the buffet set up, and felt privileged to attend such a meaningful program. The next morning I visited a nearby church for Sunday services and found 3 people in attendance whom I talked with on the previous evening.

More next month about attending a Chapter meeting in Homestead, Florida.

NOLATKA Chapter No. 320
Order of the Eastern Star
 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
 7:30 p.m.

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By Sister Alice Hassett Chapter news

Are your 2001 dues paid? Your membership card is white. Sister Jane LaPree (889-4248) is Co-chairman of the Sunshine Committee, with Sister Kathleen Skelton (293-2052). Please keep these Sisters informed of any illness, surgery, or other concern.

We are happy to report that Rick Huff, husband of Rt. Wthy. Susan Huff, is recovering at home from a heart attack he suffered in January, and is doing well.

Our budget was approved at the February 6th meeting. Several Chapter members supported the Masonic Have-a-Heart Campaign by working at one of the malls on February 8th. This Campaign raises money for the Ronald McDonald House.

The March 6th meeting will be a rehearsal for the Official Visit. March 20th is the Official Visit.

The Chairperson for March is Sister Florence Smith. Committee members are Sister Elizabeth Morris, Rt. Wthy. Diane Maltese, Sister Jane LaPree, and Brother Leroy Lester.

Our Worthy Matron, Mary Anne Sovocool, reminds members to be sure to let her know if you will be absent from meetings, especially for the rehearsal and Official Visit, so that pro-tems may have time to prepare for their roles. Her number is 768-6642.

CARTER CHAPTER
ORDER OF DEMOLAY
 1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS
 MASONIC TEMPLE
 BATAVIA, NY

Well, hello from the Charles L. Carter Chapter of DeMolay. Much has taken place since our last writing. Our first session of the New Year on the 2nd of January was cancelled due to some really bad Winter weather in Western New York. That did not stop us one bit from moving our new Chapter forward.

Blood Drive

On January 15th we sponsored our first Blood Drive in Batavia at the First Presbyterian Church on East Main Street. We did experience some difficulties with media communication of the event, but the members put up 15 hand signs all over the city, mailed 35 media kits to local churches and called about 100 prospective

donors. Our members helped the American Red Cross set up and break down and clean up the hall at the church. The event netted enough blood products to assist 45 people in need. Stay tuned as we will be sponsoring another session later this Summer.

Dinner

On January 16th we were honored with the attendance of DAD Kita, State Executive Director and DAD Burke, State DAD. The Mothers Club put on a Pasta and Meatball Dinner at the Temple that was enjoyed by all. The dinner was the greatest and we thank the Moms and Grandmas for the meal. DAD Kita presented the Advisors with the 4X4 Membership Program and the "Chapter of Excellence" Program which are both new to us. We thank DADs Kita and Burke for their continued support and positive encouragement for our Chapter.

New member

We welcome Josh Radley to our Chapter. He has completed an application and has passed through the Interview Committee with flying colors. Josh Willwerth, Senior Counselor, sponsored Josh. We are very pleased to inform the *Times* readers that Josh Radley will be officially inducted into our Order at the 2001 Grand Master's Class in Utica on March 24th. Many members of the Chapter will be attending this event with Josh. Our Master Counselor, Ralph M. Goodberlet will be a member of the State Induction Team for this event and we all look forward to a great DeMolay weekend.

Open House

On March 6th our Chapter will be holding an Open House to promote DeMolay and our Chapter. Our DeMolays supplied DAD Pience from the State Organization with well over 200 prospective names for new members to our Order. DAD Pience had challenged our members to supply him with as many names as possible. Each prospect will be contacted personally by DAD Pience and sent promotional material. Each will be invited to our Open House to see a video presentation, a presentation by our DeMolays and consume free pizza and soda provided by the Mothers Club. I don't think DAD Pience knew what he was in for with this challenge!

Bowling Tournament

Our Chapter completed the Postal Bowling Tournament and forwarded the scores to DeMolay International. District Master Counselor, Josh Burke, bowled with our Chapter and we certainly appreciate all of his help and support as our Chapter builds for success. Our Senior Counselor, Josh Willwerth, and DAD Willwerth are now in the planning stages of putting together 22 cal. rifle teams so that our Chapter can participate in the DeMolay International Rifle Marksman Tournament this Spring at Godfrey's Pond in Genesee County. We are all looking forward to this event with great excitement.

