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## Hilton Teacher Honored with Presidential Award



Beverly Thompson

Washington, DC-President Bush named Beverly Thompson as a recipient of the 2000 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). Each year the White House recognizes the best of the nation's K-12 mathematics and science teachers with this highest honor. The Awards are administered by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Ms. Thompson, a science teacher at Village Elementary School, was selected from more than 600 national finalists from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, United

States Territories, and the US Department of Defense Schools. Each year a national panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians, and educators recommends up to 216 teachers to receive the Award. There are approximately 2 million science and mathematics teachers across the country eligible for the PAEMST honor.

"Our nation needs excellent educators at the elementary and secondary levels," says NSF Director, Rita Colwell. "The talent and motivation it takes to cultivate young minds deserves recognition. Today, we honor those mathematics and science teachers who bring innovation into the classroom and spark the desire to learn in our children-our future leaders. The dedication to excellence of these teachers should inspire us all."

Beverly Thompson, Presidential Award recipient in Elementary Science, is a graduate of the State University of New York Brockport and the State University of New York Fredonia.

The PAEMST, established in 1983, honors the nation's leading mathematics and science teachers in four categories-elementary mathematics, elementary science, secondary mathematics, and secondary science. For more information on how to apply for a PAEMST Award, or to see a complete listing of this year's

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## Masonic Family Day Huge Success



Athena Show Choir-featured group of the Family Family Night Show. More pictures and information, see Monroe Staff Officers.

(Picture courtesy Cliff Short)

By Jim Weick

Sunday, April 1st, marked the first ever Masonic Family Day event held, most appropriately, at our very own Cathedral Hall. Families from about the county and the Fraternity gathered for an afternoon of entertainment. As the event promised, none went away dissatisfied.

The Shrine Clowns humored all ages in what was a "must have" act for April Fools Day. While their act centered mostly on the children attending, not an adult in the crowd could hold back their laughter as everyone got caught up in the act. Clowns Rosco, Joker Charlie and Dimples, provided all the laughs that made Damascus Shrine proud.

For the second act, the string trio Stringplicity took to the stage playing to the many eras of Masonic composers. The selections of music once written by our great Brothers filled the room to our elegant rafters with the sounds of violin, viola and cello. As we sat in the dimmed hall with the lights on the stage, the room was transformed back to a time of a wonderful past in music.

The final transformation of Cathedral Hall took place as the curtain opened on the Greece Athena Show Choir. The stage was filled with the excitement of Broadway production numbers danced by the dedicated students accompanied by their band. Their constant costume changes to reflect their Broadway show tunes really complemented the show. Judith Ranaletta, the shows artistic and musical Director, is no doubt proud of the efforts her pupils put into their work. Their efforts paid off in a great performance that we all enjoyed and will remember for a long, long time to come.

Those who missed the Show Choir can get another chance to see them live on Wednesday, June 27th, when they play at Olympia High School. The show starts at 7:00 p.m. If you miss the date you'll need to catch up with them as they travel to Europe for their next shows.

This very successful event was a result of not only the hard work of the performers, but also that of Cliff Short, Jim Knapp, Don Brugger, Barb Goodrich, Glenn Hedges and the staff at the Temple. Our thanks are extended

to them for making this project a success.

If there is to be another show, our combined Fraternal effort should be dedicated in filling the 500 seats that were left empty this year.

## Personal Commentary

By W.: Gary Burke

I, having just returned with my daughter from the first Masonic Family-Family Day 2001, find myself compelled to express my thoughts on the event.

I give my heartfelt thank you to the event Chairman, W.: James Weick, who did an outstanding job in securing quality performers for the afternoon, and to the District leaders, R.: W.: Lindsay, Short and De Lorenzo, for their inspiration for such an event. It was a most enjoyable afternoon with a pleasant mix between the Shrine Clowns, who entertained all of us "kids" for the opening, to the wonderful string trio who played a variety of selections from well known composers (including Masonic composers), to the final, and what I considered the headline group, The Greece Athena Show Choir. It was a tremendous performance. I know that everyone had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the show. Bravo to all who helped make the event the success it was.

Now, for the one-two punch! I am constantly amazed at how we, or at least some of us, as Masons, constantly complain that our Lodges (or District) always do the same old thing. We have no originality in our programming. We see the same old things meeting after meeting, month after month, year after year. Today we had the opportunity to take our family out to a quality event, enjoy it with others from our greater Masonic family, at a very reasonable price, and a mere 90 people showed up to support and enjoy the program. For those of us who were there, we had a great day. For those of our Masonic family who could not find time in their schedules to attend, you are the ones who missed out.

Now the attendance had nothing to do with the quality of the program, remember, this was the first of its kind in the District. You can't blame past perfor-

mance for what I would consider a poor turn out. Cathedral Hall should have been packed! Is it that we, as Masons in the Monroe District, find it easier to complain from our living room chairs than to get up and out of the house and support an event lately? I would have thought that many would have wanted to get out of the house on such a nice day, no snow and all. It's been a long Winter and Spring just doesn't seem to want to come our way.

It takes time, energy and talent to put together a quality performance such as this. The guest performers who were invited deserved more. What does it take to fill a room now-a-days? If we want this kind of entertainment to return, have individuals step forward to chairs such events, we need to show support and interest with our participation. If not, we may never see another event such as this again. *That would be a shame!*

## D.A.R.E. Program Gets Another Boost from the Fraternity with a Poster Contest



More information in the Staff Officer's article on pages 4 & 5.

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## Tall Cedars Anniversary

This year, 2001, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America will be celebrating 50 years of association with the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The Tall Cedars are a Masonic affiliated organization with over 18,000 members in 103 chapters called Forests. Since 1951, the Tall Cedars have provided continuous financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, contributing over \$14 million dollars. Our money making projects are the sale of pink roses throughout the year, bake sales, pancake jamborees, etc., all of which enlist the aid of families.

We make the presentation of our donations at the annual Labor Day Telethon presided over by Jerry Lewis, and have the distinction of being the first organization to provide financial support to the association. (Source: Tall Cedars Press Release)

## Walk to Cure Diabetes

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## Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger  
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### Can we talk?

"The time has come," the Walrus said, "To talk of many things; Of shoes-and ships-and sealing wax-Of cabbages-and kings-And why the sea is boiling hot-And whether pigs have wings."

Charles L. Dodgson

You may have noticed that some of the articles in the April issue were a little short on news. That is, news on upcoming events for the organizations involved. If I may digress a little, your articles should contain dates and information on events in the future as well as news about what has happened; what, where, when, and what has transpired. After all, that is what your members want to know. One article in question had no dates at all; that is not utilizing the *Times* for its intended purpose.

### What's important?

The member, reading your article, wants to hear about past events, future events and what the organization is doing both long or short term. He does not necessarily need to be entertained or be a witness to the writers "literary talents". Communication should be the prime function of your article, the entertainment is desirable, but, secondary.

### A reminder

**Rumor:** "Unconfirmed report, the report on a particular thing without confirmation or certainty as to facts."

So, until there is concrete evidence of an actual fact, it's just rumor, no matter who you hear it from. Remember, patience is the bearer of peace of mind.

### More from Merriam

**Summons:** "An authoritative call or notice to appear at a specified place, as for a particular purpose or duty." We therefore are summoned by a "summons". Those summoned meet at a summoned meeting. The summonses (paper notices) would meet at a summons meeting.

### Communication

Communication, communication, communication. Nowhere is there a more vile and stubborn adversary than "the uncommunicated message". He lurks at every turn waiting to cause problems. He can be defeated, but it requires eternal vigilance and attention to detail. Watch out for him! He will bite you when least expected

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As we approach the new year, for many Lodges and some Concordant Bodies, may tomorrow's leaders be ever mindful of the needs and desires of the flock. Most important, remember to communicate, for many problems arise, only for the lack of, or poor communications. Stop, look, but most of all, listen. Look unto the hills from whence cometh our help. Listen to the wind blowing and the murmurs of the past along with the reality of tomorrow. Recognize, adjust to, and accept change, as change constantly surrounds us.

As we get past the Ron Mertens ordeal and others like him in our Craft, may we be ever mindful of our calling of the great and high ideals that Masonry represents. May we be positive in our thoughts, proud of our achievements and carefully protect our magnanimous Order. May tomorrow's leaders light so shine, that all may see our good works and acknowledge our rightful place in history.

"Inch by inch, anything is a cinch," and if He be for us, who can be against us?

*Money Tips*  
By Dave Larson

Whether you've been saving for years or are new to retirement saving, dollar-cost averaging is an investment strategy you've probably heard about, but do you know how it benefits you? Especially now, in the midst of a bear market, dollar-cost averaging can be a powerful long-term strategy.

Dollar-cost averaging is a technique that involves investing fixed amounts of money at fixed intervals. For example, when saving through your retirement plan, you invest your annual retirement contributions at fixed intervals throughout the year with each pay period.

The logic behind dollar-cost averaging is that you buy more shares when prices are low and purchase fewer shares when prices are high. Think of this in terms of your everyday life. For example, if you budget \$15 a week for gas and you go to the gas station each week to fill up your car, the lower the price of a gallon of gas, the more gas you will be able to buy that week.

The same principle applies when you purchase shares of an investment in your retirement or savings plan. If you are in the accumulation stage of your savings career, your goal should be to purchase as many shares of an investment as possible-just like the consumer at the gas pump. While many investors feel more comfortable when the market is going up, a declining market can

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actually work in your favor because during this stage you are able to purchase more shares for your money.

The key to dollar-cost averaging is consistent investing over time. It's a solid investment strategy that works best when used for long-term investing. For someone with a ten to twenty year time horizon, you should be happy to experience a declining market environment because it presents a great opportunity to accumulate wealth. Now is the time to increase the fixed dollar amount and accumulate even more of those beaten down shares.

**Your Legal Rights FYI**  
By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

### Not without a fight, you're not!

Why do couples fight over a divorce? Sometimes it's because one spouse doesn't want to end the marriage, sometimes it's motivated by retribution, but usually it's over money, material things, or the kids.

To obtain a divorce, should the parties disagree on how to divorce, requires proving that you are entitled to a divorce.

The first hurdle is to establish that either or both spouses are NY residents at the time a divorce is sought. This requirement is satisfied if: both spouses are NY residents; were married in NY; have previously lived in New York State during their marriage; or the grounds for divorce occurred in New York State. If none of the above apply, then one of the spouses must have been living in NYS for a 2 year period prior to filing court papers for a divorce.

The next hurdle is to establish that you have legal grounds for divorce. The recognized grounds for divorce are: cruel and inhuman treatment; abandonment for one or more years; adultery; or living apart pursuant to either a separation decree or pursuant to a separation agreement for one or more years.

### Cruel and inhuman treatment

Cruel and inhuman treatment, or cruelty for short, requires proof that it would be unhealthy for the couple to continue living together as a married couple. Physical abuse is the obvious action supporting a divorce on this ground.

Mental abuse is also covered. Constant berating, or boorish behaviors, are actions that support a showing of mental abuse. The length of the marriage is the yardstick by which to measure what behavior is or isn't acceptable. A whack over the head with a broom is abusive in a marriage of short duration. The same conduct in a marriage of 25 years may not be considered abusive if it was an isolated episode. Mental abuse, or nagging the other spouse, may or may not be considered abusive, depending upon the length of the marriage. What effects did the nagging have on the spouse being abused? Was professional help sought? Did nagging bring on certain conditions (depression, weight gain, low self-esteem?)

### Abandonment

Abandonment requires proof that a spouse left the house for one or more years without returning. Reconciliation during the 1 year time period will require another 1 year waiting period if the couple breaks up again.

Conjugal relations are a fundamental aspect of marriage.

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Constructive abandonment may be shown if one spouse refuses to be intimate with the other spouse for one or more years. Conceivably, constructive abandonment can be shown even if both spouses still sleep together in the same bed.

### Prison

To qualify as grounds for divorce, the spouse needs to be incarcerated for 3 or more consecutive years after the marriage.

### Adultery

Knowledge of the adultery, followed by acquiescence, will defeat a divorce on the grounds of adultery. For example, Amy discovers Joe has been sleeping with Laura. Amy acts as though nothing happened, and continues to live with Joe under the same roof. Amy could, instead, kick Joe out of the house when she finds out. She cannot obtain a divorce on the grounds of adultery if she lets 5 years pass after her discovery.

Living apart pursuant to either a separation decree or pursuant to a separation agreement

This is how to obtain an uncontested divorce. Both Amy

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and Joe agree that divorcing is best for everyone. They can go to court and obtain a separation decree. If they live apart for one or more years after obtaining the separation decree, they can then get the divorce, automatically, without any further proof, other than having lived apart for one or more years. Alternatively, they can agree how to divide all they have acquired during their marriage, and who will get the kids. This agreement is put in writing and adhered to for one or more years, after which time, either party can go into court and obtain a divorce based on the agreement.

Amy and Joe need not wait a year. Amy and Joe can enter into a separation agreement and still get a divorce without having to wait. All that's required is that the spouses agree to the divorce.

Next month I'll begin covering the financial considerations of divorce.



This story is about a very good friend I have, or at least he was until he read this! It seems the bulb burned out in his dropped ceiling light, which extended from a chain over his dinette table. So he got another bulb to replace what he thought was a burned out bulb, still it didn't light up. He tried twisting the bulb a couple of times to make sure the bulb was in nice and tight, still no light. So, he called me telling me he didn't know if it was the fixture or the switch. So like a knight on the white horse, I went over to see him. When I arrived there, he was waiting at the door. With a very pleasant smile he greeted me, anyone who knows him, knows his smile will always get you. He did a pretty good job with Generals while in service. I asked him if he had done anything more to the fixture and he said, "No." He said I remembered what you told me and that was not to touch it and wait for you.

I went over to make sure the switch was off before handling the fixture, this you learn from years of experience. I removed the bulb and looked inside the lamp socket. This will kind of tell you what is wrong if you know what you are looking for. Sure enough, the tell-tale signs were all there. I told him the fixture had to be taken down, put on the operating table and taken apart.

On removing the socket, the problem was located. Wires were burned back and one completely burned in two. A new socket and new wiring had to be installed. I picked up the material, went back and reassembled the fixture. Wow! Will miracles never cease? It worked.

Being the very nice guy that he is, he said, "Tom, you are a genius." I thought that was nice of him.

Now to unfold the rest of the story. The fixture is a Tiffany type which hangs on a chain from the ceiling. The bulb is enclosed in a large globe (no need to tell you people in the business what happened.) Somewhere inside the fixture there is a label stating what maximum size bulb to use, which most people do not read. This fixture stated a 60 watt bulb maximum. What happens is that the 60 watt does not give enough light (for some reason when people are at home, they like a lot of brightness, but take them to a restaurant, and they prefer dim

light, you know, the romantic type). So off they go and buy a 150 watt bulb to replace the 60 watt one. What happens when you are in a small room all closed in, the heat starts to build up inside and you start to sweat. That is what happens in the globe, when heat builds up, something has to happen, so the socket and wires absorb the heat and start to burn. He was lucky the heat caused the wire to burn apart and lose connection. If that did not happen, it would have continued to burn up the wire where oxygen rich air would have finally caused the wire to ignite.

Sometimes the fancy fixtures are not made for brightness, only for show. Anyway, I showed him how lucky he was that the wires did not short out while he was inserting the bulb. A very serious accident could have occurred. When there are signs that something is not working as it should, don't wait to call someone to inspect the problem.

Ah, youth!

When I was a young lad, my father always had something for me to do after school. He expected the job to be done when he arrived home from work. He, seeing that it was not done, would ask why and I would say, "Can you wait a minute and I will do it?" His favorite saying was "weight broke the wagon". You can all imagine what happened to me, he had a big hand that just fit on my behind. In other words, you better do it right away or suffer the consequences.

Electricity is like a rattle snake, when it bites it can be deadly. Always use caution, if you don't, it will do more than curl your hair. If it did, I would have curly hair.

Til next time, God be with you.

### Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee



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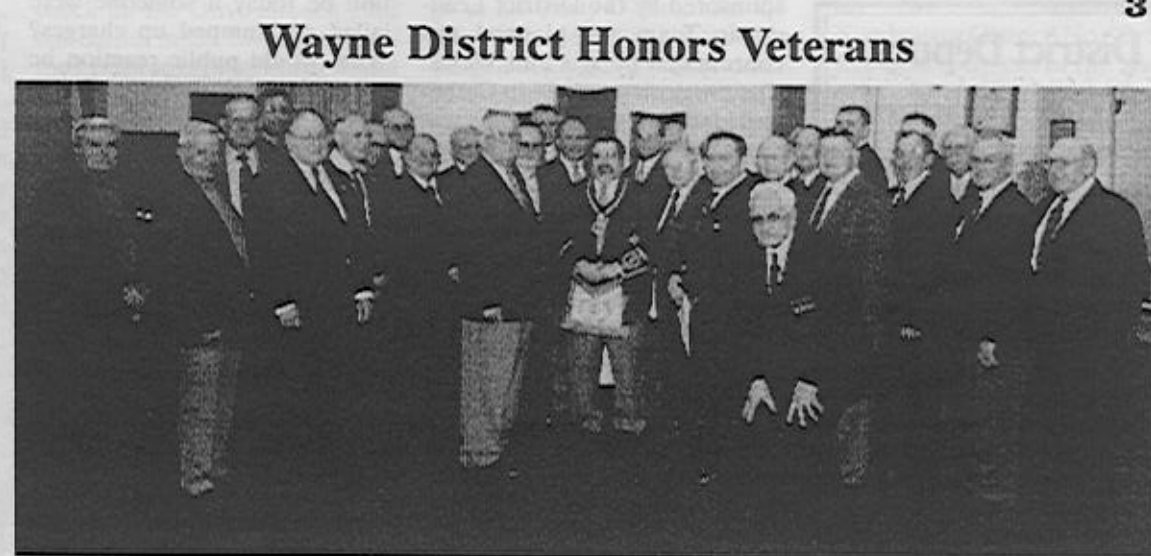
#### Congratulations

Another year has gone by and these persons are to receive Awards and/or Certificates. Awards-for 1000 hours, Cora Paglia and R.W. E. William Whittaker; Certificates for hours and years: Stanley Bushart, 14 years with 2,890 hours and R.W. Thomas Paglia for 16 years and 2,603 hours. Three years and about 500 hours for me and 150 hours for Cora were recorded on 3X5 cards and somehow they were misplaced, now they use the computer system.

