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Raising Spirits

We received an e-mail through the Masonic News Network through Ron Bower, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Communications Committee. He said that he had received it from a friend and thought it was a good idea.

Card Writing Campaign

"On the news, they are saying that the firemen are getting discouraged because they have not found anyone [bodies in the rubble] in more than a week. They leave out the part about the horrific conditions and sights they see, but through it all they go on and on and on."

So, here is my idea. Let's start a Card Writing Campaign. Go out to your local Hallmark store, or wherever you buy your cards. Buy a card that reflects what your feelings are about their heroic efforts and send it to them at: NYC Fire Department 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza New York, NY 10005

Just think how powerful this message can be. If you e-mail to everyone you know, and they send it to everyone they know, and if the people who get this note send a card, we can be the start of a miracle. Kind of like when the Post Office delivers all the mail addressed to Kris Kringle in the "Miracle on 34th Street."

This seems like a good idea to me, too. Perhaps the Lodges could send their own cards to let the firefighters know that we Masons really care; something more than just sending money (the Grand Master and the Masonic Home Foundation have already set aside \$1,000,000 for relief for firefighters families). What do you think?

F. R. O. G.

By Don Brugger

The Final Round of Golf was kicked off on Columbus Day under the usual daunting circumstances; it was close to freezing. Fortunately, this year it was not snowing and the winds were calm. Unfortunately, the frost was on



"God bless America,
Land that I love
Stand beside her,
And guide her,
Through the night
With a light from above.
From the mountains,
To the prairies,
To the ocean,
White with foam,
God bless America,
My home sweet home.
God bless America,
My home sweet home."

God bless America, one of America's unofficial national anthems, was composed by an immigrant who left his home in Siberia for America when he was only five years old. The original version of "God Bless America" was written by Irving Berlin

(1888-1989) during the Summer of 1918 at Camp Upton, located in Yaphank, Long Island. He intended to use it in his Ziegfeld-style revue, "Yip, Yip, Yaphank." The original lyric declared: "Make her victorious on land and foam, God Bless America..."

However, Berlin eventually decided that the solemn tone of "God Bless America" was somewhat out of keeping with the more comedic elements of the show and the song was laid aside.

It was in the Fall of 1938, as war was again threatening Europe, that Berlin decided to write a "peace" song. Then he recalled his "God Bless America" from twenty years earlier. He made some alterations to reflect the different state of the world and "God Bless America" was born. Singer Kate Smith introduced the revised "God Bless America" during her radio broadcast on Armistice Day, 1938. The song was an immediate sensation and its sheet music was in great demand. As a result, Berlin soon established the God Bless America Fund, dedicating the royalties to the Boy and Girl Scouts of America.

(From the New York-Ontario Shrine Association)

the greens (sounds like a Robert Frost poem doesn't it).

The number of participants, again, was below expectation. However, we did have a hearty crew and the weather turned for the better after a half hour delay waiting for the frost to dissipate on the greens. The course was in great shape and brought out the best in our Masonic "Duffers". Some of the participants got in 27 holes and more; I had enough swinging exercise after 18.

Scoring

I captured the longest drive for about seven minutes; Jim Powell, who was in the group behind me, outdrove me to win that event. For some strange reason we were the only two brave enough to sign the sheet and mark the spot where our drive hit the fairway. Could it be that they were the only two that hit the fairway?

Strangely enough one of our novices, my son Chuck, vied for

the closest to the pin on #3 at 31' 6 and 1/2". This was good enough for a second place and because his competitor won in the longest drive category, he got the prize. I must apologize for picking this hole. I did not know that the tee had been moved back about 30 yards until I got there; it is difficult enough with the regular tee placement.

Again this year gift certificates for these two categories were donated by "Tuxedo Park" in Penfield. We thank Randy Rankin again this year for his support.

The first prize, for lowest Calloway net, was won by Dick Topel. Awarding this prize was complicated with a three-way tie. The ultimate winner was determined by best overall game and lowest gross. First prize again this year was supplied by Sentry Safe, through Joe Oelgoetz, Director of Marketing. Two dozen golf balls, for complimentary gifts and

Elder Wear Program Kick-Off

Share the warmth

By W.: Lewis J. Perna

The clothing drive has been subsequently named "Elder Wear". Unfortunately, the September 11th tragedy resulted in lost time. My colleague, Lynn Prytula and I continue our progress and have identified November 12th as our kick off date. By the time you have read this article, the Master of your Lodge would have been contacted by me to arrange a convenient visit to market and recruit help for this program. It would help if any of you would step forward and assume responsibility as the contact person for your Lodge. I assure you, Brothers, this is a manageable project if a small squad from each Lodge does its part.

As I stated in my last article, begin by creating a clothing drive within your own Lodge. Come up with a meal and use the proceeds to buy some clothing, or simply donate the money to Elder Wear. Pass the hat for one evening.



Volunteer to shop with the money raised. You can also forward any checks to me in the name of Elder Wear. We are also looking for any Corporate Sponsor, so if you have the contacts, begin reaching out. Call me with contact names and phone numbers.

It is said that crisis presents opportunity. As you know, the economy is worsening. Now, more than ever, Masons can shine their beneficent light upon the community. We can step out of our past and play a larger role in assisting in the future, while simultaneously re-invigorating the oldest known Fraternity in the world. Please step forward to assist me.

consolation prizes were supplied by Manning and Napier through Dave Larson.

New Ramrod

This was my last year as Chairman of the event. Next year's "District Tournament", as I have tried to promote it, will be chaired by Ruel Lovett. Perhaps some new ideas will improve participation for this charitable endeavor and give the Lakeside Foundation more support. I thank all those who have given me support for

this charitable endeavor over the past few years with their assistance and participation.

Welcome Aboard

We welcome Livingston District to our Masonic Times family of subscribers.

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Richard Topel and Ron Morthorst - Grotto.



Jim Powell and Brian Keery - Etolian Lodge.

Road to the East

7:30 p.m.

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Lodge System of Masonic Education

8:00 a.m.

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Dec. 3rd / Jan. 21st / Feb. 18th / Apr. 17th

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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Apologies

I hope the error on the Big Calendar (back page) was not a problem; Grand Lecturer's Convention was in the wrong week.

Reminder

Just to recap, please include with your submission, important dates separately. List them either on a separate page or after your main text. This will flag those dates for us and we will put them on the "Big Calendar" or in the "Looking Ahead" section. This will give us a list to check against when proofing. Investigative reporting is not our forte.

Surprise, surprise

I received a call from a person who wanted to contact an author about information in his column. His complaint was that all the author had given was an e-mail address, no phone number. I think you Masonic computer jocks should realize that not everyone has, or desires to have a computer.

While I'm on the subject, it's sometimes more efficient to use other sources of information than habitually turning to your computer and the internet for assistance. Some spend fifteen or twenty minutes "surfing the web" when consulting a hard-copy source would have taken only 2 or 3 minutes. Judging from some of the e-mail garbage I receive, there are some fanatics who must spend every waking hour sitting in front of their CRT.

Another article lost in the ether

I guess the message needs repeating with every new batch of authors. Please call the office or leave a message on our tape if you send an article by e-mail or FAX. This is to verify that we got it; it wouldn't hurt to check, even if you send it snail-mail.

A Few Good Men

We are still looking for a few good men to clean and repair our loan equipment at the Bureau. The appeal is a little stale, but, the need is fresh. Let us know when you have some free time. Even if you can only spare two or three hours a month, your help will be appreciated.
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Money Tip\$

By Dave Larson

In the past, calculating the minimum amount you must withdraw from traditional individual retirement accounts and qualified retirement plans each year could send shudders up the spine of even the most knowledgeable retirement investor. The IRS has come to the rescue of retirees everywhere by simplifying the minimum distribution rules for IRAs and qualified plans.

The new proposed rules reduce the required minimum distribution (RMD) from retirement accounts for the majority of retirees. This is good news if you won't need the money to live on when you turn age 70 1/2, since more of your money can remain in your account to accumulate tax deferred.

Generally, by April 1st of the year following your 70 1/2 birthday, you are required to begin taking minimum distributions from your IRA or qualified plan. Previously, you calculated the minimum distribution amount by dividing your total account balance by a life-expectancy factor based on the life expectancies of you and your beneficiary, found in IRS tables.

Different methods of calculating life expectancy made this a confusing process. The required minimum distribution could differ substantially depending on who was named primary beneficiary of your account, so you were forced to do the calculation several ways to determine the best choice for your personal circumstances. Once you made your beneficiary and distribution elections, you could not change the distribution calculation.

Under the new rules, the required minimum distribution is calculated based on a uniform IRS table. The table is used in almost every situation to calculate the account owner's minimum distribution.

The new rules also permit your beneficiaries to take distributions over their lifetimes rather than within the five-year period following your death, as was sometimes the case under the old rules. If you have named more than one beneficiary, they can split the IRA into separate accounts that will let them withdraw the money according to different schedules.

If your beneficiary doesn't immediately need the money in your retirement account, disclaiming the IRA could keep the money tax deferred for several years. When you die, your beneficiary could refuse to accept all or part of the IRA. For example, your spouse could disclaim the IRA assets, which then would pass directly to your children. While the children would have to take minimum distributions, the distributions would be based on their life expectancies, and the bulk of the account could continue to grow tax deferred.

There really is no downside to the new rules. However, they do include a new tax reporting system that makes it easier for the IRS to track and penalize individuals who are not taking minimum distributions.

Although the new rules officially take effect on January 1, 2002, IRA owners and qualifying plan participants may begin using them for 2001 distributions. If you are already taking minimum

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distributions, recalculating them under the new rules might be to your advantage. As always, you should review your situation with a qualified financial advisor to be sure you are taking full advantage of the new rules.



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Thanks

Many thanks to the Brothers who were present at Mt. Hope Cemetery to assist in the tours to commemorate the Civil War Veterans. We also attended the grave site of our own Brother James A. Hard.

A thank you to Brother Don McDill who gave a slide presentation of his travels while serving in the U.S. Navy. We would like to continue such programs. Any Brother who can provide us with his history of service during World War II, we would like to hear from you.

Veterans Day

Veterans Day 2001 is quickly approaching. This year's Service

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will be celebrated at the Rochester War Memorial on Sunday, November 11th. This Service will commence promptly at 11:00 a.m. The James A. Hard/Wayne Post will display our colors at this Service. The traditional luncheon will be held at The Party House on Beahan Road at 12:30 p.m. at a cost of \$10.00. Entertainment books are now available at a cost of \$22.00. Proceeds go to the Post Memorial Fund.

Sickness and distress

Floyd Vick had open heart surgery on September 19th. Dean Marsaw is scheduled for surgery. Al Pulcino's mother and brother-in-law are very sick. Please keep these people in your prayers.

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Your Legal Rights FYI

By Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Civil Rights of all Americans

The right to be left alone by our government conflicts with the need for our government to protect us from our enemies.

Given time, we will settle into a new routine. Security will become a concern that will permeate our lives. Like you, I don't know where events will take our nation. The threat to our freedoms is still being defined as I write this.

Now is a good time to remind ourselves what sets our nation apart from others. Is it our economy, our military might, or our industrial and technological prowess?

It's the Constitution!

It's our Constitution that makes us who we are. Our unprecedented influence in the world wasn't achieved by subjugating others to our will like the Romans. Our influence stems from our cherished freedoms.

We must remain vigilant to protect ourselves from further attacks. As a price for this protection, we will not be able to move about unfettered in public places. That's OK. Having to walk through a metal detector to watch the Red Wings at Frontier Field isn't an impairment on our fundamental liberties.

Unfortunately, the greatest threat to our liberties will come from those with the best of intentions.

The Bill of Rights

After it was originally enacted, the Constitution was further amended to include additional clauses known popularly as the Bill of Rights. These amendments make our Constitution special. The first eight amendments contain the ones we are most familiar with. Here they are:

First Amendment-Freedom of speech, religion, assembly and the right to petition the government.

Second Amendment-The right to keep a gun.

Third Amendment-The government cannot station troops in your home without your consent, nor do so in an arbitrary and capricious manner in time of war.

Fourth Amendment-The right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures. Any searches or seizures of persons or property must be particularly identified and be supported by probable cause.

Fifth Amendment-No one can be tried for a felony crime unless indicted by a Grand Jury of their peers. No one can be tried for the same crime twice. No one can be compelled to testify against him or herself. No one can be jailed nor deprived of their property without due process of law. The government can't take your property without compensating you.

Sixth Amendment-You have a right to a public trial before an impartial jury of your peers. You have a right to know what crime you have been charged with. At trial, you have the right to call witnesses in your favor, and to confront those witnesses aligned against you. You have the right to the assistance of an attorney.

Seventh Amendment-You have the right to a jury trial in all civil cases.

Eighth Amendment-The judge can't set excessive bail to keep you

in custody, nor impose an excessive fine. If convicted, you cannot be subjected to torture.

Electrifying Bloopers

Tom Paglia

Famous last words

Where can I get it done for nothing, or do I have a friend who can help me out? This is on most people's minds when they want something done. Remember the old adage? You never get anything for nothing, somewhere along the line someone has to pay and you are usually the one.

Phone call

I made a phone call to someone who is well known in our Masonic circle, for what reason I do not remember. After we had completed our intended conversation, he said he had a another unrelated question for me. It seems that he had an electric heater located in the basement of his cottage in Canada which he installed to keep the basement heated during the Winter. He knew that a building without heat in the Winter meant the possibility of serious problems.

He had plugged it in for the Winter and came back home, just like he had done for many years. Then he received a \$400 electric bill for one month. He thought, perhaps, there was something wrong with the heater, thinking that it was possibly running continuously. He asked if I would look at it.

I picked up the heater so that I could take it to the shop to run some tests on it. While there, his wife asked if I would look at work that had been recently done, but I'll go into that later. I took the heater to the shop and ran various tests, but could not find anything wrong with it. All of the control devices seemed to be working fine. I called him up and told him I could not find anything wrong, and that maybe the thermostat may have stuck. He then told me that the unit was hung up next to the ceiling. This could indicate that the unit would seldom go on because heat travels upwards.

I suggested that perhaps one of his neighbors had tapped into his line. This was a 4,000 watt heating unit. If the cost was perhaps \$.10 per 1,000 watt/hours, if it ran all month long it would only cost about \$288, give or take a few; his bill was \$400. This is why I thought someone could have tapped into his line. Come to find out, he does have an outside outlet that was not turned off at the panel. An extension cord plugged into that outlet would surely run his bill up. Anyway, since he was going up there for a week, I told him to take it back to the cabin and try it. I'll let you know how this mystery turned out in a future column. I also suggested that maybe he should change the locks.

Incidentally, on the heater instructions, it states that the unit should be installed no higher than 2 feet above the floor; he hung it right under the floor joists. Nothing like following instructions.

A wife's concern

Now, to get back to the problem his wife was so concerned about. Seems like she wanted a ceiling fan with a light installed in the family room where there was no power. They have a pot belly stove they like to light up during the Winter and she wanted the heat to be distributed better

throughout the room. At this point, his wife turned on the fan, to show me why she was concerned, and immediately inquired if it was supposed to wobble like that. I told her to turn it off before it killed someone. I inspected the fan to try to determine why it moved so much. The box was 1/2" away from the ceiling which gave it no support. Taking the fan down, I looked at the wiring and found no ground wire, the installer probably thought he didn't need it, so he cut it off short.

It seems that the husband had called a friend, who supposedly had electrical knowledge, to run the wires and install the fan. The friend started by putting a 7" hole in the ceiling where a 4" round box was to be installed. Guess he liked working with enough room.

Fearless drill master

My friend, using a large drill, started drilling a hole in the corner of the wall where the new wires were to go. Now here is a happy man, he has a powerful drill in his hands, whistling while he is working, and thinking he is being very useful.

All of a sudden, you guessed it, he put the drill right through a three wire cable, the crossover for a three way switch. It probably tripped the breaker. Then he cut a piece of the ceiling dry wall out, about 14" X 14" to see what had happened. The wires were a mess.

Well, he was not satisfied with that, he went into the room behind the one in which he was working and tried again. Bingo, he did it again. This time he hit a two wire cable. Another 14" X 14" hole cut out of the ceiling. This cable carried the power into the other room where he was working.

While all this was going on, his friend was trying to firmly nail up the ceiling box. He could only get his hammer in the hole enough to nail the mounting bracket on one side. He could not get any nails into the other side of the bracket to hold it in place. So, he drove a 3" long dry wall screw into one of the X braces (this brace is put between the ceiling joists to keep them from warping and moving) thinking this would hold, but, he found that the flimsy bracket was still not solid, so he took some bailing wire and wrapped it around the X brace a couple of times thinking that would be good enough. Attaching the ceiling box to the flimsy bracket, is why the box hung down about 1/2" from the ceiling.

Watch for the unknown

Now, back to the wires. Mind you, these cables are inside the ceiling, so they had very nicely put wire nuts on them, wrapped them with plastic tape and tucked them back into the ceiling. This was done on both sets of wires. I informed him it was against the code and the law "that no connections be made in wires buried in the wall without proper access." If anything goes wrong there would be no way of getting to them.

The fan was remounted so it was solid and the wires were put into junction boxes extending past the dry wall and blank covers were put on them and a trap door was made to cover the hole. This way if anything goes wrong they can get at the wires without tearing the ceiling apart.

Larry, Curly and Moe

Now the sweet part. His wife informed me that she used to be able to turn the floor lamps on at either end of the room, but now

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District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District



R.W. Allen J. Roggen

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Allen J. Roggen, District Deputy Grand Master, Livingston District. I live in Caledonia and am a member of Eunice Lodge, located there. I am retired from Kodak and my passions are my wife and family, Masonry, and flight instruction.