Thank you

The Chapter thanks DAD Dagen and DAD Wilder for the beautiful Candle Stands and Preceptor Stands that they built and funded for our Chapter. They're surely a great addition to our Chapter room.

Well, that about does it for now. Stay tuned for another article next month with even more happenings in DeMolay.

In Memoriam

January, 2001

Joslyn, Warren D.

Death claimed Warren on January 16th. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 and is survived by many family members.

Andriesen, Roy M.

ERAC Lodge No. 163, Rochester Consistory, and Damascus Temple Shrine, all lost a member with the passing of Roy on January 20th. He was 103 years old and is survived by his daughter, 2 grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

Briggs, Charles I.

Charles was 94 years old when he was called Home on January 21st. He was a member of Northfield Lodge No. 426 and is survived by his wife, Letah, 2 sons, 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Parker, John W.

John entered Eternal Rest January 24th. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, and Lalla Rookh Grotto. He leaves many family members.

Lowry, Roger E.

The Grand Architect of the Universe claimed Roger on January 27th. He was a Past Master of Northfield Lodge No. 426, a member of Rochester Consistory and was President of the Masonic Service Bureau in 1980. He is survived by many family members.

Hieber, Glenwood E.

A member of ERAC Lodge No. 163, Glenwood died January 29th. He is survived by his wife, Hedwig, 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

Grover, Samuel E.

The Supreme Architect claimed Samuel on January 31st. He was a member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 and is survived by his wife, Anna, 1 son, 1 grandchild and 2 great-grandchildren.

February

Hill, Howard J., Sr.

Howard was 106 years old when he passed away on February 2nd at his home in Florida. He was a member of Seneca Lodge No. 797 and leaves 2 sons, 7 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Heber, Fred J.

Fairport Lodge No. 476 lost a member with the passing of Fred on February 10th. Survivors include his wife, Theresa, 2 daughters, and 1 grandson.

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

Plue, Barry P.

Barry was a member of Batavia Lodge No. 475 and died December 19, 2000, at his home in Arizona.

Thompson, Robert A.

Robert was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine at the time of his passing on February 6th. He resided in Pennsylvania.

St. Patrick's Day Annual Dinner



Sponsored by Fairport Chapter #444 O.E.S.

March 17, 2001

at
 Fairport Masonic Temple
 87 S. Main St.
 Fairport, NY 14450

There will be 2 seatings
 5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
 Reservations a must!
 Call 586-7498
 before March 1st

Family Style Dinner

Menu

- Fresh Garden Salad
- Corned Beef with Gravy
- Boiled Cabbage
- Fresh Carrots
- Boiled Potatoes
- Homemade Dessert
- French Bread with Butter
- Coffee, Tea and Milk
- Condiments: Horseradish, Vinegar and Mustard

Donations: Adults \$8
 Sr. Citizens \$7.50
 Children 5-10 \$3.50
 Under 5 yrs. Free

Take Out Service will be available as usual.
 5 p.m thru 6:30 p.m.

Visit a Masonic War Veteran

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

Apr 1	Monroe District Family Night, DDT
Apr 7	Caldron Smorgasbord
Apr 11	Master Mason Night - Henrietta Park
Apr 14	Masters and Wardens - Ronald McDonald House
Apr 19, 21	Scottish Rite Reunion - DDT
Apr 28	Bus trip to Utica
May 5	Ox Roast - Clio Lodge in Hilton
May 7, 8	Grand Lodge - New York City
Jun 9	Potentate's Ball
Aug 17-19	Grand Council - Fishkill
Oct 28	Interfaith Service and Breakfast

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 Spillano - 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.

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.

Electric Bloopers
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to the fixture; that is why the wires were burned back so far. It was surprising that a fire had not started. This wiring was done by the same man. Anyway, all of the fixtures were rewired and new bulb sockets installed. The managers comment on completion of the job

was, "I guess we should have called a licensed electrician before!"

Case two

I met a man at one of our social affairs, you know how people like to get things done and use flattery to do it.