It was a good year in that our group did a great many wonderful programs for the Canandaigua VA Medical Center and Veterans. With your financial help, a great deal was accomplished. Keep up the good work.

#### Caregiver Support Group

Individuals with dementia and their caregiver may still be able to participate in three new support groups. All three groups will be sponsored by the Rochester Chapter of Alzheimer's Association, but will be located in the



Veterans from the Wayne District were presented with the Grand Lodge Certificate and Pin for Military Service by R.W. William Jones, DDGM with the assistance of R.W. Richard Friedman, Junior Grand Warden and the Staff Officers of the Monroe and Wayne Districts. (Photo courtesy Tom Paglia)

Canandaigua area. Two of the groups will be hosted by the VAMC, and one by FF Thompson Continuing Care Center.

The Caregiver Support Groups for the Canandaigua VAMC will be the first Wednesday of each month, from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m., Building 8B, Room 236. Contact Michele Long, RN at 393-7507. The FF Thompson Continuing Care Center will be the 4th Thursday of each month from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Contact Mary Marasco, SW, at 396-6790.

#### Early Stage Support Group

The Early Stage Support Group consists of seven sessions provided for people who have been recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease or a related disorder and their primary caregivers. Each session includes an educational presentation and allows time for individual and group discussions. This will be at Canandaigua VAMC on the first Wednesday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to noon in Building 8B, Room 236. Contact Michele Long, RN, at 393-7507.

This past Christmas was made especially wonderful because of area Lodges and Grand Lodge, who contributed to the Christmas Fund and the Executive Fund. Because of your generosity, the Executive Committee at the Canandaigua Veterans Medical Center, along with the volunteers, were able to purchase gifts to distribute during the holiday season.

As many of you know, we do not receive any financial help from any government agency, so we are extremely grateful to those who help: Grand Lodge; Union Lodge No. 45; Charlotte/Corinthian No. 1088; Wakan/Hubbard No. 154; Fairport No. 476; Craftsman/Robertson No. 969; Germania No. 722; Flower City No. 910; Valley/Simes No. 109; Masonic Service Bureau, and Valley of Rochester.

Their donations totaled over \$1500 and Grand Lodge Comfort Kits totaled approximately \$3500. To all of the Lodges and Grand Lodge, we are most thankful.

For the holiday season, the Executive Committee, along with the volunteers at the Canandaigua VA, purchased gifts over and above the Grand Lodge donation of Comfort Kits.

Any person may contribute to the Holiday Fund. Mail your donation to the VA Medical Center 135, 400 Fort Hill Terr., Canandaigua, NY, 14424. Please make check payable to the Christmas Fund or the Executive Fund. You may split the donation in any manner you wish.

Thanks, and God bless you. □

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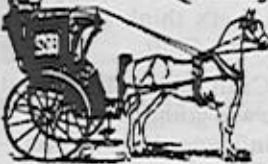
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I am never quite sure whether I should write about where I've been or where I'm going. Enough people read this column and comment on things I say for me to know that I need to be thoughtful about what goes into it. Let me tell you about some events I was at that were outstanding.

In a Fall column, I talked about the good work of W.: Andy Alvarez and the work he was doing with the Ogden D.A.R.E. Program. At the time, he and Officer Brown were educating students in a Needle Awareness Program. Subsequently, they set up a Poster Contest for students, which was ultimately co-sponsored by the Grand Lodge Drug and Alcohol Committee, Etolian Lodge, and Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge. On March 13th, I was one of the judges who helped select poster entries for the savings bond prizes. Not an easy job, as there were numerous, high quality entries. The work was completed and I am looking forward to the Awards Ceremony on April 30th. It doesn't end there. In the next phase, elements of many of the posters will be used to create a coloring book for primary school students that continues the theme of "needle awareness." I'm not sure of a better example of "spreading its beneficent influence..." Good work, Brother Alvarez.

**Good advice**

On March 31st I attended the Widows Luncheon, which began 15 years ago under the leadership of R.W.'s Vern Goodrich, Larry Canfield, Don Wright and Duane Manchester, and continues under the leadership of R.W.: Terry Wihlen. The enthusiastic turnout is always a sure sign that an event is worthwhile and important and this year was no exception.

Special thanks to this year's featured speaker, W.: Art Mason, who spoke on "Elder Abuse." Aside from being an excellent speaker, the content captivated the audience. He talked about some of the common challenges faced by all people who are targeted by scammers. "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is", "if it sounds like an offer you can't refuse, you probably should", "don't sign anything until you've checked it out with someone you trust", and finally, "if you need help, call me at Lifespan, 244-8400". Good advice from a Brother whose fulltime work is dedicated to helping seniors preserve their resources and helping them pick up the pieces after a bad decision. Thanks, Brother Art Mason.

**Masonic Family Family Day**

The very next day I attended the Masonic Family Family Day.

sponsored by the District Leadership Team and planned and coordinated by W.: Jim Weick. The program was held in Cathedral Hall, and as promised, it was fantastic. The Shrine Clowns loosened everyone up (especially the children); Stringplicity played a set of familiar and popular numbers; the Athena Show Choir closed the program with dance numbers that had every member of the audience dancing in their seats. The reviews of the audience were effusively positive. When I talked later with members of my own family who attended, it was clear from their response that Jim met his objective of presenting a program that had a cross generational appeal. When I asked him if he was ready to get another show for the Fall, he wisely said, "Give me a few days to rest up." My congratulations to Jim and those who worked with him to provide an affordable and interesting afternoon on first rate entertainment.

**Memorial Program**

On April 5th I attended the Feast of the Paschal Lamb, an annual memorial program put on by the Scottish Rite. Aside from the wonderful meal preceding the program, the event itself was a moving tribute to Brothers who have laid down the working tools of life. Illustrious Harold Aldrich (Deputy for New York) was the main speaker and addressed the topic of facing life's challenges. As this is an annual open event, I encourage all to attend the next time it is scheduled.

**Morgan Affair**

During the course of my life in Masonry, I have heard the story of "The Morgan Affair" numerous times and read many articles and commentaries on the circumstances of it. The Morgan incident was definitely a watershed incident, which defined an era in Masonic history. Typically the story has several elements:

Morgan is characterized as a town drunk.

Morgan is characterized as someone who violates his solemn obligation.

Morgan attempts to publish the "Secrets of Freemasonry".

Morgan is arrested.

Morgan is spirited out of custody by a group of men.

Morgan disappears and is never heard from again.

Public reaction is sympathetic to Morgan and hostile to the Masons.

Public reaction is so strong, that many Lodges are forced to go dark.

It is several decades before there is a resurgence in Freemasonry.

Almost all writers and speakers on this topic (with the exception of Brother Bill Zufall) convey a sympathetic view of the Craft and maintain a hostile perception of Morgan. Typically the thinking goes that the Craft was harmed by the actions of a greedy, unscrupulous Brother (Morgan).

I will probably offend everyone by saying that I think the Craft got exactly what was coming to it. Let's think about the actions by the Craft.

The Craft didn't like what someone was going to say.

They influenced the incarceration of Morgan.

They spirited him away (probably to his death).

They claim they were justified by what he was about to do.

What would public reaction be today if someone's right to freedom of speech were taken away? What would public reac-

tion be today if someone were jailed on trumped up charges? What would public reaction be today if a mob took a prisoner away from the custody of the State and killed him? What would public reaction be today toward all members of a group where just a few had gone far beyond legal and moral bounds?

I think we all ought to see the Morgan affair for what it was; vigilantism at work, not Freemasonry as we know it and want it to be. All of us ought to work real hard to repudiate the actions of those who thought it appropriate to violate so many of the values that America stands for. As we reflect on those historical events and learn from them, we become better equipped for the challenges we face in our daily and public lives. Being better educated on these things perhaps we can play that important role of "spreading the beneficent influence..."

So here we are.

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The weather is finally starting to warm up, and both of your Grand Lodge Staff Officers are getting itchy to use our staves of Summer, both wood and iron styles. If any Brothers out there find themselves in need of a fourth, or a twosome, you have our numbers. Please contact us. We can't think of a better way to spend an afternoon than being on a golf course with friends.

**Latest happenings**

The Road to the East is finished for this year, but plans are already solidified for next year's program. The sessions are scheduled for three Saturday mornings, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The dates are November 3rd, January 5th and February 2nd. The location will again be Phoenix Lodge in Dansville. The dates were arranged this way to accommodate our Brothers who enjoy spending their time in the woods during late November and December.

We thank all of the Brothers who participated in presenting material, and thank even more of those who chose to come and learn more about our Fraternity, and how it operates. We are sure that all of your Lodges will benefit from your new knowledge and experience, and that you can act

as Ambassadors to your Lodge Brethren, and encourage them to attend the program this Fall.

**LSOME**

The third, and last, LSOME program was well attended on April 3rd. Our thanks to R.W.: Joe Privitera, W.: Mike Schwartz, and Brothers George Nazra and Steve Lysenko for their inspiring presentations. Even though the sessions were well attended this year, we can't help but feel that there are many more Brothers out there who could benefit from these enlightening programs.

Lodge Masters, Senior Officers, and our seasoned Brothers can play a large role encouraging our new Brothers to attend next year's sessions. The worst that could happen is that they leave these evenings with a better understanding of our Fraternity. The dates will be posted soon.

**Family Days**

Although the Family Days Program was not as well attended as we would have liked, all who did attend were treated to a very enjoyable afternoon of entertainment. The program had something that would appeal to almost any age group. The Shrine Clowns did a great job entertaining the youngsters. Stringplicity played some inspiring classical pieces, and the Greece Athena Show Choir actually competed the following weekend in New York City against other performers from as far away as Las Vegas, Nevada, and Jefferson City, Texas. They blew away their competition by taking top honors in all categories. You will get another chance to see the Show Choir perform. They will be performing across Europe this Summer, but will be tuning up their routines during a show held at Greece Olympia High School on Wednesday, June 27th at 7:00 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity for an evening of entertainment.

Our thanks to all who participated in making this event a success.

**Installations**

A program which discussed the different aspects of an Installation Ceremony, was held on April 3rd. Soon to be Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens, and Installing Officers were offered the opportunity to ask questions and discuss different options when planning their installations, whether they were choosing public or tiled events. Our District AGL's, R.W.: R. Keith Stam-

bach and V.: W.: John Zabel, coordinated this event.

We extend a special thanks to R.W.: Charles Simpson for his excellent presentation on "How to Effectively have an Installation-Tiled or Opened." Those Brothers who attended definitely went away with a better understanding of what to expect, and how to plan for a Ceremony of Installation.

While we're talking about installations, INCOMING MASTERS, please contact us with the dates and times of your installations. We would like to attend as many of your installations as possible. The more time we have to plan our schedules, the better chance we will have to honor you, as the new Master of your Lodge.

**Scholarship Awards**

Heads up to the incoming Masters. The Annual Grand Lodge Scholarship Awards Ceremony is set for Saturday, August 4th, in Cathedral Hall at the Downtown Temple. Be sure to set that date aside, so you can honor those deserving students who are receiving these Awards. They are family members of your Lodge Brothers, and they will be our leaders into the future.

**DARE**

W.: Andy Alvarez's DARE Program in Ogden is gathering some steam. The program got started a few months ago with a display case of different types of needles. The display case was sealed to prevent anyone from accessing the contents, and was beautifully engraved by Brother Mike DiCataldo of N.Y.R.A. Trophies. It was then presented to Officer Brown, of the Ogden Police Department, to use to explain the danger of stray needles



Officer Brown instructing children using a teaching aid supplied through Andy Alvarez.



The Shrine Clowns entertained at the Family, Family Day.



Athena Show Choir doing one of their Broadway production numbers. (Photos courtesy Cliff Short)



W.: John Dyer and Brother Leon Russel with one of the submitted D.A.R.E. Posters. (Photos courtesy Cliff Short)



L.S.O.M.E. presenter, R.:W.: Joe Privitera, speaking to newly raised Master Masons.

to three grammar schools in the Spencerport area.

A poster contest was the 2nd phase of the program, and the judging was completed by a panel of Brothers, consisting of R.:W.: Bill Lindsay, R.:W.: Jim De Lorenzo, W.: John Dyer, W.: Andy Alvarez and Brothers Leon Russel and Bill King.

The creation of the poster judged to be the best will be honored at a ceremony on April 30th. The top prize will be a \$100 savings bond. All students who participated will receive an Award. Stay tuned to this column for reports on future updates of this program.

**Business**

New incoming Masters will be receiving a questionnaire from your Grand Lodge Staff Officers

asking for names of Brethren who can help communicate with the District Committee Chairman, and bring their messages back to their Lodges. We believe good communications provide a vital part in helping all of us achieve our goals, and provide us the opportunity to support each other, as we work within our communities. We'd like to have the network in place by the beginning of the Fall Lodge sessions.

Our terms of office are almost half over, and we thank all of the Brothers who have helped make this past year a very enjoyable one for us. We look forward to this coming year with a great deal of enthusiasm, knowing that we will be working for, and closer with, each and everyone of you.

Remember the Brotherhood Fund.

vention Attendance Award Banner to Fairport Lodge. The Banner was graciously donated by and presented to the Monroe District Lodges by the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R. It took longer than expected to get the new Banner. We thank Fairport Lodge for their patience in waiting for the Banner to be presented.

**Ceremony of Installation**

A program on the Ceremony of Installation of Officers was held on Monday, April 2nd, in the Downtown Temple. Keith and I had hoped for better attendance as the Ceremony of Installation is the starting point for every Master-elect's year. The Ceremony sets the tone for the coming year, therefore, it must be well done. R.:W.: Charlie Simpson provided much insight into the Ceremony and how it could be done. We know that the Senior Wardens who attended the presentation gained much from the evening. We are always available to assist in the planning of the Ceremony of Installation.

**Senior Wardens, take note**

The Ceremony of Joint Investiture of Masters-elect will be held on Friday, May 18th, in Cathedral Hall in the Downtown Temple. Every Master-elect who has not served as Master must be invested prior to his installation. We encourage all Masters-elect, whether newly elected or serving

another term, to attend this important and impressive Ceremony. The Lodges in the Monroe District should have received information on the evening before you read this. The Ceremony is open to all current Masters, Past Masters, and, of course, Masters-elect.

We recommend that the Masters attending Grand Lodge pay attention to the proceedings. There are many important items to be voted upon and reports to be read and accepted. It is for the benefit of the Craft that strict attention be paid to the proceedings.

Lastly, Keith and I are always looking for Lodges to volunteer to host a School of Ritual or participate in the exemplification of the work for the evening. If a Master would like to volunteer his Lodge, please let us know as we are starting to plan next year's Schools. The Grand Lecturer's Convention will again be held at Fairport Lodge in October. The date and related information will be forthcoming to all the Lodges. Oh, we have again requested that Fairport Lodge serve the great Steak dinner!

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Spring brought with it the usual amount of change. Good news included the closure of a stressful saga for SW Dave Zegas and his wife, Dawna. On April 9th the individual who assaulted Dawna was sentenced to nearly the fullest extent of the law, that included jail time and appropriate referral to treatment to control himself better in the future. It is nice to see justice prevail and I am certain that any and all support you provided the Zegas family contributed to the outcome of this situation.

**Move-up-Night**

This evening proved that the officers of ERAC are ready to assume their respective places and stations next year. I feel very confident knowing, that as I move beyond my chair, the Lodge will continue to function well and at the standard to which we have grown accustomed.

**Keynote speaker**

Our own W.: Arthur Mason was the keynote speaker at the Widows Luncheon. Had you been there, you would have witnessed one of the most poignant and appropriate presentations I have ever seen at this event. W.: Art spoke on the victimization of the elderly and provided the audience with some very good information on how to protect themselves from abuse and victimization.

**ID Program**

The Family Dinner and ID Program resulted in the presence of many of your Brothers' children enjoying dinner and normal child's play. I was impressed on how well they listened to W.: Andy Alvarez's presentation on the ID Program. There is substantial support from Grand

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

**Drug and Alcohol Abuse**

The Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program helps educate Masons and the communities in which they live about the evils of substance abuse. Video and audio tapes, and pamphlets, have been produced for District Chairmen around the State. The Program provides "drug free school zone" signs for schools to post around the perimeters of the school grounds.

These signs are important. For those who care to sell drugs to

children, these signs put them on notice that the eyes of the community are watching them. A child viewing these signs can take comfort in the knowledge that his/her school cares about them. Each child is a valuable asset; substance abuse depletes that asset.

The Prevention Program works with the elementary schools in providing group activities geared to teach children about the dangers of substance abuse. Activities include poster and essay contests. The purpose of these programs is to reinforce the message that the children are indeed in a drug free school zone.

To contribute to the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program, just check off Box #6 on the inside flap of your Brotherhood Fund envelope.

On behalf of the Brotherhood Fund, I thank W.: Thomas Grape, of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, for hosting a Breakfast to benefit the Brotherhood Fund on March 17th. My thanks to all who attended and supported Brother Tom and this important work.

Lodge to develop this Program on a statewide basis. You will learn more about this great Masonic activity as it grows.

**Grand Lodge**

My visit to Grand Lodge grows near. If you read the District Deputy's column in last month's issue of this publication, you are aware that there are several important issues on the table. I will do my best to represent the Lodge. You can contact me if you have any strong feelings either way. You can trust that I will act in the best interest of the Lodge and Masonry as a whole.

**Merry month of May**

May will bring our Annual Meeting and Election of Offic-

ers. This will be a summoned meeting. Remember your obligation, my Brothers, you swore you would answer and obey all dues signs and regular summonses, if within the length of your cable-tow. Please plan accordingly.

**Dinners**

As usual, there will be a dinner preceding each meeting. You can make your dinner reservations to Joe Bogmis by calling him at 423-1965 or by e-mailing him at joegogmis@hotmail.com.