New subscriber

Only recently, Livonia Lodge has joined in subscribing to the *Masonic Times*. In the future, there may be more of the nine Livingston District Lodges subscribing. As such, I understand that I may participate by submitting a note to be included in this publication. It is certainly a privilege for me since, at present, there is no official publication for Livingston District. I have been receiving the *Masonic Times* for some time and read it from front to back upon receipt. I know that my messages cannot compete with the erudite style of many of

Livonia Lodge No. 778



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Open House

The turnout for our Open House, Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on October 3rd, was poor at best. We had one prospective candidate show up.

As always, it is the same Brothers who show up. I don't want to hear complaints from the members when they don't attempt to support our events. It seems they can support other organizations at the expense of the Lodge.

Let's try to get out to the meetings and events that the Lodge puts on.

2nd Degree

We will be conferring a 2nd Degree on November 7th. The Senior Warden will contact you, if he has not already done so.

Eureka Lodge No. 36 F. & A.M. Prince Hall Annual Banquet Journal

(to be distributed at the Ball)

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225-7949

the contributors, but I'll try to submit a timely paragraph or two.

"Road to the East"

Others have advertised the "Road to the East" Program in these pages. Livingston District is pleased to be able to host the program in one of our Lodges, specifically Phoenix Lodge, Dansville. It is physically large enough to accommodate the number of attendees and is centrally located to all the Districts participating. The first session is scheduled for November 3rd. Hopefully the "Road to the East" as we present it will continue and improve with time.

"Open" meetings

I point out a question that has recently been brought to my attention. Some Lodge Masters have been scheduling some programs on their trestleboards on regular meeting nights that are open to the public. They are promoting them as "open" meetings. Please remember that there is no provision for eliminating the regular meeting according to the Masonic Law of New York or including the general public between the Opening and Closing of a Masonic communication. Lodges must conduct a meeting on their regular meeting nights. The program can be conducted immediately after the close of the regular meeting. A special program can also be held on other than regular meeting nights.

This is enough for my maiden voyage on the good ship "Masonic Times". See you next time. Be brotherly. Practice Masonry every minute of your life. □

Lodge will open at 7:00 p.m. sharp, so we can do our business before the Degree at 7:30 p.m. I would like to see as many of our Brothers as possible attend. We need to have the sidelines as full as possible.

Please make every effort to attend. We need your support.

Trip to Tampa, FL

The Junior Warden and I will be attending a Dedication of a Plaque at the Shrine Hospital in Tampa, Florida, on November 9th. This is in honor of our late Brother James Morton. As you are aware, Brother Morton donated a substantial amount of money to the Shrine Hospitals upon his death.

As he had lived in the Tampa area for many years, it was decided to have the Plaque put there rather than near to his home Lodge. I am looking forward to representing our Lodge at this event. I will have a full report in the December column.

Hope to see you all in Lodge! □

Eureka Lodge No. 36 F. & A.M., Prince Hall

76th Annual Thanksgiving Banquet & Ball

Nov. 17, 2001

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31 Paul Road

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District Deputy Grand Master

Monroe District



R.W. William Lindsay
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The perennial question we all spend our lives answering is, "Who am I?", and as a Fraternity we constantly engage in discussions to answer the question, "Who are we?". I suspect that we spend our lives on this question because our answer is constantly being adjusted as our life circumstances change. "When I was a boy, I played as a boy..." but then I became a college student, and shortly after that, a teacher, and shortly after that, a spouse, and then a parent, and on and on, and now I'm retired, and now I'm a grandfather. It seems that just when a solid identity is within my grasp, something else happens and I have to revisit my sense of myself and come up with a new answer to, "Who am I?"

Erik Erickson teaches, "Each of us is all that we were, are, and will be." One of my good friends said it best when he explained his enthusiasm for a new job, "I'm just a 16 year old trapped inside a 62 year old body." I've felt like that myself at times. Too often these days, however, the 16 year old's enthusiasm is not accompanied by the 16 year old's energy supply. Nonetheless, much self-understanding can grow out of considering what Erickson has to say.

The question for me is whether the dynamic of personal growth and change, which I understand to be at the root of knowing my personal identity, applies to the larger question about the Craft - "Who are we?" I do think that attempting to answer the question is a healthy and required activity for any Freemason. Lacking a shared identity with the group is fatal for the member. Without an answer, our Craft would fall apart.

Much has been written over the years about the various stages of Freemasonry's development. Having just read "The Second Messiah", I would offer that as an example of writers attempting to answer the question of "who we were". The book is a good read and strings together enough historically validated material to give it a sense of plausibility. But the bottom line is this, *nothing in the book is supported by any factual information which reasonable people would agree was true.* Unsupported speculation. This is true for about everything that has ever been written about Masonry's pre-history.

We are on much firmer ground when we look at the historical development of our Rituals and that information that describes the emerging organizational structures that we know as "General Grand...", or, "Grand Lodge of...". We can see how the various groups organized and formed and what they proclaim to be their mission and goals. Current Rit-

als of Chapters, Lodges, and Councils of all kinds thematically derive from the same source - "The Ancient Charges", written by Anderson, and promulgated by the original Grand Lodge. Just as we can claim as a nation to be guided by the "Constitution" and the "Bill of Rights", so we as Masons can say that we are guided by the "Ancient Charges".

Our identity - "who we are" - is firmly grounded in these few words. That is well worth any Brother's time to read and to contemplate. Brother Stu Smith summed it all up nicely when he said, "Don't people understand that they are not just joining an organization, they're adopting a way of living." Those words should help us all as we reflect on what is our "way of living." I believe that our way of living is to be morally centered men who exert a positive influence in every aspect of life - self, family, workplace, community. When we fulfill that role, we become those builders whom our Ritual enjoins us to be. Most importantly, each of us knows who we are, and we know who our Brothers are.

So here we are. □

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

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

periences and focus on his successes.

The job of Master is far from an easy one, but when planned correctly, it can be one of the most rewarding times of your life.

Grand Lodge has developed a program to help Lodge Officers prepare for their time as Masters of their Lodges. The program is called the "Road to the East". It is designed to educate Brethren on the different aspects of becoming the Master of their Lodge. Think of it as a prospective Master's seminar. Some of the subjects the attendees will learn are:

The structures of Grand Lodge, its committees and programs.

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

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

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

Lodge communications and officers meetings.

How and when to wield the gavel of authority.

By attending the Road to the East seminars, you will learn all of these, and more. The only requirements are a \$17 registration fee, a copy of the "24 Inch Gauge", and a time commitment of three Saturday morning seminars, lasting 4 hours each. The dates of this year's seminars are November 3rd, January 5th, and February 2nd. Each session will start promptly at 8:00 a.m. and end by 12 noon. The location of the seminars will be Phoenix Lodge, Dansville. The program this year will include Brethren from the six Districts surrounding the Monroe District. This gives the coordinators the advantage of drawing on a wider range of experiences and ideas.

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

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

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

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

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The meaning of the term "Entered Apprentice"

You are now an Entered Apprentice Mason, the first step in your journey into Freemasonry. Your initiation is an experience that you will never forget, and you have now earned the privilege to sit in an Entered Apprentice Lodge at any time. You can return to observe, participate in, and study its ceremonies. You may continue to enjoy it as long as you live.

You probably are curious to learn more about the Entered Apprentice Degree. Certainly its ceremonies and language must have seemed strange to you, and at the end, you were probably bewildered. We're here now to help you interpret what happened, and we'll start with an explanation of the term "Entered Apprentice".

You will recollect that at your first meeting with us, prior to taking your 1st Degree, you were told about the Operative Masons in the Middle Ages in Europe, who built the great Gothic-style cathedrals, and how they were organized into Lodges and held frequent meetings in their Lodge rooms. They also used initiation ceremonies, signs, symbols of recognition and passwords, and preserved secrecy.

The apprenticeship system was used to obtain new Operative Masons. The Apprentice was usually about ten to fourteen years old, and was required to be in good health to enable him to do work requiring physical strength and endurance. He also had to have good habits and an unquestioned reputation; in addition to being obedient, willing to learn, and well recommended.

If the Lodge members voted to receive the Apprentice, he was given much information about the Craft; what it required of its members, something of its early history and tradition, and what his duties would be. He promised to obey his superiors, work diligently, observe the laws and rules, and keep the secrets.

After being so obligated, he was indentured to an experienced Mason with whom he usually lived, and who taught him the methods and secrets of the trade. The apprenticeship usually lasted seven years.

When the Apprentice had received instruction long enough to give assurance of his ability to master the art, and to become an acceptable member of the Craft, his name was entered on the books of the Lodge and he was given a recognized place in the Craft organization. Because of this official entering of his name, he was given the title *Entered Apprentice*.

It is difficult to exaggerate the care our Operative Masonic ancestors devoted to these learners. The Mason to whom the Apprentice was indentured was obliged by law to teach him the theory, as well as the practice, of Masonry. Other Masons with whom he worked at the simpler tasks were also his teachers. He was also given moral instruction and his conduct was carefully evaluated. The Operative Masons knew that the Apprentice of today made the Master Mason of the future.

As time passed, the customs, ceremonies, rules and traditions crystallized into a unit that can be described as the Operative Entered Apprentice Degree. When Operative Masonry eventually transformed into *Speculative* Masonry, the Entered Apprentice Degree was retained as the

first of the 3 Degrees of the *Speculative* Lodge, although modified to meet the needs of *Speculative* Masonry.

As an Entered Apprentice Mason, you are a learner, a beginner, in *Speculative* Masonry. Because you have this rank, certain things are expected of you.

First, you are expected to show a certain humility. As a learner, you must show obedience to your teachers and be willing to have them lead you.

Second, you must learn certain portions of the Degree and prove your proficiency in them. You must master them so thoroughly that they will remain with you through life because you may have need of them many times in the future.

Third, you must improve yourself in Masonry in many other ways so that you really become a Mason, not just a member.

As you stood in the Northeast Corner of the Lodge during your initiation, you were taught a certain lesson concerning the cornerstone. The meaning of that lesson should now be clear. You are now a *cornerstone* of the Craft. The day may come when the responsibilities of the Lodge will fall into your hands. It is our hope that you will prove to be a solid foundation upon which our great Fraternity may build itself for many years to come. (Source: *The Lodge System of Masonic Education* by the Committee on Masonic Education-September, 1987.)

Dates to remember

November 3rd is the Road to the East at Phoenix Lodge in Dansville.

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS MONROE DISTRICT



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Grand Lecturer's Convention

The Grand Lecturer's Convention was held at Fairport Lodge on Friday, October 12th. Fairport Lodge again served their great Steak Dinner to a small, but appreciative, dinner group. Keith and I thank all the participants and attendees and especially Fairport Lodge as host Lodge for hosting it.

School of Ritual

The next School of Ritual is scheduled for Monday, October 29th, at ERAC Lodge in East Rochester. The evening will consist of a session with R. W. Bil Vassily, Chairman of the Custodians of the Work. Brother Bil is a great speaker and Ritualist. He will be discussing the historical lectures of the 3 Degrees and will answer any other Ritual related questions from the Brethren. This is a special treat. I have become acquainted with Brother Bil and have found him to be a fascinating person. Please plan to attend. The evening will start at 7:30 p.m. sharp and attendance for the Banner will be taken.

Grand Master's recommendation

By now every Lodge should have received a letter from the Grand Master recommending an additional Charge to new Master Masons to be given just before they sign the Lodge By-Laws. If you have not seen the letter or heard about it, let us give you a synopsis of it. The Grand Master, in conjunction with the Membership Development Committee of Grand Lodge, congratulates the new Brother on his being raised to the Degree of Master Mason. The new member is then given a petition and charged to give it to a man whom he feels would make a good Master Mason. The Charge is not an addition to the Standard Work, but has been endorsed by the Chairman of the Custodians of the Work.

The Charge is to be used at the option of the Lodge, but the use is highly recommended by the Grand Master. If you would like more information, contact your Lodge Secretary, Keith or me.

It should be noted that the Chairman of the Membership Development Committee is our own R. W. Bruce Chilton.

Membership Retention
R. W. Joseph Privitera
Monroe District



What keeps them coming back?

Why do members keep coming to meetings? Why do they come back, time after time? What keeps the Brothers paying those dues year after year? I believe it is a lot of things. Most are small happenings, but to some Brothers, what may seem a little happening, can mean very much to an individual Brother.

Because of recent events in my life, which I will relate to you later, I have been in the midst of a big, blue funk. I knew I had to come out of it, but the way out was unknown to me. The wedding of my son in late September brought me somewhat out of it, but for the most part, it was still there. Last night I attended my first Lodge meeting since early June. It was not at my own Lodge, but Churchville Lodge. I was accompanying our District Deputy, R. W. Bill Lindsay, on his Official Visit. As soon as I walked in, I discovered part of what I was missing. The greetings, friendship, fellowship and brotherly love were all around. I think I have discovered the road back. Now I must get busy and get on that road.

Remember the Golden Rule

Now, I am urging all of you, Masters, Officers, and Brothers, when you attend a Lodge meeting, extend yourselves to a Brother, greet him not only with respect, but with the brotherly love our Craft teaches us to do. Treat him as you would like to be treated. Who knows the affect it may have on a fellow Brother. I know now, from my own experience last night, the affect it had on me. I also know now part of what keeps them coming back.

Thanks

As some of you may know, my father-in-law, Rudy Elliott, passed away on August 22nd. We had a unique relationship. Some of you may remember a TV show called "Chico and the man". Well, that was us.

I was married to his daughter for 13 years before I became a Mason. In all those 13 years, Masonry was only brought up once

and that was when he and another man walked by each other. When the man saw Rudy's Shrine lapel pin, he said, "I see you have traveled East." My father-in-law uttered something I didn't understand and life went on. It was my neighbor who recommended me to be a Mason and my father-in-law was very hurt when I didn't go through him. A lesson to all us fathers, talk to your son before someone else does.

He wasn't a very active Mason. He joined so his mother could become a member of the Eastern Star. He also wasn't very comfortable with the signs. He was present at my 3rd Degree. His only advice at the time was to be sure I didn't have a hole in my socks and to wear clean underwear. He was there when I was installed Master. Was he proud? He didn't say, but I saw it in his eyes. When I was District Deputy, I presented him with his Forty Year Pin. Ten years later, I escorted him to the East to receive his Fifty Year Pin. This year I held up his White Apron at his Masonic Service. This year I closed the cottage without the man.

On behalf of my wife, myself, and my family, I thank everyone for all the cards, calls and remembrances.

Hope to see you in Lodge.

Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.



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Our October meeting was on Friday, the 19th, at the Burgundy Basin Inn in Pittsford. The cost

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was \$19.00 per person for a Buffet Dinner, and was open to all Brothers and their guests.

The program for the evening was a presentation about Melissa's Living Legacy Foundation, which helps teens live with cancer.

Monroe Brotherhood Fund
Philip Hurwitz, Chairman



By now all Lodge Chairmen should have received a box containing all the supplies needed for conducting your Lodge solicitations for the Brotherhood Fund. If you haven't received it yet, check with your Secretary. If he doesn't have it, then contact me at 720-6019. If I am not around, just leave me a message identifying yourself, Lodge, and any supplies you may need. I'll have Grand Lodge send you the necessary supplies. You can e-mail me at phurwitz@frontier.net.

I attended the Annual Meeting of District and Area Chairmen in September. R. W. Bob Stack, our State Chair, went over the mechanics of conducting a solicitation. Based on my experience from last year, our District is in fine shape when it comes to solicitations. If you have any questions, just call or e-mail me.

The time line for solicitations: the Fall mailing should go out no later than November. To save postage, many Lodges include the Brotherhood Fund solicitations with their Lodge dues notice. The Winter mailing should go out no later than February, 2002.


Last year the Brotherhood Fund raised \$1,190,372.08. That was distributed as follows:

Grand Master's Allocation	\$615,140.99
Masonic Medical Lab	\$323,067.42
Masonic Home	\$122,489.70

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Veterans Hospital Program \$55,250.79
Masonic Youth Foundation \$33,998.90
Drug and Alcohol Abuse \$14,748.18
Livingston Library \$25,676.10
The goal this year is to raise \$1,250,000.00.

FAIRPORT
Lodge No. 476



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7:30 P.M.

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1st public meeting

Brethren, we had a great turnout at our first public meeting of the year. Professor David Williams, Director of The Center for Visual Science at the University of Rochester, "wowed" the audience with his talk on "Visual Illusions and the Mystery of Sight". The visual illusions were truly impressive. Thirty-four attended the presentation, including a number of students and teachers from Fairport High School and the middle schools. The feedback I received was that the students and teachers were still amazed and talking about the presentation the next day at school.

Awards Night

At our Awards Night on October 22nd, we presented three Fairport Masonic Lodge "Community Service Awards". The recipients, Debra Tandoi, Dick Hastings and Dick Laidlaw, were recognized for their work and energy in making the Assets Building Program a remarkable success in the Fairport-Perinton community. They were each presented an engraved plaque and gave a brief overview of the Asset Building Program, its highlights, and successes.

The Program is a partnership between the Town of Perinton, Village of Fairport, and the Fairport Central School District, together with parents, neighbors, youth teachers, congregations, and businesses to encourage and support the healthy development of all our young people. It is a wonderful program that is truly making a difference and improving the quality of life in our community.

In addition, we presented Masonic Anniversary (60, 50, and 25 years) Certificates. We also recognized and presented Veterans Recognition Certificates to members of our Lodge. The event was widely publicized and well attended. It was a special evening that provided a forum for our Brothers and members of our community to come together and celebrate our Community, Fraternity and Country.

