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Have-a-Heart in October?

By R. W. Donald Darrohn
Now is the time to mark the calendar for next February's effort for the Ronald McDonald House. We are seeking commitments from three malls again this year, they are: Marketplace, Eastview and Greece Ridge. We expect that the booths will be set up Saturday, February 2nd, and require staffing each day through

Thursday, February 14th. Participation is not limited to our Brethren, quite the contrary we would encourage this to be a family event.

Some Lodges have already committed to one or two days at a mall for next February's Have-a-Heart. Lodges should make their decision early to get the date they want. Scheduling may be accomplished by contacting me at 225-1782 or e-mail MicknDon@Juno.com.

"The Star Spangled Banner"



O say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
And the Rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines on the stream,
'Tis the star-spangled banner - O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore,
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a Country should leave us no more?
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their lov'd homes and the war's desolation!
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the power that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!
Then conquer we must when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto - "In God is our trust",
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

(Francis Scott Key)



Grand Lodge Helping Out

By Ron Bower, Chairman, Grand Lodge Publications Committee
I have been authorized by M. W. Gary A. Henningsen, Grand Secretary, to communicate the following:

"In view of the attack today, there is an urgent need for blood nationwide. We are calling on all Masons, their families, friends, neighbors and business associates to urge blood contributions and donations to assist in this crisis.

Our Grand Lodge has been spared and we are attempting to assist in a meaningful way to help restore life to normal as we have known it. We pray for the Great Architect that we overcome this national tragedy."

Deputy Grand Master Carl J. Fitje has asked all New York Masons do what they can to help in this effort to encourage blood donations.

Please spread the word. Your help is urgently needed.

M. W. Carl J. Smith, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, announced today that the Grand Lodge, in conjunction with the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home, have contributed \$1,000,000.00 to a fund to be used exclusively to aid and assist the families of the members of the New York City Police Department, New York City, EMS personnel and employees of the Port Authority of the State of New York and New Jersey, who lost their lives in the attack upon the New York World Trade Center. Grand Master Smith urges all Masons in the State of New York, as well as Masons throughout the United States, to add to this fund by their personal contributions. The contributions should be sent to: Grand Lodge World Trade Center Fund, c/o The Grand Lodge of the State of NY, F. & A.M., 71 West 23rd St., New York, NY 10010-4149.

The Monroe District is Looking for a Few Good Men!

By R. W. Donald Darrohn
Time is running out-you need to act immediately!

The Purple Club of the Monroe District has begun the search for the Grand Lodge Officer Team to serve the next term beginning May, 2002.

Masters and Secretaries of all Monroe Lodges have received application packages for the Grand Lodge Officer positions that need to be filled. The packages include job descriptions for District Deputy and Staff Officer, along with the qualification requirements. Applications must be submitted to the Selection Team by October 1st. Lodge Secretaries can provide copies of all the forms and information.

The Selection Team must conclude their process by early November for submission to Grand Lodge.

Questions should be addressed to me at 225-1782.

Elder Wear

By W. Lewis J. Perna

This is a new Monroe District Program, stimulated by the hard work of a non-Mason by the name of Lynn Prytula, whose mother was in a nursing home until her death last December. Ms. Prytula discovered that many of the residents were without sufficient clothing due to lack of resources and the harsh, deteriorating nature of the laundry methods utilized in nursing homes. Before her mother's death, Ms. Prytula began a clothing drive that proved to be quite successful. She approached the Masonic community last Spring in an effort to broaden this effort.

This year I have been charged with the responsibility of chairing this program. I am calling on all Masons for their assistance in broadening the response to a very important, identified community wide problem. The clothing drive will begin early November and run through January, 2002, approximately 12 weeks. I am requesting help in several different areas. Primarily, the success of the program involves securing

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The Service Bureau Needs Your Help

Brethren, the income which we will be receiving from United Way is down by about 30%. This is a drastic change and we need your financial support. When you receive the Appeal Letter, please be generous. Surely you can give \$50.00 or more. That is less than \$1.00 per week. For those who normally give more, please consider an increase from your last generous contribution. While we have endowments to help take care of Scholarships and Grants, we still need to support the normal operations of the Service Bureau, including purchasing equipment for our Loan Closet. I am including a summary of what your Service Bureau does.

"Think young. Aging is for wine."

What Our Service Bureau Does

- Scholarships: Provides approximately \$16,000 in Scholarships every year to local high school seniors and college students.
- Special Grants: Provides approximately \$16,000 each year to support community programs for the needy, such as meals, aid to senior programs, hospice, clothing, etc.
- Loan Closet: Loan, free of charge, home care equipment to any person in need, such as wheelchairs, crutches, canes, and walkers. We have over a thousand items in stock including over 175 wheelchairs. We handle over 8,000 loan requests each year.

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DeMolay Legion of Honor

By Gary Burke
At the June session of DeMolay International, two local Masons were nominated to receive the DeMolay Legion of Honor. Vernon Goodrich will receive the Honorary Legion of Honor and Charles Hancock the Legion of Honor. The Public Investiture Ceremony will be held on Saturday, October 27th at 7:00 p.m. in Doric Hall at the Downtown Temple, 875 Main Street East. A Reception will follow the Ceremony. Please join us in celebrating with these two highly deserving individuals as they are invested with this honor.

The DeMolay Legion of Honor is the highest honor conferred by DeMolay International. It's conferred on a Senior DeMolay for outstanding leadership in some field of endeavor or for success in Fraternal life, including adult service to DeMolay. The

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Save the Date!

Service Bureau's Annual Interfaith Service & Breakfast

October 28th

Logan's Party House
Scottsville Road

Service 9:00 a.m.
Breakfast 10:00 a.m.

Distinguished Community
Service Award recipient
Daniel M. Meyers,
Pres. Al Sigl Center

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Special Functions:

We sponsor the following Annual District-wide Programs: Widows Luncheon Interfaith Service and Breakfast An award to a non-Masonic individual for Distinguished Community Service

Camp DeMolay:

We have available for use an 18 acre Camp with Lake Ontario frontage, and several buildings. The main building (Anderson Lodge) has a 1500 sq. ft. meeting hall and a good sized, fully equipped kitchen. The other buildings include mens and ladies restrooms with showers, three sleeping cabins (each sleep ten), a utility building and a recreation building. Primary focus is on the youth.

Masonic Times:

We publish a monthly (10 months per year) tabloid size newspaper of approximately 24 pages. We do our own type setting, pictures and layout.

Community Service:

We provide visitations and gifts to VA hospitals Entertainment at nursing homes Support drives for the Ronald McDonald Home Away from Home Program Personnel for other charitable organizations Personnel for blood drive programs, both organizers and donors Personnel as Hospice Volunteers Support youth camp programs and other youth programs Support Otetiana Council's Eagle Scout Program

Officers Directory:

We publish a District-wide Masonic Directory of all mens and ladies organizations and their top officers We maintain an extensive library of books and articles related to or written by Masons. We also have video equipment and tapes and Masonic artifacts

Library:

We also provide brochures on what Masonry is. We manage the Downtown Masonic Temple in Rochester, New York

Management:

We provide space and support for educational programs at our facilities.

Miscellaneous:

We provide additional support for many organizations such as composing and printing programs, printing mailing labels, letters, and other material.

The Directors:

The Board of Directors and Representatives from all Masonic Organizations meet monthly, except July and August, to review and plan all operations.

United Way:

United Way's Donor Choice number is 1060.

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MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin Homerama 2001 On behalf of myself and the Bureau I again extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Angelo DiCataldo for joining my wife, Sylvia, and me at the Homerama in July. He was a credit to Masonry and the Bureau and we were pleased to have his assistance. Distinguished Community Service Award I am pleased to have nominated Daniel Meyers, President of the Al Sigl Center, for the 2001 Distinguished Community Service Award this year.

No events planned

Because the Al Sigl Center Walkabout is scheduled for October 28th, the same day as the Interfaith Service and Breakfast, we will not be taking part this year. No other events are planned at the present time.

Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger 473-4351 (O) 458-6125 (H)

In light of recent national developments, I know that we are all taken aback. The terrorist acts were heinous and incomprehensible, but we should not let ourselves be overwhelmed by these occurrences, nor should we let these occurrences, even though unprecedented, dim that spirit of Brotherly Love for which we are noted. Let us strive to live our Masonic philosophy.

Confusion in the Craft

There seems to be some confusion about appendant titles. The policy is: If the Brother is not writing in an official capacity (Officer of the Lodge or Chairman/Member of a District or Grand Lodge Committee), we do not use a Masonic title. Why, you may ask. Which Masonic title should we use, some Brothers have many. For the sake of consistency, under these conditions, we omit any title. There is no higher title than that of Brother, but that is understood and would be redundant.

No shows

It has become painfully evident that some Lodges are not utilizing the Masonic Times for its intended purpose; to dispense Masonic news. We have not heard from some Lodges for 9 issues. We proclaim Brotherly Love and affection, but do we practice it. There must be at least one Brother, in those Lodges not reporting, who could take a few moments to scribble down what is happening in the Lodge and send it in. At least one of the officers should take the initiative to let those unable to get to the meetings know what is going on. F.R.O.G.

This year I am again supporting the Lakeside Foundation's "Final Round of Golf". We will attempt to make this a District Affair for the last time. I have the applications for this worthy cause. More info. in the FROG ad on this page. Please Help!

Poetry Niche

Contributions welcome

The Battle of the Flag

A protest raged on a courthouse lawn. Round a makeshift stage they charged on, Fifteen hundred or more they say. Had come to burn a Flag that day. A boy held up the folded Flag. Cursed it, and called it a dirty rag. That the whole damn world could see it fly.