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**School of Ritual**

We thank Etolian Lodge for hosting the School of Ritual on Thursday, March 29th. The attendance was a pleasure to see. The Lodge room was full. We thank Oatka Lodge for their participation in the School. The best thanks go to W.: John Dyer, Master of Etolian, for stepping in and doing the Master's part for the whole first section of the 3rd Degree. W.: John did an excellent job and should be commended by all those in attendance that evening.

R.: W.: Keith and I presented the new Grand Lecturer's Con-

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

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

See you in Lodge. □

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#### 36th Annual Ox Roast

On Saturday, May 5th, the Brothers of Clio Lodge will put together another fabulous Ox Roast. Under the direction of our JW, Eric Betteridge, and the guidance of our experienced Brothers, Clio Lodge will put their best foot forward to represent both our Fraternity and the community.

#### Spaghetti anyone?

The Spaghetti Team again did a remarkable job in serving dinner to the community on April 11th and 25th. The next Spaghetti Dinner will be May 23rd. See you there! Your help in and about the kitchen is always needed to lighten the load.

#### Service Awards

It was a pleasure to distribute the Service Awards for the calendar year 2001. Awards and Pins were handed out to those in attendance. Those receiving Awards were: JW, Eric Betteridge-5 years; Dave Goodrich, DSA-20 years; Robert Stevens-35 years; Denny Wright-45 years and James Wells-55 years. Others receiving Awards, not in attendance: Dale Polmateer, Thomas Tanner and Dana Daniels-10 years; William Schmitt-25 years; Ken Bigelow, Jr., Charles Clark and Arthur Barrett-30 years; Stephen Burritt, Herbert Wilmot and Harry Adams, Jr.-35 years; Chester Ohs, Clarence Traugh and Charles Worboys-45 years; Stanley Durbin and Charles Royce-55 years. For those of you who have not updated our mailing list, please do, so we can forward these to you.

#### Information-past and future

A well done for our JW, Eric Betteridge, for his job in the East for the 2nd Degree on April 17th. Our 3rd Degree is on May 1st, with a dinner preceding at 6:30 p.m. It takes a lot of hard work for everyone involved. I thank you in advance. The two candidates and the Brethren in attendance will be proud to take part.

#### Annual communications

Mark your calendar for May 15th at 7:30 p.m. We will nominate and elect your next year's officers.

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#### May birthdays

Congratulations to John

Himmelsbach, Robert Baxter, Art Miller, Kay Dodds, Gary Thompson, James Wells, Ken Mullen and Stephen Mitchell.

#### Closing

Spaghetti dinners, upcoming Degrees, School of Ritual, Ox Roast, Annual Communications. What a busy schedule for all. 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. □

and I'm hoping for the same next month. It will be our final dinner for this season. Our next dinner will be Thursday, May 3rd at the Ciao Restaurant on Jefferson Road (across the street from Marketplace Mall). We will meet at 6:30 p.m. We need reservations. Please come and join us for a great meal and conversation.

#### Election of Officers

Our next official meeting will be held Thursday, May 10th, in Ionic Hall, starting at 7:30 p.m. This is a very important meeting because it is the Election of Officers for next year. Your attendance would be appreciated. The incoming Master will be in the East for the first time. I hope more of you will come out to support him, as well as your Lodge.

I should also have more information concerning the proposed merger with Fairport Lodge.

That is all there is to report at this time. Be safe and be well. I hope to see some of you at our next meeting. □

By David N. Foster, Sr. Warden

#### It's May and that means TWO MEETINGS THIS MONTH!

Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, May 1st. It will be a business meeting with discussion about issues which will be brought up at Grand Lodge. If you have any questions about what's happening, bring them to Lodge and we'll try to answer them. As usual, a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. will precede the meeting.

Our second May meeting will be Tuesday, the 15th. It will be Election and Installation of Officers. There will also be a report on what happened at Grand Lodge. It's an important meeting and I hope you will plan on attending. You can't use snow as an excuse for this one! Pot Luck at 6:30 p.m.

#### Stay tuned...

No news on the consolidation.

#### Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund is going again and I am hoping that everyone will make a contribution. Let's all help support the Brotherhood Fund and make the

#### Luncheon

It was a pleasure to see all our widows at the Luncheon at Logan's Party House.

#### Master Mason Night

We had a good turnout at the Master Mason Night at Irondequoit Chapter, OES. Thank you ladies, for your hospitality.

#### Ladies Night

JW Steve Xander reports that the Ladies Night will be held at the Country House on Linden Avenue in East Rochester. The date is May 19th and the price is \$25 per person. Our ladies are guests of the Lodge. Please get your reservations to Paul Kober by May 10th at 381-1058.

#### News

It was nice to see W. Don Calkins in Lodge after his surgery. Brother Bob Folts is home recovering from surgery.

We are saddened to report the death of Brother Eric Lewis, DSA, on April 10th. □



Gordon Oakes singing along with the Quartet that entertained the ladies at Wakan/Hubbard's O.E.S. Night. (Photo Mike Robinson)

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 30 Orchard St.  
 Webster, N.Y. 14580



W. Emil Schirano,  
 Master  
 265-3932

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

W. Paul Sobtzick, Sec.  
 671-8980

On April 5th we had our Service Awards Ceremony, along with the Dedicated Service and the DeWitt Clinton Awards. We had more than 50 Brothers, friends and family in attendance. R. W. James De Lorenzo, Grand Steward, and R. W. Keith Stambach, Grand Representative, were on hand to present the Certificates and Pins. The recipients are: 20 years-Brothers Fredric Cornell, Sr., Carlton Dunlap, W. Ronald Hollander, W. William Kuehne; 25 years-Brothers Alvin Lentzer, John Tyler, W. George Bracht; 30 years-Brothers Elwood Kuttruff, Carl Peck, W. Jacob Ponschock, Jr.; 35 years-Brothers Willard Scott, Wellington Santer, Douglas Brummell, W. Ronald Turney; 40 years-Brother B. Clark Buckman; 45 years-Brothers James Turner, Wesley

Beard, R. W. A. Wayne Engbrecht; 50 years-Brothers Gerald Mackwood, John Rish, Richard McInerney, W. Robert Torrens; 55 years-Brother Harry Brewer, W. Vernon Collier. Also, Brother Fredric Cornell, Sr., received the DSA for outstanding service to Webster Lodge and to the Masonic Organization. Thank you, Fred, for all you have done.

**DeWitt Clinton Award**

Mr. Richard Wagner and Mr. Tom Traub, representing the Webster Knights of Columbus Trinity Council #4618 received the DeWitt Clinton Award for their Council's outstanding service to the community. The Knights of Columbus have contributed and supported many charities in our area and we give them a big "Thank You".

**More thanks**

I thank Ruth Beard for a wonderful dinner she did for our Awards Night. Everything was great!

**May functions**

Our first meeting on May 3rd will be the Election of Officers. Brothers, try to attend as it's important that the officers, elected and appointed, get your support. May 4th will be the Spaghetti Dinner from 5-7 p.m.

I will be attending Grand Lodge on May 7th & 8th and will give a report at the May 17th meeting. This will be Move-Up Night and Reports of the Committees.

There will be a Fellowcraft Meeting on May 10th.

The Joint Investiture Service will be held at the Downtown Temple on May 18th. If you are planning to attend dinner, please let me know.

Brothers, May 19th is the Open Installation for Master Elect, John Merz. Please try to be there for him on this special evening. This is a once in a lifetime event, so please help make this a night for him to remember.

**Brotherhood Fund**

Please remember the Brotherhood Fund. If you haven't given yet, call John Merz at 381-4116 and tell him you plan to donate.

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

By John Merz, Senior Warden

**The Brotherhood Fund**

Approximately 30% of the Brothers have contributed to the Brotherhood Fund so far this year. Remember what this Fund accomplishes. Time is running out this year. Brothers, please mail your checks as soon as possible. Our goal is at least 50% participation. Thank you.

**Upcoming events**

Our Open Installation will be Saturday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. Entertainment by Paul Strowe will follow. The theme for the 2001-2002 year is Education and Enjoyment. I hope to see you all in attendance. □

**DeWitt Clinton Award Given to Webster K of C.**



Receiving the DeWitt Clinton Award for Community Service for the Webster Knights of Columbus were Tom Traub and Richard Wagner.




W. Emil Schirano-Master, presenting the Dedicated Service Award to Brother Frederic Cornell, Sr. Assisted Monroe District's R. W. Jim De Lorenzo-GStw.



Service Awards recipients for 20-55 years of service with W. Emil Schirano and R. W. Jim De Lorenzo. (Pictures-Emil Schirano)

**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

Well, everyone, this has been an interesting year. I'm glad I have such good support from ALL of the Past Masters and Brothers of Oakta No. 759. You all made it a bit easier than I thought it would be. To Brother Charles Crevison, the only advise I can give is listen to the "old timers" and they won't steer you wrong. You also have a good line behind you. This is the last article I'm going to write. The ball is in your court, now.

**Business**

R. W. Vern Goodrich gave a great presentation at our April 11th meeting regarding the new building that is in the works. I hope everyone got as much out of it as I did. I know it's a tough choice to make.


**Each vote counts**

At the April 25th meeting we will have voted on what it is we are going to do. The results will be available soon. With God's blessing, we will make the best choice. I think it is important that we give Brother Vern an answer in due time so that he can make his decision and plan accordingly.

Brothers of Oakta, thank you for a great year and for the help both in advice and in making certain that the building got the attention that it needed.

May God bless ALL of you. □

**F A M E**  
**Lodge No. 945**  
 CHARTERED 1917  
 4275 Culver Rd.  
 ROCHESTER, N.Y. 14622



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

Leon VanHuben, Secretary  
 647-1391

April signaled the end of the Lenten time, culminating in the great Christian Feast of Easter. It was a period that emphasized the possibility of redemption. Central to this concept is the idea, and the importance, of forgiveness. That is, the belief in God's forgiving each of us and our forgiving those whom we believe have "trespassed against us."

In that spirit, I ask all my Brothers in Fame and Germania to find within their hearts the strength to overlook the insults and slights of the past year, particularly those committed by officers of Grand Lodge. I would like to believe that we can re-establish a relationship based on trust, mutual respect, and communication.


**Awards**

Our Awards Night on April 10th was a marvelous success. Following a scrumptious meal, 60, 55, 50 and 25 year Pins were presented to members. These Awards emphasized the importance of continuing tradition in our Fraternity.

Mae Bus, Mae West, May Rose Prizzi, "Mabelline Whoopie", Macon, Georgia, "May you always be a dreamer".

The McGuire Sisters have left the building. □

**NORTHFIELD**



Lodge No. 426  
 Instituted March 1857

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

W. Randall S. Griswold  
 Master  
 (h)787-3357  
 (o)271-6451

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

March 15th was the date of our 2nd Degree. After a wonderful dinner organized by our Junior Warden, Dean Smith, the Brothers of Northfield got down to the work of the evening. It was my pleasure to preside in the East for JW, Dean Smith, who was recovering from throat surgery at the time.

My thanks to R. W. Ray Beardsley for taking care of the business of the Middle Chamber Lecture and Charge. I know that our new Brothers were very impressed. Thanks to R. W. Russ Vandegriff for filling in as Steward, W. Don Smith for playing the organ, Walt Weick, DSA, Brother Phil Sheridan for a nice job as Masters of Ceremony, Brother John Parker and my father, R. W. Duane Griswold, for conducting. It was nice to enjoy fellowship with these Brothers again. My thanks to W.

Nelson Bertch and Brother Don Krech, from Germania Lodge, for coming out to help and to Senior Deacon, Pedro Ugalde for doing the Answers of the spur of the moment.

**Family Day**

The Masonic Family Family Day was held on April 1st. The families who did not attend this event really missed out on some quality entertainment. The Shrine Clowns were there to entertain the children (of all ages!). Stringplicity played beautifully and then we had the pleasure of seeing the Greece Athena Show Choir perform. Now I know why they are internationally known. I only hope we can look forward to seeing something like this again. Thank you to our own W. Jim Weick and our District Officers for bringing this type of entertainment to us, especially with an unbelievable price of \$5.00 per ticket.

The April 5th meeting was our Sport Shirt/Hot Dog Night. Everyone enjoyed a great meal of red and white hot, Texas hot sauce, beans and chips. The dress

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## Northfield No. 426

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was casual and the Loudest Shirt Award went to Brother Tim Jennings.

It was nice to see Brothers Roy Copland, Dennis Gellach (from Webster Lodge), and Brother Spencer Jones, who is from a Lodge in Maine and is Dean Smith's neighbor.

### Condolences

Brethren, it becomes my sad duty to inform you of the passing of Brother John Zona, DSA, who was born May 31, 1929 and passed away January 12, 2001. He was Initiated on September 26th, 1977, passed October 24, 1977 and was Raised November 28th, 1977 in Fairport Lodge No. 476. He affiliated with Northfield Lodge March 19, 1987. Brother John was Tiler for many years at Northfield. He was a faithful Mason for 23 years and 6 months. My apologies for the lateness of this notice.

### Future plans

Upcoming events include Lodge of Remembrance on May 3rd. The Annual Communication is on May 17th and Installation of Officers on June 7th. □

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



W.: John E. Dyer  
Master  
733-1743

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

W.: Michael G. Schwartz  
Secretary  
352-4016

W.: James Barker, Past Secretary, attended his home Lodge in Spencerport on March 19th. The Lodge made a special presentation of the Grand Lodge Millennium Service Award Certificate and Pin. Jim was proud to receive them. He now lives in Kirkville, North of Syracuse, so his visits to Spencerport have been infrequent.

He was our Secretary from 1994-1997, following his reign as Master. Jim will be in the Rochester area more frequently to undergo treatments in the Oncology Department at St. Mary's Hospital and for tests and medications at Park Ridge Hospital. He would enjoy hearing from Brethren who know him. You can contact him through Sue Barker evenings at 464-8827. While he wouldn't want to put anyone out, he can use drivers to get to medical appointments in the daytime.

### The future of Etolian

An opportunity has come forth that we should consider. Circumstances in the Monroe District dictate the Masonic Service Bureau and the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R. must move from the Downtown Temple within the next five years. The Service Bureau has been actively looking for a new site for some time, and is seriously considering a building on Elmgrove Road to be suitable for their use. The building would contain two Lodge rooms, two dining facilities, and various meeting rooms. This building would not cost any individual Lodges anything to build. The costs would be totally financed by the Service Bureau and Scottish Rite.

One thing to remember about this location is that it is still within the Spencerport School District. It is also located in one of the most populous and growth oriented regions of Monroe County.

The early quote for the rental of such a facility is \$20 per member per year. This would mean that the expenses of the Lodge would be about \$3,300 per year. The Lodge Brothers would also no longer need to worry about the upkeep of a building and could concentrate on what being a Mason is all about.


The Service Bureau requires a letter of intent from Etolian by June 1, 2001, so that they may proceed with their plans. A motion will be made at the Annual Summoned Communication on May 14, 2001, to provide this letter toward the rental of this new building, and thereby move the meeting location of Etolian Lodge to this new building when it becomes available.

This is a very large decision to make, Brothers. I believe each one of us must ask ourselves if we became Masons because we enjoy going to the same building twice a month, or did we become Masons to be with other men who believe in the same values and standards as we do, and the location of the meetings does not make a difference.

### Election

At this meeting we will be electing our new officers. I strongly encourage all of you to attend. Not only because of the seriousness of the decisions, but to show support for your new officers. □

**Union Star**  
**Lodge No. 320**  
3 N. Main St.  
Honeoye Falls, NY



W.: John H. Williams  
Master  
533-1188

2nd Mon.  
7:30 P.M.

Robert Sweeney, Sec.  
(h) 381-5286 (w) 464-6316  
38 Cullens Run, Pittsford, 14534

At our next meeting, May 14th, we will have the Election of Officers, including two Trustees. The Master-elect during May and before Installation in June, must also determine who can best serve in the appointed offices and who can serve as chairmen for all of the committees that keep the Lodge functioning properly. He also has to select others who can serve on these committees. This is a formidable task and it is one that affects all Lodges, not just ours. The problem is that we need more participation from our members and, as in all Lodges, we need more new members to become familiar with our operations and eventually be able to serve on the committees, accept appointed offices and be elected to the higher offices.

### Investiture

The Masters-elect will receive the "Master's Word" at the Joint Investiture at the Downtown Temple on May 18th and this will be preceded by a dinner. All Past Masters are welcome to attend and support your Master-elect. Give me a call if you would like me to make a reservation for your dinner.

### Family Day

From all reports, the Masonic Family Day event that was held recently in Cathedral Hall at



W.: Harvey Closs (seated) receiving his 60 Year Service Certificate and Pin from W.: John Williams-Master, Jim Nersinger-SW and W.: Dennison Ripley.  
(Photos courtesy John Williams)



Brother Herman Lilley receiving 50 Year Service Certificate and Pin from W.: John Williams.

the Downtown Temple went very well. We hear that the program selections were excellent.


### Widows Luncheon

Our thanks to R.: W. Bob Sanford and Senior Warden, Jim Nersinger, for escorting our widows to the recent Widows Luncheon at Logan's Party House. We have even received letters from some of the widows expressing their thanks and telling us how much they enjoyed the event.

### Date change

The Fellowcraft Club will be meeting on Monday, May 21st. This will be the third Monday of the month instead of the fourth, so that it will not interfere with Memorial Day. This meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in this group, give a call to our Junior Warden, Gary Sanford, at 425-4240. We con-

**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

I believe Spring has sprung. I express my deepest thanks to all 18 Past Masters who were able to come to the photo shoot at our April meeting. W.: Wayne Hoover won the Greatest Distance Award for coming from Washington State. Special thanks to Frank Johnston for filling the "big chair" at the last minute. Frank came all the way from Philadelphia. Thanks to R.: W.: Steve Whittaker for filling in at the last minute. It was great to see R.: W.: Bill Russell, W.: Alan Brewer, and W.: Jack

consider various types of projects that will improve the Lodge. We are still looking for some help from our members in laying linoleum tiles in the restrooms.

Looking ahead to June, we will be having our Installation of Officers at our meeting on the 11th. This will be preceded by a dinner, so now is the time to mark your calendars.