Degrees

On November 12th we will be conferring the 2nd Degree to two Brothers. We will open Lodge at 7:15 p.m., conduct a short business meeting, and then proceed with the Degree.

The Shrine Degree Team will be conferring the 3rd Degree on December 10th. They typically

bring 20 - 25 Brothers to do the Degree. It is quite impressive. Preceding the Degree we will be treated to one of W.: Tom Goodrich's famous Steak Dinners for \$5.00 per person. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. We will have a brief business meeting at 7:30 p.m. prior to the Degree. If you are interested in attending the dinner, contact W.: Tom Goodrich at 383-1429 or me at 223-2828. You can e-mail me at morrisGM@coming.com. I hope to see you there.

Consolidation

We have received permission from Grand Lodge to proceed with the final steps for consolidation of our Lodge with Flower City Lodge No. 910. Representatives from our Lodges met in late October to work on the necessary paperwork. To complete the process we will be holding two Summoned Meetings. You will receive formal notices of these meetings.

Meeting dates


The first of these meetings is needed to approve a resolution to authorize and empower members of our Lodge to negotiate with representatives of Flower City Lodge. This meeting will be on Monday, November 26th at 7:30 p.m. Approval of the resolution requires an affirmative vote of the majority of the members present and voting at the Summoned Meeting.

The 2nd meeting is needed to ratify the Agreement of Consolidation. It will be held on January 28th at 7:30 p.m. Ratification, adoption and approval of the Agreement of Consolidation requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at the Summoned Meeting. I encourage you to make an extra effort to attend and participate in these important and historic meetings of our Lodge!

Finally

As always, if you have any questions, suggestions or comments, or know of a Brother in need of our aid or sympathy, please let me know. See you in Lodge!

Craftsman/Robertson
Lodge No. 969



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247-2920

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Fall is here

The crimson colors of the Fall season have come and a crispness is in the air as we continue our activities of the Fall season.

Brother Ken Schumacher honored

On October 18th we honored Brother Ken Schumacher at the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards Night. Brother Ken is one of the shining stars of our Lodge. Ken's parents from Binghamton were present. Congratulations, Ken.

Special thanks

We thank W.: Volney Frankel for the beautiful prayer that he gave at our October 2nd meeting for those Brothers who have served over the years in the quar-

ries of Masonry at Craftsman/Robertson Lodge.

Dates to remember

Some dates to look forward to: November 6th will be highlighted with Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. The dinner will be Ham and Scalloped Potatoes, with ladies invited. It will be Chaired by Brother Ralph Jurgens.

The Chinese Dinner at Chen's Garden Restaurant at 2411 W. Henrietta Road will be November 10th. W.: Bill Shelby is the Chairman.

There will be a Swiss Steak Dinner with the ladies on December 4th. Brother Matthew Walicke will direct the Harley School Chorus for our entertainment. There will be a show on in the Auditorium, so it may be necessary to arrive earlier to secure a good parking space.

Special invitation

We extend a cordial invitation to our widows who are always welcome to the dinner on the first Tuesday of each month. If you would like a ride, feel free to call me at 247-2920 and arrangements will be made to have someone contact you.

As I look over the Lodge Roster, I notice the names of several Brothers whom I haven't seen in a while. We would enjoy your presence and again, give me a call if you need a ride. Come out and enjoy meeting old friends and join in the fellowship of our Craft.

Greatly appreciated

By Robert Ogden
Craftsman/Robertson Lodge extends a great big "thank you" to two hard working ladies who add a large part to our successful meetings. Hilde DiJames and Joy Woodley are fantastic chefs and we all look forward to their culinary craft on the first meeting of each month. I'm sure that other Lodges and Concordant Bodies echo our feelings. Bon appetit!

At this time, with sadness, we report the passing of Brother Paul Woodley of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge. Paul was the husband of one of our chefs, Joy. Our condolences to Joy and the family.

Awards Night

On October 2nd, following dinner, W.: Derek VanHouten presented Veteran's Awards to Brothers Tom Kendig and Norm Gauch. Service Awards were presented to the following Brothers: Ken Goodrich and Chuck Strickland, 25 years; Paul Robertson, 55 years; Norm Gauch, Hal Impson, Bill Leggett and George Wilkinson, 60 years. Bill Leggett was absent.

The Worshipful Master, assisted by W.: Tom Kendig, presented W.: Gabe Milonni with his Past Master's Apron. Brother Gabe felt honored and pleased to receive it and commented on how cooperative and helpful all the Brothers were in assisting him in fulfilling his duties as Master.

November birthdays

Best wishes to the following Brothers born in November: Bill Evert, Fouad Farah, Gary Lashomb, George Lloyd, Jim Locklin, Bob Malley, Bill Mallo, George Pasch, Jim Spencer, Mike Steffen, Bob Stewart, Bob Traub, Cliff White and Frank Zaffino.


November meetings

November 6th is the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night with a dinner.

A 2nd Degree rehearsal will take place at the Fellowcraft meeting on November 13th.

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

Charlotte/Corinthian
Lodge No. 1088



W.: William T. King
Master
(h)266-5676

§
1st & 3rd
Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.

C. William Flemming, Secretary
723-0083
4550 Lake Avenue
Rochester, New York 14612

Greetings from the East, my Brothers. November is here. I thank all of the Brethren who participated in the events of October. I especially want to thank and welcome our newly initiated Brothers who took part in the 1st Degree, held on October 16th. Brother Keith Freeman was in the East for his first time and did a great job. I also want to give credit to Brother Charles Johnson who participated in his 1st Degree by doing the Q&A. I extend a special thanks to Brother Davy Jones, who does such a superlative job with the Lecture and Charge.

The 2nd Degree will be conferred on November 20th, with our Senior Warden, Charles Harwell, in the East. Let's have a good turnout for this event.

Condolences

At our meeting on September 18th, it was my sad duty to announce that the Great Architect of the Universe called Brother William Hinds Home on September 17th. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family and friends. On behalf of the family, I thank the Brothers who participated in the Masonic Service and who served as pallbearers.

Petitions

If anyone has a petition, please try to get it in as soon as possible. I know there are several in the hands of the Investigating Committee, so let's try to get them in.

Symbolic Lodge Awards Night

Brother Keith Freeman was our man honored by the Valley of Rochester Symbolic Lodge Awards Night on Thursday, October 18th. Congratulations, Keith.

I'll end this by saying again that I'd like to hear any ideas you all have on any and all activities you would like to participate in. Lodge nights are a great time to bring them up. To all those interested, I'm trying to find some information on renting a local shooting range we can use once a month.

By Tom Grape, Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairman

I am using this opportunity to reach as many of you as possible with our first appeal for the Masonic Brotherhood Fund (MBF) for the period, June, 2001-June, 2002. "The Monitor" preamble provides a statement of principles that "Masonry teaches man to practice charity and benevolence...to assist the feeble, guide the blind, raise up the downtrodden, shelter the orphan...". The MBF provides each of us with the vehicle to comply with those edicts. A small number of you have already contacted me at Lodge, asking if they should directly contribute via the Grand Master's Blue Envelope mailing of September, 2001. My answer has been certainly, but please advise me in writing of your amount contributed, your allocation

November 2001
choices, and your Grand Lodge number (top right hand corner of your dues card), so I can keep my records up to date.

We have seven allocation choices:

1. The Grand Master's Allocation where he decides the best overall use of our charity.

2. The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory with its specialized research on heart problems and lupus.

3. The Masonic Home in Utica, where excellent care and facilities are available for the infirmed Brothers and Sisters.

4. The Veteran's Hospital Program serving 13 medical centers and 4 NYS Veterans' nursing homes.

5. The Masonic Youth Foundation.

6. The Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program.

7. The Livingston Masonic Library, which supports historical research on Masonic topics and Masonic education for every member.

The Grand Master has donated \$1,000,000 to the World Trade Center Relief effort on behalf of NYS Masons. We must take up this additional challenge while recognizing the total contribution to last year's appeal was \$1,193,372.08. As you contemplate your gift, think of the needs that our obligations require us to meet. An individual letter outlining our Lodge's past contributions and an explanation of my threshold expectation of at least a fifty dollar gift per member will be included with our upcoming dues notice. Thanks for your interest in these endeavors.

FAME
Lodge No. 722

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W.: Nelson Borch
671-4792

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

Leon VanHuben, Secretary
647-1391

Our next meeting is November 13th. It will be preceded at 6:30 p.m. by a Buffet Dinner, consisting of Swiss Steak, onions, peppers, tomatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, salad, rolls and butter. Reservations are required!

Our meeting on November 27th will be preceded by a Pot Luck Dinner. All ladies are encouraged to attend. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

Official Visit

Our Official Visit on October 9th was well attended by 35 Brothers. The meeting was highlighted by the Message from the Grand Master, delivered by R.: W.: William R. Lindsay, DDGM for the Monroe District. He was assisted by R.: W.: Keith Stambach. The Buffet Dinner preceding the meeting was also well attended by 32 Brothers. The food was great and there was plenty of it!

Don't forget the Brotherhood Fund! Information will be coming out shortly.

Last, but not least, happy birthday to all the Brothers and our ladies who celebrate their birthdays in November.

See you in Lodge!

CLIO
LODGE No. 779

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

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 W. Sean Noonan
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A special thanks to W.: Andres Alvarez, W.: John Dyer, Andrew Alvarez, Evelyn Smith, Betty Benoit, Ashley Chadsay, Nancy Smith and her Girl Scout troop, consisting of Margaret Aule, Christine Halter, and Melissa Smith from Kendall, NY. We also thank the Brothers of Clio Lodge who helped with our Child ID Program at the Hilton Apple Fest.

Condolences

It was my sad duty at our October 2nd meeting to announce that Brother Douglas Harris was called Home by the Great Architect of the Universe on September 21st. Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Our deepest sympathy to Brother Ray Burke on the passing of his wife.

November birthdays

Happy birthday to Harry Adams, Harry Bostley, Franklin Camp, Dick Caupp, George Charlick and Jerald Gilmore.

Upcoming events

On November 3rd is The Road to the East; November 5th, Valley/Simes. Brothers, your help would be greatly appreciated at our Spaghetti Dinners on November 14th and 28th.

Have you moved?

Please call Sean Noonan at 392-8156 with your new address and phone number.

Closing

Brothers, if you need a ride to meetings, please give me a call at 392-9261. We will be happy to arrange transportation.

Wakan/Hubbard
Lodge No. 154

W.: Steve O. Maynard
 Master
 482-5847

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

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

Our sincere thanks to Brother Donald Osbourne for his excellent presentation of his world travels. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Master's Ball

The Master's Ball will be held on November 2nd at the Green Lantern Inn in Fairport. We urge all Brethren and their ladies to make every effort to attend and support this important social function. We are pleased to inform you that the ladies of our Lodge members will be the guests of the Lodge.

November Meetings

Our first meeting of November will be on the 12th. At this

point an open meeting is scheduled. For those who wish to stay after the meeting, cards and refreshments will be available.

The 2nd meeting, on the 26th, was originally scheduled to be a 3rd Degree. Since we have no candidates, the Past Masters will fill the chairs. The meeting will be preceded by a Roast Beef Dinner served by the ladies of the OES.

Sorry times

During the past month we have lost two Brothers, W.: Ray Buckman and Paul Woodley. We thank the Brethren for the excellent turnout for the Masonic Service for Brother Woodley. More than 50 Brothers were present.

It is with sorrow we report the passing of R.: W.: Robert Pettit's son, Neal. We extend our sincere condolences to Bob and Belva and their family.

Sickness and distress

W.: Don Calkins is under the weather again and would appreciate visitors. Please call before you visit. Thank you.

It was good to see W.: Michael Adamus up and about at our Monday morning coffee clutches at the Golden Fox Restaurant on Culver Road. A reminder, all Brethren are welcome to join us for coffee every Monday morning at 11:00 a.m.

Work needs to be done

The Building Committee, under the direction of W.: Angelo DiCataldo, has brought before the Lodge the necessity of upgrading the lower portion of the outside wall and doorway on the Five Mile Line side of the building. The Lodge has approved a new brick facade which the Historical Society has approved. This should be completed before the onset of Winter weather.

Clothing Drive

An Elderwear Masonic Clothing Drive will be held during the month of November. More information will be forthcoming. In the meantime, shake out your closets for any clothing suitable to donate to our less fortunate seniors. If you need to have your items picked up, please call Brother Paul Kober at 381-1058.

O-At-Ka
Lodge No. 759

W.: Charles W. Crevison
 Master
 594-0231

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

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

I must start this newsletter with an apology for not getting anything in for the last two months. I find myself getting behind when it comes to writing the newsletters.

To catch up on what went on the month of September, we had a beautiful cookout for our first meeting. Fun was had by all who attended.

At the second meeting in September we had a Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings and a guest speaker, Mr. John Hauber, DEC Biologist. He gave a very informative and interesting talk. Thanks to all who made this meeting successful.

Degree time

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have added two Entered Apprentices to our

Lodge. Many thanks to all the Brothers who worked so hard on the Degree work for October 10th. More details will be given later. I must say a big thanks to our Junior Warden, Chuck Piazza, who was Master for the Degree.

Official Visit

Our Official Visit of R.: W.: Bill Lindsay, DDGM, and his Staff Officers was October 24th. We started the evening with a dinner at 6:30 p.m. The occasion was German Night and we served Keilbasa, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad and Black Forest Cake. We had a good dinner and a good message.

A quick look at November shows only one scheduled meeting, November 14th. There will be a brief meeting followed by Euchre Night.

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

W.: Karl-Heinz Reich
 Master
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 FX 426-8531

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

W.: Michael G. Schwartz
 Secretary
 352-4016

Child ID Team

Congratulations and a High Five are in order to the Etolian Child ID Team. W.: John Dyer, Brothers Patrick Schwartz and David Haigmier assisted Clio Lodge No. 779 at the Annual Apple Fest in Hilton with the Child ID. About 140 children were videoed. Brother Edward Zorn provided entertainment for all in his clown regalia.

Touch of new music

R.: W.: J. Edward Gillott and his wife, Judy, donated a used Lowery Organ. This Organ is in excellent condition. Brothers Donald Darrohn, Richard Kessler, Brian Keery and John Dyer handled all transportation, and made sure that the right place was provided in the Lodge room.

High Twelve Lunch Group in action

Our gourmet cooks, R.: W.: Eugene G. Brendel and R.: W.: J. Edward Gillott recommended that the Lunch Group, on behalf of Etolian Lodge No. 479, donate \$100.00 to the Grand Lodge World Trade Center Fund. Motions were made and approved. The check, with a letter, was sent to the Grand Secretary, M.: W.: Gary Henningsen.

The High Twelve Lunch Club meets every 3rd Thursday of the month, except during recess. Please come and visit us for lunch and fellowship. Donations are \$3.50 and \$4.00.

DeWitt Clinton Award

The DeWitt Clinton Awards were presented on Saturday, October 20th at Etolian Lodge. Over 100 people were in attendance to honor Gary and Trish Zimmerman, who own and operate the Black Creek Wildlife Station in Churchville. Citations and Certificates were also presented from public personalities from throughout the State.

Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards

This year's Award was presented to Brother Howard F. Gleffe on October 18th at 7:30

p.m. in the Downtown Temple. Brother Howard became a member of the Masonic organization in 1957. He steps forward and volunteers during the holiday season with several tasks. He is a strong supporter of our Masonic Brotherhood Fund.

Congratulations, Howard.

The Morgan Affair

R.: W.: William Zufall entertained us at our last meeting with the well known saga of the history of the Henry Morgan Affair. Brother Bill received applause for his performance. I presented Brother Bill a small gift, a device for keeping his pants up and a key holder with the Baron von Muechhausen, a past big story teller. Thanks, Bill.

Committee on Lodges and Buildings

W.: Thomas E. Michielsen, Arthur W. McMichael and I attended a Grand Lodge Information Meeting at Palmyra Lodge. Several subjects on property management, taxes, and future Lodge membership were on the agenda.

At the last meeting, Brother Tom lectured us on some goods, which could be implemented at our Lodge after the Building Association is dissolved. The Grand Lodge provided me with forms and a folder for keeping future information. A good subject for our Trustees. Any questions, contact Brother Tom or me.

NORTHFIELD
Lodge No. 426
 Instituted
 March 1857

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

W.: James Knapp
 Master
 (h) 256-9979
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R.: W.: William D. Spillano
 Secretary 334-6596
 17 Church Street
 Pittsford, N.Y.
 14534

Don't miss the November 1st meeting! It's Jim Weick starring in "Bring 'em Back Alive." Jim will be giving a presentation on his recent expedition to the Dark Continent. Since we do not have any candidates for the planned 2nd Degree, Jim has agreed to entertain us with tales of his adventures in Africa.

Outstanding Ritual and loads of fun was had by all on Past Masters' Night. The chairs were filled by Jim Weick as Master; Russ VanDeGriff, Senior Warden; Bob Zahn, Junior Warden; Don Smith, Senior Deacon; Merritt Sweet, Junior Deacon; Jack Thibaut, Marshal; Dan Walker,

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Chaplain, and Marty Reitz, organist. During the business section of the meeting, Past District Deputy Marty Reitz was made an honorary member of Northfield and Dick Trolley presented the Lodge with an antique Master's Apron. 18 Masons attended.