An Old Man pushed through the angry crowd, With a rusty shotgun shouldered proud. His uniform jacket was old and tight, He had polished each button, shiny and bright. He crossed that stage with a soldier's grace, Until he and the boy stood face to face.

"Freedom of speech", the old man said,

"Is worth dying for, good men are dead, So you can stand on this court house lawn, And talk us down from dusk to dawn, But before any Flag gets burned today, This old man is going to have his say!!

My father died on a foreign shore, In a war they said would end all war. But Tommy and I wasn't even full grown. Continued on page 10

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F.R.O.G (Final Round of Golf) District Golf Tournament (Final Try) for the benefit of the Lakeside Foundation Columbus Day October 8, 2001 Twin Hills Golf Course Spencerport \$5 registration fee What you get Unlimited golf *Half a cart Lunch at the turn What you'll need A minimum of \$30 in sponsorships For more information, call Don Brugger 473-4351, 458-6125 *(You'll need a partner here.)

**Grand Lodge
Veterans Service
Committee**



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

The more I get involved with veterans, the more I find that we as Masons are often very modest in what has happened in our lifetime. In a conversation with R.W. Warren E. Brown and R.W. Moses Hyman, two of our Executive Committee members, the subject was mentioned about a Mason who is a Grand VA Representative at the Albany VA Medical Center. It turns out that this Mason had a very interesting life. The Mason who was mentioned was R.W. Howard J. Lasker.



A brief history

R.W. Howard J. Lasker was born in 1919 in Brooklyn. He graduated Cum Laude from Brooklyn College in 1940. Leaving college, he went to work for the State.

In 1941, he entered the military where he served with the 14th Air Force Flying Tigers as the Commanding Officer of a Fighter Control Squadron responsible for the defense of North China. He was decorated by General Claire Chennault and the Nationalist Chinese Government for outstanding performance of duty.



Howard J. Lasker in 1941.

Four Chaplain Award

R.W. Howard J. Lasker received the Four Chaplain Award for many years of service to the community. For those of you who do not recall, it was about the four Chaplains who went down with their troop ship, the SS Dorchester, to their deaths, arm in arm, united in prayer. They gave up their life jackets so that four others could survive.

The four Chaplains were: Rev. George L. Fox, Methodist; Rabbi Dr. Alexander D. Goode; Rev.

Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed; and Father John P. Washington, Catholic. This Award was started in 1966 and has continued until this day. R.W. Lasker received his Award in 1997. I have no other names after that. Up until 1996 there were 35 others who received this Award. R.W. Howard was nominated for this Award by the Albany Post No. 105, Jewish War Veterans of the United States.

Veterans First Day Stamp Issues

R.W. Howard was also selected for the First Day of Issues Stamp with his picture honoring all veterans. Imagine being selected from millions of military people for this honor. What an honor! His stamp reads as follows: "Commanding Officer of the 317th Fighter Control Squadron, Sian, China. Howard J. Lasker was awarded the Bronze Star by Gen. Claire Chennault and the Chinese Medal of Honor by the Governor of Shenel Province. His group provided protection for US planes returning from bombing Japanese air fields and military installations in Northern China."

Community

R.W. Howard has been an active member of the Boy Scouts for 65 years, served as a dedicated Scout leader for 55 years, as a Scout Master, Council Executive Board member, Chairman for Jewish Committee on Scouting, Chairman for Scouting Advancement, member National Committee and many more community functions too numerous to mention. His favorite expression is, "Helping boys develop into fine young men," is most rewarding. He never said "no" to helping a young boy.

Masonic activities

R.W. Howard is very active with the Masons. He has served as Master of his Lodge, Past Grand Steward, presently VA Grand Lodge Representative to the VAVS Sam Stratton VA Medical Center, Past Thrice Potent Master in the Valley of Albany, member of Cyprus Temple Shrine, recipient of The Legion of Honor from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains, very special award from the NY State Assembly as the Outstanding Citizen of the State of New York.

Retirement activities

Since his retirement in 1984 from his York Specialty Shop he operated for 35 years, and has been a very dedicated volunteer at the VA Medical Center in Albany. He has accumulated more than 4,000 years of volunteer services. Like all of the other veteran volunteers at all of the 15 New York Medical Centers, our Masonic Veteran Service Committee is committed to "We must never forget our veterans." Even with his numbers in years, 82 of them, and all of his various operations and illnesses, he still goes to the VA and volunteers.

Family life

R.W. Howard, with his beautiful wife, Shirley, have two children: Susan, married to Gene Krackehl, and Alan, married to Susan; three grandchildren, Jonathan Krackehl, Adam and Eric Lasker.

Anyone who needs someone to emulate a hero, R.W. Howard J. Lasker is the one. The Masonic Veterans Committee salutes you. You are a fine shining star for all to follow. Thanks for all you have done. □

Grand Master Institutes Post No. 32, MWV in Genesee/Wyoming



Officers Installed

During the First Annual Picnic/Meeting with our lovely ladies at Arcade Village Park, members of Niagara Frontier Post No. 10 installed our Officers. They are:

- Commander **Raymond G. Barber**
- 1st Lt. Commander **Arthur E. Drew**
- 2nd Lt. Commander **Jerrold A. Brade**
- 3rd Lt. Commander **Michael E. Driver**
- Finance Officer **Sheldon J. Moden**
- Adjutant **Dennis M. Turton, Sr.**
- Trustees-one year **John F. Morgan**
- 2 years **Paul L. Stickley**
- 3 years **Adrian J. Miller, PC**

The Commander appointed the following:

- Chaplain **William R. Geitner**
- Captain of the Guard **Mark L. Hopkins**
- Quartermaster **Bernard G. Whaley**
- Service Officer **Kenneth E. Kohlhagen**
- Musician **John R. Barnard**

The event was very well attended and everyone had a great time. Thank you to Alfred Lyth, John Borycki, and Kenneth Fessel of Post No. 10 for a very fine job of installing our officers. □

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.



Activities

The ward visits will be as follows:

Sunday, October 7th - Ward 8A visit.

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.

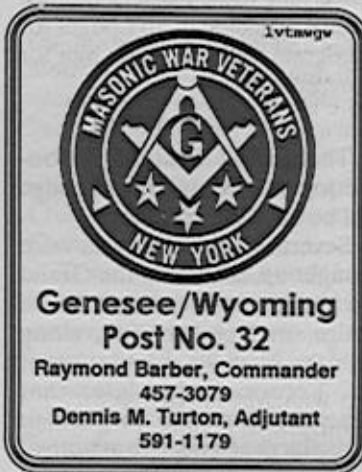
Veterans Day

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. □

The Invisible Lodge

In 1953 Brewerton H. Clarke, known better under his stage name, Sir Felix Korim, founded the Invisible Lodge. Its purpose was to form "An Honorary Association of Masonic Magicians at Work, Under the Jurisdiction of the Known and Unknown Worlds".

In actuality, the Invisible Lodge is not a Lodge in the strictest sense. It is an international organization for professional, social and fraternal interaction of Freemasons who have as their vocation or avocation, the art of magic. Though referred to as a Lodge, it does not meet on a regular basis in the United States. It holds its meetings on a cooperative basis at major Magic Conventions. For the most part, that means a meeting this year could happen in Washington, D.C., Pasadena, CA, or Corpus Christi, TX. For that matter, it could be all three, as different members of the group hold separate meetings in different parts of the country. For many years meetings of the Lodge were held only at midnight. The time of day now varies, since convention schedules become tighter and tighter. (Source: "The Invisible Lodge" by John K. Miller, Masonic Service Association.) □



By Dennis M. Turton, Sr.
New Post

As many of you in the Genesee/Wyoming District are aware, Genesee/Wyoming Post No. 32 is the newest Post to receive its Charter from the Masonic War Veterans of the State of New York. This took place at Acacia Village at the Masonic Home in Utica on June 23, 2001, with Commander General James J. Jahns presiding and M.W. Carl J. Smith, Grand Master, making the presentation.

Membership

We are very fortunate to have 21 Charter members who are active in the Craft and want to show the community what Freemasonry is through the efforts brought about by their military experience. Anyone can become a member provided they meet the eligibility set forth by the New York Grand Lodge Book of Constitutions, Chapter 11-B. Contact the Commander or Adjutant for an application form.

Things to Ponder

"There is no such thing as charitable 'giving', there is merely charitable management. When we place something in the offering plate, or contribute to charity, we give nothing. We merely get our hands off of some of what has always belonged to God, and always will belong to God. The appeal is not 'give more' but 'keep less.'" *Harry Wendt*

"No one on earth has ever made a grain of wheat. Only God can do that. What you pay for is the farmer for planting, the trucker for carrying, the miller for grinding, and the baker for baking. The bread itself is a gift from God."

Michael Brennan

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District Deputy Grand Master

Genesee/Wyoming



R.W. Raymond G. Barber
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Well, it's time to write something again and I have drawn a writer's blank! I suppose I could write something about what's wrong with our Lodges today, but I will leave that up to the people with the good pens.

Anyway, it's time to stop talking about it and writing great long articles about what is wrong. What's wrong is it's time to get off our butts and start doing something about the problems. There are a lot of great programs out there to help, but instead of using them we would rather sit home and complain and let "Joe" do it. How often have you heard, "we tried that and it didn't work"? So, let's sit home and maybe someone will knock on the door and ask to join the Lodge and maybe someone will leave us some money so we can fix up the Lodge building. Of course, "Joe" can do the work, he has the time, and besides, I did my share in the past and it's time for someone else to do it.