Also in June we will again be participating in the "Festival on the Green" in Harry Allen Park, near the Lodge on Father's Day weekend. We will be setting up our booth and serving hamburgers, cheeseburgers and Italian sausage sandwiches to the attendees of the Festival. We will need lots of help to make this activity a success. We look forward to seeing you there and we will be looking for your help. □

Van Elzakker again. I hope to see you in Lodge soon. Thanks to W.: Tom Foote and Ray Crandall for making time for the photo.

### Busy month


May is going to be a busy month for Seneca. May 8th, our usual meeting night, will be a Euchre Tournament and social evening. After our 1st meeting, many of the Past Masters sat down to play Euchre. It was just like old times, they said. Please come out and enjoy some fine fellowship and camaraderie. There will be a light dinner. Reservations are a must, if you want to eat. Call Brother Ray Glegg or W.: Bob Green.

Our Brothers from St. Andrews Lodge are coming May 18th and 19th. Friday night will be a reception, Saturday morning a golf tournament and shopping. Saturday, W.: Paul Vick will demonstrate the Middle Chamber Lecture in our Lodge at 2:30 p.m. This will be a great demonstration of Seneca's (and Paul's) fine Ritual prowess. Saturday evening will be a Ladies Night Dinner for the ladies of both Lodges. Someone will be calling

you for your reservations, but if you can't wait, or need further information, call our event chairman, W.: Bob Green.

Our Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, May 29th. This will be our tiled meeting for the month. We will have our committee reports, and Installation of Officers and Trustees. I hope you can come to all these events. Please mark your calendars for all these fine events. I look forward to seeing more faces from the past. □

**Valley/Simes**  
**Lodge**  
**No. 109**



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

2nd Tuesday  
7:30 P.M.

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

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

It has been an honor to serve you the past two years, but now the new line of proposed officers is excited, enthusiastic, and energized. They have high expectations and even some new ideas! As I have always said: "Your participation will be greatly appreciated." The new Master is planning Summer activities, two Degree classes, special functions with the ladies, and a good number of interesting programs for our Masonic pleasure. Dr. Robert "Bob" Hill, your new Master, is going to have an Open Installation on Tuesday, June 12th. He asks that you take this opportunity to bring potential candidates. If you do, the Lodge will buy their dinner and yours. Bring family and friends, anyway. He is planning a very nice event. There will be a social hour at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m., and the Installation will kick off promptly at 7:30 p.m. The cost is still only \$5.00.

### May

The May Lodge meeting will include nominations and Election of new Officers, review of the Annual Reports, discussion of the new Master's Budget proposal and its approval, and a couple minor reports. Your cabletow willing, please be there. The date is May 8th and there is a dinner beforehand. The dress code is business.

### Degrees

We brought a new Brother through the 2nd Degree on April 24th, along with a Brother who took his 1st Degree a few years ago and could not go on at that time, but has recently decided to search for more light. We may have two additional Fellowcraft at the 3rd Degree on May 22nd. The Shrine Past Masters Degree Team will be performing the Degree and we will need only to fill in five or six Craftsmen spots. We will also have an organist.

### Website

I am going to continue my work on the District website and other Masonic projects I have started. The website is hoping to be public on June 1st and I am excited about the arrangements we have made with the Grand Lodge and our Service Bureau for sharing information and linking sites. If anyone has ideas or critiques, we are interested in hearing from you. We will have



contact information available in the **Times** and will be communicating through the Lodges. We would be open to doing a short talk on the matter for one of your programs.

**Team work**

I am very proud of the work our District officers are doing. They are an exemplary TEAM. It's about the work and what Masons do and you rarely get a reminder of rank. We have them for another year and I am excited about the plans. Masonry is on the rebound in many places, while some Lodges are still in a vacuum. Overall there is a feeling of rejuvenation and I see this trend continuing to a more public awareness, when it should be easier for most Lodges to have candidates asking us again. We are needed in our communities where the public is sorely in need of direction and examples of how men should be. Remember your charges and our first command in the NEC of the Lodge. Give Masonry what you can, for as long as you can.

**Summer break**

The weather is finally changing and Lodges will soon be dark, but please don't be a stranger. Call at least one Brother a week and you may discover a new best friend, or neighbor! Get out and support your Lodge's activities if you can. If you can't, sometimes a call or note to that effect can change things and at least, will show you read the communications! Stamps, paper, time on the word processor, and the whole planning process, are much more rewarding, if the reader responds in some way.

Thanks again for your support and I especially thank the gentlemen and their ladies who supported me this year as Master. Without their loyalty, this job is not nearly as rewarding.

thian Lodge No. 1088, who brought along a Brother to receive his 3rd Degree. Thanks to the Shrine and all the Brothers who helped make this event a success.

**New site**

Along with the other Westside Lodges, we have been asked if we would consider moving into the new Perk Development site on Elm Grove Road. Therefore, during the next several meetings, we will be discussing our involvement in this project. It is imperative that you attend these meetings, as your input is needed. This is the future of your Lodge that we will be discussing!


**Upcoming events**

- April 30th-Euchre Tournament at Churchville Lodge.
- May 9th-Election of Officers.
- May 23rd-Installation of Officers.
- June 9th-Annual Picnic at Churchville Park at the Pinetree Lodge from noon until dusk. The price is \$10.00 per family. Please bring games and a dish to pass. Reservations are a must and can be made by contacting any of the officers in Lodge or by calling me at 594-1545.

Bastian, Chuck Chatfield, Chuck Freida, Bill Leggett, Terry Lee Ramsey, Ed Start, John Steinkamp III, Gary Tufano, Matt Walicke and George Wilkinson.

**May events**

- May 1st is a Dinner meeting with ladies invited.
- May 8th is the Officer's Meeting.
- May 15th is the Summoned Meeting.



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If you walk down the hall of the Rehab Center you can sense that this department is the heart-beat of the Nursing Facility. The therapy rooms are busy with patients and staff in the midst of various exercises and treatments. There is a model kitchen, bedroom and bathroom where a person can relearn daily activities lost through an injury or illness. During my visit I watched a patient undergoing therapy after a hip replacement, another woman exercising her arms and a gentleman trying to steady himself without his walker. It was obvious that this Center is dedicated to providing outstanding care to those who are in need of short or long term rehabilitation services.

This newly renovated wing has ten private rooms beautifully decorated in a comfortable home-like setting. Televisions with VCR's, wing back lift-chairs, dark wood dressers and cabinets along with soothing wall colors and draperies give a "hotel suite" feel to these rooms. Patients are referred to this department from local hospitals and within the campus such as Wiley Hall and Acacia Village. The maximum stay at the rehab unit is 90 days while the average stay tends to be under 30 days.

Warren Mundrick, Director of Rehabilitation Programs, states, "Everyone's specific problems are different so we have to be flexible to meet their needs". Our wide range of therapies includes: Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy.

These therapy services help put the person and his/her life back together after an injury or surgery. Robert Moore, resident of Acacia Village, Genesis Lodge No. 201, 1st Kings District, recently had a stay at the Rehab Center and when asked about his

care, he stated, "After undergoing surgery, I was admitted to the Masonic Home Rehabilitation Center. The Medical and Nursing Staff were fantastic. The Physical Therapy group got me on my feet and walking with a walker within days. Everyone treated me with compassion. After 18 days I returned to Acacia Village to resume my daily activities. I was entirely pleased with my experience and I would award it a five star rating. On a scale of 1 to 10, the Masonic Home Rehab earns a grateful 10."

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(From the Masonic News Network.)

**Errata**

We apologize to Senator James Alesi for the misspelling of his name on the front page of the April issue of the **Masonic Times**. We appreciate being notified of this error and encourage our readers to call the Editor or the Office about any error they may find. Too many times we hear of these errors second or third hand.

**Masons Help**


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

You don't have to be a journalist to contribute. Just give me a call and we can arrange to write the story together.

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

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**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

**Condolences**

As most of the Brothers already know, April was a sad month for Churchville Lodge. Brother Earl Steffen passed away on the 10th. I really don't know how to express how much Earl meant to us. I called him weekly since I became Master, seeking guidance, getting his views and many times just to chat. He was a remarkable man and I know that he was instrumental in making us all better men and Masons. Our condolences go to his family. He will never be forgotten.

**On a better note...**

Brothers George Simon and Charlie Daycock are on the mend. We hope to see them in Lodge soon.

**Welcome**

On March 24th we welcomed four new Brothers into Masonry. The Shrine Degree Team performed the 3rd Degree and it was excellent. Brothers Jessie Noble and Franklin Higgins prepared the meal. It was a grand feast enjoyed by all. Joining us for the evening was Charlotte/Corin-


**Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969**

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



W.: Thomas W. Kendig  
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By Robert Ogden

**Widows Luncheon**

All of our guests, including escorts (17) attended with approximately 135 widows, 58 Masons, and friends. Entertainment consisted of beautiful violin music by Howard Weiss during the meal and W.: Art Mason spoke very informatively on the "Elder Abuse" program. A most enjoyable event.

**3rd Degree**

The Shrine Past Masters Degree Team conferred the 3rd Degree on April 17th at the Downtown Temple. Three Craftsman/Robertson Lodge candidates were scheduled to receive their 3rd Degree, with 5 more from other Lodges. A Meatloaf Dinner preceded the Ceremony.

**Pleasant surprise**

Everyone was delighted to see W.: Chuck Walker attend our last dinner meeting. We hope to see him more often. Many thanks to W.: Volney Frankel for accompanying Brother Chuck to Lodge.

**Summoned Meeting**

Brothers! I am sure you received your notice of the Summoned Meeting to be held on May 15th. Please make a special effort to attend.

**Masonic Brotherhood Fund**

To date 103 donors have contributed \$4,240.00 to the Campaign this year. This translates into approximately 52% of the membership, including friends. The Fund Drive ends May 31st. Thanks a lot, Brothers.

**May birthdays**

Greetings to the following Brothers born in May: Ed

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A letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs was sent to Grand Lodge and then forwarded to me. I would like to share it with you. It is a thank you to the Genesec/Wyoming District for the gifts and walk through at the Batavia facilities last November. They stated that the patients look forward to our visit and gifts.

They mentioned that the continued interest of our members in the health and happiness of our veteran patients is most appreciated. They know someone does care and encourage us to keep up the good work.

### Remember Me?

Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Star Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me I am your Flag, the Flag of the United States of America. Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you...

I remember sometime ago people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade and, naturally, I was leading every parade, proudly waving in the breeze. When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it over his heart...remember? And you, I remember you. Standing there as straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving the right salute. Remember your little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you, with her right hand over her heart...remember?

What happened? I'm still the same old Flag. Oh, I have a few more stars since you were a boy. A lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.


Now I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and I may get a small glance, then you look away. I see the children running around and shouting...they don't seem to know who I am...I saw one man take off his hat and then look around. He didn't see anybody else with theirs off, so he quickly put his hat back on.

Is it a sin to be patriotic any more? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been? Anzio, Korea, Guadalcanal, Vietnam, Kuwait, and Bosnia. Take a look at the Memorial Honor Rolls sometime, of those who never came back to keep this Republic free...one nation under God. When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So, when you see me, stand straight, place your right hand over your heart, and I'll salute you by waving back, and I'll know that you remembered!!

**P. I. & A.**

**Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention**



Robert D. Mix - 798-0335  
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### New schemes

It's not bad enough that we have all these drugs to combat and new ones are coming out every day, it seems. Now, we have some smart people going into the super markets and stealing soy protein (baby food) off the shelves and using it to cut cocaine to increase their profit margin. Will it never end?

I have been involved in the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program now for fifteen years, but I'm still not ready or willing to give up. The more stuff they come out with, the more determined I get; but, I still need your help. Things have been getting better over the past year, though. I have been getting calls from all over the State from Brothers who are volunteering to become Area or District Chairmen for the Program.

We need to get more Lodges involved with doing programs in the elementary schools and create more public awareness. You would not believe the people out there who still do not believe there is a drug problem. I am trying to get my articles in more papers around the State, but it isn't easy.

I would like to meet with more Brothers from around the State and let them know what we are up against. If we can't get together any other way, maybe we could meet in Utica on St. John's Day. I'll be there at my booth. We don't have a lot of material to work with right now, but I am working on getting more. Many of my District Chairmen do not have the animated tapes that came out a few years ago, so I am making copies and adding some material that I have collected over the years. I'll use any material I can get. If any of you past chairmen have some you are not using, let me know.

We still have some areas out there that do not have school zone signs. If you know of such an area, let me know. If your Lodge wants a program, let me or one of my District Chairmen know, and we'll get it to you. That's what we are here for.

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



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Master 344-1808  
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### Last Breakfast

April 1st was the last monthly Pancake Breakfast of the season and the grill has been shut down. Chuck and I can take a break from cracking eggs and flipping pancakes until October. Thanks to all the members who worked

and supported these fundraisers. It was another successful year enjoyed by all who participated.

### Mother's Day

Attica Lodge's 33rd Annual Mother's Day Chicken Bar-B-Que will be held on May 13th with serving starting at 11:30 a.m. 'til all is gone. Along with the Chicken, the menu includes baked potato, cole slaw, rolls, beverages, and dessert. Plan to come and bring mom for Mother's Day dinner.

### Election

The Election of Officers will be held at our May 16th communication. Your input is needed. Plan to be there to take part in the election and show your support for your Lodge officers.

### Brotherhood

This year's Brotherhood Fund Drive closes on May 31st. There is still time to make a contribution of you haven't yet. The bad news is that Attica Lodge has fallen to 9th in the District as of the last accounting. It is a very good cause and just a \$1 contribution per member will raise us from 9th to 1st for participation. The good news is that we still have a month to accomplish it.

## Mount Vernon Lodge No. 263



W.  
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2nd & 4th  
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W. Rodney Dilker, Sec.  
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It looks as if Spring has finally arrived. I hope that this communication finds you and yours well.

### Election and Installation

We will hold our Election of Officers on May 14th and there will be a Joint Installation of Officers at Arcade Lodge No. 219 in Arcade at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 19th.

### Brotherhood Fund

This is the last month of our Drive for this very important Fund. If you haven't yet contributed, please do so by sending your donation to Brother Bernard Whaley at 4814 Whaley Road, Arcade, NY 14009.

### June Yard Sale

We again plan to set up for the Annual Strykersville Sale Days in June. Because everything is donated, our profit is 100%. It costs us just a little bit of our time. This year we plan to sell hot dogs, pop, etc.

## Annual Masonic Mother's Day Chicken Bar-B-Que

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11:30 a.m. 'til all is sold

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\$7.00 per meal

Menu: Chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, rolls,  
dessert and beverage

Arcade Lodge has had tremendous success doing this and we can put a lot of needed money in our coffers. I am heading up the committee for this event and am asking all of you to keep this in mind as you do your Spring cleaning. I'll need several shifts of workers for just a couple of hours each.

Please contact me at 457-3079 to discuss the dropping off of any goods that you have to donate for the event.

### Golf tournament

Mt. Vernon and Arcade Lodges will be hosting a Golf Tournament on July 14th. We need workers so please contact W. Mike Driver at 457-9948 to see when you may be able to help.

### Susquicentennial

On Saturday, October 20th, Mt. Vernon will celebrate its 150th Anniversary with a Rededication Ceremony and Banquet at Byrnclyff Restaurant and Resort, located on Rte. 20A in Sheldon. Our own Lodge Brother and Grand Master, M.W. Carl J. Smith, will be the Guest Speaker. Following are the order and time of events, all taking place at the restaurant: Rededication of the Lodge - 4:00 p.m. Social hour with a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and complimentary beverages - 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. A full dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. with the choices of Beef or Chicken. A professional DJ, Brother Todd Ward, will provide music for dancing after dinner.

The cost is only \$10.00 per person, and as our seating is limited, I suggest making your reservation as early as possible. Send your check to Michael Driver, 5426 Michigan Rd., Arcade, NY 14009. His phone no. is 457-9948.

The very best to you and yours until we meet again.

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

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As I write this article, we are contemplating and celebrating one of the greatest events of all times, the season of Easter and the events which took place for the redemption for each of us. I trust that the season had as great a meaning for you as it did for me.

I am assuming that all went well with the Annual Awards and Recognition Dinner Program

when we honored special people, formally known as the Widows Dinner Program. It was held on Saturday, April 21st at Bohn's Restaurant on Clinton Street Road in Batavia. According to the response to the invitations which were sent, we anticipated a success. For the information of those who did not attend, we enjoyed the sounds of the "Holland Land Harmonizers".

### Reminders

As a reminder, don't forget the program to be presented by the DeMolay, namely the "Flower Talk". This program is an impressive one. It will be open to all, especially the ladies, to coincide with the upcoming celebration of Mother's Day.

Also as a reminder, members of your Lodge and the youth of our sponsored Bodies, will be operating a hot dog stand at the Jubilee Store in Batavia on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 12, 13 and 14th. If you can give just a little time, I am sure you will find it very rewarding and enjoyable.

### Awesome!

To bring you up to date, the Grand Master's Class of induction of the DeMolay at Utica was in the words of our Grand Master, "awesome!" This is also the feeling of those of us who had the opportunity to travel there.

We had the privilege of witnessing the induction of a Brother of the Charles L. Carter Chapter, Joshua Ray Radley. He, along with 13 other young men, became the newest members of the Fraternity.

### Degrees

If all goes well, we will be conferring the Degrees of Masonry on a young man in the very near future. The petition is in hand and being processed according to regulation. This young man is probably well known to many within our Lodge. Watch for further announcements of this occasion and make yourself available to assist and welcome this petitioner to our great Fraternity.

### Condolences

Brother Elliott Moulton has left his earthly duties to be with his Supreme Maker and join the host of those who have gone before us. Brother Elliott died on Thursday, March 29th. We offer our condolences and sympathies to his family and friends.

### Good news!

It has been reported that the health and well being of Brother John O'Connor continues to improve. I have had the occasion to speak with his lady on several occasions, and she has reassured me of the same. She informed me that Brother John is taking daily trips in his vehicle.