Our Altar was draped with black in memory of Brother Franklin Buholtz, born February 25, 1921, Initiated September 20, 1951, Passed October 4, 1951, Raised October 18, 1951 and died, September 15, 2001. The Masons of Northfield conducted a gravesite service on October 6th at Italy Hill Cemetery, near Naples. Master, James Knapp, performed the service and was assisted by Dean Smith, who presented the Apron and James Weick, who presented the Sprig of Acacia. Attendees from Northfield were: James Knapp, Don Smith, Dean Smith, James Weick, William Spillane, John Dudley, and Richard and Jo Ann Trolley. Others in attendance were Grand Chaplain, R.: W.: Paul R. Gleason, Jr., four Brothers from Naples Lodge and approximately 150 friends and neighbors.

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Our Altar is also draped in black in memory of Brother Robert Brubaker, born March 2, 1920, Initiated March 21, 1957, Passed May 2, 1957, Raised May 16, 1957 and died August 24, 2001.

On Saturday, September 22, Jim Weick organized an impromptu Lodge cleanup. The cleaning detail consisted of Jim Weick, Walter Weick, Bill Spillane, and James Knapp.

Sixteen Masons attended the October 4th meeting. Much of the business portion of the meeting was used for discussing fundraising ideas.

Congratulations

Richard J. Muto received the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award for his continued great work for our Lodge. This was held October 18th at the Downtown Temple.


Generous gift

Jim Weick received a donation, on behalf of the Lodge, of a set of fine highball glasses from Chili's Grill and Bar at 7491 Victor-Pittsford Road in Victor. Many thanks to Chili's for their generosity. If any Brother happens to be in their neck of the woods, be sure to stop in for a beverage or a bite to eat. Let's show our gratitude in a meaningful way! Be sure to express our thank you for their gift.

There will be an Officer's meeting on Wednesday, November 14th, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. □

Seneca Lodge
No. 797

Second Tuesday
6:00 P.M.



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

Tragedy

Our great country has sustained a powerful blow, but we are strong, and we will prevail. Of this I am sure. Our problems of a few short weeks seem insignificant in the wake of this tragedy. The out-pouring of support from all of us astounds me, and gives me great pride to see us come together as a country united.

Please help!

I feel Masonry is more important now than ever in my lifetime. We can learn from our senior members what Masons can do in wartime. I am sure blood is still needed and volunteers will be needed for yet unknown purposes. Please help.

Visitors

It was a great pleasure to receive six Brothers from our Sister Lodge, St. Andrews Lodge No. 16, from Toronto, Canada, at our October 9th meeting, led by their Master, W. Paul Ramey. Their Lodge brought a contribution to our Grand Master's Fund for the relief of the September 11th tragedy. We are truly fortunate to have such good and faithful friends in the North.

Degrees

We are on the road to having our Lodge grow. The 1st Degree was conferred upon four candi-

dates on October 9th. The Degree work was excellent, and was a big hit with our Canadian friends. My thanks to W. Bob Green as Degree Director, and to all that played a part, especially those who filled in at the last minute.

The 2nd Degree will be on November 13th. If the 1st Degree was good, the 2nd will be better. Please come out and show our new Brothers that there is more to Seneca than the Degree Team.


Events


Socially, the Seneca Tea is coming up. Look at your trestleboard for details. Breakfast with Santa will be held in December. These are always favorite events, and I am sure this year will be no exception.

Trying times

I hope all is well with you and your families. It has been said that, "These are times that try men's souls". My hope to you is that you are able to find the strength to continue through the turmoil. Masonry provides strength, and Masons will provide support to all who are ailing. It is our duty. We stand united, bloodied, but not bowed. God Bless America! □

Valley/Simes
Lodge
No. 109





W. Robert L. Hill, Master
256-7445

2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

W. Michael G. Batz, Sec.
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875 Main Street East
Rochester, N.Y.
14605-2789

What a night! Awards Night is somewhat akin to reunion. It was good to see so many Brothers, their families and friends fill the hall on both sides. There were recipients galore. That says something about the Fraternity.

Happy Birthday

First of all, happy birthday to our November birthday boys. You know who you are. We're working on revising the Lodge database to acknowledge your birth dates correctly. The Secretary will be in touch with you for necessary information.

Awards

We salute our Brothers on receipt of their Awards. A big salute especially to R. W. Richard Snyder on his appointment as Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Rio Grande do Sul of Brazil near the Grand Lodge of New York. Well deserved. Brother Snyder had been appointed at Grand Lodge in April. We were honored to be

able to present his Purple Apron in his home Lodge.

The following were awarded according for longevity:

25 years - William J. Babcock, Jr., Robert O. Bishop, Richard G. Giedd, Richard B. Vaughn, Sr.

40 years - Dominic J. D'Ostilio, Bruce W. Harrington, Arthur L. Hill, David W. Heinrich, Richard L. Guilfoil, Richard B. Lippincott, Robert C. Knyrim.

50 years - Robert L. Anderson, Mathew L. Gingold, Wallace H. Roworth, Frederick A. Stahl, Richard L. VanZandt.

55 years - Robert W. Belt, Willard C. Blazey, Carl J. Ester, Russell E. Garrison, William H. Metcalf, William R. Zander.

A great big thank you to the Awards Committee and to R. W. Don Darrohn, Past DDGM. Also,



W. Robert Hill-Master, Valley/Simes, and Ms. Lisa Kennelly-Staff member of State Sen. Jim Alesi, drawing the winner of the Health Fair "Surprise Package".

thanks to the respective family members who assisted in the pre-

sentations and to those of you who were here to help us celebrate with your Brothers on receipt of their Award(s). We did receive regrets from Brothers Anderson, Babcock, Lippincott, Knyrim, D'Ostilio, Harrington, and Blazey.

Sickness

Please remember Mrs. Dotty Gleason and Mrs. Thelma Pigage in your prayers as they recover from medical situations. Brother Gleason is well on his way to recovery, also.

Dates to remember

In the coming month, please be aware of the Lodge of Remembrance on November 13th. And, here's something to get your attention, we will be recognizing our clergy on November 27th. Each member is to invite his own Pastor, Priest or Rabbi to dinner that night and we will present an appropriate gift in appreciation for their contribution to our membership. Any questions on this matter, please call me at 256-7445, or page me at 277-6786. We need to know the exact name and title of your clergy. □

Masonic Home Health Fair

By W. Bob Hill

On the 4th of October, the Masonic Home was represented at the "2001 Family Health and Fitness Fair", held at the Dome Center in Rochester. I, as Valley/Simes No. 109 Masonic Home Admissions Counselor, presented a booth of informational materials to the attending Health Care providers and public.

The event was well publicized throughout the area and well attended. The message is getting out about our Masonic Home and Masonic Research Center. A number of attendees want to tour the Home at the earliest convenience.

A surprise package of Masonic Home promotional material was prepared by Angie Caiola for a lucky attendee. At the appropriate time, Ms. Lisa Kennelly, staff member of NYS Senator Jim Alesi, sponsor of the Health and Fitness Fair, pulled the fortunate recipient's business card from the cards collected.

The recipient was Mrs. Wendy Micca of the Rochester Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ABVI). As the name implies, the agency served those persons who are blind and or otherwise disabled by visual impairment. Because Mrs. Micca was not present when the drawing occurred, I presented the surprise package to her at ABVI, and invited her to take the tour with us.

For further information on this event, or about the Masonic Home, please contact me at (716) 256-7445, or any other Masonic Home Admissions Counselor. □



W. Robert Hill with Mrs. Wendy Micca, winner of the Masonic Home Health Fair "Surprise Package". (Photos courtesy Bob Hill)



R. W. Charles Machell-Syracuse, R. W. Richard Snyder-GR Rio Grande do Sul of Brazil, David Blovat-Syracuse. (Photo Bob Hill)



W. Robert Hill-Master, R. W. Richard Snyder, his wife, Rita, and R. W. Donald Darrohn-PDDGM and presenter.




W. Bob Hill-Master, Robert O. Bishop (50), Richard L. Guilfoil (40), W. Richard Giedd (25), Arthur L. Hill (40), W. Robert W. Belt (55), W. Richard VanZant (50), R. W. Frederick A. Stahl (50), William Zander, Richard B. Vaughn, Sr., Wallace H. Roworth, R. W. Donald Darrohn, R. W. Mat Gingold (50), R. W. Richard Snyder. (Photo M. Gingold)

WEBSTER
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Thursdays
7:30 p.m.

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Official Visit

Our last Visit was October 4th where R.:W.: William Lindsay, DDGM, gave us a very enlightening talk on the Grand Master's goals. He spoke about the Masonic Student Assistant Program, mapping the right road to help kids at risk. He told us about several Masonic programs that are coming up this year.

Awards Night

As I am writing this article, we will be preparing to go downtown to the Scottish Rite Awards Night on October 18th. W.: Emil Schirano will receive this Award for all his work in Masonry. He is very dedicated and deserving of this Award. Congratulations!

Upcoming events

The 1st Degree will be conferred on November 1st. This will be a formal night. Our Junior Warden, Doug Koenig, will be in the East.

A Table Lodge will be held on November 15th at 6:30 p.m. R.:W.: Richard C. Friedman, Junior Grand Warden, will be the presiding Master. For reservations, contact Doug Koenig at 223-3654.

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Joy Woodley on the loss of her husband, Paul, who passed away on Friday, October 5th. He was an active member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge, the Eastern Star and the present Grand Tall Cedar of Rochester Forest No. 133. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family at this sad time.


I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy this time with your family and have a safe holiday.

Each day is a gift. Stay healthy and keep smiling.

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

W.: James E. Nersinger,
 Master
 334-9057

2nd Mon.
 7:30 P.M.



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

On October 8th, we had our Official Visit from R.:W.: William Lindsay, DDGM. He was accompanied by R.:W.: Clifford Short and R.:W.: Keith Stambach.

A delicious Pot Roast Dinner, put on by our Secretary, Brother Rob Sweeney, and his volunteer staff, preceded the meeting and was enjoyed by all. I thank W.: Larry Millerd for filling in as the Junior Deacon on short notice.

We balloted on two candidates to receive the Degree of Freemasonry. This gives us a class of three,

for which the 1st Degree was conferred on October 22nd. A Ham Dinner preceded the Degree.

On October 18th, Brother Rob Sweeney received the Symbolic Lodge Award at the Downtown Temple.

At our November 12th meeting we will be presenting the Service Awards and Pins to the following Brothers: 45 years-R.:W.: Rodney Rittenhouse, Brother George Bock; 50 years-Brothers George Barker, Merton Lay and John Mamerow; and 55 years-Brother Dean Desmann.

A dinner precedes the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Please call Brother Gary Sanford at 425-4240 or me at 334-9057.

The first of three seminars of the Road to the East Program is on November 3rd at Phoenix Lodge in Dansville. This Course is a must for every Brother planning on travelling to the East.


Condolences

It is with much sadness that I report the death of Brother John S. Proper on September 16th. Brother Proper was a Mason for 55 years. Although a Masonic Service was not held, Brother Proper was buried with his Apron and Bible as was his wish according to word received from Mrs. Proper.

Although it was five years late in coming, I was pleased to present a Pocket Badge with his Dedicated Service Award inscription to W.: Ron Morthorst.

In closing, our Secretary is currently sending out dues notices for the next year (2002). Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

ERAC
Lodge No. 163
 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30P.M



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Why do I write these articles? What do I hope to communicate? What do you want to read about? Last month I wrote what I thought was a very informative article, but it didn't make it into the Times. It was e-mailed along with my Masters and Wardens article. Ironically, my Masters and Wardens article made it [but the Lodge article did not. Ed.]

So, Brethren, here's how I see it. The ERAC Trestleboard and Information is now in the hands of every member of ERAC, the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Junior Grand Warden, Monroe DDGM and Staff Officers, as well as every other Monroe District Master. Virtually all planned events for ERAC, Masters and Wardens and the District are in there. I am not going to repeat myself about such events in this article. Instead I will let you know about Brothers in need of our aid or sympathy, as well as things that are on my mind.

On the mend

Brother Rick Schmanke is home again after ankle surgery and a rehab stint. He is still quite immobile and will be recovering for months. Call him at 271-4473. Our long time Tiler, Chet Wilday,

had leg surgery and will be on the disabled list for months. Call him at 264-0299.

Condolences

We have lost Brothers to the Great Architect: H. Dean Airy, Norm Gallant and Harold Schaubert. May they rest peacefully.

The events of September 11th are especially difficult for me in this way. My father, who was called Ziggy by everyone, was a firefighter for 27 years in New Jersey. The brotherhood exhibited by him and his colleagues was very much like Masonry. He died last Winter after a massive heart attack. I sincerely believe that the loss of so many fire-fighters at the World Trade Center would have broken his heart. Instead, it breaks mine.

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I thank all the Brothers who helped with the Council of Masonic Activities Dinner on September 22nd. Those of you who didn't make it missed a good dinner and a good time.

It's time to make out the forms for Staff Officer or District Deputy. Don't forget they will have to have attended the Road to the East and Leadership Development Classes. Contact R.W. Art Drew for information.

Congratulations to the Lodges doing Degree work or helping other Lodges conferring Degrees.

Delegate

No Master can do everything by himself; he must rely on the assistance of others. Clearly specify what, why, how, when, where, and for whom it has to be done. The Master should give encouragement and praise frequently. When the task is completed, praise privately, publicly and in print. (Taken in part from RTTE-Phoenix Lodge-Dansville, NY Dec. 2000-WRL).

One thing they didn't say and I made it a rule in the military, never correct a junior officer in front of anyone.

God bless you all. □

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Genesee/Wyoming Dist.



V.W. Adrian J.
Miller
676-2775

We have some very exciting news for the Lodges in the Genesee/Wyoming District. We are starting a Masonic School of Knowledge for all Master Masons. This program is very essential for all Lodges and will be a learning process on how Ritual should be done.

We will start this School after the first of the year and the date and time will be forthcoming.

We will rotate from Lodge to Lodge and give everyone a chance

HESPERUS Lodge No. 837

1st and 3rd Thursday



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Centennial Celebration

To kick off the event of our Centennial Celebration we will have a joint Old Fashioned Night and Table Lodge at Churchville on Wednesday, January 9, 2002, 6:30 p.m. Dress code for this event will be bib overalls, jeans, flannel shirts or any other dress of 100 years ago. There will be a re-enactment of the night that the men from the Town of Bergen broke away from Churchville Lodge and formed a new Lodge that became Hesperus. Tickets for dinner, reenactment and Table Lodge will be \$10.00 and can be purchased from Holden Miller, 225-2204 or Garry Hutchurson, 494-1395.

Sickness

We were happy to see that Marilyn and Dave Liles are doing well after their recent illnesses. They even took part in a one act play (The Little Red School House) along with Loretta and Tracy Miller and others from the Gillam Grant Community Center. Congratulations on a fine job. We all had a great laugh.

Birthdays

Don Hargraves celebrated his 75th on Sunday, October 7th, at a surprise party given in his honor at Hesperus. Congratulations Don!

Events

The Symbolic Lodge Awards were held on October 18th in Cathedral Hall in Rochester. Don Read was presented the Award from Hesperus. Thank you, Don, for your years of untiring service to the Craft.

We will have a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on November 1st. Ralph, Don and Jim will be filling us in on their trip to England.

Ralph Marsocci will be in the East on November 15th for the 2nd Degree at 6:30 p.m.

Our 20-20 Party will be November 24th at 8:00 p.m. at the Bergen Fire Department. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and are available from all Lodge officers or call me at 494-2147.

Golf Tournament

The first Annual Van Hulburt Golf Tournament was held at the Batavia Country Club on August 16th. This Tournament was to

honor the memory of Van Hulburt, an outstanding member of the Byron/Bergen community. He worked as teacher and guidance counselor at Byron/Bergen School for many years and was a golf coach there. Van was a beloved member of the Masonic community, giving of himself for the benefit of countless people.

Crossroads House operates through private funding with no government help. □

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It is with a heavy heart and a feeling of great concern that I write this article. The recent happenings in this great land of ours, whose peace and tranquility we probably all took for granted and which held for us something we thought could never be taken from us, have shaken our sense of security. To recognize the fact of a complete change that has come upon all of us now causes each one to more fully appreciate just what "patriotism" really means to each and every one of us. I personally have taken the time to really digest and understand just what it means when we sing our National Anthem or repeat the Pledge of Allegiance. For me it has taken on a whole new outlook and sincere commitment and meaning, not just a part of a ritual at a ball game or some other function, but a real meaning to what America means to me!

I find a great deal of togetherness within our great Fraternity when I received notice of the actions of our Grand Master and our Grand Lodge when reacting to this disaster, not only here in this State of New York, or Washington, or Pennsylvania, but throughout the whole world. It is all the more reason to continue to support and build this Fraternity we call Masonry.

Degree work

The conferral of the 3rd Degree was held on the 23rd of October when Brothers Aaron Belluscio and Scott Blossom were raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason. Please make yourself available to come and meet and greet these fine new Brothers into our great Fraternity. They are part of the future and integrity of our Lodge and Fraternity.

Good news

To bring you up to date relates to our concerns of sickness and distress, it is a joy for me to announce that W. William Genagon is home and improving after having surgery to repair damage to his shoulder. He informs me that he will be undergoing therapy for a period of time during these Winter months, all should heal like new come Spring.

W. Horace Wilder underwent cardiac surgery during the first week of October and he is convalescing at home also. I said that after his surgery he would have the stamina of a 20 year old. I hope this is so and maybe I will find out a little more about the procedure for myself if that is the case! In any event, we all wish them a full and speedy healing process.

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October is here and I'm sure you heard about the weather changing and all that, so I won't get into it. Anyway, last month was an exciting one for me as Master.