If Masonry is to survive, we must stop being so complacent.

War Vets

The Masonic War Vets Post No. 32 held their first Annual Picnic at Arcade Village Park, with about 30 attending. Post No. 10 had 5 members present.

The next meeting will be October 30th at Attica Lodge. Come out and sign up. You have to be a Mason and have an honorable discharge.

God bless you and yours. ☐

Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities



W. Dennis Parmerter,
President 786-3544
R.W. Dennis Turton, Sr.,
Secretary 591-1179

By R.W. Dennis M. Turton, Sr.
Meeting highlights

At the last meeting of the Council, held at West Star Lodge in Varysburg, it was decided that the Council purchase a 4x8 ft. portable sign to be used by the District to advertise on-going events and functions. This sign will be readily available to all Lodges in the District, as well as Concordant Bodies. Contact the President or me for details.

Masters and Wardens

There was a lot of discussion at this meeting and prior ones about the situation of the Masters and

Wardens Association. It was finally decided that this Body would be officially and permanently disbanded. All financial assets will be turned over to the Council as per the By-Laws.

Apron

It was brought to the attention of the Council that the Assistant Grand Lecturer's Apron that is currently being used is in very bad shape. It was decided that the Council would purchase a new AGL Apron and case.

Tape available

R.W. Merle Robinson, Drug and Alcohol Awareness Chairman, stated that he is in possession of a video from the State Chairman concerning these matters and will make it available to all Lodges for a program night. Contact him for more information.



Important dates

The Grand Lecturer's Convention at Constellation Lodge will be on October 19th.

Several important dates were brought up, including the Grand Master's Town Meeting at Attica Lodge on October 20th, along with the birthday celebration of Mt. Vernon Lodge later that same day. It would be good to have a large attendance at both of these important events.

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for January, 2002. The time and place will be determined by the President. ☐

HESPERUS
Lodge No. 837
1st and 3rd Thursday

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Good work!

The Crossroads House of Batavia received a check for \$2500 from Hesperus Lodge No. 837 representing the profits from the First Annual Van Hulbert Golf Tournament. The verbal feedback has been very positive. We plan to have next year's Tournament on August 15, 2002. Those who took part this year will receive a timely notice.

Sickness

John Bater has undergone cataract surgery and is doing just fine. Please take a minute to call or stop in and talk with him. He loves to have visitors. Don Hargrave underwent surgery on his foot and is recovering at home. Don Read has returned to work after surgery on his shoulder.

Traveling

Jessica Flaherty spent three weeks at Camp Turk this Summer. She will give us a report at the November 1st meeting.

Jim MacConnell, Ralph Marsocci, Don Read, and Brian Read are in England for three weeks to attend the Ryder Cup and do some sightseeing. They plan to visit the Grand Lodge of England during their vacation.

Coming events


We will confer the 1st Degree on October 4th. Dinner by the OES will be at 6:30 p.m. Ron Morris will be in the East.

The Symbolic Lodge Awards will be presented on October

13th. Joe Chimino will receive the Award. Please plan to attend.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will take place at Perry Lodge on October 19th. ☐

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



W. Paul E.
McCullough
Master
762-8539

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

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

In the swing

Well, I'll start off with the usual. It was good getting back into the swing of things again, seeing the Brethren and getting down to business. For my first meeting as Master, it was nice having all the chairs filled and some Brothers on the sidelines.

Visit

Adrian Miller, AGL, made a visit on the first meeting. I assume that everything was fine since he congratulated me on a job well done. I have to hand it to my officers. The work they did on opening the meeting was great. I couldn't have asked for better.

William Morgan

By the time the *Masonic Times* comes out our 2nd meeting will be behind us. At this meeting we had the honor of Professor Kathleen Kutolowski's program and talk on William Morgan. Since I am writing this before it happened, I hope to have the Lodge room filled with Masons, historians, family and friends. I'm sure it will be a wonderful time for all.


German Table Lodge

We will be having another German Table Lodge on October 17th. The last one we had was a great time for all that attended and I hope to have more this time. For more information please call me or visit - <http://www.iinc.com/~vangelis/german..htm>.

DDGM

Along with the German Table Lodge, we are hosting the DDGM that night. The way I see it, what better way to impress him and get a great report to Grand Lodge on our doings. Until next time... ☐

Mount Vernon
Lodge No. 263



W.
Bernard
Whaley
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2nd & 4th
Mondays

W. Jim Allan, Sec.
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Main Street
Java Village, NY

By James Allan, Secretary
Greetings Brothers!

On June 16th we had a Joint Installation of new Officers with Arcade Lodge No. 419. We appreciate the excellent work that the Purple Apron Club did in installing everyone. Here is a list of your new officers:

Master W. Bernard Whaley
Sr. Warden Kay Dilker
Jr. Warden W. Mark Hopkins
Treasurer

R.W.: Raymond Barber
Secretary W. Jim Allan
Chaplain W. Raymond Driver
Chaplain Emeritus

W. Earl Barber
Sr. Deacon Craig Foster
Jr. Deacon Arthur Brach
SMC Todd Ward
JMC W. Otis Maynard
Stewards W. Sherrel Holmes

W. Craig Landphair
Marshal W. Michael Driver
Tiler Hollis Thomlinson
Historian

R.W.: Raymond Barber

Heartwarming encounter

On July 14th Arcade Lodge and our Lodge hosted a golf tournament with the profits to be donated to the Make-a-Wish Foundation for Children. A great time was had by all, and we were lucky enough to actually meet up with a youngster who had benefited from this organization. It was a heartwarming encounter.

Other events

On August 5th the Masons had their Annual Go-to-Church Sunday gathering in Attica. A great breakfast was served in the Lodge before services and Grand Master, M. W. Carl Smith, was in attendance.

On September 24th we conferred a 2nd Degree for one Brother of Mt. Vernon and three from neighboring Lodges. Welcome to our new Brothers!

Condolences

On a more somber note, we have lost three Brothers this year: Cecil Moore, Bernard Simmons and Lyle Thompson.

Rededication

Don't forget that Mt. Vernon will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary at the Bryncliff Restaurant and Resort on October 20th. The Rededication will begin at 4:00 p.m., with a social hour complete with cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and complimentary beverages beginning at 5:00 p.m. A full dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. with your choice of Beef or Chicken. A professional DJ will be providing music for your listening and dancing pleasure. Tickets are only \$10.00 each. ☐

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



1st & 3rd
Wed.

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Master
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September opened well with good attendance at the first communication. September 19th will be spent visiting with Attica Lodge, whose generous invitation to learn about the Morgan Affair along with them was too good to pass up.

October promises to be exciting. R.W.: Raymond Barber, DDGM, will make his Official Visit on the 3rd and AGL, Adrian Miller's Official Visit is on the 17th.

Don't forget the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, hosted by W. Garry Hutcherson on the 13th at 6:00 p.m. Please contact

me with your reservations by October 1st to allow time for the meal plans. ☐

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

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2nd & 4th
Tuesdays



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Fraternal greetings

It is my hope that all enjoyed their Summer and now it becomes our duty to return to our labors in the quarries to perpetuate our Masonic Fraternity. I know for myself, the Summer period has passed us by much too rapidly, but so be it.

A final report on the project of manning the Refreshment Stand at Jubilee Store in Batavia was a complete success, final figures are in to the tune of \$783. Again, many thanks to those of you who helped make this event a success. We will be undertaking this project again in the year 2002.

R.W.: Raymond G. Barber, DDGM of the Genesee/Wyoming District, made his Official Visit on Tuesday, September 11th. A Dutch treat dinner was held at the Candlelight Restaurant prior to the communication. The District Deputy presented the Message of the Grand Master and examined the Lodge books.


The conferral of the Fellowcraft Degree was held on Tuesday, September 25th, and we are planning the conferral of the Sublime Degree of Master Mason for the 23rd of October. Plans are in process for a dinner during the recess between the First and Second Sections of the Degree. As stated in last month's article, please make yourself available to come and make these new Brothers welcome into our great Fraternity. They just happen to be part of the future and an integral part of our Lodge and Fraternity.

Due to the necessity of having to submit the articles by a deadline, it is difficult to report on some events. I will make every effort to keep you informed of upcoming events for the future.

May God bless us all. ☐

Arcade
Lodge No. 419
F. & A.M.

7:30 p.m., 2nd & 4th Tues.
Sept.-June, 4th Tues. only Jan. & Feb.



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Fundraiser

On August 16th, Arcade Lodge No. 419 and Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 263, went to the aid of Lackawanna Lodge No. 887 at their food stand at the Erie County Fair. With our families and friends, it was a very successful day. This was a fundraiser for

all three Lodges. As the daily Chairman for this day, I am indebted to the members and families of Arcade Lodge No. 419 and Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 263. Thank you for a job well done.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

My Brothers, time is getting close to October 19th and the Grand Lecturer's Convention. I need your reservations as soon as possible, no later than October 8th. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the Convention will be at 7:30 p.m. Please call me at 676-2775. Remember the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Senior and Junior Deacons and the Senior and Junior Masters of Ceremony have to be present to be eligible for the Howard Potts Award.