### Future events

We continue to make plans the Brother Bring-a-Friend Program and a local, Batavia area, Child ID Recognition Filming. These events are to be scheduled for later this Spring or early Summer. Obviously, both of these programs require your support. Details will be made known as soon as possible.

Several applications for the 2001 Education Assistance Program have been received and forwarded to the Chairman. Based on previous experiences, I feel very confident that we (the Masonic Fraternity of New York) once again can assist in financial assistance to these deserving individuals.

Finally, my Brothers, may God bless us all.

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



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I have just a short message to pass on to you this month. First thing I have to do is say that I forgot to mention that my good friend and mentor, R.: W.: Merle Robinson, was also a speaker at our Brother Bring-a-Friend Program. He spoke about some of the history of Masonry. I must mention also that there is a petition on the Secretary's desk. That is GOOD NEWS! We will have a 1st Degree soon.

Our April 2nd meeting, which was Uniform Night, turned out to be a lot of fun. There were a lot of laughs. If you were not there, you missed a good time. Uncle Mel wore his US Army uniform that he wore over forty years ago. He looked pretty sharp!

Everyone is looking forward to our next meeting. It will be our Awards Night. We have 9 members who will be receiving Awards for years of service. They will be receiving their Awards from the Grand Master, M.: W.: Carl Smith! That's right, the Grand Master. I can hardly wait. There will also be one other Award, but I will have more to tell you in my next letter.

Practice up on your Ritual, we are back in the business of Degree work again. We will see you in Lodge soon.

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



1st & 3rd Wed.

R.: W.: Robert Nicoll, Master  
 768-7922

8 West Main Street  
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Brethren, sad tidings. One of the pillars of Olive Branch Lodge passed on to the Grand East. W.: Robert Forbes, Secretary, passed away on March 15th. We send our condolences to his widow, Helen, and his family.

For the past decade there has been a small cadre that has kept Olive Branch Lodge together: Forbsie, R.: W.: Paul Smith, Clayton Dimick, DSA, Nevin Brick and myself. Last year was my medical year and now I have been diagnosed with macular degeneration, which is a loss of eyesight. My doctor has determined that I am legally blind. Well, if I can't see, then I will have to use Braille!

Now that loss and impairment has troubled our Lodge, it will be imperative that the Brothers "step up to the plate" to continue the dramatic history of Olive Branch.

The Senior Warden, Nevin Brick, will need stalwarts in the Official Line. Now is the time to step forward and contribute to

making our Lodge strong in its commitment to the community.  
**Special meeting**



On May 2nd, there will be a very special meeting discussing and preparing for the Election of Officers on May 16th.

**Great honor**

During the decade of the '90's, I was honored to serve as District Deputy Grand Master, representing M.: W.: Sheldon Blank and M.: W.: Gary Henningsen. It's been a great honor to serve as Worshipful Master of Olive Branch Lodge. Many goals were met, some almost and some didn't get off the ground. It has been exciting.

Now, please attend Lodge. We need your help. There is always something to learn that makes you a better Mason.

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**1st Degree**

Our 1st Degree went extremely well, with Brother Ralph Marsocci giving a splendid performance in the East. We had two candidates in attendance.

**Conflicts**

As is often the case with such mitigating circumstances as scheduling conflicts and candidate (un)availability, we have had to revise our previously stated Degree dates. The 2nd Degree was moved ahead to Thursday, May 3rd, with myself in the East. The 3rd Degree will now be held on Thursday, June 7th, with W.: Joe Chimino serving as Master.

**So sorry**

My apologies for the incorrect description of the fare preceding the 1st Degree as reported in my last article. Someone assumed the liberty of changing the previously agreed upon menu without consulting me, and after I had submitted the article. This resulted in my reporting misinformation, which was certainly never my intention. Several people have brought this oversight to my attention, and I am indeed, embarrassed. I deeply regret this error and assure you it will not be repeated. To preclude the possibility of a recurrence of this unfortunate situation, there will be no dinner preceding the 2nd Degree.

**Sadness**

On March 15th, our good friend, Bob Forbes of Olive Branch Lodge, was called by the Great Architect of the Universe. Our deepest condolences to his wife, Helen, sons, Scott and David, and daughter, Barbara. Bob visited Hesperus on many occasions and will be deeply missed by all his Brethren.

**Surgery**

W.: Don Reed underwent surgery on his shoulder on March 22nd and is slowly recovering at home. We look forward to seeing him in Lodge soon.

On April 5th, my lady, Linda, had cardiac angiography, finding one artery 99% blocked and the

other 40%. She will subsequently undergo angioplasty and cardio rehab. However, due to her diabetes, some damage cannot be reversed, so I guess we are both in for somewhat of a new lifestyle, including diet and exercise. In my infinite wisdom, with no concept or understanding of medical terminology, I thought she was referring to one of her friends. I kept asking, "Who is this Angie O'Graham? Have I met her before?" Not a wise move on my part, but I am still here to tell you about it, which speaks volumes about Lin, considering that with which she has to contend - me.

**Renovations**

Both the Lodge and dining rooms are undergoing renovations and will soon be sporting new paint among other improvements. A drab shade of "institutional mud", previously covered the walls. While the new color is still "mud", it is a lighter shade, welcome to "mudville". Earth-tones must be "in".

**Events**

The Tri-Lodge Euchre Tournament is scheduled for Monday, April 30th, at Churchville Lodge. It has been promised that someone will be in attendance and the Lodge will be open to commence this event (right, John?). May 3rd will be our Election of Officers, as well as our 2nd Degree. We hope for an excellent turnout.

**Spring has sprung**

With the advent of more temperate weather recently, I have noticed a number of folks walking the streets near my home for exercise. This appears to be a true harbinger of Spring. While I realize one has to stay in shape, when I get the urge to exercise, I lie down until the feeling passes. I can't believe this predilection is hereditary however, as my grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 50, she's 97 today and we have no idea where she is.

Whenever I've felt "down", and wondered what it was that I had to offer, I always reminded myself that if nothing else, I have always considered myself to be a person of integrity. Imagine my surprise when I came across the following quote I am pleased to share with you: "If you have integrity, nothing else matters. If you don't have integrity, nothing else matters". This is by Allen Simpson, former Senator. Until next month...

*Poetry Niche*  
 Contributions welcome

**It is the Soldier**

(A quote)

"It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.  
 It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.  
 It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to demonstrate.  
 It is the soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, who allows the protestor to burn the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag."

Father Dennis Edward O'Brien, USMC.

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# Scottish Rite NEWS

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

## Charles O. Hancock Commander-in-Chief



This month we will conclude our examination of the lessons of the Ineffable Degrees presented in our Lodge of Perfection by looking at the 14°.

The 14° Grand Elect Mason Degree is the capstone degree of the Lodge of Perfection because it represents the perfection or completion of the degrees of the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge. This degree teaches us that we are bound and free: bound by our obligation and free from prejudice, intolerance and envy. Our duties are to assist, encourage and defend the Brethren. We are to protect the oppressed and relieve want and distress.

We are charged to enlighten people. We are admonished to serve the common good and to be fruitful of all good works. Reflecting on this degree, we might ask, "If perfection is not attainable, for what do we as Masons strive?" We should not relax in our pursuit of truth and accept error. It is our duty to always move forward in search of truth. Although absolute truth is unattainable, the amount of error in our views is capable of progressive reduction over time and so, we must continually struggle toward the light.

### Other considerations

Our Nominating Committee will present to the membership,

for consideration, their recommendations for those who will be the elected leadership of the Lodge of Perfection, Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and Chapter of Rose Croix at the meeting on May 17th. In this time of increasing demands on our time, it is a challenge to identify individuals with the initiative, motivation and enthusiasm to become real leaders within our Fraternity.

I want to commend this Committee for their efforts. We have, during the year, assessed the contributions of those placed in positions of responsibility and have critiqued their performance. As you can imagine, we have found strengths and weaknesses. To be able to move forward with the work of the Valley of Rochester we have had to re-examine our collective effectiveness in getting the job done.

We have some problems. Organizationally we have, over a period of years, lost track of some of the fundamentals. We are a Concordant Body of Freemasons within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York and we are a Consistorial Valley of Scottish Rite Masons chartered by the Supreme Council, 33°, A.A.S.R., N.M.J., U.S.A. operating under the New York State Council of Deliberation.

Our Valley is comprised of a Lodge of Perfection, a Council of Princes of Jerusalem, a Chapter of Rose Croix and a Consistory. Each of those Bodies has a slate of officers, the first three of which are elected by the membership. The Presiding Officers of the four Bodies have equal rank within the Valley. They are responsible for appointing individuals to officer positions within their respective Bodies.

Our By-Laws do not prescribe progressive advancement within the officer lines. They do require a Presiding Officer to have served as an elected officer within the line over which he is elected to preside.

We expect the officers to attend all scheduled meetings, Reunions, programs and events. We expect them to prepare themselves for leadership by availing themselves of the "Road to the East" and other Grand Lodge training opportunities. We expect officers to demonstrate a sincere and fraternal interest in promoting the best interests of the Valley specifically, and Freemasonry in general. We are striving to build a team. "Teamwork means that we share a common ideal and embrace a common goal. Regardless of our differences, we strive shoulder to shoulder, confident in one another's faith, trust and commitment. In the end, teamwork can be summed up in five words...we believe in each other."

### Commitment

On the other hand, if you are asked if you are interested in becoming an officer, think carefully before making the commitment. Ask the questions you need answers to in order to make the right decision. If you can't or won't be able to follow through, don't volunteer. "What part of no don't you understand?" is a country song with a message.

As Scottish Rite Masons we should carefully consider giving that possible answer when we are asked to undertake a new office or responsibility. Don't say yes unless you mean it. Your credibility is hurt when you don't deliver. Someone else will have to be pressed into service at the last minute to make up for your lack of diligence and reliability. All members, please come out to our election night meeting on May 17th and help select your leaders for the coming year. If you need a ride, call the office and we will help you. We can't help if we don't know.

### Banquet

The bottom line for the Valley of Rochester is our Reunion where we present our Degrees for the benefit of candidates for membership. As is our practice, we present two Lodge of Perfection Degrees, one Council and one Chapter Degree and two Consistory Degrees at each Reunion. That effort requires a significant commitment on the part of many people. We recognize that every single 32° Sublime Prince taking part in the Reunion is doing so voluntarily because he believes in the importance of the work. According, we believe that our Reunion Banquet should bring together all who shared the experience of the Reunion. We want the Reunion Banquet to honor not just the Class of candidates, but it will honor all who participated in or contributed to the experience. Please note that this is a special celebration where we are inviting all members to come to the Banquet and enjoy the fellowship of this shared work.

This year we will have special (both serious and humorous) awards recognizing the cast and crew and those who helped make this a memorable experience. Please take advantage of this great opportunity to bring your spouse or significant other to a memorable night of fun and fellowship of the Scottish Rite. Make your reservation by sending the lower portion of the flyer sent to you. Thank you. □

## Student Gains Reading Ability

By William W. Sorn, Director

Jared Green is pleased and proud to come to the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children in Rochester. Jared tells his classmates at school about it, and they ask if they could go too. Jared is one of the eight students now being taught in two lessons each week. His mother says his progress is very noticeable.

Teaching is done on a "one-on-one" basis using the Orton Gillingham advanced methods for overcoming dyslexia. Jared's teacher finds him an interested and willing student, making fine progress.

The 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, Inc. 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 specific 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 Learning Center, call the Rochester Center at 716-442-7290, or write to Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, Inc., 875 Main St. E., Rochester, N.Y. 14605. □



Student Jared Green likes his teacher and is improving in his reading skills with every lesson. (Photo courtesy William Sorn)

## News and Views

By Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°

### Welcome new Sublime Prince

Congratulations to those Master Masons who were "Shepherded to New Knowledge" during the recent Spring Reunion of the Paul W. Spillane Class. We welcome you to this branch of our Fraternity and will be in further touch with each of you as a result of your Customer Satisfaction Survey.

### Brother Paul W. Spillane, 32°

How appropriate that the time has been taken to honor our departed Brother Paul W. Spillane. We served as District Deputy Grand Masters under M.W. Richard P. Thomas in 1990-1991. Paul was a very active Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner. Let us be proud that the honor of his care for our Craft is being carried on.

### Thanks for caring

How wonderful to see the Lessons and Degrees of our beloved Rite executed by Brothers with so much care. A special "Thank You" to the teams of Degree Directors and Brothers that put together each Degree.

### Scottish Rite value

I recall well listening to a DeMolay Degree in 1960; I recall the same story being shared by the same man when I was made a Master Mason in 1967 and a Scottish Rite Mason in 1979; now it's my turn to pass on the secret: "You will only get out of Scottish Rite Masonry exactly what you put into it." This is true also for those who have belonged for a time, but have not been active.

### Shepherd

Each new Sublime Prince will be assigned a "Mentor" whose role

and responsibility it will be to ensure that your questions are answered, that you feel comfortable in this new Masonic environment, that you know about different events and opportunities to participate...and that you become an active member.

### Feast of the Paschal Lamb

Thank you very kindly to all who attended and witnessed this excellent commemorative Ceremony. It was also nice to see quite a number of Past Most Wise Masters in attendance to greet and support the efforts of this very dedicated officer line. Congratulations to all participants for their excellent work! Since the focus of this program is to remember those of our number who have passed on to the Grand Lodge above, we thank those relatives and families that attended to receive a rose. Of significant note on the Feast Program is the listing of Past Most Wise Masters: the senior and junior members are father and son. Congratulations to Illustrious Brothers Bob and John Zabel for their contributions and this distinction.

Special thanks to Philip A. Trautman, Most Wise Master, who made a special donation to the Childrens Learning Center in commemoration of this Feast and those who were remembered. It was gratifying to look out and see 11 Distinguished Brothers (MSAs present who distributed programs and commemorative roses).

We were somewhat embarrassed by a pager that kept going off during the Feast of the Paschal Lamb Ceremony. We ask that all pagers and cell phones be turned off during these solemn ceremonies. Thank you very kindly.

The strategies that were used by Lou Holtz when at his best are also

Some people  
come into our lives  
and quickly go.

Some stay for awhile  
and leave footprints  
on our hearts  
and  
we are never  
ever the same.

Anonymous

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO

## News

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Kenneth Hutchinson, Monarch

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



**Kenneth Hutchinson**

#### Monarch's Message

The time is fast approaching for one of our busiest and biggest days of the year in our Grotto, which, of course, is the successful ending of our Membership Drive and our Spring Ceremonial on May 16th.

Again, thanks go to our Membership Chairmen, Prophet William Fredenburg, Ron Morthorst, P.M., and their committee. A tip of the fez to all who invited a Master Mason to Master Mason Night on April 11th and to all who have since submitted petitions for membership.

#### Monarch's Bus Trip

The response to the Bus Trip to Turning Stone on May 12th has been great. The bus is full. My sincere thanks to PM Leon and Beverly Van-Huben for chairing this event to a successful conclusion.

#### Prophet's Night

On April 12th a large number of Prophets and their Ladies attended "Prophet's Night" at Lalla Rookh Caldron. It was a wonderful evening and one well spent as the hospitality of the Caldron is well known to be most outstanding. Once again, our thanks to MCO, Doris Bell, and the Daughters of Caldron.

#### Awards Night

On Wednesday, April 18th, the following Prophets were recognized for their years of membership in our Grotto. 60 years-PM Gordon Steinfeldt, and Norman Bauch; 45 years-Alfred Perkins; 35 years-PM Daniel Geska, Elwyn Huff, PM Jan

Lughart, Charles Stidd, PM Theodore Z. Theodor, John F. Troup, Frank Voegtle and Joseph Watson; 30 years-Thomas W. Maddicks and Jack S. Phillips; 25 years-Kenneth Bigelow, Jr.; 20 years-Robert Davis and Howard Travis.

To those who have chosen to join us as Prophets on May 16th, we welcome you and look forward to many years of good fellowship with you.

"It's not true, you get out of the Grotto just what you put into it. You get much more."

Plan on attending our meetings and social events and join in the good fellowship.

#### Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

It is great to see the sunshine and feel the warmth. It has been a long Winter. Our thanks to all the Prophets who participated in the Master Mason Night Program on April 11th. We had over 30 Prophets and guests attend the Steak Dinner at the Henrietta Town Park. We look forward to a large number of candidates from this outing.

Our Ambassador Program is underway. By informing your fellow Lodge Brothers about Lalla Rookh Grotto, we should be able to bring more Prophets into our great Fraternity.

Let's all support our Monarch, Ken Hutchinson, by "Getting One in 2001." Thank you for your help in this membership endeavor.

#### Legion of Honor

By Ron Morthorst, PM

Do you like to eat, shoot the breeze, have a laugh, and some serious discussions at times? Are you a Mason who has served in the Armed Forces? Then we would like to have you join us in the Grotto and the Legion of Honor.

Make a phone call now to (716) 334-4196, and I will answer any questions you have about what we do, what we are planning for the rest of this year, and how you can join us.

We have our Color Guard which presents the Colors for our Grotto meetings, and also participates in Memorial Day and Flag Day Services.

#### Attend Grotto Meetings

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

Thurs., May 10th-Lalla Rookh Caldron Meeting  
7:30 p.m.

Sat., May 12th-Monarch's Bus Trip 7:30 a.m. from  
Trailway's Terminal

Tues., May 15th-Rehearsal in Cathedral Hall 7:00 p.m.

Wed., May 16th-Ceremonial in Cathedral Hall Dinner  
6:30 p.m., Cere. 7:30 p.m.

Mon., May 21st-Legion of Honor meeting and dinner  
Dutch Mill Restaurant  
6:30 p.m.

#### Enjoy the Fellowship

We have three affairs for you and your lady to attend-Installation, Picnic, and the Christmas Party. Many of the ladies go to the Memorial Day Services with us.

#### To our members

Remember to make your dinner reservations for our May 21st meeting with Al Pulcino III, PC, at 225-8471.

#### Master of Ceremonies

By Douglas C. Spencer

Greetings, Prophets. I hope everyone is enjoying the Spring weather. It's been a long Winter and my golf clubs are starting to talk to n.