Morgan Affair

Attica Lodge was host to Professor Kathleen Smith Kukulowski. She gave a talk on the early years (1800-1900) of Masonry in Western New York and how the Morgan Affair affected it. It was very enlightening as to how prominent Masonry was in the area and how respected the Brethren were in the community.

There were over 50 Brethren and guests in attendance for the discussion. I haven't seen a local Lodge room hold that many people in a long time. Before the discussion we had a light dinner with our Master of the Kitchen, Jerry Brade, pulling off yet another great meal. I must say that Attica Lodge is very lucky to have Jerry in its ranks for all the effort he puts into the dinners we have.

District Spaghetti Dinner

Attica Lodge also hosted District Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Crossroads House and the new District sign. I was very happy with the turnout, but I think if the word got out a little sooner could have been better.

German Table Lodge



fee, orange juice and tea are served also.

As always, we can use help from you. This is one of our best money makers and we have to keep our funds up to maintain your Lodge. Even if you are unable to work, please try to come by, have breakfast, and share a little fellowship with your Brothers.

Mt. Vernon's donation

Our Worshipful Master, Bernard Whaley, decided that instead of asking for a donation of the membership to send on our behalf to the Twin Towers Relief Fund, that we donate all the profits from our first Pancake Breakfast to that relief effort.

Dues cards

As your new Secretary, I am trying to bring all the records of the Lodge up to date. If you have not received your dues card, you may have received a notice from me.

Any questions that you have, or if you have any information that would help me in the matter, would be greatly appreciated. You can reach me, of course, at the phone number above, or write me at 4846 Michigan Road, Arcade, NY 14009. My e-mail address is Jpallan57@hotmail.com. Best regards, my Brothers, until we meet again.

via, spelled doom to this original effort to plant Masonry in Arcade. During World War II this old Inn at Java Lake was demolished and its timbers found in prime condition. (To be continued next month.)

November Birthdays

Happy Birthday is extended to: Robert L. McElheny, Ronald M. Belden, Howard A. Most, Michael E. Boreanaz and Gerald L. Schaefer.



Activities

On Saturday afternoon, October 7th, a regular visit was made to Ward 8A. The volunteers participating were Tom and Cora Paglia, my wife, Sylvia and I.

At the VAMC

Sunday, November 11th, Veterans Day - Ward 8A visit.

Tuesday, December 11th - Annual Holiday Gift Wrap Session, Building 5 Auditorium - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 23rd, Annual Holiday Gift Distribution, Building 5 Auditorium - 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For further information, call Tom Paglia at 227-2046.

Veterans Day

This Annual Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, November 11th, at the Blue Cross Arena. This has always been a most moving and meaningful Ceremony. The James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12, Masonic War Veterans, will participate in the program in the same manner as last year.

Both of the November 11th events are occurring on the same day: The Veterans Day Ceremony is scheduled for late morning, and the VAMC visit for the early afternoon.



The Funeral Service Wasn't Listed

By F. Jay McCullough

An article in the recent issue of the "Masonic News", serving Erie County Masons, and written by W.: Brian Hoth of West Seneca Lodge No. 1111, deserves repeating here. When the Lodge isn't listed and a Masonic funeral or memorial service isn't listed, you probably didn't tell your family, Funeral Director or the Service Bureau of your desires.

Be sure your families are aware of your memberships in the Fraternity or related organizations. You should have the name and number of your Lodge written down on a list. All a family needs when visiting the Funeral Director is a copy of this list. If a service is desired, the Funeral Director will contact the organization(s) and make the appropriate arrangements.

Don't leave your family in the dark. Use the sample provided here or create your own. Keep a copy with your Will, and give a copy to your religious leader, Funeral Director and Secretary of your Lodge.

Steps to take when desiring a Masonic Memorial Service

Name and number of Lodge _____

Were you ever a Mason (circle one) Yes No

If yes, what year(s) _____

List all Fraternal organizations you have belonged to (i.e., Scottish Rite Valley, Royal Arch Chapter, Cryptic Council, Allied Masonic Degree Council, Tall Cedars, Masonic War Veterans Post, Shrine, Eastern Star, etc.)

- a. _____ b. _____
- c. _____ d. _____
- e. _____ f. _____
- g. _____ h. _____

List titles held (i.e., Master or other Lodge office, Grand Rep., Grand Steward, Director of Ceremonies, Sword Bearer, AGL, Matron, Patron, or other Grand Lodge, Concordant Body or Eastern Star positions):

- a. _____ b. _____
- c. _____ d. _____

Where do you keep you Masonic Apron? _____

Is your funeral pre-arranged? If yes, Name/address of funeral home _____ Telephone number _____

Do you want Masonic affiliations published in the obituary notice? Yes No
Do you want a Masonic emblem used with the obituary notice? Yes No

For the family representative

1. Contact the Master of the Lodge or call the Masonic Service Bureau at 716-473-4351 (FAX 716-262-5491).
2. Inform the contact of the date, time and place you wish to have a service.
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Lighten the load

In the last issue of the *Masonic Times*, our DDGM, R.:W.: Raymond Barber, stated, "Let Joe do it". How often that is true in many Lodges, especially ours. My Brothers, it isn't fair to let the same few burden the workload. We need you at our meetings and our fundraisers and remember many hands make light work. There are many of you that I have never met, so come out and meet your Brothers and enjoy the fellowship.

Some day you may read in the paper that Brother _____ died. I wonder what happened to him? Think about it and try to attend Lodge before it is too late, if you really care.

Brotherhood Fund

Brother David Frost is our Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund and he will be mailing out envelopes soon for your donations. This is a worthy cause and is needed now more than ever.

Historical note

The first Masonic Lodge instituted in the old Town of Arcade (China until 1866) at present East Java. Under a warrant issued June 1, 1825, China Lodge No. 432, held its communications in the upper floor of Freedom Lord's Inn at the foot of Java Lake Hill. No records remain to show whether men from Arcade were active in this body, but it was declared extinct June 7, 1833. As in the case of the Lodge at Sardinia, it is presumed the anti-Masonic excitement following the abduction of William Morgan of Bata-

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Commander-in-Chief



Charles O. Hancock, 33°

September 11th is the day our world changed. I'll share some of my thoughts regarding how we Scottish Rite Masons fit in this new picture. As we learn in the 1st Section of the 32°, the Scottish Rite is an Army. There are certain values that we, as soldiers in that Army, agree to uphold and promote. We, of the Scottish Rite, can rightfully be proud of our role in supporting our country and honoring its flag. Perhaps we should think about our position regarding the morality of armed conflict - war.

There are some of our fellow citizens who claim that we should never engage in mortal combat or the like, and above all, never kill anyone. They base their beliefs on a narrow and distorted view of what society is all about. We live in a multicultural society made up of many religions, creeds and beliefs. Fundamentally, we are not a pacifist society, but rather one that teaches that, if at all possible, you should live at peace with others.

Yet, as Masons we are of one mind, one heart, and one soul, devoted to the cause of freedom, our hearts to the glory of God, our intellect to the enlightenment of men and our hands to works of charity. But, as soldiers in the Grand Army of the Scottish Rite we are sworn to defend right from

wrong and to support our nation's defense.

The sword and helmet, shield and cuirass are the symbols of our powers of service. In them we, like our exemplar, must identify the honor of our country with our own. Like him we must, in response to our country's need, take arms to defend against the blows aimed by insolent enemies at the heart of our country. By exemplifying the tenets of our Order we can serve as an example to our fellow citizens in this time of trial.

Our adversaries have time on their side, and they will use it. They will fight a battle of attrition, hoping to drag this war out until the American people lose the will to fight. Generally, the rest of the world thinks that America lacks the will for a long fight. If we remember Vietnam, we have to believe that the public will not tolerate the demands of vigilance and security for an extended time.

The values that we of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite learn in our Degrees are the very lessons that our modern American society needs to relearn in order to stay the course in the war ahead. If we lead our lives, as we know we should, we can be the beacons that guide the ship in the storm. As a beacon representing those values we hold to be of such value, we can share our system of learning with good men of our nation and help them remain steadfast over the long haul.

This national crisis can serve as an opportunity for the Scottish Rite to re-establish preeminence in the leadership of our country. The challenge is for us to step up and be counted in demanding of ourselves and others to be the best that we can possibly be in every aspect of our lives. By that means, by example, we can help our fellow citizens stay the course.

As a token of our commitment, we the leaders of the Valley of Rochester, collectively have

agreed to support the Grand Master by making a significant contribution to the Grand Lodge World Trade Center Fund. A check was presented to the Grand Master during our Symbolic Lodge Awards Night Celebration as a contribution from all of the members of the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Rochester.

The Degrees

The 19° through the 32° are considered to be philosophic and chivalric Degrees. The 19° - Grand Pontiff - is the first Degree conferred in a Consistory in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The word, pontiff, derives from two Latin words - ponti, meaning "bridge" and facere, "to make", hence pontiff means "bridge builder". This Degree teaches us to live our life so that it is a bridge to immortality. We are assured that Good will triumph over Evil. We are encouraged to labor for the future and to be confident that truth, honesty, honor and charity will overcome and destroy error, falsehood and intolerance.

In our Northern Masonic Jurisdiction the 20° - Master Ad Vitum, sometimes called the George Washington Degree, is presented in the setting of a Colonial Lodge at a time following the Revolutionary War. The Degree is a classical allegorical drama. An allegory is a veiled and figurative presentation of truth in which the characters speak, not for themselves as individuals, but for what they represent.

We are taught that truth, justice and toleration are indispensable qualities for a Master of the Lodge. In this Degree Masonic principles and leadership are given a crucial test. Here the American spirit confronts disloyalty and treason and we interpret the Masonic attitude toward all of those who conspire against the security of the nation. Honor and patriotism are stirred in every heart.

The 21st Patriarch Noachite Degree - teaches us that the downfall of evil is certain. The lesson includes a clear message that a free and independent judiciary is necessary to human progress and that supporting that ideal we must be sure that journalism reporting the events is fair, just and responsible. We must be ever vigilant to keep the ideal of justice before our own personal interests.

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The Scottish Rite journey is one of self-discovery and self-development. Its purpose is to help us become more fully ourselves. As a 32° Scottish Rite Mason you have made the commitment to self-development. You have decided that such things as honor and integrity are as necessary for survival as is food. You have accepted the duty to help make the lives of others better and happier.

Now is the time to share that experience with a Brother. Bring a Brother Mason into the Scottish Rite at our November 15th Re-

union by becoming his sponsor and his mentor. Invite one (or more) of your Lodge Brothers to share in the light of the Scottish Rite. □



Keith M. Gramling, 33°, Rockville Center; Charles O. Hancock, 33°, Rochester; Robert L. Wakelee, Jr., 33°, Utica; Samuel H. Williams, 33°, New York. (Photo courtesy Supreme Council)

32° Masonic Learning Center for Children

The Frank and Bette Paul Masonic Learning Center for Children has announced the appointment of Audrey W. Holly and Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III to its board of Governors.

Ms. Holly, a resident of Penfield, is a former teacher in the Hilton School District. She has served as a member and co-chairperson of the Norman Howard School and a member of the Board of Literacy Volunteers of Rochester.

Fairport resident, Brother Oelgoetz, is Marketing Director for Sentry Group. He is currently

Junior Warden of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154; Principle Sojourner, Hiram Chapter No. 62, RAM; and High Priest in the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, A.A.S.R.

The Learning Center, one of 33 in the country, offers free tutoring for children diagnosed with dyslexia. Children are accepted for the program regardless of race, creed or Masonic affiliation. Information regarding the Center tutoring program and opportunities for teacher training in the Orton-Gillingham method of instruction, may be obtained by calling the Center at 716-442-7290. □



Joe Oelgoetz III, Rod Rittenhouse, 33°, and Audrey Holly.

News and Views

By Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°

There are around 1040 members in the Valley of Rochester. As the updated list was surveyed early last week, it was interesting

to note the names of many who have done so much over the years.

As we continue to focus on management practices to develop the essential "critical mass" necessary to accomplish our mis-

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sion, new members become extremely important.

Your management team and leadership would ask each Valley member to personally contact one Craft Lodge Brother who is currently not a Scottish Rite member and extend an invitation to him to join in our upcoming Fall Class. This is the response to the one question that many of you have suggested from time to time... "Let me know what I can do to help...". Here it is!

For those Scottish Rite Masons who have brought new members into their respective Craft Lodges, please let us hear from you in order that you can receive the New York Council of Deliberation "ReMember The Blue Lodge" Award.

Congratulations and thank you to our Grand Lodge Officers and members of their Team that provide leadership and direction for our Craft Lodges!

Special thanks to Sublime Prince Robert Pedersen and our team of Ambassadors that continue to "Reach Out and Say Hello!"

Congratulations again to Ill. Charles O. Hancock, 33°, our Commander-in-Chief, who was coroneted in Indianapolis on September 27th. Thank you for your leadership, love and care of our Rite!

Thrice Potent Master Speaks Out

By Norman P. Austin

One of the increasing concerns of Masons currently, be it members of Blue Lodges or those of any of the Concordant Bodies, is the question of where we will be as a Fraternity in one, five, or ten years from today. The concept of predictability was once taken for granted. However, both times and people change, and such is no longer the case.

It is no secret that membership is declining. This downward trend has been in effect for some time now. The impending questions are: What do we do about it? How do we begin to address this distressing metamorphosis?

Many of the Blue Lodges have found themselves in the face of declining membership, devoting the majority of their efforts, energies and resources maintaining their physical structures, albeit architecturally esthetic and no doubt imbuing sentiment among members, with no time left to devote to practicing the tenets of Freemasonry itself. Other Lodges, facing this same decline in membership, are restricted for various reasons in their efforts to implement effective programs to enable them to entice new prospects and thereby reverse their loss in membership.

Yet others, while they may have the desire and manpower to undertake such a membership drive, are not exactly sure how to proceed in such an endeavor. Another major concern of some Lodges is of a financial nature. With declining membership, generally comes concurrently, a decline in financial viability. As a result of such difficulties, many Lodges have turned in their Charters.

While such quandaries may, on the surface appear discouraging, there is hope in the face of such adversity. One excuse I heard recently from a Blue Lodge member in response to suggestions for possibly increasing membership was, "We just don't have the time." In reflecting upon this rather disconcerting statement at great length, I came to the conclusion that it would appear that people often complain

about lack of time when lack of direction is the real problem.

By now you are probably asking yourself, "What is the point of this discourse?" "Where are you going with this reiteration of facts of which we are all acutely and painfully aware?" While it is certainly not my intention to belabor the obvious, one fact which is undeniable is that it is essential that we extend efforts to build up the Blue Lodges in order to sustain any degree of viability for the Craft as a whole.

Therefore, I would like to "set the state", so to speak, for that "hope" to which I alluded earlier. One of the basic tenets of Freemasonry is to offer aid to others in times of need. When one is floundering, to "reach out" and extend a helping hand to enable or foster a sense of self-reliance and sufficiency without instilling a feeling of obligation is an inherent component of the Masonic creed.

That, in essence, is also one of the missions of the newly formed Scottish Rite Ambassador Program, to "Reach Out and Say Hello" to members of Blue Lodges throughout the area and surrounding Districts. In so doing, the Ambassador Program will attempt to offer whatever assistance the Lodges require, be it financial, membership development and/or retention, development of programs, and even if appropriate, direction - the range is limitless.

It is hoped that in time, each District will have at least one, if not more Ambassadors among their membership. With this emerging program, comes the opportunity to address the issues of concern facing many Lodges today. As part of the "Reach Out and Re-Member the Blue Lodge" theme, Scottish Rite Ambassadors stand ready to assist Masters of Lodges in aggressively pursuing growth programs through increased recruitment efforts.

Identification and contact of "at risk" members (those who are behind in their dues, and thereby are "at risk" of suspension), setting up and helping to facilitate Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights, offering advice, planning, or any of a myriad of strategies to extend to the Blue Lodges any form of assistance which is deemed needed or appropriate are the aims of the Ambassador Program.

With such a concerted effort among the Masters and members of Blue Lodges and the Ambassadors, we will hopefully be able to adequately initiate means by which to reverse the current trend, and begin a new phase of increased membership.

7°
Provost and Judge
Thursday, November 15, 2001
8:00 p.m.

This Degree teaches us to judge righteously, without respect to person, and that one law and one custom shall apply to all. Let justice be impartial, tempered with deserved mercy.

- Ceremonial Section**
Directed by:
Glenn A. Hedges, 32° MSA and Clifford N. Hayner II
Illustrious Master:
Glenn A. Hedges, 32° MSA
Senior Warden:
Cyrus Kloner, 32° MSA
Junior Warden:
David C. Clarke, 32° MSA
Master of Ceremonies:
Donald A. Rose, 32° MSA
Captain of the Guard:
Mathew L. Gingold, 32° MSA
Candidate:
Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA

- Prologue:**
Donald E. Freeman, 32° MSA
Dramatic Section
1st Master Mason:
Michael C. McBride
2nd Master Mason:
William N. Fredenburg
3rd Master Mason:
Everett E. Hoak
4th Master Mason:
Neil R. Bedford
Amos:
J. Christopher Pavlick
Jeroboam:
Philip A. Trautman
Overseer:
G. Thomas Grape
1st Judge:
Robert D. Pedersen
2nd Judge:
Donald E. Freeman, 32° MSA
3rd Judge:
Warren G. Doerr
4th Judge:
John P. Bryce
5th Judge:
David P. Crawford
6th Judge:
George T. Gannon
7th Judge:
Gary L. Burke
Ahishar:
Edward Brereton

14°
Grand Elect Mason
Following the 7°
In the Scottish Rite, this Degree is the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry. As the crowning Degree of the Lodge of Perfection, its essence is the holiness of God and reverence for His Holy Name. God will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.