Historical note

Over a quarter of a century before the institution of Arcade Lodge, Brethren in this area were participants in Masonic Lodge functions. In the archives of Grand Lodge is a petition dated December 28, 1821, for the institution of Sardinia Lodge No. 342, Sardinia. This Lodge held communications from June 25, 1822 until May 25, 1825, and among its officers were Silas Parker and Samuel Upham, Junior and Senior Wardens, and Elias Parker, Treasurer. Other Arcadians were Bostwick Welles, Col. Samuel Nichols, John Nichols, Sr., and Elias Parker, Jr. Of these pioneers, Mr. Upham had the first woolen mill in Arcade; John Nichols, Sr., was a veteran of the Revolution; Jacob Jackson was one of the first to open a store, while Col. Nichols commanded the militia during General Training Days. This article will be continued in the coming months.

Brother Bring-a-Friend Program

Arcade Lodge No. 419 needs MEMBERS and you can help by asking your neighbors, sons, brothers, work place, clubs, church and other groups. Don't give up, because if we are to survive, we need new members now. Please send me their names and I will send them an invitation as to where and when. If at all possible, please come with them and make them feel comfortable. The program will be October 6th at 2:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Look who's having a birthday in October!

Ronald J. Jacquish, 4th; Charles R. Newman, 6th; Donald Frost, 12th; Henry F. Meyer, Jr., 13th; Vincent J. Philips, 13th; John W. Reidel, 19th; Walter A. Hackett, 25th; Milford C. Drake, 29th; and Robert Holland, 18th. □

St. John's Lodge Bible

The Bible on which George Washington took his Oath of Office at the First Inauguration is still in the possession of St. John's Lodge No. 1, New York City. Use of the Bible for the Inauguration of President George W. Bush was requested and the Bible was present, although not used because of inclement weather.

There was a great deal of media coverage of the Bible, and the MIC was involved with interviews by the "Washington Post" and the "Atlanta Journal-Constitution". (Courtesy Masonic Information Center) □

Freely ye have received, freely give. *Matthew 10:8*

District Deputy Grand Master Monroe District



R.W. William Lindsay
621-3573

Nothing could have a more tragic impact than watching a gigantic American landmark in flames, collapsing to a pile of rubble; the work of a demented band of terrorists who are devoid of any values connected to the worth of human life, the values of democracy, or respect for freedom. So it was for me as I followed the events of September 11th as they unfolded across the TV screen.

The utter horror of learning about the hundreds of airline passengers who lost their lives, the Pentagon and World Trade Center workers who were caught in the fiery explosion, and the hundreds of police and firemen who died in the collapse of these contemporary colossus'. All people who had started their day in much the way my own has started countless times over the years—excited about boarding a plane, starting a new day at work, responding to some community crisis.

They did not know, as one never knows, that this was the day all our lives would be changed forever in America. Before the day was over, many would be dead, many horribly injured, and all of us scarred in ways we could not have imagined. No Hollywood techno-thriller would dare to have created the images of stark realism beamed around the world as we sat in stunned silence before the TV.

In the aftermath, as the investigation into the crime proceeded, as our public leaders announced new measures and rallied America's flagging spirits, as the slow and tedious work of digging through the rubble to find the lost, and rescue the buried living, strident voices began to shriek for revenge against this unknown enemy and the societies that harbor and nurture them. Even our traditional enemies stood with us in sorrow for our plight and gave assurance of their support for our commitment to fight the war against terrorists.

How we respond is likely to set the tone for life in America and the world for the next century, or even longer. Any response inconsistent with the American value of all human life, any response that is unjust, and any response that shows a disregard for a culture's integrity will undermine us as a country and compromise our role as the shining light of freedom for all the people of the world.

I'm no different than most people and my gut says, "bomb them into the stone age," but my head knows that this won't solve the problem of terrorism in the world and in America, in particular. Hasn't worked in the Middle East, hasn't worked in Ireland, and it hasn't worked in Afghanistan. I don't know what the suc-

cessful strategy will ultimately be, but I would bet that it will utilize large measures of those Masonic virtues which we recommit to every time we visit our Lodge and participate in Degrees; education, patience, fortitude, morality and brotherhood.

As each of us moves beyond the pain of these awful days, each of us has within our power the ability to "help shed its beneficence on all Mankind." Let each of us show the world as Americans and Masons, that we find courage in our convictions and the strength of those who love God and our fellow man.

So here we are. □

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A short history of Freemasonry

The history of Freemasonry is too extensive to be covered in any detail in the few short lines we have today. We will just touch on the highlights, but we do strongly recommend that you give the subject further study. This short history lesson will, however, enable you to better understand what lies before you.

Men have formed societies in all eras, and have used ceremonies of initiation, symbols, emblems and means of recognition. Freemasonry inherited many of these from such societies when it came into existence.

The oldest verified existing written record of our Craft is the Regius manuscript, a document written in England about 1390. That was six centuries ago! That document indicates that even then Freemasonry was very old.

At that time, all Freemasons were "Operative" Masons. They were the designers and builders of the great medieval cathedrals and other structures of Gothic architecture. Their high degree of skill required much knowledge of mechanics and geometry as well as stone-masonry. They were the great artists of the Middle Ages. They were called Freemasons, probably because they were free to travel wherever their skills were required, whereas other types of masons were compelled by law to live and work in the same community, under local restrictions, for their whole lives.

Since it often took several years to complete a building, the Freemasons would organize a Lodge at the building site. The Lodge was governed by a Master, and assisted by Wardens. In many respects its organization was similar to that of the Lodges of today.

A long period of training was required for this work. Young boys, 10 to 14 years old, usually served a seven year apprenticeship. After serving a period of time sufficient to prove his fitness for the training, an apprentice's name was entered into the books of the Lodge, after which

he was called an Entered Apprentice. At the end of his apprenticeship, he was tested to prove his proficiency before being accepted into full membership. He was then called a Fellow of the Craft; equal in duties, rights and privileges with all other Freemasons.

With the coming of the Reformation, the popularity of the Gothic style of architecture began to decrease. This, and other social and political factors, caused a sharp decline in membership during the 16th and 17th Centuries. Eventually only a few small Lodges were left. In Scotland, the Lodges began to accept non-operative members. During this transition period that lasted about 200 years, men were received into the Lodges in Scotland and England who had no intention of becoming builders. They joined out of curiosity, or for social reasons, or because of interest in the Craft's ancient customs and teachings of morality. They were called, "Accepted Masons", and we now call them "Speculative Masons". Speculative Masonry means Masonry applied in a moral or symbolical sense. The Speculatives joined slowly at first, but by the early 18th Century they outnumbered the Operatives and were much more influential.

The first Provincial Grand Master, Daniel Coxe, was appointed to oversee in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The early Lodges eventually passed away and left few records behind, so it's now impossible to tell which was the first Lodge organized in New York State. The oldest Lodge still in existence is St. Johns No. 1, organized in 1737 in New York City. The Altar Bible of St. Johns was used by George Washington to take his Oath of Office as the first President, and that same Bible is still used when swearing in the elected Officers of our Grand Lodge each year.

In 1751, a second Grand Lodge was organized in England. It came to be called the Ancient Grand Lodge because it claimed to adhere more strictly to the ancient customs. The original Grand Lodge of 1717 was called the Modern Grand Lodge because it had tried to modernize Masonry more than suited the new, more conservative, Ancients.

There was considerable rivalry between the two for many years, which became bitter at times. Before long the Ancient Grand Lodge was chartering Lodges in New York, and the rivalry between the two Grand Lodges abroad was soon reflected here.

When the Revolutionary War started, local Lodge members were on both sides of the struggle, but the Craft officially took no part.

As a result of the influence of the Speculatives, the Craft took a step that would revolutionize itself. On June 24, 1717, four Lodges of London and Westminster met

in London and organized a Grand Lodge, which on the same day elected its first Grand Master, Anthony Sayer. Within a few years of that date, the Craft was transformed into a completely Speculative Fraternity. It had reorganized the two original Degrees into the three Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason. It collected and collated the old Masonic Manuscripts. It produced the first Book of Constitutions, and was chartering Lodges in many countries, including America. Membership increased rapidly after organization of the first Grand Lodge.

Before long, Grand Lodges were organized in Ireland, Scotland, and on the Continent. The earliest known Lodge in America was organized in 1730 in Philadelphia. The pre-Revolution American Lodges were placed under the control of Provincial Grand Lodges run by Provincial Grand Masters appointed by the Grand Lodge in England, although a few of the Lodges had received their Charters from the Grand Lodge of Scotland or Ireland.


After the Revolution, the American Grand Lodges became sovereign and independent. Eventually a Grand Lodge was organized in every State (except Hawaii, which is part of California's Grand Lodge) and the District of Columbia, with a total current membership in this country of a little under 3,000,000.

Toward the end of the Revolution, after the old Provincial Grand Lodge had stopped functioning, the Craft was suffering from lack of leadership and control. It happened that the Ancient Grand Lodge of England had originally chartered most of the dozen or so Lodges in New York City. These Lodges joined together in a petition to the Ancient Grand Lodge to organize a Grand Lodge here. They were granted a Charter in 1781. The new Grand Lodge elected the Rev. William Walter as the first Grand Master, and it was recognized as the independent and sovereign Masonic power in the State of New York. It has continued without interruption since. This is the origin of our present Grand Lodge, the only Grand Lodge in America to have a written Charter.

The new Grand Lodge had many serious problems. The old resentments between the Ancients and the Moderns were slow to die out. Communication with all the Lodges throughout the State was slow and difficult. Some Lodges were reluctant to come under the authority of the Grand Lodge. It was hard for men who fought against each other on the Revolutionary battlefields to come together again as Brother Masons. And, because of economic and political conditions, a very bitter rivalry developed between the country and the cities: between "up-state" and "down-

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state". At times, the statewide unity seemed impossible.