Our next meeting will be our Spring Ceremonial, held in Cathedral Hall. Please come out and support your Ceremonial Cast, better yet, bring a candidate with you. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. and will be Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast. From what I have been told, this is Bill Samar's favorite meal. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will precede dinner and reservations are a MUST. Please call me at 723-8703 by Saturday, May 12th.

#### Hospitaler's Report

By Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MSA  
Darryl Griffing - is residing in a rehab/nursing care facility.  
George Simon - is up and about.

#### Rochester Consistory

Scottish Rite  
Reunion Banquet

Honoring the  
Paul W. Spillane, 32° Class

Sat. Evening, May 19

The Party House  
677 Beahan Road

Cash Bar - 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner - 7:30 p.m.  
Dancing 9:00 - 11:00 p.m.  
\$25/couple!

Class members and their Spouses/Significant Other are our Guests.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our Spring Ceremonial.

#### Caldron News

By Doris Bell, MCO

April showers bring May flowers, or at least we hope. May also brings the Supreme Mighty Chosen One to Rochester on the 10th. I hope that you will all be able to join us for dinner. The Prophets and other guests are welcome to sup with us. Please contact Daughter Cecil Losinger to make your dinner reservations.

#### Continue the good work

I remind all the Daughters who generally take part in the Ceremonial that we really need you to continue in your parts. We are all getting older and slower, but we can stage the Ceremonial still. Daughter Ethel Hazzard will be in touch about the rehearsal.

#### Thanks

Thanks to all the Prophets and Ladies for coming out to our

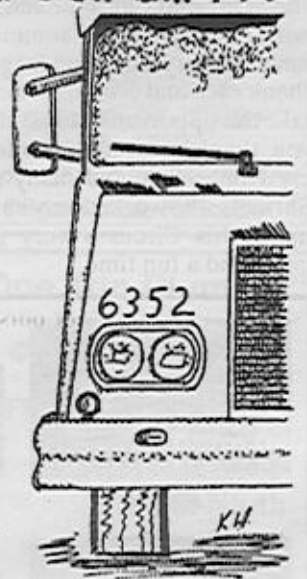
Prophets and Ladies Night on April 12th. I hope you found the program informative and the vittles "good old fashioned home style." Thanks, also, to the Lunch Committee for their help with the food-Marcia Morrison, Ethel Hazzard and Dorothy Bartlett.

#### Positive comments

Our Annual Smorgasbord was a resounding success. I heard many positive comments from the cast and crew from the production, "Rent." We always try to plan this charity dinner at the time of a show at the Auditorium, both to increase our numbers and to give the young people in the shows an opportunity to have a wholesome meal. They seem to appreciate it a great deal and comments such as "that's just like my mother makes", or "granny did yams that way" have been heard more than once.

Be kind to yourselves, take care of yourself. Look to the brighter, warmer days, and most of all, I wish you peace.

### THE MONARCHS BUS TRIP MAY 12TH



"AL, REST ASSURED, THE MONARCH IS NOT DRIVING THE BUS!"

## Lalla Rookh Grotto

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

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Saturday, July 21, 2001



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### Scottish Rite

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applicable to all parts of our Fraternity. "Ability is what you are capable of doing; motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it!" These certainly represent some opportunities to challenge the process and achieve some new results.

#### The Leadership Challenge

It is a personal pleasure and privilege to serve RIT's College of Imaging Arts and Science as an Adjunct Faculty Member participating as an instructor in the Masters Degree Program in the School of Printing. Last week, the first assignment was turned in by the students. It consists of an analysis of Kouzes' and Posner's "The Leadership Challenge" and represented a wide variety of approaches to leadership. The first five points that were presented are quite interesting:

1. Challenge the Process
2. Inspiring a shared Vision

3. Enabling Others to Act
4. Modeling the Way
5. Encouraging the Heart

These principles form the basis of our leadership approach in all branches of our Fraternity as well. Perhaps you may wish to consider how you think that each of these fits into your activities as a leader. More in a later series.

#### Spring Banquet

For our Spring Reunion Banquet on Saturday, May 19th, there will be several new "fun" things...Awards for the "Best Degree Director", the "Best Ritualist: Ceremonial", the "Best Ritualist: Allegory", the "Best Extemporaneous Performance"...all members of the Paul W. Spillane Class (Fall 2000 and Spring 2001) and their spouses are the guests of the Valley. All others can attend at \$25.00 per couple. This is another value that is the Scottish Rite provides its members...don't miss this fun filled event! P.S.: There will be music from the 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's.

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# Damascus Temple No. 2 Shrine News

Potentate - Dayne A. Tharrett



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## FROM THE POTENTATE



**DAYNE A. THARRETT**  
1-315-462-3224  
Shrine Office  
671-7701

The weather man said it's Spring. He must go to Florida in September and come back to Upstate New York about May 15th. As I write this there is still snow on the ground.

### Circus

Well, the Circus has come and gone. It was a successful one. As I travel around our area and visit with many of you, I sometimes have memory fades and forget to thank each and everyone. Let me take this opportunity to say thank you, thank you, thank you to every Noble, lady and many non-Shriners who worked very hard to make this Circus a very good event and a fun time.

Just a reminder to get your petitions in for Hot Sands in June and your dues for 2002 will be paid.

In closing, let me say two words, MEMBERSHIP and FUN. Neither is easy to do. You must work at both to accomplish an increase in membership and to have fun. Let's have fun and get more members.

### Lunch Club

By Vance R. Collon, Jr.

The weather is great, so everyone come out and enjoy the good food and fellowship at the Shrine Lunch Club. Lunch starts at 12 noon and doesn't cost more than \$5.00. Ladies Day is always the third Monday of the month and we try to have a speaker after lunch. All Masons and friends are invited and all are welcome. Bring out the ladies for a nice hot meal and a chance to socialize.

See you at the Lunch Club. □

Our first stated session will be on Saturday, April 21st, at 1:00 p.m. at the Fairport Masonic Temple. Please note that this is a change of date, due to Easter. I hope you will all plan to attend and give our Queen a fond welcome.

There are some events planned for this Spring. On Saturday, May 5th, we will have our Annual Card Party starting at 1:00 p.m. at Damascus Temple, 979 Bay Road, Webster. There is a donation of \$1.50 per ticket or \$6.00 per table. Bring your friends and come enjoy an afternoon of cards (all kinds) and fellowship. Let's make it a special event for our Queen Garda. This event combines fun and philanthropy. Also, there will be delicious desserts, coffee and tea for all to share. All proceeds are given to the Convalescent Relief Fund, for the outpatients at the Shrine Hospitals and Burns Institutes. They need your help more than ever!

On Saturday, June 2nd, we are planning our Queen's Luncheon to be held at the Spring House at noon. Hopefully all the members will plan to attend so we can give our Queen Garda a grand send-off to Supreme Sessions in Albuquerque, NM, from June 10-14th.

Now that Spring has finally arrived, all of you can more easily get out to attend the planned events. We look forward to being together with our snow birds as they return from the South. □



By Elaine B. Spiegel, PQ

I bring greetings from our lovely new Queen, Lutgarda Houston. She and her staff of officers were installed on April 1st at the Masonic Temple in Fairport. She is busy preparing for the coming year of Zama Temple.



## Flowers for Mothers Day

We will be offering four different plants in hanging baskets (10 1/2 inches wide \$14.00 each)

Most of us buy flowers for our Mothers and wives for Mothers Day. Here is a chance to buy a hanging basket of beautiful flowers that will last a long time with a little TLC and help your Mosque at the same time. If every Noble bought one hanging basket and sold one other, we would more than meet our goal, and I would be one happy camper!

Jim Lynch, Fund Raising Chairman

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| 3. Verbena _____           | @ \$14.00 each | \$ _____              |
| 4. Geraniums _____         | @ \$14.00 each | \$ _____              |
| <b>Total Baskets</b> _____ |                | <b>Total</b> \$ _____ |

Make checks payable to Damascus Temple. For each sale you make, \$1.00 will be given to your club or unit.

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## Presidential Award

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Awardees, go to [www.nsf.gov/pa](http://www.nsf.gov/pa).  
(Press release from the National Science Foundation)

My Week in Washington, DC

By Beverly Thompson, Matron of Leah Chapter No. 183, OES

During the daytime much of the activity dealt with teaching science and math. We listened to speakers such as the head of the National Service Foundation and our Congressmen. We created displays of our winning lessons and presented them to the other Awardees. We went on field trips. The one I joined was "Physics in Phun", and I got several ideas to do with my class on that topic. Of course, we also had our Awards Ceremony.

The highlight was meeting President Bush and having our pic-

ture taken with him. His signature on my Award is very significant.

### Teaching

When I was young, I attended a two room school house. The fourth graders were the oldest in the room. While the teacher was teaching other grades, I, as a fourth grader, listened to and helped first and/or second graders read their "Dick and Jane" readers. I enjoyed helping others learn so much that I decided to teach as a career when I entered college.

My first love was mathematics and I almost became a math teacher. However, when I participated in a fifth grade classroom, I knew that elementary education was for me. I have taught 34 years at the fourth grade level-15 years at Northwood School, 5 years at West Avenue School and 14 years at the Village Elementary School. □

27th & 29th Districts - RAM  
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# York Rite NEWS

York Rite College  
Judas Maccabeus

**District Deputy  
Grand**

**High Priest**

Royal Arch Masons  
29th Capitulat District



R.E. Richard C. Anderson

It is again time for visiting your Chapter for not only the observation of records, but renewing acquaintances with fellow Companions. Again, if you have a conflict with the date that I had previously listed, feel free to contact me and we will reschedule. To those I have already visited, I thank you for your gracious reception and compliance. For me to succeed depends on your help and support. The next two years, I would ask that you keep me informed of your Chapter's functions and problems. If we don't know, we can't help.

An issue for you to survey needing action in your Chapter is a request from R.E. Edmund Harrison, Grand King, for inventory of Chapter furnishings. Inventory sheets were made available and asked that they be returned by June. Take this opportunity to find out just what items you have and in what condition. If you don't have this form, I can get one for you.

**District events**

Western Star No. 35 and Wyoming No. 181 Chapters are consolidating in June. There will be the Attica Temple Dedication Ceremony and a Consolidation Ceremony on June 30th in Attica. Please come and witness these Ceremonies and support this Chapter.

**Scholarship Dinner**

The Western New York Past High Priest's Scholarship Dinner will be at Frederick's Manor on June 30th. Tickets are available by contacting R.E. Ken Kohlhagen or me. They are \$25.00 per person.

**Royal Arch Charities**

Pamphlets are now available for your donations. Please, if you can see yourself able to support these Royal Arch Programs, we can practice what we preach.

**Remember**

With time and age comes wisdom.  
With wisdom comes respect,  
With respect comes honor. □

20, in Lancaster on June 30th. In the past, I have enjoyed breaking bread with our fellow Companions for such a worthy cause. For tickets, contact our Secretary at 426-6836. This is a couples function and your lovely ladies are invited.

**Things to watch for**

The Annual 29th District Picnic will be on August 22nd in Warsaw.

**A loss**

I regret having to report the loss of Companion Earl Steffen. Please do me a favor and say a little prayer for him.

**Good news**

Companion George Simon is up and about again. □

**LeRoy Chapter  
No. 183 RAM**  
8 West Main St., LeRoy,  
NY



**High Priest**  
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R.E. Douglas S. Poole  
584-3601

March 27th was our Official Visit and we welcomed DDGHP, Dick Anderson, and AGL, Len Mason. I believe there was a Roast Beef Dinner preceding the event, which I presume was delicious.

**Trestleboards**

Trestleboards have been distributed and/or mailed to all Companions. They outline coming events.

**Sadness**

It is with a heavy heart that I relate to you that one of the most prominent figures in our Chapter, Companion Bob Forbes, passed to his Heavenly Home on March 15th. He served as Secretary of LeRoy Chapter for many years before becoming Excellent High Priest in 1997. Most recently he served in the capacity of Sentinel. Companion Bob was instrumental in the survival of LeRoy Chapter and kept it a viable entity through some difficult times, laying the groundwork for its renaissance and recent resurgence in membership. I like to think that our Chapter exists today, in large part, due to Bob's tenacity and dedication, often in the face of undeserved opposition and adversity. I will always remember Bob as a dedicated member of the Craft and the most marvelous gentleman, whom it was my privilege and pleasure to have known. He will be greatly missed by his Companions. We extend our sympathies and con-

dolences to his wife, Helen, children and grandchildren.

**The conformist**

Anyone who knows me (much less has read my articles) is aware that I am not exactly a conformist in the true sense of the word. I prefer the euphemism "unique". That is why the following statement has particular significance for me: "Do not assume you are on the right road, just because it's a well beaten path." □

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**Scholarship Dinner**

The time draws ever closer for the 26th Annual Royal Arch Scholarship Dinner. On Saturday, June 30th, a series of Capitulat events will take place in Western New York of sufficient magnitude to warrant your calendars being inscribed with the words ROYAL ARCH DAY.

At 1:30 p.m., the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York, will be at Attica Masonic Temple to dedicate the Sanctuary of Western Star Chapter No. 35 and officiate at the Consolidation Ceremonies of Wyoming Chapter No. 181 and Western Star No. 35.

Following the Ceremonies, light refreshments will be served. You will have an opportunity to actually view the only known signature of William Morgan, whereby he consummated his membership as a Royal Arch Mason.

quent remarks he discussed his plans for the year, and told some personal anecdotes about his experiences as a DeMolay at the Rochester Temple.

**Prince Hall Masons**

A memorable event in the life of Hiram Chapter occurred on March 28, 2001, when the Com-

panions attended a social event hosted by Haggai Chapter (PHA), held at the former Hiram Sibley mansion on East Avenue. In addition to the members of Haggai Chapter, Companions from the Buffalo Chapter (PHA) joined the celebration group. The evening was dedicated to sharing

## Hiram Visits with Haggai and Buffalo Cpts. RAM (PHA)



panion George Simon is up and about again. □

**Hiram Chapter**



**No. 62**  
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Thursdays  
E. William R. Lindsay, High Priest  
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On March 22nd, Hiram Chapter was honored by the visit of the newly elected and installed Grand High Priest, M.E. Donald Lounsbury. The Chapter was opened before dinner, and the work of the evening was the exemplification of the MEM Degree. Following the Degree, M.E. Lounsbury presented the Hiram Chapter Charter to R.E. Ernest Stelianou. In his subse-

The evening's activities, the Scholarship Benefit Dinner, will commence at 5:30 p.m. at Frederick's Manor, with a social hour. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and will include a complimentary cocktail.

The Attica Masonic Temple is located at 39 Main Street, about 1/10 mile West of the only traffic light in Attica (located on Route 98, 8 miles South of Batavia).

From Western Star Chapter, Attica to Frederick's Manor, Lancaster-

1. Go North on Rte. 98 by turning right-in about a mile.
2. Turn slightly left onto NY 238 (while still in the Village of Attica).
3. Turn left onto US Route 20 (you are traveling West).

Continue on US 20, which is also named Broadway, about 14.7 miles to Frederick's Manor, 5827 Broadway in Lancaster.

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

**Alternate directions**

You can come in on Rte. 33, heading West to Route 77, turn left onto Rte. 77, past Darien Lake. Head to Route 20, turning right onto Rte. 20. Head West. You will drive through the Villages of Alden and Townline. Stay on Rte. 20. Restaurant will be on the left side.

**Reservations**

For reservations, by June 20th, please contact: Stephen Licht, 3268 West Main Street Road, Batavia, NY 14020-9109. Telephone is 716-343-1517 or slicht@2ki.net. □

of respective histories as well as discussing current plans. EHP James Ghent of Haggai was the host for the evening.

**Dansville**

On April 10th, members of Hiram Chapter visited Dansville Chapter for dinner and the Grand Lecturer's Convention. As this is

## Hiram Visits with Haggai and Buffalo Cpts. RAM (PHA)



**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  
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Spencerport, N.Y. 14559

**Masonry**

Since I became a member in the Spring of 1960, at Etolian Lodge, No. 479, I have been taught that Masonry takes all good men and makes them better. I mention this for the simple fact of what is going to happen at our Summoned Meeting on May 14th, which is to elect new officers and vote on a proposal for a letter of intent to move our Lodge out of Spencerport to a building in Gates. Our Master has promised an informational meeting between now and then, which I encourage all Brethren to attend.

**Meetings**

Our next Royal Arch meeting will be on May 8th. We are going to have a question and answer session after our regular convocation. On June 12th we will have our Official Visit by DDGHP, R.E. Richard Anderson. I would like to see a good turnout for both sessions.

Before we go into Summer recess there will be a Royal Arch Scholarship Dinner at Frederick's Manor Restaurant, Rte.

the final year of service for R.E. Hobert Cook, Grand Lecturer, numerous Companions attended. It was particularly good to see R.E. H. Dean Airy, sharp as ever and ready to take a role if needed. R.E. Dean is a former member of Dansville Chapter and celebrated his 96th birthday on April 23rd. May we all live so long and have such a positive outlook.

#### MEM Degree

Our Chapter Trestleboard is going to be revised as follows: on

April 26th-the Most Excellent Master Degree. On May 10th we will confer the Holy Royal Arch Degree, again preceded by a dinner. Reservations to Tom Kendig, please.

It is always a pleasure to see our Companions in Chapter, and now that the weather is warmer, I am hopeful that our Florida friends will be joining us. Keep in your prayers Companion Ed Brereton, who is recovering from major surgery.

All the best.

### R.E. Hobert C. Cook Conducts Last GL Convention for the 27th at Dansville Chapter



M.E. Donald Lounsberry presenting Ernie Stelianou with Service Certificate, assisted by High Priest E. William R. Lindsay.

### Hiram Chapter Installed Officers for 2001-2002



(1st) R.E. Tom Paglia-Past Grand Sentinel, Sean Noonan-M3rd Veil, E. William Lindsay-High Priest, M.E. Donald Lounsberry-Grand High Priest, E. Gerry Jones, E. Larry Dunn-Recorder. (2nd) John Walker-Organist, Comps. Pedro Ugalde, Doug Koenig-Scribe, John Zabel-RA Capt. (back) Comps. Cliff Field, Jim Nersinger, E. Ernie Stelianou-Treasurer, Comps. Dennis Gellasch-King, Joe Oelgoetz, R.E. Charles M. Roberts-Grand Chaplain, and E. Mike Adamus. (Picture courtesy John Dudley)

### Grand Council Cryptic Masons State of New York



R. Ill. Stephen A. Licht  
Grand Standard Bearer

Well, the calendar says it is Spring, but as I write this, it is snowing. Be it ever so light, it is still covering the ground. I'm hoping that by my next writing, we have nothing but bright, warm, sunshine.