- Directed by:**
Robert D. Pedersen
Prologue:
Louis M. Sanfilippo
Thrice Potent Master:
Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°
Deputy Master:
G. Michael Morris
Senior Warden:
Philip A. Trautman
Junior Warden:
Craig T. Mollon
Orator:
Robert E. Cameron, 32° MSA
Captain of the Guard:
Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA
Inquisitor:
Bernard F. Russell
Master of Ceremonies:
Jerald J. Gilmore
Guards:
Mathew Gingold, 32° MSA
David W. Taber
John E. Zabel, 33°
*Will take part

15°
Knight of the East
or Sword
Saturday, Nov. 17, 2001
9:00 a.m.

- This degree teaches the important lessons of loyalty to conviction and devotion to right.*
Directed by:
John E. Zabel, 33°
Prologue:
Glenn A. Hedges, 32° MSA
Zemira, Master of Entrances:
Lowell Falkey
Cyrus, King of Persia:
Howard E. Lord
Abazar, Master of Ceremonies:
Charles M. Roberts
Ratim, Master of Dispatches:
Robert A. Graff
Nebuzaradan, Master of Infantry:
Eldon N. White
Sysina, Master of Cavalry:
John E. Hennessey, Jr.
Daniel, Master of the Palace:
Donald A. Rose, 32° MSA
Zerubbabel:
George S. Nasra
Oracle:
Gary L. Burke

- Guards:**
Vance R. Collom, Jr.
Ronald L. Weber
Satrap:
Lawrence W. Dunn
Arthur F. Maupin, 32° MSA
David W. Taber

18°
Knight of Rose Croix
of H.R.D.M.
Following the 15°
The lessons taught in this Degree are that man must have a new Temple in his heart where God is worshipped in spirit and in truth and that he must have a new law of love which all men everywhere may understand and practice.

- This degree affirms the broad principles of universality and tolerance.*
Directed by:
Norman P. Austin
Ceremonial Section
Most Wise Master:
Philip A. Trautman
Senior Warden:
Donald P. Fox, 32° MSA
Prologue:
Donald P. Fox, 32° MSA
Dramatic Section
Most Wise Master:
John E. Zabel, 33°
Senior Warden:
Bruce D. Chilton
Junior Warden:
Ronald L. Weber
Orator:
Craig T. Mollon
Master of Ceremonies:
William R. Zufall
Knight Captain of the Guard:
Eldon N. White
Assisting Voice:
Charles O. Hancock, 33°

24°
Prince of the Tabernacle
Saturday, November 17, 2001
12:45 p.m.

- This Degree teaches that mutual belief in one true, living God should bind men together in the service of humanity and in a worldwide brotherhood.*
Directed by:
R. Keith Stambach
Prologue:
Richard C. Friedman
Allegory
John Martland, W.-Master:
Richard C. Friedman
George Stewart, Sr. Warden:
Herbert Spencer
Peter Huse, Jr. Warden:
Joseph J. Privitera
Lynn Goff, Sr. Deacon:
Malcolm Thomas, Jr. Deacon:
Gordon J. Ball
Thomas Eccleston, Secretary:
David C. Clarke
Adam Pratt, Treasurer:
Terry W. Wihlen
Sam Linn:
John Saxton:
Garry R. Hutchurson
Thomas Potter:
Vernon L. Goodrich
Carl Medford:
Eldon N. White
George Johnson:
Lawrence K. Canfield
Several other members of the Lodge
Chief Spotted Eagle,
Nipmunk Indian:
R. Keith Stambach
Brave Red Eagle,
Cherokee Indian:
George Simon
Brave Flying Cloud,
Naragansett Indian:
Sherwin P. Isaacs
Brave Running Stream,
Montauk Indian:
Brave Light Foot,
Delaware Indian:
Robert E. Cameron
Carl Linn, Young White Man:
Bruce R. Horncastle

32°
Sublime Prince
of the Royal Secret
Following the 24°
This degree describes the victory of the spiritual over the human in man and the conquest of appetites and passions by moral sense and reason. The Exemplar represents every Freemason eager to serve humanity but caught between self-interest and the call of duty. Duty often requires sacrifice, sometimes the supreme sacrifice.

- Directed by:**
Lawrence E. Hood, 33°
Ceremonial Section
Commander-in-Chief:
Charles O. Hancock, 33°
1st Lt. Commander:
Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°
2nd Lt. Commander:
John E. Zabel, 33°
Master of Ceremonies:
G. Thomas Grape
Engineer and Seneschal:
Vernon Goodrich, 32° MSA
Orator:
William R. Zufall
Hospitaler:
Dwight E. Turner
Worshipful Master:
Richard C. Friedman
Thrice Potent Master:
Norman P. Austin
Sovereign Prince:
Louis M. Sanfilippo
Most Wise Master:
Robert D. Pedersen
Chancellor:
Donald A. Rose, 32° MSA
Constans:
Gary L. Burke
Chaplain:
Cyrus Kloner
Flag Bearer:
Miles L. Woodcock
Standard Bearer:
Derek E. VanHouten
Captain of the Guard:
John E. Hennessy, Jr.

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

Second Section
Directed by:
Stephen Whittaker, 33°
John E. Zabel, 33°
Degree Assistants:
Gary L. Burke
Steven M. Lysenko
Robert D. Pedersen

Dramatic Section
Prince Commander:
David W. Jones
Constans:
Craig T. Mollon
Knight Kadash:
Ronald L. Weber
Knight Rose Croix:
John E. Hennessy, Jr.
Knight Prince of Jerusalem:
Joseph F. Oelgoetz III
Knight Lodge of Perfection:
Franklin H. Ghyzel or Pedro Ugalde
Herald:
Philip A. Trautman
Captain of the Guard:
Lawrence Bright
Knights:
Joseph J. Privitera
George N. Romanyshyn
Temptations

Florio:
Bruce R. Horncastle
Urban:
Frank W. Gray
Ignatius:
Alan L. Jeerings
Rufus:
Clifford N. Hayner II

Church
Norman P. Austin

27th & 29th Districts - RAM
8th Cryptic District - R&SM
Zone 11 & 12 - Knights Templar

York Rite NEWS


York Rite College
Judas Maccabeus

**District Deputy
Grand
High Priest**
*Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitular District*



R.E. Richard C. Anderson


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



High Priest
E.. Norman P. Austin
494-2223
Secretary
R..E.. Douglas S. Poole
584-3601

Well, here we are, one month closer toward the end of the year. Next month, due to the Christmas holiday, we will not hold a meeting. Our next meeting will be on January 22nd. Our meeting this month, on November 27th, will be Election and Installation of Officers. We will also be practicing our Ritual and floor work for upcoming Degrees.

**Hiram Chapter
No. 62**



**2nd & 4th
Thursdays**

E.. William R. Lindsay, High Priest
621-3573
E.. Larry Dunn, Secretary
594-8033
875 Main Street East
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

Since I last wrote, our Chapter has been busy putting on a series of Degrees for three new candidates. On behalf of the Companions, I proudly welcome R. Keith Stambach, Roger Smith, and Richard Greenaway to Hiram Chapter. In the course of the Degree work, it was good to see some fresh faces added to our Ritual teams, especially Companion Eric Moffett, who drives a long way to participate.

The unsung heroes of elaborate Degree work are the stage managers. I publicly recognize Companions Brugger and Stelianou for complementing the Degrees with the technical support that enriches the Ritual presentation.

On a sad note, our Chapter extends its condolences to E.. Bob Pettit and his wife, Belva, who lost their son to cancer. Words cannot ameliorate that awful pain they feel. In the knowledge that all of us extend our love and support, perhaps there will be some consolation.

On October 11th, DDGHP, Paul Josephson, joined me in presenting a Grand Representative Apron to Companion Michael Adamus. Companion Mike received an appointment to the Grand Chapter of Ohio. No one felt that a more deserving candidate for the honor could have been selected. Companion Mike exemplifies the true spirit of Masonry, a friendly smile, always accompanied by a willing attitude. The evening was made even more special by Companion Mike re-

turning to Chapter after having recovered from knee surgery.

Our Canadian Companions from Orient Chapter requested that we postpone their reception until later, as the crossing of the border can be a bit of a challenge these days. As they make a quick trip to Rochester in order to take full advantage of our hospitality, a 3 hour border wait each way, could ruin their weekend. They hope to be with us when crossing the border gets more predictable.

The October 17th York Rite Unity Dinner was well attended for the 3rd straight year. That event is probably a precursor to a time when all York Rite Bodies will follow a complementary schedule. Perhaps the move to new quarters will be the catalyst for such an arrangement.

With the shared facility in Gates no longer an option, the Chapter will work through its Long Range Planning Team to coordinate with the Masonic Service Bureau's effort to develop a new location where our Chapter can meet. The timeline being followed is dictated by the need to leave the Downtown Temple by the end of 2002. Every Companion should follow these developments and contribute support and ideas to the process. The current Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee is R..E.. Companion Don Wright, with whom ideas and opinions should be shared.


Our only meeting in November is on the 8th, and will feature a Veteran's Program under the direction of Companion Dennis Gellasch, King.

In December we will have our Annual Meeting on the 13th, where we will hear Committee Reports and hold elections. Dinners will not be served before these two meetings, but Companion Kendig will be providing ample refreshments following each.

I look forward to seeing each Companion in Chapter, and extend an invitation to Companions in 3X3 and Dansville Chapters to join us for any of these scheduled events.

All the best.

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



**3rd
Wednesdays**

Vernon L. Goodrich, III, Master
(h) 377-0367, (o) 473-4351
F. Jay McCullough, Recorder
352-1061

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

Companions, Unity Night was a huge success. The turnout was good, the entertainment was great and all had a good time. Bill Lindsay spoke on behalf of the Royal Arch and re-emphasized the need for all Grand Bodies to have one combined meeting. Three long weekends each year is too much. The Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery need to listen and follow the lead of the individual Chapters, Councils and Commanderies. As our numbers keep decreasing, unity becomes more of a paramount issue.

Grand Chapter is below 5,000; Grand Commandery is below 3,000 and Grand Council is below 2,000. The same few people are doing it all in all three Bodies and they are getting tired. We need to consider fewer meetings and having many of them joint meetings. It is nice for each Body to say we need this or that, but without reducing the load on selected people, we won't have anything.

Surely, some form of united meeting is better than no meeting. This is not pessimistic, it is reality. Together we can prosper. Our Degrees start in November.



Ill.. Vern Goodrich dishing it out.



R..Ill.. Steve Licht.



John Dudley-DM, M..Ill.. E. William Whittaker, and Ill.. Vern Goodrich-Illustrious Master Doric Council.



Officers of Doric Council: John Dudley-DM, Doug Koenig-CG, Ed Brereton-Sentinel, F. J. McCullough-Recorder, Vernon Goodrich-Ill.. Master, Tom Paglia-Asst. Sentinel, Dennis Gellasch-CC.

Grand Line's Visit

This is for the information of those who were unable to attend the visitation of Grand Line Officer, R..E.. David Raymond and his father, to the 29th District. First, we had an enjoyable Chicken and Biscuit Dinner, then the business of the evening. R..E.. David Raymond, Grand Master of the 2nd Veil, read a letter from the top officers of the York Rite Bodies asking for the support of all Masonic Concordant Bodies to help with the York Rite Relief Fund by November 30th. Checks are to be made out to the Relief Fund and mailed to Charles Reilly, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, 2150 Bleecker Street, Utica, NY 13501-1788.

Scholarship

It is requested that you address this issue and hopefully support this need. R..E.. Raymond also asked if you haven't already supported the Royal Arch Charities, see if you can help. He enlightened us that 58 Scholarships were presented this Summer. He made it known that a new Dedicated Service Award for Royal Arch Masonry has been instituted. He is stressing to the members the attempt to acquire the Key Stone Award, which is for obtaining five new members within a calendar year.

Fervency and Zeal

V..E.. Leonard Mason, Assistant Grand Lecturer, has made a suggestion that we discuss the influence of the Fervency and Zeal Program to the Blue Lodges. We have already started this thought in a couple of Chapters as we are making Chapter visits. We need to try harder.

I will schedule a District meeting this month for the discussion of District Officers for the coming year. A place and time will be communicated to the High Priests. I would remind you that your Chapter prepare for your line of officers for next year as the following month will be elections.

Final thought

Finally, a serious thought on our country's tragedies. Give your help and support with your prayers and donations to those in the September 11th tragedy. In coming together and finding the best in one another, United We Stand. Remember, with respect comes honor.

A note of correction is in order: in last month's article I made mention of the Official Visit of DDGM, Dick Anderson, and AGL, Len Mason, as having taken place on September 23rd, when, in fact, it was October 23rd. My apologies for this error. We hope they enjoyed visiting our Chapter.

The Official Visit of the Grand Master of the Second Veil, R..E.. David Raymond, at the Harding Temple in Pike, was well attended. A delicious dinner with a choice of Chicken and Biscuits, or Meatloaf, was enjoyed at the Pike Restaurant prior to the Visit.

Our "clean up" day at Olive Branch Lodge, under the direction of W.. Nevin Brick, Master, went well. We were able to clean some of the material from the Secretary's desk in the Lodge room and also clean the men's room. The next clean up day is scheduled for Saturday, October 27th, at 7:00 a.m. Hopefully, there will be a good turnout to assist with this endeavor.

We welcome back safely, V..E.. Jim MacConnell, E.. Don Read, and Brother Ralph Marsocci of Hesperus Lodge, who flew to England and adjacent countries in September. The trip was originally planned to attend the Ryder Cup, but as a result of the recent tragedies in New York City, Washington, and Pennsylvania, that event was cancelled. The airlines refused to refund the ticket prices, so these Companions and Brothers decided to travel there anyway, and to enjoy some golf. We are glad to have them all back with us, and are eager to hear the details of their trip.

Thanksgiving is a time for us to give thanks for all we have, which is often more than we realize. This brings to mind an old saying I heard somewhere: "Miserable is the man who never says thank you." How true a statement. May your Thanksgiving be all you desire it to be.

Many of us, in the course of our jobs, or even in the offices we hold in the Craft, are often required to delegate tasks to others. A thought to keep in mind as we do this: "Nothing is impossible for the man who doesn't have to do it himself." (A.H. Weiler)



The Grand Line digging in.

M. Ill. E. William Whittaker, G M, getting his fair share.



M. Ill. Raymond Beardsley-Grand Recorder, R. Ill. Arnold Palmer-Grand Sentinel, Don Harrison-GPCW, (behind) Joseph Caruso GS, Ill. Vernon Goodrich-Illustrious Master-Doric Council, R. Ill. David Barwell-Grand Lecturer, M. Ill. E. William Whittaker-Grand Master, R. Ill. Charles Roberts-GCC, M. Ill. Louis Weinheimer-PGM, Harvey Payne-PGM, R. Ill. Joseph Foglietti-GSB, Steven Licht-GCG, Donald Markham-Grand Chaplain, and John Nosal-GR.
(Photo courtesy Helen Markham)

**Nundawaga
Council
No. 92**

4th Monday
West Main Street
LeRoy, NY 14882

Ill. Norman P. Austin
Master - 494-2223,
Ill. Vernon Rupert
Recorder - 343-8429

November is here, and along with it, a blaze of variegated color in the trees and upon the ground. Winter can't be far off. Our meeting on the 26th of this month will be the last one for this year, as we will not meet in December due to the Christmas Holiday Season. On that date we will be conferring the Royal Master Degree.

On Saturday, October 27th, we'll have another "clean up" day at Olive Branch Lodge, to attend to items which needed attention. Endeavors in September resulted in some progress, and we were able to continue our efforts in October.

Our next stated assembly, on January 28th, will be the Official Visit of DDGM, Dan Evans. Our Official Visit by AGL, Dave Barwell, took place October 22nd, and we hope he enjoyed his visit with us.

We are glad to have among us once again, Companion Jim MacConnell, who, with W. Don Read and Brother Ralph Marsocci of Hesperus Lodge, spent three weeks touring and playing golf in England and Scotland. Welcome back, guys.

It was nice to have R. I. Layton Vogel back with us again at our last meeting. R. I. Horace Wilder was hospitalized for surgery on October 1st, and according to his lovely wife, Maude, is doing well. We look forward to seeing him in Council soon.

A note of correction is in order regarding my comment on our Council's receiving a certificate for \$5.00 or more per Companion to the Charity Fund. Last month I stated that it was Nundawaga's twelfth year in a row receiving this Award, when in fact, it was the thirteenth year in a row! Nice job, Companions.

Being the euphemistically "unique" individual that I am, I am adamant in my belief that credit and recognition should be given whenever due, and particularly when a kindness is extended. In fact, this emotion is so strong, that it transcends what most may consider conventional boundaries. In doing so, I like to be specific in recognizing the individual by name.

If you recall in last month's article, I extended thanks to Companion Dennis Turton and his Lady, Kathie, for allowing me to leave my car in their driveway while I was at Grand Council. At that time, I also thanked their "wonderful orange cat", of whose name I was not aware. Some may think me eccentric, however, since it was so nice after the long ride back from Fishkill to be greeted so warmly by this little furry fellow, I feel compelled to set the record straight and give him his due. His parents informed me that his name is "Amber", and that he is 16 years old that would make him 112 in our years! I don't expect to reach that pinnacle in life, but if I did, I'd be pleased to be half as friendly and amicable as he. Thanks, Amber, for making my day! We could all take a lesson from him.

May you and yours have a bountiful, peaceful and blessed Thanksgiving.