The crowning blow came in 1826. During that year a Mason in Batavia, William Morgan, disappeared after a quarrel with his Lodge over an expose of Freemasonry, which he had issued. Several Masons were charged with his kidnapping and murder.

Just prior to this, a movement developed among certain of the churches to eradicate, or greatly reduce of, all so-called secret societies - especially Freemasonry. Simplistically, the principle reason was that many men believed that every secret society was bound to take part in politics, and that control of the government by secret societies would endanger the country. This pile of gunpowder exploded when the disappearance of Morgan dropped into it like a spark. An anti-Masonic movement sprang up; a national anti-Masonic political party was organized; hundreds of periodicals were published, and thousands of men spoke out in an effort to destroy Masonry. They almost succeeded. From a membership of 480 Lodges and 20,000 Masons in 1825, the Craft dropped to only 48 Lodges and about 1,500 members in 1832.

Eventually the Fraternity overcame all this, because Masonry is based on a foundation of truth, and because of the high character of its members, and especially its leaders. Robert R. Livingston, a great American statesman, was Grand Master from 1784 to 1800. Following him, General Jacob Morton, Washington's Aide, served five years, and then came the famous Governor DeWitt Clinton, Grand Master from 1806 to 1819. Daniel D. Tompkins, Joseph Enos, Stephen Van Rensselaer and Morgan Lewis followed. It's doubtful whether a more able group than they has ever led any Grand Jurisdiction in the world for over half a century.

Since 1860, which is considered the end of the anti-Masonic period, the Craft in New York State has maintained a fairly steady growth with many important accomplishments. A standard Ritual was adopted. To make the regulation of a growing Craft easier, the State was divided into Districts. Today there are 63 Districts, each one in the charge of a District Deputy Grand Master, acting as the personal representative of the Grand Master.

The Masonic Home in Utica was built to care for indigent and elderly Master Masons, their wives, widows and orphans. It was completely modernized in the 1980s and is one of the best institutions of its kind in existence. On the same grounds in Utica is the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, recognized throughout the medical community of the world as one of the leading facilities of its kind. Developments there have benefited all of mankind. We have a magnificent Masonic Hall as our home and headquarters at 23rd St. and 6th Ave. in New York City.

Committees have been added or changed as required to keep pace with the growing needs of the membership. From the timid beginnings of 1737, we have grown into a well-organized, ably directed, Grand Lodge; a great force in our State for good will, charity and brotherhood.

Through an unbroken line, we can trace our heritage back to the

builders of the early Middle Ages! We are Masons too, but where they erected buildings, we try to build men. We have transformed their tools into emblems of morality. We have formed their practices and secrets into symbols of Brotherhood, Charity and Truth. We have mellowed and enriched their Rituals, which we use in conferring the three Degrees on our candidates. This is our heritage, and as you join it, you will find it inexhaustible in interest, life-long in its appeal, and a power to enrich your life. ("The Lodge System of Masonic Education" by the Committee on Masonic Education - September 1987)

Dates to remember

October 12th - Grand Lecturer's Convention - Fairport

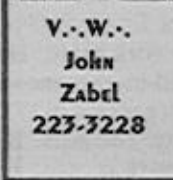
October 20th - Leadership Development Course, Phoenix Lodge, Dansville

October 29th - School of Ritual - ERAC Lodge, William G. Vassily - Historical Lectures □

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS MONROE DISTRICT



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School of Ritual

We thank Wakan/Hubbard Lodge for hosting the School of Ritual on Wednesday, August 29th, and Churchville Lodge for exemplifying the work. A special thanks goes out to W. Bob Pedersen for taking the Senior Deacon's part, and kudos to W. Larry Bright and his officers. The attendance was a pleasure to see. The evening went well and I believe that some information was exchanged among the Brethren. The attendance for the evening, and the score for the Banner, stands as follows: Charlotte/Corinthian, 26.7 points; ERAC, 21.3 points; Wakan/Hubbard, 16 points and Churchville, 15 points. The point count is subject to minor change, as the member factor has not been updated for this year as yet. There were 43 Brethren in attendance from eleven Lodges.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will again be held at Fairport Lodge on Friday, October 12th. Fairport Lodge will be serving their great Steak Dinner at 6:15 p.m., and reservations are required. The School will start at 7:30 p.m. sharp. By the time you read this, your Lodge Secretary and Master will have received a packet of information. Keith and I would like to see the record for the number of Lodges qualifying for the Howard Potts Award beaten this year. The record, I believe, is nine Lodges and was set at the 1994 Grand Lecturer's Convention.

There is a second event in October. Keith and I have set a School of Ritual for Monday, October 29th at ERAC Lodge in East Rochester. The evening will be a session with R. W. Bill Vassily, Chairman of the Cust-

odian. 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 Bill 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.

The remaining Schools of Ritual for the year are listed in the District Program Book that the District Leadership Team delivered to the Masters in August. Keith and I will keep the Lodges and Brethren apprised of what will be happening and when. We have planned some very exciting and interesting Schools this year. Stay tuned.

We are still looking for proficient Ritualists who are willing to assist Lodges in our District to perform parts in the Standard Work and Lectures. This list will continue to be furnished to the Lodges as it is updated. Please call Keith at 865-7416 or see us when we visit your Lodge. □

Bureau of Masonic Education Monroe County

President:
V. W. John Zabel

What's That?

George had invited John to his house for an afternoon of football and conversation. The first half of the game was exciting so there had not been much conversation other than rooting for their favorite team. It is now halftime and John was not interested in the halftime show. He started to look at the book and magazines on George's coffee table.

"George, what is this book here called 'Ars Quatuor Coronatorum'? It says that it is the transactions of a Lodge called Quatuor Coronati No. 2076."

"The book is the transactions of the Lodge. The Lodge is an English Lodge dedicated to Masonic research. In fact, it is the oldest Masonic research Lodge that I know of. The transactions contain all the papers presented to the Lodge in the stated year," said George.

"Are you a member of the Lodge?" questioned John.

"No, I am a member of the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle. It is a company run by the Lodge. It was formed to allow any Master Mason to obtain the transactions, visit the Lodge, submit questions on Masonic history, custom and ritual to the Lodge Secretary, and receive Lodge Summons," replied George.

"Sounds interesting. Does it cost a lot to join?"

"Not really. The fee to join is \$50 with an annual renewal of \$35. The applications and other information can be obtained from the local corresponding secretary. Here, I'll give you his name."

"Thanks, I think I will get in touch with him," said John.

What's happening?

The President of your Bureau of Masonic Education has taken on a new position. He is now the local Corresponding Secretary for the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle mentioned above. The QCCC, Ltd., as it is also known, is open to all Master

Masons. If anyone would like more information or a membership application, contact me at home, 371 Lyndon Rd., Fairport, NY 14450 or phone me at 223-3228. E-mail is also accepted at zabelj@mindspring.com. □

Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.



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At our meeting on Saturday, September 8th, at Clio Lodge No. 779, we discussed the Have-a-Heart, Child ID, the Grand Lodge trip in May, and assorted other items. The Have-a-Heart Campaign is February 2nd-14th, at three area malls. Our goal is to raise \$10,000. Each Lodge should have a Have-a-Heart coordinator. The booths require at least three people at all times. Contact R. W. Donald Darrohn at 426-1946 to see how you can help.

Etolian Lodge has purchased two complete Child ID stations and have already put them to work, ID'ing children at a local festival. This equipment is available to all other Lodges and Masonic organizations to conduct their own Child ID sessions. You must be trained to use the equipment and must purchase tapes and permission slips. Call John Dyer at 733-1743 for details.

Plans are already being made for the Grand Lodge trip in May. All those planning to attend are urged to make hotel and transportation reservations soon. The District web site, monroemasonic.com, is up. Check it out.

Our October meeting is Friday, October 10th, at the Burgundy Basin Inn in Pittsford. The cost is \$19 per person for a Buffet Dinner. The cash bar will open at 6:00 p.m., with dinner at 7:30 p.m. It is open to all Brothers and their guests. Reservations can be made thru our Treasurer, Brother Dean Smith, at 586-9298. The program for the evening will be a presentation about Melissa's Living Legacy Foundation which helps teens live with cancer. Please attend so that you can find out how to help this worthy cause. □

Membership Retention

R. W. Joseph Privitera
Monroe District

Help for the Lodges

We have reached a point where it is becoming very difficult and expensive to maintain our Lodges. To help relieve this situation there will be a meeting on Thursday, October 4th, 7:00 p.m., at Palmyra Lodge which is located at 163 East Main St., Palmyra.

This meeting will discuss ways Lodges can save money. One proposal is to join efforts in order to purchase electricity at lower rates and to save on insurance premiums. We could also get together to purchase supplies, stationery, and other needs. Masters, Wardens, Secretaries, Trustees and others are invited to attend this meeting. Every Lodge should have a representative at this

meeting. The meeting being hosted by R. W. Bill Jones, DDGM from Wayne District.

We can sit around and complain about our financial problems. However, now is the time, no matter what your Lodge's financial situation is, rich or poor, for Lodges to meet and get together, joining forces, assisting each other. If we must be in the building business, we must do it more efficiently than we are doing now. If you are not an officer of your Lodge, call the Master of your Lodge and ask him to send someone to this meeting.

If there are any questions, please call Phil Hurwitz or me. Phone numbers are on page two under "Hot Numbers". □

Monroe Brotherhood Fund

Philip Hurwitz, Chairman



Brothers, your Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairmen are preparing to send out their Fall solicitations. Any assistance you can provide in helping your Brother in preparing this mailing would be appreciated.