My visits to the Councils of the Eighth Cryptic District are now complete. I found most of the

Councils to be in pretty good condition, however, some need a lot of work. I'm hoping to give these Councils the needed assistance for their improvement to put them back on track.


#### Announcement

On May 28th, the Most Illustrious Edward P. Fagan, Jr., Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York, will be making his Official Visit to Nundawaga Council No. 92. A dinner will be held in his honor at the LeRoy Temple, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at a cost of \$8.00. Reservations must be made by calling Ill. Vernon G. Rupert at 716-343-8429 or Ill. Merle L. Robinson at 716-343-5159.

#### Table Council

A Table Council was held April 18th at the Masonic

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



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It has been an honor to serve you as the Illustrious Master of Doric Council during the past Cryptic year. I thank all those who assisted with Degrees and were tolerant. My only regret is that we did not receive any new members during my watch. We did, however, succeed in backing up some of the principal parts for the Degrees.

Enough of that! On April 18th we conducted our Annual Table Council with 25 in attendance including the Deputy Grand Master, R. Ill. E. William Whittaker. I am sure all enjoyed the speaker of the evening, R.W.W. James Zeiger, and his reminiscences of his early days as a professional baseball player. If you missed this one, plan on being with us next year.

#### Annual Meeting

Our next meeting, May 16th, will be our Election and Installation of Officers. Please be there to participate and hear about the plans for next year. There will be some special news on a probable move. More about that at that time. So, come on out.

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### Nundawaga Council No. 92

4th Monday  
West Main Street  
LeRoy, NY 14482

Ill. Merle L. Robinson  
Master - 343-5159,  
e-mail: sirgrouch@2ki.net  
Ill. Vernon Rupert  
Recorder - 343-8429

Well, my year as Illustrious Master is almost complete. This Assembly will conclude a successful year. I suppose it could have been more successful, but then that is a matter of how it is viewed. We conferred the Royal Master Degree on a class of seven candidates, four of whom were ours.

#### Election and Installation

On May 28th we will have our Annual Election and Installation of Officers. We will be most honored by the presence of the M.I. Edward P. Fagan, Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York. The M.I. Grand Master will be installing our officers. There will be a Roast Beef Dinner served at 6:30 p.m., at a cost of \$8.00 per person. Reservations should be made to Vernon Rupert at 343-8429, or me, at 343-5159 by May 22nd.

### Cyrene-Monroe Commandery

No. 12

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SK Lawrence W. Dunn  
Recorder 594-8033

#### Inspection

I thank all Sir Knights who assisted with the Inspection on March 19th. The work was performed in good order and it was great to have our Sister Commanderies assisting. The Schicker Club hosted a Reception afterwards with excellent hors d'oeuvres. We had a cake for Margaret Slack's birthday and sang to her. SK Ernest Stelianou and I went to Port Byron on March 20th to assist Salem Town Consistory with their Inspection.

#### Thanks

The year has passed very quickly and I thank all Sir Knights who supported me during the year with their attendance and hard work. Special thanks to Rev. and SK Charles Roberts for orchestrating the Christmas and Easter Toasts. Please note that there will not be a meeting on the 1st Monday of May because of a conflict with Grand Lodge.

#### Installation

SK Vernon Goodrich was elected Commander for 2001-2002 during our April 2nd meeting and is already making plans for his Installation on May 21st. Hilde and Joy will be preparing dinner that night.

#### Requests

The Commandery has received several requests for a Guard of Honor for Lodge Installations. Please let our Recorder, SK Larry Dunn, know if

you would like to assist. His phone no. is 594-8033. SK Vern Goodrich has set a tentative date of Sunday, August 12th, for the Commandery Summer Picnic at his home.

#### Eye Foundation

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

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Knights Templar

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39 Main Street  
Attica, N.Y.

We came through our Inspection with flying colors. SK M. Eugene Ellis, Eminent Grand Generalissimo, did the honors. I extend my sincere appreciation to all the Sir Knights whose overall stellar performance made the Inspection the success it was-magnificent job, guys!

On March 17th I had the pleasure of attending, along with our SK's Jim MacConnell, Generalissimo; Vern Rupert, Captain General; Garry Hutcherson, and Ruel Lovett, the Inspection of Sagoyewatha No. 17 in Phelps, with SK Michael Lampadarios, Eminent Grand Warder, as Inspecting Officer. It was a wonderful ceremony and we enjoyed the hospitality of Eminent Commander, Cyril White and the Officers of his Commandery.

On March 19th, SK MacConnell and I traveled to Rochester for the Inspection of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12. It was another enjoyable evening with Eminent Commander John Dudley and his Officers and members being inspected by SK Louis Wunsch, Jr., Eminent Grand Sword Bearer. Due to a conflict with Nundawaga Council No. 92, and the conferral of the Select Master Degree, we were unable to attend the Inspection of Lake Erie No. 20 in Buffalo on March 26th. SK Michael Lampadarios, Eminent Grand Warder, once again was the Inspecting Officer, this time for Eminent Commander, Rev. Don C. Markham and his Officers. We regret missing this occasion.

On April 2nd, SK MacConnell and I traveled to Lockport to attend the Inspection of Genesee Commandery No. 10 by SK George Harrison, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, as he inspected the fine work of Eminent Commander Gordon Flammger and the Officers of that Commandery.

On April 10th we were regrettably unable to attend the Inspection of Tonawanda Commandery No. 78, where SK Louis Wunsch, Jr., conducted the Inspection of this Commandery with Eminent Commander Bruce Renner and his Officers. This leaves two more Inspections within Zone 12 to look forward to attending, Hugh DePaynes Commandery No. 30 and Tancred Commandery No. 20. Both of these Commanderies meet in East Aurora.

I have expounded on the virtues of attending Inspection through-



out the Zone and beyond, not only for the support and camaraderie it affords, but as a valuable learning experience. In addition to vicarious learning of Ritual and floor work through passive observation, one can garner knowledge regarding human relations and positive reinforcement.

Rather than elaborate on the aspects of human nature, I'll attempt to be concise in describing the essence of my observations during these Inspections. While each Inspecting Officer has his own unique style, reflecting his individual personality, all seem to be sensitive to the fact that each Sir Knight is doing his best to demonstrate the arts and skills mastered by both himself and his Commandery. This is great, as it is tacit evidence that the Inspector is well aware of and sensitive to the preparation which went into the floor work and Ritual for him to observe that particular evening. What I have found particularly fascinating in observing is to see the Inspecting Officer as he makes his individual Inspection of each Sir Knight, quietly making a short comment or statement of praise or encouragement with a smile to the individual on some particular aspect of his performance which he has observed during the evening.

It is heartwarming to see the expression of a Sir Knight, anxious to demonstrate his best work, also become a smile as his face lights up, and he is put at ease with the realization that the Inspecting Officer actually noticed him as an individual entity (all be it an essential member of a team) and has taken a moment to let him know that his efforts to do his best were recognized. It would appear then, that positive reinforcement goes a long way toward allaying anxiety and making the individual feel that both he, and his efforts within the group, are appreciated.

The Orders of the Temple were conferred on March 31st at Lake Erie Commandery in Buffalo. It was, indeed, an impressive ceremony, reflecting well the hard work and dedication of all who participated. Eleven candidates received the Orders. We welcome to our ranks, Sir Knights John Hennessey, Jr., Harry L. Tyson and Edward T. Zorn. Due to the Easter holiday and scheduled vacations, there was no conclave on April 12th. We will resume our meetings on April 26th, with a Pot Luck Dinner, where we will welcome all Sir Knights back to our asylum.

**Congratulations**

On April 16th, SK Ken Kohlhagen received his 50 Year Pin from his Blue Lodge, West Star Lodge No. 413, in Varysburg. Quite an accomplishment. Heartiest congratulations, Ken.

**Open meeting**

May 24th will be the Installation of Officers. This will be an open meeting with friends and relatives encouraged to attend. There will be a dinner preceding the Installation.

**Condolences**

It is with great sadness that I report the passing to the Great Architect of the Universe, of our Sentinel, SK Bob Forbes, MSA, on March 15th. SK Bob served as our Sentinel since 1997. He and his warm smile and gentle demeanor will be greatly missed by his fellow Sir Knights.

We extend our condolences to his wife, Helen, children and grandchildren.

Many of my friends and acquaintances are early risers, yet, I am not among them. If possible, I would sleep 24 hours a day, although I am seldom able to avail myself of that luxury. Perhaps that is why I can identify so readily with the following: "The rooster is not unpopular because he gets up early; it's just that he has so much to say about it." □

**Prominent Mason Passes**



**Robert Forbes**

By Norman Austin

On March 15th Masonry lost one of its quintessential members with the passing of our Brother, Companion and Sir Knight, Robert A Forbes. If ever there stood "an upright man and Mason," it was Bob. He was active not only in his Blue Lodge, but also in the Order of the Eastern Star, and all the Bodies of York Rite Masonry. In addition, Bob was a member of York Rite College, where he was to be awarded the Gold Honor Award.

Bob was a gentle, unassuming, and down to earth man, who exemplified Masonic teaching by always being there to lend a hand when needed. Many of his kind acts took place behind the scenes. It was not unusual for him to have driven down to the post office to

check on the Olive Branch mail box earlier in the day, and then to the Lodge to turn up the heat and to have the coffee on and to welcome each member with a warm smile as they entered the Lodge for the evening's meeting.

I first met Bob when I entered the York Rite Bodies of Masonry. I was relatively new to the Craft and a bit overwhelmed by the plethora of new signs, Ritual, and customs. Bob seemed to sense this trepidation, and immediately took me under his wing. As time went on, my admiration for him grew. My own father passed away when I was ten, and although being an adult myself, I regarded Bob in essence, as a surrogate father figure.

As our friendship grew, we carpooled to Commandery in Attica--a mutually beneficial arrangement for each of us--I would come to his home in LeRoy and he would drive us to Attica. It saved me fuel and allowed him companionship, since he had doctor's orders not to drive alone at night. One snowy evening, upon arriving at his home, he removed his wife Helen's car from the garage (over my objections), and insisted I put my car there "so when we get back tonight you won't have to clean your car off before you go home." That's just the kind of guy he was. On another occasion a few years ago, our Commandery meeting happened to be the same day as my 50th birthday. For our snack after the conclave, I was totally surprised by him presenting a birthday cake baked by Helen with the inscription: "Happy Birthday, Norm" with a large "50" on top. That was very touching, and I will never forget it. Until he began to feel less like going out, it was not uncommon for him to call me and tell me of a meeting of some sort in the District, and to say: "Let's go down and see what those guys are doing tonight," and off we'd

go in his trusty Oldsmobile. Often, when Helen would come to Bergen to have her hair done, Bob would call me to meet him in town at the Bergen Farm Restaurant, where we would enjoy a cup of homemade soup together, (usually at his insistence) his treat, something he really enjoyed. Another time, Bob took the better part of a day to drive to each of the 12 Lodges within the Genesec/Wyoming District so I would be familiar with their locations. His explanation, "One day you're going to be Master, and it's important that you know where the other Lodges are, so you can visit them."

A gentleman and a true friend, Bob patiently guided me as I served as Secretary of Royal Arch Chapter, and insisted on covering my dues while I was experiencing financial setbacks.

Bob loved the camaraderie and socialization the Craft afforded him; he and Helen attended many Masonic functions and he thoroughly enjoyed interacting with his Brethren. Two of the most meaningful events Bob experienced in Masonry were being awarded his Distinguished Service Award in Commandery, and being elected to the York Rite College. He never expected either of these honors, and was deeply touched by the regard in which his fellow Masons held him.

**Masonic career**

Bob was raised in Fidelity Lodge No. 712 in Canton, Ohio on December 6, 1966. Highlights of his Masonic career include: Past Master and Secretary of Olive Branch Lodge No. 39, Past Patron of LeRoy Chapter No. 509, Past High Priest and Sentinel of LeRoy Chapter No. 183, Sentinel of Western Star Chap-

ter No. 35; Sentinel of Nundawaga Council No. 92, Sentinel and recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, Batavia Commandery No. 34, elected to York Rite College No. 25, and nomination for the Gold Honor Award.

Bob was a man who loved his God, his country, and his fellow man. In addition to his Masonic memberships, Bob was also active in the American Legion, where he served as Commander, and for over 50 years, in the Boy Scouts of America. In 1990, Bob was chosen LeRoy Citizen of the Year.

Bob is survived by his wife, Helen, to whom he would have been married 54 years on June 14th, his sons, Scott and David, daughter Barbara LaRocco, and seven grandchildren.

Farewell, and thank you, Bob, my mentor and friend, for all you have done for me, your Brethren, and for the Craft. It was indeed a pleasure to have had the privilege to have known you and to have enjoyed your friendship. I will never forget you.

Bob ultimately achieved his final and most supreme accomplishment when he reached that Temple above, to which we all aspire. "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord." □

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R.W. James Zeiger, Speaker for Doric Council's Table Council on April 18th.

At the April Table Council of Doric Council No. 19, R.III. William Zufall was presented with the Outstanding York Rite Mason of the Year Award. This Award is given each year by Genesee York Rite College No. 25. The York Rite is considered to be composed of five Bodies; the Symbolic or Blue Lodge, the Royal Arch Chapter, the Council of Cryptic Masons, the Commandery of Knights Templar and the York Rite College. Consequently any Mason is eligible to receive this Award.

**News from the North**

By Tom Paglia

For those of Hiram Chapter who have visited with our Brothers from the North, here is some news. E. Comp. David Daniels, Past First Principal (High Priest) of Orient Chapter, was appointed Grand Steward, Grand Chapter of Ontario, Canada. Anyone wanting to congratulate him may write or send a card to: David A. Daniels, #706 600 Kingston Rd., Toronto, Ont. M4E 1R1 Canada.



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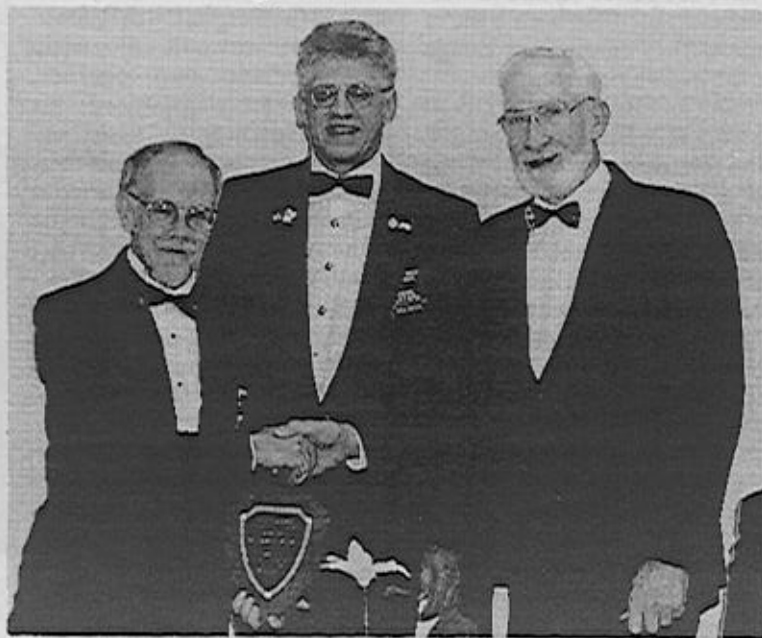
Our Color Guard is available for Ceremonies.

Brethren, we are ready to embark upon a new term of office. My thanks to each and every one of the officers for accepting the position for which you were elected, also to all the Brothers for your support in maintaining the integrity of our Post. We will continue to keep active and promote the Post at all times.

**Dates**

The May 24th meeting will be the Open Installation of Officers. This will be preceded with an adjustment hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by a Roast Beef Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Installation will be at 7:30 p.m. The Calling Tree will be in touch for reservations. Remember, a reservation made is a

**R.III. William Zufall Receives Outstanding York Rite Mason Award**



R.III. Bill Zufall receiving the Award from Ill. Don Brugger, Pre-eminent Governor of Genesee College No. 25 and Illustrious Master of Doric Council and R.III. & Rev. Charles Roberts, Grand Marshal, Grand Council Cryptic Masons State of New York (center)  
(Photos courtesy E. William Whittaker)

reservation paid, unless there is sickness or emergency.

There will be a Memorial Service held at the Blue Cross Arena War Memorial on Sunday, May 27th. The time is to be announced.

The Town of Greece Memorial Day Parade is Monday, May 28th. Meet at 12:15 p.m. at the Greece Assembly of God for a 1:00 p.m. parade. The Memorial Ceremony will be at the Gary Beikirch Veterans Memorial.

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Paul Woodley  
Donald C. Bell, scribe

A very interesting and informative meeting of the Tall Cedars was held on March 28th. A discussion of finance and our investments were the topics of the evening.

Our famous chef gave the plans for the upcoming Sausage Roast. More information will be available soon.

**New Lodge**

The news from Leesburg, VA, by the way of Charlie White, tells us of a new Tall Cedar Lodge that has just been formed.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone Wednesday evening, April 25th.

**Lilac City Cedarettes**

By Jean Brugger

We had our first meeting of the season at the home of Joy Woodley and we thank her for her hospitality. We finalized our schedule for the year: May 9th - Betty Tripp's; June 13th - Jane Denton's; July 11th - Dinner at a restaurant; Saturday, August 11th - a trip to Helen Barry's cottage; September 9th - Bar-B-Que at Doris Zabel's; October 10th - Marion Snyder's; November 14th - Election of Officers at Ramona Dimino's; December 12th - Holiday Party at a restaurant.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month for fun and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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Rt. Wthy. Charlene and I extend greetings from M. Wthy. Linda A. Angiolillo, Grand Matron, and M. Wthy. Everett H. Vail, Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, State of New York. It is probably appropriate to extend such greetings, as the Monroe District Grand Matron's Official Visit of April 20th will have been completed by the time this reaches our members. Unfortunately, it is not a "deed accomplished" at the time of our press deadline, and, therefore, the details of the visit will have to wait until the June column. The same holds true for the District Fundraiser held on April 28th at the Webster Masonic Temple. Should this issue reach you before the 28th, please plan to attend. Soup, sandwich, dessert, and beverage will be available for a donation of \$4.00 between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. Games will begin at 1:00 p.m. We need your support!