A thought to ponder

"There is no limit to what can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit." (John Wooden)

Batavia Commandery

No. 34

Knights Templar

Meets
2nd & 4th
Thursdays
Attica



Commander
Vernon L. Rupert 343-8429
Recorder
Allen L. Capwell 786-3897
39 Main Street
Attica, N.Y.

The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will precede the November 8th Conclave. Turkey, potatoes and squash will be provided. Letters will be sent out suggesting a dish to pass. Again, those attending are requested to bring their own table service, including dessert and salad dishes. While the Sir Knights hold their Conclave, the ladies will be making present toppers or ornaments for the upcoming Christmas season.

Christmas Toast

Thursday, December 13th will be our annual Christmas Toast at Attica Masonic Temple. Following the Toast, refreshments will be served in the dining room.

Grand Commandery

Nine Sir Knights from Batavia Commandery journeyed to Suffern on September 14th & 15th to attend the Grand Commandery session. Despite the events earlier in the week, which had an effect on everyone's feelings, the session proved to be a productive one. SK Kenneth Perry, a member of Tonawanda Commandery No. 78, was elected and installed as Grand Commander. SK David Lathers of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12 and DeMolay No. 22 was elected to the Grand Line as Grand Warder.

Drill Team

Four Sir Knights from Batavia Commandery took part in the Drill Team Competition with the Zone 12 Drill Team. The Team took 1st Place in the Competition for the 4th consecutive year. (Possibly this was due to the fact that Zone 12 was the only Zone team competing.)

School of Instruction

The Generalissimo and I attended the Zone 12 & 13 School of Instruction held at Tonawanda Commandery No. 78 on October 9th, with The Order of The Red Cross being the topic of the evening.

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery

No. 12

Chartered
1993

3rd
Monday



SK Vernon Goodrich
Commander 377-0367
SK Lawrence W. Dunn
Recorder 594-8033

On Wednesday, October 17th, Sir Knight Ron Bertie spoke on the effect unity can have in the coming years. Unity is not just nice, but imperative. Come on, Grand Bodies, when are you going to get the message?

On Monday, September 1st, our Zone's School of Instruction was held. Present, of course, were our Zone Officer, Charles Roberts, one member from Sagoyewatha, and six other members from Cyrene/Monroe. Yes, I too can add, that only makes 8 in total. Fortunately the Grand Officer, who also became our Flag Bearer, gave us nine to open. Sir Knights, especially the officers, if you cannot be present, please call and let me know. I received one e-mail with regrets.

Don't forget, the Orders (Degrees) will be on Saturday, December 1st, for three Zones-10, 11, and 12. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be served.

In coming months, I hope we will discuss the Cap and Mantel as a lower cost product than the full Uniform.

Schicker Club News

By Barbara Goodrich

The Schicker Club will meet on Monday, November 19th with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass.

At the October meeting, the ladies decided to make kits for needy women. All are encouraged to bring toothbrushes, combs, wash cloths, sample size containers of shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, etc. We will assemble the kits at the November meeting.

We voted to send \$100.00 to the fund for New York City and \$100.00 to the Eye Foundation.

The ladies are all good cooks, so please join us for the dinner and the fellowship.

SR32° Cast

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Bishops:

John D. Bennett
Charles M. Roberts

Choristers:

Vance R. Collom, Jr.
Warren G. Doerrer
John A. Dudley
Jeffrey R. Quartley

Cross Bearer:

Duane W. Smith or
Dwight E. Turner

Monks:

Robert D. Bueg
Paul L. Farnung
Robert D. Kimmel
Ralph Kraft
Daniel P. Maloney
J. Christopher Pavlick
Eli H. Shockey, Jr.
Gordon F. Smith
Richard W. Topel
Brian D. Waller

Cardinals:

Richard A. Henderson
James A. Spencer

Thurifers:

Keith A. Freeman
James P. Kahn

Acolytes:

Ronald A. Bryant
Richard C. Budgeon
Garry L. Cranker
Robert E. Crystal
Gregg B. Dell
Michael C. Ferguson
John J. Hartter
David E. Larson
Santo Morici
George S. Nasra
Thomas F. Pellett, Jr.
Thomas E. Riddle
Matthew W. Roberts
Steven S. Xander
Robert L. Zahn

Asst. Captains of the Guard:

Harry DeHollander
David W. Taber

Guards:

Neil R. Bedford
Edward A.W. Brereton
Stephen R. Donato
Clifton O. Field (Emeritus)
Joseph H. Gingold
Garry R. Hutcherson
Edward L. Kelley, Jr.
Louis W. Larson
James L. Lester
Michael C. McBride
Jesse Noble, Jr.
Keith A. Pinto
G. Frederick Schutz
William D. Shelby
George L. Todd
Rene R. VanDeVeire
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Lalla Rookh GROTTO

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Kenneth Hutchinson, Monarch

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



Kenneth Hutchinson

Here we go again with news and reviews to keep you in step with our activities.

The next two meetings are very important to your Grotto. November 21st will be Move Up Night. Our Chief Justice, Alfred Pulcino III, will move up as Monarch for the evening. On that evening a deserving Prophet will be recognized as "Prophet of the Year". This hasn't been done in a few years, and I asked the past POYs to make the selection.

The same evening our Supreme District Deputy Grand Monarch, Richard Topel, will make a special presentation to a Past Monarch of Lalla Rookh, on behalf of the Grand Monarch, Donald Cox.

December 19th is the Annual Communication and Election Night. You, the members, must elect those you wish to guide our Grotto through the next year.

ESGA Convention

It was indeed a pleasure to attend the well planned ESGA Convention in Niagara Falls on September 13th-16th. Lalla Rookh was represented by 16 Prophets and their ladies.

At the Saturday meeting, Leon VanHuben, PM, was re-elected Secretary of the ESGA, and Michael Bell, PM, was advanced

ESGA Convention: Most of our Prophets and Ladies were in costume.



Past Monarch's Night: Ken Hutchinson-Monarch, presented movie tickets to PMs Ken Milner, Leon VanHuben, Robert Young, Dick Topel, Joe Minus and Ron Morthorst. (Photos Ken Hutchinson)

one more step up the ladder to 1st Vice President of the Association.

A tip of the fez to the Color Guard and Captain Bill Fredenburg for a job well done. Our Color Guard Presented the Colors at the various functions and won the Color Guard Competition.

Friday evening's theme centered on medieval activities. The Pub Party competition prize went to Michael Bell and his merry men and ladies. Their costumes, food and special grog, garnered them first place honors.

Judging by the noise I heard in the wee hours of the morning, a good time was had by all!

Another note-worthy event was September 19th, a salute to the Past Monarchs of our Grotto, that elite group who has, through the years, given so much of their time and energy to our Grotto. They were treated to a very timely message by Robert Manard of the Make a Wish Foundation of Western New York.

In closing, let us all strive to continue the progress in making our Grotto "bigger and better" by attending the upcoming meetings and trying just a little harder to sign up one more candidate in 2001.

"Remember, still more fun in 2001".



Ken Hutchinson-Monarch, Lalla Rookh, congratulates newly elected ESGA President, Willard Raymond, PM Zafar Grotto, S. Williamsport, PA.

Attend Grotto Meetings

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

Thurs., November 8th-Lalla Rookh Caldron Meeting
7:30 p.m.

Mon., November 19th-Legion of Honor Dinner and Meeting Dutch Mill Restaurant 6:30 p.m.

Wed., November 21st-Lalla Rookh Grotto Meeting
7:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy the Fellowship

Master of Ceremonies

By Douglas C. Spencer
Greetings, Prophets! I hope all is well. It's hard to believe it's November and the holidays are just around the corner. This has been a great year for Lalla Rookh. Our Monarch, Ken Hutchinson, has put together a great program this year. Please

come out to our next meeting and enjoy what has always been a fun-filled evening of fellowship. Come on out and see some old friends and make some new ones.

Our meeting on November 21st will be preceded by dinner. Reservations are a MUST and are due to me no later than Saturday, November 17th. It's so important that we have an accurate count. Please get your reservations in early by calling me at 723-8703. Hope to see you in November.

Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

Prophets

"Grotto-The Brightest Star in the New Millennium" 2001-2002 Supreme Council Booster Program. This Program will result in updating the booklet, "It's Great to be a Grotto Member," getting it printed and distributed for our use in promoting membership in Lalla Rookh Grotto. As soon as it is available, we will make sure



Ken Hutchinson-Monarch, Lalla Rookh, with Grand Monarch, Donald Cox, Ali O Zark Grotto, MO.



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all our Prophets have access to as many copies as you need.

Membership is our number one goal. All Prophets should be looking at Brother Masons in their Lodges or Masonic friends and introducing them to our Fraternity. The Grotto is a place to have fun with the many programs that we offer.

Let's all make it our goal to get at least one in 2001!

Legion of Honor

By Ron Morthorst, Personnel Officer

The holiday season is coming, time to relax and enjoy. Our servicemen have been called upon to do their chosen duty. Fly your flag, and say a prayer for them that they may all return home to their families safe and sound.

Good work!

Our Color Guard has been busy this Fall posting colors for the ESGA Fall meetings, Grotto meetings, and the Monarch's Ball. Lalla Rookh can be proud of this unit.

November

Our November meeting is Monday the 19th at 6:15 p.m., Dutch Mill, Dewey and Stone Roads. All Prophets are welcome; nominations for 2002 officers are in order.

The only requirement is a reservation for dinner. This is a must. Reservations must be made by November 14th by calling the Commander, Ernie Swan, at 621-7162 or me, at 334-4196. These meals are made to order for us. Those with dietary restrictions can order fish, therefore, "a reservation made is a reservation paid", and must be honored.

Holiday Dinner

Take your lady out. Your Legion of Honor is having a Holiday Dinner Party, Saturday, December 1st, at the Dutch Mill. It will feature the Deluxe Buffet at \$14.50 per person, cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Let's make it a fun night.

Your check is your reservation to Commander Ernie Swan at 140 Camille Drive, Rochester, NY 14612 by November 23rd.

Hope to hear from you. Your reservations are important. See you all on Monday, November 19th, at 6:00 p.m.

Lalla Rookh Grotto

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Attention

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

May Catholics Become Freemasons?

David Patterson, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Bureau of Los Angeles, wrote a letter to Cardinal Mahoney of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles inquiring as to the current position of the church concerning Masonic membership. The reply on behalf of the Cardinal is reprinted (with permission):

"Thank you for your inquiry of September 11, 2000, directed to Cardinal Mahoney, on whose behalf I am replying. The question is 'whether a practicing Catholic may join a Masonic Lodge.'

Unfortunately, the matter is too complex for a straightforward 'yes' or 'no' answer. But at least for Catholics in the United States, I believe the answer is probably yes. Permit me to explain this qualified response.

Your letter states that a member's 'allegiance to one God is all we require.' To the extent that this is an accurate statement of the organization's beliefs and teachings, and that its activities are humanitarian and charitable in nature, there is no reason to prevent a practicing Catholic from joining.

Past history, of course, has muddied the waters because earlier church law (prior to November 27, 1983) specifically named Masonic groups as a forbidden society (canon 2335, 1917 Code). The dialogues between Catholic and Masonic representatives in the years since the Second Vatican Council were generally very positive and yet did not resolve questions or concerns raised in certain parts of the world. As a result, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome issued a statement one day before the new Code of Canon Law took effect (November 26, 1983), in which it held that since Masonic principles were still contrary to the teachings of the Church, Catholics would commit a grave sin in belonging to Masonic associations and so could not receive Holy Communion.

Because this declaration has not been superseded by any further official statements, the question keeps recurring about its interpretation and application. There is no agreement among the experts in church law who have considered the matter. Consequently one can only judge the individual circumstances in light of the principles that clearly do

apply. These principles are set forth in canons 1374 and 1364 of the 1983 Code, which forbid a Catholic from joining 'an association which plots against the Church' and impose penalties for heresy under certain conditions. If 'a particular Masonic Lodge truly promoted heretical teaching or conspired against the interests of the Church' (Ronny E. Jenkins, 'The Evolution of the Church's Prohibition Against Catholic Membership in Freemasonry,' *The Jurist*, 56 (1996), pg. 735.) then a Catholic would be bound to avoid membership.

The reason, then, I answer 'probably yes' is because I am unaware of any ideology or practice by the local Lodges that challenges or subverts the doctrine and interests of the Catholic Church. In the previous paragraph, I have cited the article which best presents the current state of the question. The 1974 newspaper clipping that you enclosed with your letter probably refers to a letter written by Cardinal Seper, then in charge of the same doctrinal congregation mentioned above, which was addressed to certain bishops. In this letter one can see the movement at that time from a blanket prohibition to the application of a case-by-case judgment whether a group did in fact conspire against the Church. The history of the development of the Church's current law suggests that this case-by-case approach is what canon 1374 on forbidden associations intends.

Please forgive this lengthy reply, but a shorter one would not do justice to those inquiries who are aware that the matter is still controversial. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to learn more about it myself, and I close by asking God's blessing on your well-known endeavors to relieve human suffering and assist the needy.

Rev. Thomas C. Anslow, C.M., J.C.L., Judicial Vicar (Courtesy of the Masonic Information Center)

Erika's Story

An Older American's View Toward Recovery

By W.: Lewis J. Perna for Erika Gunder

Erika is a 90 year old survivor of one of the most horrific periods of our time. This story is being told for the benefit of all Americans reeling from our recent tragedy which claimed many

lives. Overwhelming feelings of depression, grief and fear, grip this country today. This is something very new for many Americans. Erika was equally affected and wanted to help. That is when it was decided that she would write a short synopsis of her life, and how she has overcome the horrors of war and terrorism.

Erika was born in 1911, in an area that was parceled to Poland after the First World War. The family moved to what became part of Germany where she lived until 1934. Erika recalls vividly the insidious nature of Hitler and the Nazi regime, which included people taken from homes in the middle of the night. Racism and bigotry flourished during that time. Although she never was taken to a concentration camp, many of her paternal relatives died in those camps. The fear of discovery and arrest was a daily experience.

During this same time period, Erika was given a certificate to leave the country, but ultimately gave it up to another, "to save a life", and decided to marry in order to escape Germany. This is a decision she regrets, as this was not a marriage of love, but of necessity, "these were desperate times." The marriage ended a short time after she and her ex-husband moved to Israel. By that time, she was a mother, divorced, living in a place where divorce was seriously frowned upon.

Living in Israel at that time was rather difficult as it was unde-

veloped. The weather was hot and arid. She took a job as an upholsterer, working long hours. "We had to work, there was nothing..I needed to have money.." World War II had begun and the African Campaign was underway. Israel was bombed on two occasions and people were killed. Erika left Israel with her daughter in 1953 and moved to NYC.

Erika can sight many other violent life changing events, but is here today to share some suggestions on how she managed to go on. She agrees with today's suggestions, that life has to go on. "What else were we to do?" She learned how to protect and defend herself. In other words, she empowered herself so that the overwhelming fear and grief would not impair her ability to care for herself or her daughter. Erika's advice to the younger people is to become educated, "learn all you can". In addition, she recommends physical fitness, which will give children the confidence they will need to endure the trial and tribulations that are before them. This can be accomplished in a variety of sports activities, where children will benefit from learning how to get along with others.

It is said that wisdom is a great teacher. Perhaps, it is time to listen to the elders in our lives, at a time when their history can help us.

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Damascus Temple No. 2 Shrine News

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FROM THE POTENTATE



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The horrific events over the past several weeks have changed all of our lives forever. I look at what I thought were problems in regard to some of the current issues in our Fraternity, and I now realize how inconsequential they are. It has given me a new perspective. I am greatly saddened by these events, and at the same time, it has given me a new sense of pride. Not only in the fact that I am an American citizen, but that I am also a member of this glorious Fraternity. The day after the World Trade Center was hit our Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York announced that we were starting a fund for the emergency personnel's families and the seed money was one million dollars. The Shrine of North America then announced that they were opening our wonderful hospitals free of charge to all affected by this act of terrorism. This, Nobles, is what we are all about.

We have to move on

We have been encouraged to move forward in our daily lives with all the plans we had before the attacks and we at Damascus

are doing just that. We have held, and will continue to hold, all the events we previously had scheduled. As we approach the holiday season, I am already starting to see Christmas Party dates. As I have said throughout the year, watch the "Damascus News" for all events.

The addition

The addition is proceeding as planned and by the time you read this we will have broken ground, or will be very close to doing it. At the last Divan meeting, a letter was presented that was an inquiry from outside Masonic Bodies interested in the possibility of renting space from Damascus once the addition is complete. To date there are 6 groups that need a home and have contacted us.

At the next Divan meeting, we will go over the requests and weigh the positives, as well as the negatives, of renting space and come up with answers that will be in the best interest for the Nobility. Most of these groups have contacted us because the addition offers them ample storage space as well as the meeting area.

Fall Class

We have 10 petitions in hand for the December 5th Class and would like to triple this number. We have a very good chance of having an increase this year if we can bring in more. Please spread the word and try to encourage someone to join in the fun.

Until we meet again, God bless. □

Director's Staff

By Roy Merritt

This month's meeting was held at The Depot Restaurant in Shortsville. There were only 15 in attendance as we had competition from the Degree Team conferring a 3rd Degree in Ontario and many of our members were there. Our social hour was at 6:00 p.m., and we enjoyed the camaraderie for an hour.

We had a delicious dinner of Chicken, Salmon or Steak, with all the trimmings, including dessert.

President Ron Edwards called the meeting to order and greeted everyone. He ordered hats with the Shrine logo on them for a fundraiser. They haven't arrived yet, but should be in shortly. See any member to purchase one.