Your donations to the Brotherhood Fund help Masons and non-Masons alike. Our willingness to help benefits all mankind and is what sets our Fraternity apart.

Is there a Brother in your Lodge deserving of recognition? If that Brother is deceased, I'm sure his widow or other survivor would appreciate any recognition of that Brother. What better way to remember a Brother than by making a donation in his memory? Your Lodge Chairman will send out a recognition to that widow or survivor, letting them know that the Lodge remembers this dearly departed Brother. □

The R.T.T.E. is Coming

By R. W. Cliff Short

Did the Master of your Lodge look or seem nervous when he sat in the East for the first time last month, as he started his term of Lodge leadership? Believe it or not, running your Lodge's business meetings will probably be the easiest responsibility for him to carry out during the next ten months. Accepting the responsibilities of overseeing a Masonic Lodge's administration and events is a very large undertaking. The activities of 20 or more meetings must be planned. Does he have any social events, or special projects that he would like to promote? How does he find the Brother with the right qualifications to become a member of his Officer's Line, or a chairman of one of his committees, so that they may achieve success? How does he effectively communicate with the Brethren of his won Lodge, the Brethren at the District level, and Grand Lodge? The answers to these questions are easily stated, but not as simple to execute. The answer is planning and organization. If the Master of your Lodge had waited until this past August to plan the events of his year in office, I guarantee he will not enjoy his year as Master of your Lodge, and your Lodge will suffer from confusion during the months ahead.

The Master who enjoys his term, accomplishes his goals, and most importantly, earns the re-

spect of his Lodge Brothers, starts planning his Master's term at least by the time he is elected to the office of Junior Warden. The first step in learning about the implementation of a successful administration plan is to attend the Road to the East, or RTTE. This is a program designed and developed by Grand Lodge, and is coordinated by the Staff Officers of any given District.

If you are working your way to the East, as a Warden this year, you need to start planning. The RTTE can help guide you to a successful year as Lodge Master.

The RTTE was not designed just for Wardens. The best way for newer Lodge Officers, and Brothers on the sidelines, to support their Master, is to know what he expects from each and every one of them throughout the year. It is the interests and contributions from all of the Lodge Brethren that make a Lodge a growing and successful entity. I would encourage, and challenge, any member of the Craft who hasn't attended the RTTE Program to do so. If you haven't attended the RTTE within the past five years, I encourage you to refresh your knowledge of our Fraternity, and how it is supposed to operate. Our first responsibility as Masons is to take good men and make them better. We do that through knowledge. A successful Lodge is defined by the commitment and cooperation of its Brethren.

The 2001/2002 RTTE Program consists of 3 Saturday morning commitments: November 3rd, January 5th and February 2nd. The location is Phoenix Lodge, Dansville. The times for each session runs from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The cost is \$17.00 per Brother. Supplies that are needed are your Lodge's copy of the "24 Inch Gauge". If your Lodge does not have the most current issue, I suggest that your Secretary be empowered to order one from Grand Lodge Sales, asap. Phoenix Lodge may seem like a long drive to attend these sessions, but what we found during last year's classes, is that by drawing on the diversity of Brothers from 6-7 different Districts

around Western New York, the quality of the sessions increased tremendously, and so did the interest of the Brethren.

Reservations and other information can be obtained by contacting the Master or Secretary of your Lodge, R. W.: James A. De Lorenzo, or me. Our addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses are listed in the information section of this paper. (Hot Numbers, page 2.)

Come join us in making this year's RTTE Program a successful event.

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



W. Karl-Heinz
Reich
Master

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

W. Michael G. Schwartz
Secretary
352-4016



First Prince Hall Social

Excellent High Priest, James A. Ghent, and Excellent King, William R. Young, from Haggai Chapter No. 41, Royal Arch Masons, Prince Hall, visited Etolian Lodge on September 10th for an Open Table Lodge. This fraternal invitation was well accepted by all present. The Master of Craftsmen/Robertson Lodge No. 969, W.: Derek E. VanHouten, and several other guests joined Etolian Lodge for the Steak Roast festivity.

The District Officers, R. W.: Cliff Short and R. W.: James A. De Lorenzo, presented guests the Grand Master's Lapel Pin.

About forty Masons were present and enjoyed the dinner, provided by one of our newest members, Brother Michael Edelman.

WXXI assist

I received an appreciation letter from W. Emil (Moe)

Schirano, attached to a letter from our local TV Station WXXI for the fine job we Masons did at their Annual Fund Drive. With our help, WXXI raised \$116,793.00, exceeding the goal of \$100,000.00. Etolian Lodge provided three volunteers: Brothers Jay McCullough, David Hagmier, and myself.

District Child ID

W.: John Dyer and Brother Patrick Schwartz, members of the District DARE & Child ID team, did a great job for Etolian Lodge at the Canal Days, July 28-29. We have a request from the Master of Clio Lodge, W.: Gordon Smith, for help and advice for the Child ID session at the Hilton Apple Festival. If you would like to help, call W.: John Dyer at 733-1743 or Brother Patrick Schwartz at 395-0874.

DeWitt Clinton Award

The DeWitt Clinton Award will be presented to Gary and Trish Zimmerman of Churchville on Saturday, October 20th, at our Lodge. This event will be open to the public, I encourage you to bring your friends and families. The officers only should wear a dark suit or tux. Refreshments will be served after the program. R. W.: Jay McCullough is the chairman and has worked hard publicizing this event to make it a success and a day to remember for the Zimmermans. Please make your reservations to: Patrick Schwartz, 395-0874, Ray Mandeville, 352-5317, or Arthur McMichael, 225-1456.

Secretary's notes

By W. Michael Schwartz
I hope all my Brothers had a safe and happy Summer. You can all help things flow a little smoother in the Southeast corner of Etolian by communicating things to me.

Please let me know when you, another Brother, or a widow needs our help. I learned of two Brothers who had surgery during the Summer without the benefit of our prayers. Don't hesitate to call me at 352-4016, leave a message on the machine if I don't answer.

Please inform me of new addresses promptly. Do you have a snowbird address? Let me know what it is, and what months you are at each address. In this way, I can be sure that all the important Masonic communications get to you.

We have been trying to stay connected to our widows as the Luncheon and Valentine's Day flowers attest. To help further efforts, if all Brothers would inform me of their spouse's birthday, I will enter it into our records. I will include a space on the 2002 Dues statements for this information.

In trying to avoid a shoulda, coulda, woulda situation, if it is your wish to have a Masonic Memorial Service, let your family know in advance. You can also pass along your wishes to me if you like. I will attach a note to your personnel file stored in the Secretary's computer system.

Finally, there are still 15 Brothers in arrears in their 2001 dues. There are four Brothers in danger of being dropped for nonpayment of dues (NPD). If there are extenuating financial circumstances, please let me or the Worshipful Master know. Your communication is vital. We are obligated to help our distressed Brethren, but if you don't share your circumstances with us, we are unable to help.

Thank you, my Brothers, in advance for your cooperation.

*DeWitt Clinton Award
for Community Service*

being presented to
**Gary and Trish
Zimmerman**
(Black Creek Wildlife Station in
Churchville)

Saturday, October 20, 2001
2:00 p.m.

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light buffet following

Reservation deadline
October 12, 2001
Call JW Pat Schwartz
395-0874



Some of the attendees at last year's session. (Photos Bill Lindsay)



E.: William R. Young-King, R. W.: Clifford Short-Grand Director of Ceremonies, E.: James A. Ghent-High Priest, W.: Karl-Heinz Reich, Master and R. W.: James A. De Lorenzo-Grand Steward.




W.: Karl-Heinz Reich, Master, presented the Millennium Military Service Award to Brother George Greenhauer and W.: Chester Carter. (Photos courtesy Karl-Heinz Reich)



R. W.: Bill Lindsay-DDGM, Monroe; R. W.: Al Roggen-DDGM, Livingston District; and R. W.: Ray Barber-DDGM, G/W at last year's Road to the East in Dansville.

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



W.: Michael C. Ferguson
(h) 359-9052, (o) 334-5186
Robert C. Green, Jr., Secretary
223-5953
30 Orchard St.,
Webster, N.Y. 14580

The old blessing: "May you live in interesting times" has certainly arrived. I am writing this the day after the terrible events of Tuesday, September 11th. The future is in no way certain, so please excuse any comments made that are no longer relevant.

1st Degree

Our October 9th meeting will be held to confer the 1st Degree on four candidates. Please come out, meet our initiates, and support our Degree Team. Seneca prides itself on its Ritual work, and I am sure this night will be no exception.

2nd Degree

We will rehearse the 2nd Degree on Tuesday, October 23rd. The 2nd Degree will be conferred on November 13th.

Support

At this time in our lives, I feel Masonry is more necessary than ever. We will gather together and support each other, our neighbors, and our Country in any way we are able. If you can give blood, time, or money, please do so. We are bloodied, but not bowed. God Bless America!

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

W.: Thomas W. Kendig
Sec. 1-315-524-4063
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Rochester, N.Y. 14605

At our first meeting of the Fall season on September 4th, the ladies joined us for a delicious Pork Roast Dinner provided by Hilde DiJames and Joy Woodley. Our own Brother John Walker entertained us with an organ concert and sing-a-long in Cathedral Hall.

Craftsman/Robertson has a full schedule and we invite all to join us. If you haven't been to Lodge for a while, feel free to call me at 247-2920 or our Secretary, Tom Kendig, at 315-524-4063, and we'll make it an easy visit for you.