**Rewarding experience**

At the time of this writing, we have had the opportunity to enjoy six Official Visits (the half-

way point) and are eagerly looking forward to the remaining six. As we look back over the first six months of our terms, we can honestly say that we have been gifted with a truly rewarding experience. To be sure there have been a few tedious tasks that needed attention, but the joy of fun and fellowship have far outweighed the other items. Creative team meetings, Saturday morning meetings with the Officers groups, receptions in LeRoy, Marion, and elsewhere, Grand Matron's Official Visits, Chapter Official Visits in neighboring Districts, and, of course, most of all, the wonderful Official Visits within our own District. All of these have contributed to the list of highlights for our special year.

**Thanks**

On the business side of things, Rt. Wthy. Charlene thanks the Secretaries and Treasurers of the Chapters visited thus far for their careful attention to detail and faithful preparation of the required Chapter materials.

I thoroughly enjoyed reviewing the standard Ritualistic work of the Order at our Official Visits and I congratulate the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of those Chapters we've already visited on the consistently fine work we have witnessed. I hope that our Chapter leaders will continue to stress the importance of tradition, adherence to protocol, and attention to the proper presentation of Ritual to their members.

We wish to inform the District that the appointment of Rt. Wthy. Alida B. Doud has been extended (unofficially, of course, but with a great deal of love) to coincide with the term of the 2001 Team of Char's Angels. She can't get off the hook that easily!

Please stay tuned in future articles for information on the Lilac Luncheon, June 14th; our District Homecoming on June 15th; and the Pilgrimage Day Weekend, July 27th and 28th. We'll also fill in the blanks regarding the G.M.O.V. and the District Fundraiser.

Before closing, it is our sad duty to inform you of the untimely passing of Brian Jordan. Brian was the highly respected and well-loved Administrator of our Eastern Star Home in Oriskany for 11 years. Brian was very proud of the years he spent as the Administrator of the Eastern Star Nursing Home and was just recently appointed Executive Director of the Heritage Health Care Facility in Utica. Brian was also an adjunct faculty member of Herkimer County Community College and SUNY Institute of Technology. Words alone cannot express the sorrow we feel upon his loss. If you would like to send cards to his family, his widow's address is: Mrs. Donna Jordan, 40 Imperial Drive, New Hartford, NY 13413-3210.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you kindly consider the American Cancer Society.

In closing, a couple of reminders from our District leaders:

"Friends are like angels without any wings."

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

Peace!

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Is the snow really gone? If so, then your Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron are home for a while! Florida was great, but it's good to be home.

May is going to be a very busy month.

May 1st is the Official Visit held jointly with Henrietta Chapter. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Webster Chapter. This is a first for Monroe District-please come.

On May 7th we've a "deal" for you. A Card Party and Lunch of Chicken and Biscuits with some extras. All for one low price of \$6.00. There will be prizes. Card playing begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served promptly at 12 noon. If you only have a lunch hour free, you're welcome to just come and eat.

The May 15th meeting is canceled as the Grand Matron and

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## May 2001

Grand Patron will be visiting Nolatka Chapter and I am encouraging as many of you as possible to go.

On May 24th there will be a dinner at Webster for the Grand Officers' Association. Help is needed.

### Thought for the day

"The difference between charity and philanthropy is the distance of the soul...To be philanthropic is to give something, to be charitable is to give one's own heart." *Maya Angelou*

### Thank yous

Many thanks to all the members who stepped in and covered different offices when so many of us were away. A very special thank to W. Joy Woodley for planning different and interesting things.

I thank the Editor of the *Albion Times* for letting me submit this article at a late date, as I didn't get home until four days after it was due.

**NOLATKA**  
**Chapter**  
**No. 320**

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By Sister Alice Hassett

I'm back from Florida and have heard numbers of compliments on our Official Visit which took place on March 20th. Our Worthy Matron, Maryanne, thanks the six Matrons and also the Associate Matrons, as well as other guests, who joined us that evening. Your support was most appreciated.

Rt. Wthy. Martha Loomis is tasked with getting our Constitutions framed. Eventually, we plan to display the old Nola and Oatka Constitutions in the Chapter lounge. Our new Nolatka Constitution will be framed for its presence at our meetings.

### Good news

Sister Lee VanGrol is recuperating nicely, and we look forward to her joining us at future meetings.

Our Musician, Wthy. Betty Reisinger, announced that she has a new grandson. That makes 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren! How does she possibly keep track of all of them?

### Condolences

We sadly report the passing of our Sister, Wthy. Berneda Riley. Wthy. Susan Huff presented the Necrology Report at our meeting on April 17th. Our condolences to Wthy. Berneda's family and friends.

### Good time

We had a great time at the Grand Matron's Visit on April 20th. Lunch and dinner were excellent, as usual, at the Country Party House. I represented Nolatka Chapter in the Flag Ceremony at the evening meeting.

### May meetings

On May 1st we will be having a Mother/Daughter/Son Potluck Supper, a slight variation on the normal Mother/Daughter Banquet. Bring a dish to pass. The Supper will be at 6:30 p.m., followed by an open meeting.

On May 15th, the Grand Matron and Grand Patron are paying a Social Visit to our Chapter. The dinner and meeting will be held at the Riga Congregational Church. From the Route 490 exit in Churchville, go South on Route 36 (toward Caledonia and Mumford) to where the road ends at Route 33A. The church is straight ahead: 7057 Chili-Riga Center Road (Chili Avenue extended). Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. It will feature Roast Beef and will be served family style. Churchville/Chili's "Singing Saints" will entertain after dinner. An open meeting will follow, and members are to wear white gowns and gloves. Men will wear tuxes. Please phone Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings, 716-594-4692, to make reservations.

The Chairperson for May is Wthy. Jean Stewart. Her Committee consists of Wthy. Cynthia Nielson, Sister Jerri Fimbel, Wthy. Doris Daycock and Wthy. Charles Daycock.

At last, May and Springtime and flowers. Enjoy!

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A grain of sand becomes a pearl when touched by the Creator.

Greetings to all. What a wonderful month and Official Visit on March 30th. I have never been prouder of the Officers of this Chapter. Sitting in the East watching and listening to the Ritual, the presentation, watching the Officers enter, was just spectacular. I could see that they had put their all into their duty. Thank you all once again for this beautiful evening.

### Honor Night

Our meeting on April 7th was Honor Night. Our Honoree was Wthy. Effie Simpson. The word dedication is Wthy. Effie. Thanks to members and family, we were able to show her a wonderful time. My thanks to Wthy. Frank Jansson for his help, to Rt. Wthy. Barbara Mertens and Rt. Wthy. Audrey for the luncheon after the meeting and the table decorations. A "special hug" and thank you to Sister Gail Caraballo for her information and phone calls.

### Busy times

Our 97th Birthday Banquet will be May 20th at the Avon Inn. More information will be sent to you. To the Sisters and Brothers who are out of town and cannot be with us, we will be thinking of you as we celebrate.

### Camp Poly-Fil 2001

This is the ninth year for this wonderful fun-filled week for your Poly-Filled friends. The Director and Administrator are making plans for another successful week. To send your little friends to Camp, get a form from Wthy. Debbie Leipold, fill it out, and take them on June 17th to 428 Electric Avenue.

### Knives

If any is interested in purchasing those wonderful stainless steel knives, contact a member of

Rochester Chapter. We should have them by May.

### Monte Carlo Nite

We have had to change the date of this event from October 20th to October 27th. This will be a great nite to come out and play. Put it in your date book now so you don't forget. There will be more information in the Fall.

### Official Visits

May 1st - Webster/Henrietta Chapters 7:30 p.m.

May 7th - Etolian Chapter, 8:00 p.m.

May 9th - Corinthian/Fellowship Chapter, 7:30 p.m.

May 21st - Germania Chapter, 7:00 p.m.

### Dates

Past Matrons Association Meeting and Dinner is May 17th at Clio Lodge in Hilton. The meeting is at 4:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. From what I hear the entertainment is going to be fun. Come and join us. The deadline for reservations is May 7th and Chapter Secretaries have tickets.

My best to Sisters and Brothers who cannot be with us. We miss you and think of you often. If there is any sickness or distress, please let the Secretary or me know. I sure hope I haven't forgotten anything, if I have, I'm, sorry.

*HiLights*

**Order of the**  
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**GENESEE-WYOMING**  
**DISTRICT**

**Rt. Wthy. L. JANET LEE**  
DDGM

**Rt. Wthy. TIMOTHY L. BUCKNAM**  
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Well, Spring did arrive on time as promised last month. Although with the weather we have been having it may be hard to believe it. I feel the Springtime is in the air. I sense God's presence everywhere. The whole world stirs from Winter's rest, awaking fair, renewed, and refreshed. This is the same for some Chapters. They are welcoming their snowbirds back from their Winter rest.

### Easter time

Not only is it a season for our travelers to return from warmer places, but it was Easter time. For Spring flowers bring their message of Easter peace and cheer and reminds all that the blessed season of Resurrection is here. I trust that everyone had a blessed Easter and all are enjoying the weather.

### Good news

I am pleased to report that Rt. Wthy. Charles Krauss is doing very well since his by-pass surgery. He has returned to his restaurant a few hours a week and was able to attend our first District Official Visit in Arcade Chapter No. 337 on April 5th. It was so good to see him out and about.

I am also happy to report that Rt. Wthy. Ethel R. Lee has had her operation and is recovering at Roswell Park Cancer Inst.

### Thank you for the support

Rt. Wthy. Tim and I appreciated the support shown to us and Arcade Chapter with the attendance of many of our District members. We encourage all to travel and support Sister Chapters, not only on their Official Visit, but for other special events and meetings.

### Upcoming events

The following are Official Visits yet to be held. Rt. Wthy. Tim and I look forward to our Visits and hope to see many of you there.

April 30th - Centennial Chapter No. 299, 8:00 p.m.

May 1st - Perry Chapter No. 497, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Plans are underway for the June 15th Public Sale to be held at the Perry Firemen's Building in the Perry Village Park on Lake Street at 6:00 p.m. The doors will open at 4:00 p.m. and food will be available.

We will also be holding our Annual Genesee/Wyoming Walk-a-Thon for youth on June 15th at the Perry Village Park starting at 4:00 p.m. The money raised helps the youth in our area. For information on either of these events please call 343-6285 or 237-3908.

The Grand Matron's and Grand Patron's Official Visit to our District is May 17th. It will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Lewiston Road (Rte. 63), Batavia, NY. The dinner is \$15.00 and will be served at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be at 8:00 p.m. For dinner reservations call 343-6286 or 343-2710.

### School of Instruction

Again this year, our District joined the Erie District for their School of Instruction with M. Wthy. Allan C. Lewis, Grand Patron in 1978, on March 31st. We had about 15 of our District members present. Our District was asked to fill the Star Point chairs for the afternoon session and performed the Draping of the Altar Ceremony. It was a long day, but there was good fellowship had by all and plenty of learning opportunities.

### On-going projects

As a District we are collecting the Campbell Soup labels. Rt. Wthy. June Lee is Chairman and reminds all that it isn't just the Campbell Soup products, but other products such as Ben's Olive Oil, Casera products, Franco-American pasta and gravy products, Prego sauce, LeMenu frozen dinners, V8 juice, plus many more. A complete list is available from Matrons, Rt. Wthy. June or me.

The cancelled postage stamps committee is headed by Rt. Wthy. Ethel Lee. She reminds all that when stamps are being removed from envelopes, leave envelope paper around the stamp. The stamps cannot be damaged in any way and can be given to me at any meeting and I will see that she receives them.

### Study Club

The Genesee/Wyoming District Angels Study Club met at Olive Branch, LeRoy, on April 21st. It was for a business meeting, Ritual work and the making of favors for the Grand Official Visit. I thank everyone who was able to stay and help with the favors for as they say, "Many hands make light work for all". This is so true.

Our next meeting will be the rehearsal for the Grand Official Visit at the First United Methodist Church. All that have a part are asked to be there. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. After rehearsal we will go to the Sport of Kings Restaurant for lunch (dutch treat).

May the wings of an angel surround and protect you with God's guidance.

## In Memoriam

### March

#### Rodgers, Ellsworth C.

Ellsworth went to his Eternal Rest on March 14th at the age of 87. He was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163 and Rochester Consistory. Survivors include his wife, Virginia, and 2 children.

#### Forbes, Robert A.

After a lengthy illness, Bob was called Home on March 15th at the age of 76. A Past Master and Past Secretary of Olive Branch No. 39, he was also a member of LeRoy Chapter No. 183, RAM; Nundawaga Council No. 92, R&SM and Batavia Commandery, KT. He is survived by his wife, Helen, three children, and seven grandchildren.

#### Wright, Claude G.

Claude joined the Supreme Architect on March 27th at the age of 87. He was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. Survivors include his wife, Geraldine, five children and six grandchildren.

#### Ferris, George E.

George passed away suddenly on March 29th. A member of Oatka Lodge No. 759, he leaves his wife, Claudette, three children and three grandchildren.

#### Moulton, Elliott G.

A 62 year member of Batavia Lodge No. 475, George was 92 years old when he died on March 30th. He was also a member of Damascus Temple Shrine. Survivors include two children and six grandchildren.

### April

#### Steffen, Earl C.

Earl passed away suddenly on April 4th. An active Mason, he was a member of Churchville Lodge No. 667, Past Grand Lodge Officer, member of Rochester Consistory, Damascus Temple Shrine and Lalla Rookh Grotto. He is survived by his four sons, one daughter and three grandchildren.

#### Lewis, Eric H.

Eric went to be with the Grand Architect of the Universe on April 10th. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. He leaves his wife, Dolores, two children, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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

#### Capauldy, Edward R.

Edward was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 and Rochester Consistory when he died on March 7th at his home in Clearwater, Florida.

#### Riley, Berneda

Berneda was a member of Nolatka Chapter No. 320, OES. She resided in the Tina Wilson Living Center at the time of her death.

#### Farrand, Karl I.

Rochester Consistory received notice of Karl's death on December 1, 2000, in Maine.

# Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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|             | 2001   |
| Jun 9       | Potentate's Ball   |
| Aug 17-19   | Grand Council - Fishkill, NY                                     |
| Sept 14, 15 | Grand Commandery - Suffern, NY                                   |
| Oct 13      | Grand Master's Reception, (Cryptic)<br>Holiday Inn, Waterloo, NY |
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| Aug 16-17   | Grand Council, Rochester Marriot Thruway<br>Henrietta, NY        |

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Mon., May 7  
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**Marlee Matlin**  
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| <p>6</p> <p>National Nurses Day</p>  | <p>West Star - Varysburg<br/>KT Cyrene/Monroe</p> <p>OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p>   | <p>Batavia<br/>Craftsman/Robertson-F<br/>Fame - Irondequoit<br/>Monroe - Brockport<br/>Seneca - Webster<br/>Valley/Simes</p> <p>RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming</p> <p>OES - Leah</p> | <p>Churchville<br/>Oatka - Scottsville<br/>Triluminar - Pike</p> <p>Service Bureau Luncheon</p> <p>OES - Batavia, Corinthian/Fellowship</p>   | <p>Eagle Valley - Bliss<br/>Flower City</p> <p>Lalla Rookh Caldron</p> <p>RAM - Hiram</p> <p>KT - Batavia</p>  | <p>11</p>   | <p>12</p>   |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |   |   |   |
| <p>13</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>  | <p>ERAC - E. Rochester<br/>Etolian - Spencerport<br/>Fairport<br/>Mt. Vernon - Java Village<br/>Union Star - Honeoye Falls<br/>Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield</p> <p>OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p> | <p>Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton<br/>Craftsman/Robertson<br/>Germania - Irondequoit, I<br/>Oakland - Castile<br/>Warsaw</p> <p>OES - Fairport, Nolotka, Perry, Webster</p>     | <p>Attica<br/>Olive Branch - LeRoy, I</p> <p>Lalla Rookh Grotto</p> <p>RSM - Doric</p>  | <p>Constellation - Perry<br/>Hesperus - Bergen<br/>Northfield - Pittsford<br/>Webster</p> <p>Scottish Rite - Elections</p> <p>RAM - Western Star</p> | <p>18</p> <p>Joint Investiture Rochester Temple</p> | <p>Webster Lodge, I<br/>Seneca Lodge, I</p> <p>Armed Forces Day</p> |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |   |   |   |
| <p>20</p> <p>Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner May 23</p>  | <p>West Star - Varysburg<br/>KT - Cyrene/Monroe, I</p> <p>OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p>  | <p>Arcade<br/>Batavia<br/>Fame - Irondequoit<br/>Valley/Simes, 3*</p>   | <p>Churchville, I<br/>Oatka - Scottsville<br/>Triluminar - Pike</p> <p>Tall Cedars of Lebanon</p> <p>OES - Batavia, Corinthian/Fellowship</p> | <p>Eagle Valley - Bliss<br/>Flower City</p> <p>RAM - Hiram</p> <p>KT - Batavia</p>   | <p>25</p>   | <p>26</p>   |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |   |   |   |
| <p>27</p> <p>Memorial Day Observed</p>   | <p>ERAC - E. Rochester<br/>Etolian - Spencerport<br/>Mt. Vernon - Java Village<br/>Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield</p> <p>RSM - Nundawaga, I</p> <p>OES - Charlotte<br/>Shrine Lunch Club</p> <p>Memorial Day Observed</p>           | <p>29</p>   | <p>30</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>   | <p>31</p>  | <p>Armed Forces Day - May 19th</p>                  | <p>30</p>   |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |   |   |   |