He said, "Tom, you are the best in the business and I need your professional advice, I hope you can help me." Ask any electrical contractor, they all have had similar experiences.

He started by telling me he wanted to replace a switch with a Ground Fault Interrupter and switch combination. He said he did not understand how to do it and asked if I could draw a wiring diagram for him. I asked him what brand he had purchased. When he told me, I said, "that was your first mistake." When you purchase that type of item for your home you should not try to save money at the expense of quality because it may cost you more in the long run.

He said that it was only for a new light fixture he was going to install in his bathroom. He was going to use the existing wiring from the old outlet. I asked him why he did not call in a licensed electrician? He said that he thought that he could get all the necessary information from me. I told him that I would pass on this one because I could be liable for any injury to him or his family if I told him how to wire the switch. First of all, I would have to look at it to see what was there, you never take anyone's word for what is there, and determine if what he wanted done was feasible. In some cases new wiring may be required.

So, he left talking to himself, saying that I was not the friend he

thought I was. Remember this, by not telling him what to do I may have saved him or one of his family from serious injury or even his losing the house to fire. Sometimes you can't win for losing. Even if he was angry with me, at least he is a live angry person. □

Auditorium CENTER

Tues. Mar. 6-Sun. Mar. 11
Ragtime
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.

Tues., Mar. 13
Coretta Scott King
7:30

Tue. Mar. 20 thru Sat. Mar. 31
Late Night Catechism
Tues.-Thur. 7:30 p.m.
Fri. & Sun. 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Next week same but no Sun. perf.

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Arcade	2x
Fairport	
Mt. Vernon	3x
Oakland	4x
Olive Branch	
Triluminar	4x
Etolian	2/16
Flower City	2/15
Oatka	2/15
Valley/Simes	2/15
Wakan/Hubbard	2/15

"x" = months missed.

If you see your Lodge name here, call your Master, whatever you like!
The Deadline for the April issue is:
March 12, 2001

**Service Bureau
Hawaiian
Cruise & Tour**

Sept. 24, 2002

**Carnival Line's
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19 Days - 12 aboard ship
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**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

March Flower - Jonquil
March Gem - Aquamarine

Calendar March 2001

Deadline for the *Masonic Times*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2001 APRIL 2001 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	2001 FEBRUARY 2001 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	 Don Brugger Jean Brugger Mat Gingold Barb Goodrich		1 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite Officer and Committee Meeting	2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. 30 Orchard St., Webster Adults \$6, Child \$3</div> Scottish Rite - Bring-a-Brother - DDT	3 Rochester Chapter, OES
4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">First Sunday Breakfast Attica Lodge 8 a.m. - noon</div>	5 West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club	6 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson 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 OES - District Meeting M & W - Charlotte/ Corinthian York Rite College - DDT K of Y Degree	10
11 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Pancake Breakfast Mt. Vernon Lodge West Star - BAF - 2 p.m.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinners March 14 & 28</div>	12 ERAC - E. Rochester-37 Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club	13 Batavia Craftsman/Robertson-F Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming OES - Leah	14 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Service Bureau Luncheon OES - Batavia, Corinthian/ Fellowship	15 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen-1* Northfield - Pittsford-2* Webster Scottish Rite - Program RAM - Western Star	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18 Council of Masonic Activities G/W West Star Lodge - 2 p.m. 	19 West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene Monroe LSOME - DDT OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club	20 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson-2* Germania-2* Oakland - Castile Valley/Simes Warsaw OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Perry, Webster First Day of Spring	21 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Lalla Rookh Grotto Euchre Tournament RSM - Doric - SM - exemp.	22 Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Shrine Circus	23 Shrine Circus	24 Shrine Circus
25 Shrine Circus	26 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Mt. Vernon - Java Village Wakan/Hubbard-Penfield-2* RSM - Nundawaga OES - Charlotte Shrine Lunch Club	27 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Valley/Simes District Leadership - DDT	28 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Batavia, Corinthian/ Fellowship	29 School of Ritual Etolian Masonic War Vets - G/W Mt. Vernon	30	31 Rochester Chapter OES Official Visit Widows Luncheon, Logan's