Dinner on October 2nd with ladies invited, will be Baked Chicken Breast and from the comments from Sept. 4th, it should be another great reason to come to Lodge to enjoy the food, fellowship and our Brothers.

On October 18th, we will participate in the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards Night. Please come out and join us as we award those Brothers who have been in Lodge for many years.

There will be a rehearsal for our 1st Degree following the Fellowship meeting on October 9th in preparation for the Degree on October 16th.

Lodge Picnic

By Robert Ogden

Our hats are off again to Skip and Dianne Waterstreet, assisted by Brothers Bob Traub and Ken Skidmore, for a great job in putting on such a nice assortment of food for our Picnic. Approximately 38 attended, including several children. The weather was perfect for an enjoyable time. Thanks again, Skip.

Condolences

We have lost another Brother to the Great Architect-Brother John T. Merrick on September 6th. A Masonic Service was held for him on September 9th. Our sincere sympathy to his family and friends. May he rest peacefully.



George Wyatt displaying 1941 Boot Camp Yearbook.
(Source: Local Newspaper)

Featured in the D&C

Our own Brother George Wyatt's picture in displaying his "1941 Boot Camp Year Book" was in the paper on August 17th. In his own words, "The reunion is important and hopes to have another one in two more years." A nice picture of you, Brother George.

Birthdays in October

Greetings, Brothers, on your birthdays in October: Phil Cissell, Kevin Hook, Ed King, Gabe Milonni, Joe Roe, Ray Ross, Chuck Rupert, Dick Smith and Earl Vincent.

October

Dinner, with ladies invited, is October 2nd.

A rehearsal for the 1st Degree will be October 9th.

The Degree will be conferred on October 16th.

Brother Ken Schumacher has scheduled three sessions of bowling for the Special Olympics at Clover Lanes for October 27th. □

FAIRPORT Lodge No. 476



W.: G.
Michael
Morris
Master
223-2828

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

W.: George R. Bracht, Secretary
383-1947
47 South Main St.
Fairport, N.Y. 14450

Busy times

October will be a busy month at Fairport Lodge. This Fall we will have two candidates going through the Degrees. At our October 8th meeting, we will be conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree. The Degree Team will be led by SW Kermit Moyer. On Friday, October 12th, Fairport Lodge will host the Grand Lecturer's Convention and Steak Dinner. The dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Convention at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to attend the dinner, please RSVP to W.: Tom Goodrich, JW, at 383-1429 by Monday, October 8th.

Our meeting on October 22nd will indeed be a grand event. We will be presenting the DeWitt Clinton Award, Masonic Service Awards, and special recognition

for our Fairport Lodge Veterans. The Awards and Veterans' Recognition portion of the meeting will be open to the public. We will be advertising the program widely throughout the community, so we are expecting to have a good turnout.

We will be Opening Lodge that evening at 7:00 p.m., conduct a brief meeting at 7:30 p.m., and begin the public program at 8:00 p.m. This will be followed by refreshments and music. I hope to see you there! We are currently in the process of assembling a list of all the Fairport Lodge veterans. If you are a veteran, please contact W.: George Bracht, 383-1947, e-mail: geobracht@juno.com so that he can include you in our veteran data base.

Sad news

Brethren, it is my sad duty to report the death of W.: Michael C. Landgren. He was called to join the Great Architect of the Universe on August 26th. A private funeral service was held for the family. donations in memory of Brother Landgren can be made to the Liver Transplant Program, Strong Memorial Hospital, 601 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY 14642.

Officers meeting

An Officers meeting was held on September 6th to review plans and preparations for the upcoming year. We updated the Trestleboard for 2001-2002, and will be mailing it to you soon.

Consolidation

The process of consolidation of our Lodge with Flower City No. 910 is proceeding smoothly. We have completed the 1st two steps of the process. In step 1, we informed Grand Lodge of our desire to consolidate the two Lodges. In step 2, we provided Grand Lodge information about each Lodge (number of members, assets, etc.). We are currently waiting to hear from Grand Lodge that is okay to proceed to the next step, which includes approval of a new set of By-Laws for the consolidated Lodge. I will continue to keep you posted of the progress. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the consolidation process, please let me know. In the meantime, Flower City Lodge will be holding their meetings at the Fairport Temple on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. If you can, please try to attend some of their meetings.

Website

We are beginning the design of the Fairport Lodge website. Sections that we are planning to have in the site include: A home page, Trestleboard, news (including the Minutes of our meetings), Lodge history, Officers, Freemasonry links and resources, suggested reading and a Contact Us page. If you have any suggestions concerning the design of the site, or would like to suggest or contribute to the content of the site, we would love to hear from you.

E-mail distribution

We are in the process of updating the e-mail distribution list for the Lodge. If you have not yet done so, please send an e-mail to our Secretary, W.: George Bracht so he can include your address in the Lodge database.

Lots to do

Brethren, this promises to be an exciting year for Fairport Lodge. We have a full program lined up, and there are certainly lots of things to do. So, make an effort and get involved! As you

know, the more energy you put into something, the more you get out of it. The Lodge needs your energy and ideas. By working together we can breathe new life into Fairport Lodge.

Don't like to, or not able to, drive at night? Let us know and we will find a Brother to give you a ride to our functions.

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 at 223-2828 or e-mail: morrisGM@coming.com. See you in Lodge! □

Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109



W.: Robert L.
Hill, Master
256-7445

2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

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

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

Meetings!

My "dance card" is beginning to fill up, to the point of overflowing! Such is the life to which we subscribe and dedicate ourselves. Meetings, meetings, and more meetings! My cabletow just got a bit shorter due to federal regulations. Has anyone else felt the tightening? Anyway, not being one to grouse, let's wish our October birthday boys a happy one. We've also included some pictures from our 'outrageous' Summer of whatever.



Geraldine Redfern and niece, Trudy Lonsberry.



Carl Pigage, Bill Babcock and Mat Gingold at Past Masters' Picnic at the Anderson's.
(Photos courtesy Mat Gingold)



Valley Simes Lodge and Ladies, Day at the Races

We also need to be aware of the Scottish Rite Symbolic Awards presentations on Thursday, October 18th at 7:30 p.m. Your support of this event is greatly appreciated. Other events that may require your attention are listed elsewhere in this publication. READ IT!

Condolences


Our Brother, Vincent DiSessa, passed away on September 7th. A Masonic Service was held on Monday, September 10th. Our condolences to his wife and family. □

WEBSTER
Lodge No. 538
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1st & 3rd
Thursdays
7:30 p.m.

W.: Paul Soltzick, Sec.
671-8980



Fraternal greetings to all. The Fall has begun. We had our first meeting on September 6th, which was a Corn and Sausage Roast. A good time was had by all.

Congratulations to Donald Yakopcic for winning his flight in the Club Championship at Marvin's Country Club, held on Labor Day weekend. Congratulations to Sue and me for winning the Mr. and Mrs. Club Championship on Sunday, Sept. 9th.

The Webster Arboretum on the weekend of September 15th and 16th was the scene of a Civil War re-enactment. It was a great success. Everyone who participated had a good time.

Karlene Hollander had a great time at Camp Turk. She sends her thanks and appreciation to Webster Lodge for their partial sponsorship that made it possible for her to attend Camp Turk.

Brother Mike Nohle injured his back in a four wheeler accident.

Upcoming events

October 4th is the District Deputy's Official Visit. The evening is formal.

On October 5th we will have our Spaghetti Dinner.

Fellowcraft Meeting is October 11th.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held at Fairport Lodge on October 12th. A Steak Dinner will be served prior to the Convention at 6:30 p.m. Webster Lodge's work for the evening will be the Second Section of the 1st Degree.

October 18th is the Symbolic Lodge Awards Night.

The Interfaith Service and Breakfast will be held at Logan's on October 28th. Contact Paul Soltzick for information and reservations.

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

CLIO
LODGE No. 779

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7:30 P.M.

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W.: Sean Noonan
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October Birthdays

Happy birthday to Scott A. Blystone, Harry Hopkins, Gus Neidrich, Steven S. Smalley, Charles Tucker, and Charles Worboys.

Upcoming events

October 2nd is our Official Visit with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

On October 14th we will have a 2nd Degree Rehearsal.

The 2nd Degree will be conferred on October 16th with our Junior Warden in the East.

Have you moved?

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

Help needed

On September 29th and 30th we will have the Child ID at the Hilton Apple Fest in the Community Center. We will need lots of help from the Brothers.

Closing

Brothers, if you need a ride to meetings, please give me a call at 392-9261. We are more than glad to arrange transportation. □


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



Brethren, I thank all of you who attended the events in September, given the short notice. I apologize again for not getting the September *Times* article in for you.

We had the highest attendance at the School of Ritual, which was held at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge on August 29th. I think the officers from Churchville Lodge did a great job as Ritualists, and the AGL's made the program enjoyable as always. The next School of Ritual will be held at ERAC Lodge on October 29th at 7:30

p.m. I hope we can have a better turnout for the next one. On this note, the Grand Lecturer's Convention will be October 12th at Fairport Lodge, starting at 7:30 p.m. Charlotte/Corinthian has not won a Potts Award in a while, and I'd like to see that change.

Condolences

At our September 4th meeting it was my sad duty to announce that Brother Stanley Jack Phillips was called home by the Great Architect of the Universe on June 29, 2001. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family and friends. It was also my sad duty to report the passing of Brother Rudolph W. Elliott on August 22nd. A Masonic Service for Brother Elliott will be held at a later date. Our condolences are with his family and friends.