Divan Representative, Ken Buckland, was called upon. He greeted us and spoke about the next Shrine meeting, Buffalo Bills Football Bus Trip, and Octoberfest. The Octoberfest has limited seating, so get your reservations in early. Past Potentates and Divan members were introduced.

Illustrious Sir Dayne Tharrett was introduced and he immediately introduced Lady Kathi. He says buying diamonds is getting expensive. He has enjoyed being our Potentate this year and is still concerned about our membership. While Dayne was layed up and recovering from his stroke, he received many cards and calls, and he thanked everyone for their concern and prayers. He is doing much better and is returning to work in another week.

The next meeting is at the Garlock House in Palmyra on October 24th. See you there. □

The Newbees Club

By Vernon Goodrich

Who belongs? All new Damascus members in 1999, 2000 and 2001.

Purpose?

1. To develop a camaraderie among all the new members.
2. To explain the Damascus System-Divan, Board, Committees, Representatives and Aides.
3. To discuss the protocol of the Shrine.
4. To talk about the Circus.
5. To explain the backbone of the Shrine-the Clubs and Units.
6. To allow each Club or Unit time to make a pitch.
7. To discuss-picnics, parades, Imperial Convention and NYOSA.

8. To talk about "our kids" and the hospitals.

9. To increase knowledge and, most of all, membership.

10. To give you a reason for coming to meetings.

11. To give you a reason to say, "I am proud to be a Mason and a Shriner." □

Shrine Lunch Club

By Vance Collom, President

The Lunch Club is looking for new members and all Shriners, Masons and guests, are invited to attend. Lunch is served each Monday at 12 noon, social hour at 11:00 a.m., and the ladies are invited to join us every 3rd Monday. The price is right and there are no yearly dues.

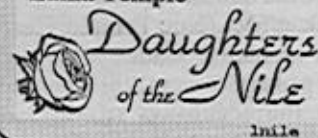
Historian

The next Ladies Day will be November 19th. The guest speaker will be Ruth R. Napersteck, who is the Historian for the Rochester area. Ruth will have a slide presentation of the early history of the Genesee River Valley. She will also bring a few copies of several historical books (at a greatly reduced cost) which make great Christmas presents. The books which will be available are a pictorial history of the Rochester area, a book about the Erie Canal and "Running Crazy", a book about the Genesee River.

Everyone come and enjoy some good food and fellowship.

See you at the Lunch Club! □

Zama Temple



By Jean R. Friedrich, PO

The Fall Luncheon and Fashion Show, in combination with the Finger Lakes Nile Club, was a splendid affair. Models were our own members showing the latest fashions with professional flair. We thank Mary Ann's of

Manchester, for providing the beautiful outfits and spritely commentary.

Successful event

Thanks to all of you who worked so hard and spent so much time making our Next-to-New Sale a success. It was a joy to see so many of you turn out for this annual event. You were most generous not only with your willing hands, but also with the goods you donated. All told, Zama Temple ladies really know how to put on a sale!

Attention all card players!

Come and enjoy a game with our two groups: Cardarama meets the 4th Tuesday each month from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at various clubs. Lunch is included, of course! Bridge, Euchre, and Crazy Rummy are played, or any other game if you can make up a table. How about dominoes? Substitutes are always needed. Call Mary Fox at 385-1576, if you'd like to participate.

Partners Bridge meets the 3rd Friday most months at 7:30 p.m. at the Damascus Center. Again, substitutes are always welcome! Please call Shirley VanDenBergh at 342-2951. Come join us and bring a friend.

Official Visit

We are anticipating, with pleasure, the Official Visit of Her Supreme Majesty, Evelyn Petric, on Tuesday, October 30th, to our Temple at Fairport Lodge. The Ceremonial begins at 3:00 p.m., with a Banquet following at 6:00 p.m. at the Green Lantern Inn in Fairport. Your escorts are invited to attend the Banquet.

Please remember to send your dinner reservation and check for \$18.00 each, payable to Zama Temple No. 14, to: Effie Simpson, 19 Scott Lane, Rochester, NY 14624-3919. Call her with any questions at 426-1501. Be sure to come to this festive event and welcome our new members. □

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Donald C. Bell, Scribe

By Don Brugger

The October meeting began with dinner at Davinci's. The meeting was presided over by Sr. DGTC, John Zabel, PGTC.



Paul Woodley, GTC

The Altar was ordered draped in honor of Paul Woodley, GTC,

who joined the Great Architect on October 5, 2001. We are thankful for his fellowship.

Membership

The Officer line was discussed and the Nominating Committee was charged with the task of selecting Brothers to fill the vacancy created. Temporarily the leadership will partially fall on the past Grand Tall Cedars until the positions are filled. The subject of membership was discussed at length and the Committee on Membership reinvigorated. We must get new members if we expect to survive.

If any of you would like to be on the Calling Committee, please let me know. You would not have to call more than 6 Brothers.

Save the date

The plans for our Holiday Party were also discussed. The date is Friday, December 21st, place to be arranged. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 28th. See you there. □

Cedarettes

By Jean Brugger

Our heartfelt sympathy to Joy Woodley, whose husband passed away on October 5th, and Ann Marie Walczak who lost her sis-

ter in October. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Our November meeting will be at the home of Ramona Dimino on the 14th. At that time we will be making kits to be distributed to the women in need.

On December 12th we will gather at The Harbor House Cafe in Fairport for our Annual Holiday Party. The dinner choices are: Rack of Lamb, \$20.25; Veal French, \$19.00; and Broiled Haddock, \$15.25. Bring a \$10.00 gift to exchange. You will be contacted by our call girls about your dinner choices. In the meantime, have a Happy Thanksgiving. □



Others preferred warmer environs at the Cedars Annual Steak Roast: Barb, Ramona, Jean, Ted and Louie.



Money man, & nose counter Paul Kober, doin' his bit.



Chief Chef, Angelo DiCataldo, doin' his duty out in the cold.



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had to leave one switch off and walk to the other end of the room to turn the floor lamps on. What had happened was they had cut the wires that operate the three way switches and the two of them had spent two hours trying to get them to work correctly. They finally called in someone else and spent more time trying to correct the problem. After another two hours, they gave up, for some reason they could not get the wires connected properly.

After putting the wires back in working order, the switches worked fine. There was one happy lady! All in all, it took 3 men 8 hours each, a total of 24 hours, plus the 6 hours it took me. It should have only taken about 5 or 6 hours to begin with.

Confucius said

Do what you do best and leave the rest to others. Hidden wires can be very dangerous. Most good service people will not drill blind. You never know what is behind that wall. If the cable had been 240 or 480 volts, Curly, the drillmaster, might have lived through it, but with straight hair, what little bit he has. After a while, you learn to punch holes very carefully. □

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DDGM, (Batavia Chapter No. 267); Rt. Wthy. Timothy L. Bucknam, DGL, (Perry Chapter No. 497) and Rt. Wthy. Margaret Nugent, Grand Representative of North Carolina, (Batavia Chapter No. 267) were welcomed home on September 8th by their Chapters. The lovely evening was held in Perry's Chapter room in Perry. Guests were not only from the G/W and surrounding Districts, but also from District 6 of Ontario, Canada.

I know that I had a wonderful evening and I am sure that the others would agree. We thank the host Chapters for all they did to make the evening so wonderful. A special thank you to Rt. Wthy. Nancy and Rt. Wthy. John Specht for being the Matron and Patron for the evening.

Grand Chapter

At the Grand Chapter Sessions our new Grand Officers were installed. They are Rt. Wthy. Richard Sands, Assoc. Grand Sentinel, (Hesperus Chapter No. 823); Rt. Wthy. Katherine Akin, DDGM, (Arcade Chapter No. 337); and Rt. Wthy. Ronald Jaquish, DGL, (Arcade Chapter No. 337).

Rt. Wthy. Sharon Stokes, (Batavia Chapter No. 267) will continue as Grand Representative of South Carolina for the coming year.

Rt. Wthy. Tim and I wish them not only good health, but also a very successful year under the leadership of M. Wthy. Eva M. Idzi, Grand Matron and M. Wthy. Walter Ottens, Grand Patron.

Reception

The Reception for the 2002 Grand Officers will be held November 2nd at 8:00 p.m. at the Arcade Masonic Temple. Reservations can be made by calling me at 343-6285. It will be hosted by Hesperus Chapter No. 823 and Arcade Chapter No. 337.

Walk-a-Thon

The Annual Genesee/Wyoming Walk-a-Thon for youth was held on June 15th at the Perry Village Park. \$1,000 was raised and given to Kim Bisig. Kim has leukemia and the monies raised will help with medical bills.

Rt. Wthy. Tim and I thank everyone who walked and/or sponsored walkers. We had a small number of walkers, but many supporters and we are thankful that we did, for the money raised will help Kim's family to cope with their bills.

Study Club

Our next Study Club meeting will be November 10th at the Masonic Temple in Java Village. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and something good to eat. The meeting will be called to order at 9:00 a.m. Elections will be held for the 2002 Study Club Officers and other business will be transacted.

I hope that many of you will attend to hear the plans for the year and support our new District leaders.

Disaster Relief Fund

The events of September 11th have left us all in shock. Our District has answered the call of M.

Wthy. Linda A. Angiolillo, Grand Matron, to help with the Disaster Relief.

Project

On a cold and windy day, October 6th, our District had a Hot Dog Stand outside the Batavia Wal-Mart store. Even so, we were able to raise \$192. This is a good start and there will be more projects later.

I thank everyone who helped with this last minute project. A special thank you to Rt. Wthy. Margaret Nugent, Chairman, and Rt. Wthy. June Lee for their help and obtaining the workers.

Thank you

Once again I sign off as the reporter for the G/W District, OES. I have enjoyed sharing our District news with you for the past two years. My wish for the new leaders, Rt. Wthy. Kay and Rt. Wthy. Ron is that they have a most successful and enjoyable year in 2002. I will help them in anyway when needed. Thank you again and may the wings of an angel surround and protect you with God's guidance. □

NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

Order of the Eastern Star
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
7:30 p.m.

Wthy. MaryAnne Sovocool
Matron
Rt. Wthy. William Baxter
Patron

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

By Sister Alice Hassett

Our report on Sessions at Lake Placid, October 10-13, will be featured in next month's article. We had a feast at our October 2nd Pot Luck Supper, celebrating our 1st Birthday as Nolotka Chapter. Wthy. MaryAnne thanks all who sent her notes about their memories of Eastern Star. She read them at the October 2nd meeting. It was nice to hear from one Florida member, Rt. Wthy. Jean Webb, as well as some of the "locals". Then, our Worthy Matron went around the room, with each person contributing his own favorite memory, two of which involved the threat of riding a certain animal at their Initiations.

Although this article must be submitted before our October 16th Neighborhood Night, we are looking forward to seeing some of our friends, including some from out of our Monroe District, who have told us they plan to attend.

Dedicated Service Awards

At the Monroe District Banquet on Friday, October 19th, two of our members were presented with the coveted Dedicated Service Award. These Awards are presented to members who have contributed to the support of the Chapter over a long period of time. We honored Sisters Jane LaPree, our Chaplain, and Florence Smith, our Flag Bearer. Thank you, and deepest appreciation for your years of service. (Both honorees have consented to continue in these same roles next year.)

WTC, Pentagon and Pennsylvania disasters

On September 11th, we listened to and watched events, full of awe, disbelief, and sadness. In response to a plea from Grand Chapter, Nolotka Chapter sent

\$600.00 for the support of families impacted by the disaster.

We were told of one set of Eastern Star/Masonic parents who perished in the World Trade Center, leaving two small children, and hope that our modest contribution, along with many others, will help affected people as they make major adjustments in their lives.

Meetings

On November 6th, because of Election Day with a somewhat smaller turnout expected, we will have a report on Sessions, but have postponed the Draping of the Altar until the November 20th meeting.

Condolences

Although not current members, we extend our sympathy to Daisy Rycraft, in the recent loss of her husband, Nelson, in late September.

Our condolences to our dear Sister and friend, Wthy. Joy Woodley of Webster Chapter, whose husband, Paul, succumbed to cancer, during the first week of October.

Birthdays

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

Committee

I am the Chair for the Committee for November (889-4353), and Committee members are Rt. Wthy. Judy Lenzi, Rt. Wthy. John Lenzi, and Sister Susan Whalen. □

Webster Chapter No. 171

Order of the Eastern Star
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
7:30 p.m.

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Wthy. Linda Zahn,
Matron
381-4241

Wthy. Faythe Mattern Sec.
594-4449

30 Orchard Street
Webster, New York

High lights of October events

The Dedicated Service Award was presented to Sister Hilda Horeth at the District Banquet on October 19th. This was an honor well deserved.

November doings

November 2nd-Combined Reception for new Grand Officers at the Downtown Temple at 7:30 p.m.

November 5th-Card Party and Luncheon, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

November 6th-Draping of the Altar. This will be the only meeting this month.

November 16th-Reception for Rt. Wthy. Neil Laundry, Beahan Road Party House. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 8:00 p.m. Call the Secretary for dinner reservations.

Cares and concerns

The sympathy of the Chapter has been extended to Wthy. Joy Woodley on the death of her husband, Paul, and to Betty Allen on the death of her father.

Rt. Wthy. Valerie Johnson and Sister Betty Ellia are recovering from knee surgery.

Thought for the month

Always behave like a duck: keep calm and unruffled on the surface, but paddle like the devil underneath. (Author unknown) □

In Memoriam

September

Buholtz, Franklin

Franklin entered Eternal Rest on September 15th at 80 years old. He was a member of Northfield Lodge No. 426, Rochester Consistory, Damascus Shrine, Past President of both the Damascus Horse Patrol and the International Shrine Horse Patrol, and Past Director of the Rochester Order of the Jesters, Court No. 3. He is survived by his wife, Letitia, 2 children and 4 grandsons.

Hinds, William W.

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 lost a member with the passing of William on September 17th. He leaves his wife, Virginia, 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter.

Goodrich, Leroy A.

The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Leroy on September 20th. He was a member of Fairport Lodge No. 476 and is survived by his wife, Vera, 5 children, 14 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. His son, Tom, is a Past Master and current Junior Warden of Fairport Lodge.

Harris, Douglas E.

Douglas was 90 years old when he was called Home on September 21st. A member of Clio Lodge No. 779 and Rochester Consistory, he is survived by his wife, Dorothea.

Hansen, Bruce E.

October 2nd was the date Bruce met his Maker. He was a member of Seneca Lodge No. 797 and is survived by his 4 sons, and 5 grandchildren.

Woodley, Paul C.

Paul was embraced into the loving arms of the Lord on October 5th. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154, Eastern Star and the present Grand Tall Cedar of Rochester Forest No. 133, Tall Cedars. He leaves his wife, Joy, 3 children, 3 grandsons and 1 great-grandson.

Buckman, Raymond J.

Raymond was 80 years old when he passed away at his home in Florida. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 and is survived by 4 children, 2 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson.

Tabor, William D.

Damascus Shrine lost a member with the passing of William on October 9th. He is survived by many family members.

Vander Hoeven, Peter C.

Peter was a member of Northfield Lodge No. 426 and Rochester Consistory. He leaves his wife, Katherine, 2 daughters and 4 grandsons.

Ettenson, B.M. "Mike"

October 13th was the date that Mike entered Eternal Rest. He was a member of Damascus Shrine and leaves his son and 2 grandsons.

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

Proper, John S.

John was a member of Union Star Lodge No. 320 and died at his home in California on September 16th. □

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

Dec. 1	Commandery Orders, DTT (change)
Dec. 3	L.S.O.M.E., 3rd Floor, DDT, Rochester
2002	
Jan. 5	Road to the East - Part 2, Dansville
Feb. 2	Road to the East - Part 3, Dansville
Aug. 16-17	Grand Council, Rochester Marriott Thruway Henrietta, NY

Lodge Rentals Available

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

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

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John Rehback 338-7918

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

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

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

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West Star	4x
Fairport	10/15
Olive Branch	10/15

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The Deadline for : Dec. Mon., Nov. 12, 2001

Auditorium CENTER

Wed., Nov. 14 - Sun., Dec. 9
Phantom of the Opera
Wed. - 7:30 p.m.
Thur., Nov. 15 - 1:00, 8:00 p.m.
Thurs. - 7:30 p.m.
Fris. - 8:00 p.m.
Sats. - 2:00, 8:00 p.m.
Suns. - 2:00, 7:30 p.m.
No Mon. Performances
Tues. - 7:30 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 21 2:00, 7:30 p.m.

Classified Services

Steve's Upholstery & Chair Caning
Steve Maynard, 482-5847.

Plant One Florist
Liz Kain, 292-5380.

Items

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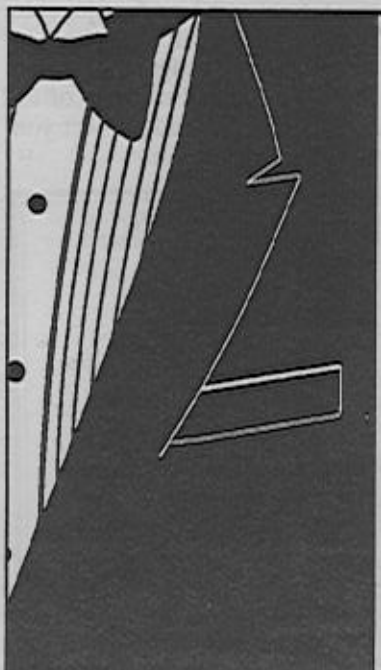
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Calendar November 2001

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