Petitions

If anyone has a petition, please try to get it in as soon as possible. October 16th will be our 1st Degree, with Brother Keith Freeman in the East. This is his first, so let's have a good turnout and show him (and the candidates) our support.

Symbolic Lodge Awards Night

I have submitted Brother Keith Freeman as our man to be honored by the Valley of Rochester's Symbolic Lodge Awards Night on Thursday, October 18th. The Ceremony will be held on the 4th floor of the Downtown Masonic Temple, 875 Main Street East, at 7:30 p.m. I hope you will all plan to attend.

Masonic Interfaith Service and Breakfast

The 60th Interfaith Service and Breakfast, sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester will be October 28th at Logan's Party House on Scottsville Road. The Service will start at 9:00 a.m., with Breakfast at 10:00 a.m. If any Brethren would like tickets to this event, contact the Secretary or me.

I close by mentioning some of our newer Brethren have expressed interest in starting a Fellowship Club. If any Brother has any ideas about social events that the Lodge can participate in, do not hesitate to give me a call. I hope to see you soon. □

School of Ritual

By R.: W.: Joseph Privitera
There was a School of Ritual at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge on August 29th. There were 13 Charlotte/Corinthian Brothers present. We were led by our Master, W.: Bill King, and SW Chuck Harwell. Also present were Brothers Andy Alvarez, John Bennett, Jim De Lorenzo, Dick Felgner, Bill Fredenburg, Don Fox, Tom Grape, Mike Hueston, Cliff Short, Keith Stambach and myself. The trestleboard for the evening was Opening, Closing, and Balloting. It was a very informative evening.

Next School

The next School of Ritual is scheduled for October 29th at ERAC Lodge in East Rochester. It will start at 7:30 p.m.

Convention

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be on October 12th, Columbus Day, at Fairport Lodge. There is a new Banner and its sure would look great along side the retired Banner at the Lodge next to the lighthouse. There will be a Steak Dinner prior to the event at 6:30 p.m. The Convention will start at 7:30 p.m.


I hope to see you at the Convention and School. □

FAME
Lodge No. 722
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Rochester, N.Y. 14622

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

Leon VanHuben, Secretary
647-1391



Greetings, Brothers

As I prepare this letter, your Officers, Trustees and many volunteers from the Lodge are preparing for what we hope will be a busy and fulfilling year. While preserving many of the traditions of the previous Lodges, we are also looking forward to creating new ones for Fame No. 722. Many of our meetings will include guest speakers and programs, which we hope, will be both enjoyable and informative. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact any of the Lodge Officers. We will do our best to incorporate them into our meetings.

Reminders

A Poor Man's Dinner will precede the first meeting of every month. RSVP is required. Please contact Richard Topel at 663-2547 for reservations. Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid. The second meeting will be preceded by a Pot Luck Dinner. Wives, companions and widows are encouraged to attend! No reservation is required. You are asked to bring a dish to pass and your own table setting.

Our Official Visit, of R.: W.: William Lindsay, DDGM of the Monroe District, will be at the

October 9th meeting. A Poor Man's Dinner will precede the meeting.

October 12th is the Grand Lecturer's Convention. While our main objective is to exemplify the first half of the 1st Degree, we are also looking forward to winning both the Attendance and Howard Potts Awards. Let's show the Monroe District what the new Fame No. 722 can do!

Congratulations

It is my distinct pleasure to announce that on October 23, 2001, we will be presenting the Distinguished Service Award to Brother Leon VanHuben. R.: W.: Lindsay, DDGM, will be performing the presentation. Congratulations on a job well done! Wives, companions and widows are encouraged to attend! Preceding this meeting will be a Pot Luck Dinner.

Summer events


Our Corn and Sausage Roast was well attended by close to 70 Brothers, their families and friends. A wonderful time was had by all. A very special thanks to Brothers David Foster and Andy McBride. David was instrumental in arranging the logistics and, as usual, Andy was the master behind the grill.

Special thanks

A very special thanks to the Trustees, Secretary, Treasurer, their assistants and the ladies of the Lodge for their time and efforts in cleaning and rearranging the Lodge over the Summer. Spe-

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Blue Lodge Afgan to Benefit Masonic Charities



The Afgan is a 48 x 60 tapestry made of 100% cotton. The Afgan has 360 picks per square inch to enhance the beauty of the design and is multicolored with outside fringes. Verse, Matthew 7.7, incorporated in the design. The cost is \$48. If interested, please send check or money order to Sandra D. Knotts, P.O. Box 158, Trexertown, PA 18087.

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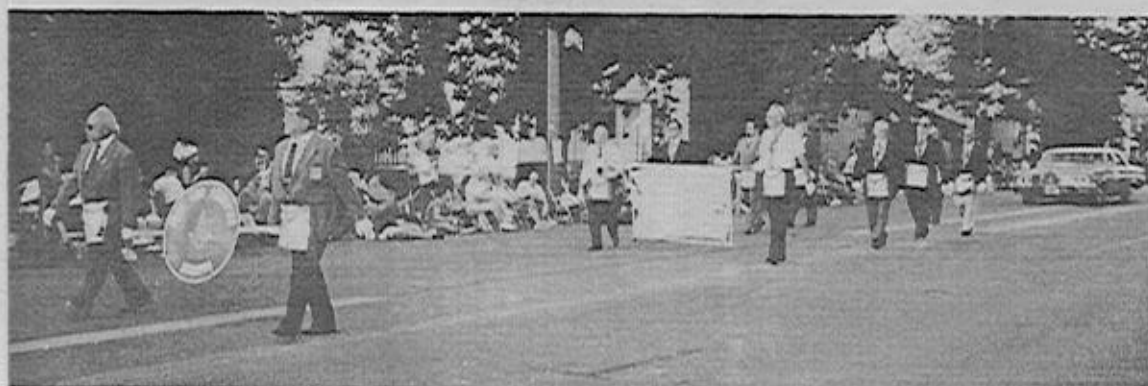
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Webster, Etolian & ERAC Lodges March in Webster Fireman's Parade



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Fame Lodge

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cial thanks to Dean Marsaw and Tom McCulloch for all the extra, but necessary, work they have been doing.

Happy Birthday

Last, but not least, happy birthday to all the Brothers, wives and widows who celebrate their birthdays in October.

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2nd & 4th Weds. 7:30 p.m.
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W.: George R. Burke, Secretary
293-1629

School of Ritual

Thanks to all the officers from Churchville Lodge for doing a good job on the Opening, Balloting, and Closing. I think we all learned something that evening.

Reminder

Brothers, please bring your petition in if you have one.

Holiday

To all the Brothers, here and around the world. I hope your holiday is very peaceful.

Dinner

Brother Garry is making one of his fine dinners for our meeting on September 26th. This will be Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Make your reservations by calling Brother Frank Higgins at 544-1952. See you in Lodge.

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Thirteen Brothers attended the first meeting of our Fall session. In attendance were: Dean Smith, Pedro Ugalde, R.J. Muto, Dan Walker, Bill Spillane, Jim Weick, Don Smith, Richard Trolley, Bill Frazier, Harold Bollotin, Russ VandeGriff, Jim Knapp, and Brother Jennings from Virginia. Our focus for this meeting was the Ritual for Opening and Closing the Lodge. Dan Walker monitored our progress and complimented everyone on a fine job. Dean Smith offered us pointers on some of the latest changes to the Ritual. He was our lone representative for Northfield at the School of Ritual held on Aug. 29th. Thank you, Dean.

Dan Walker left the meeting early. A situation arose whereby he was called away to help a friend. Dan doesn't just talk good Masonry, his works show him to

be a good Mason. After he left the meeting, there was much admiration expressed for his conduct.

Bill Spillane, Pedro Ugalde, R.J. Muto and Jim Knapp attended the Master's Orientation sponsored by the Shrine. Pedro and R.J. gave a presentation on the Masonic web site that they have created. It's still under construction, but the work done so far has shown it to be top shelf. You may check it out at www.monroemasonic.com. It looks like a great way for out of towners to stay up to date.

The October 4th meeting is scheduled for a 1st Degree. So far we have no new candidates. If any Brother has a prospect, now is the time to get a petition signed and presented before the Lodge.

Thank you to Jim Weick and Don Smith for jumping in and filling a chair at the last minute. Jim filled in as Chaplain and Don as Junior Deacon.

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

Notice

On Monday, October 22, 2001, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a Special Communication for the purpose of conferring the 1st Degree. Please take notice thereof and attend this special meeting. A Ham Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., the cost is \$6.00. Reservations are required. Please call the Secretary at 381-5286 or me at 334-9057 if you will be able to join us at dinner before the Degree work.

The Masters and Wardens Association is having a dinner on Friday, October 19th, at Burgundy Basin Inn, located in Pittsford. All Masons and their ladies are invited. The cost is \$19.00 per person, please contact me for tickets.

On Monday, October 10th, we will have our Official Visit from R.: W.: William Lindsay, DDGM. A Pot Roast Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are requested. Please call our Secretary, Rob Sweeney. Let's have a good turnout for the DDGM.

Our September meeting included an outstanding talk on Masonic Ritual and Etiquette, given by our W.: Richard Bull. It should be noted that W.: Richard has been appointed the Director of Ritual for our Lodge.

On October 18th, at the Downtown Temple, our Secretary, Brother Robert Sweeney will be receiving the Symbolic Lodge Award. It was a great honor that I was able to nominate Brother Sweeney. It is open to the public and all are invited. Please invite your family members to this occasion, 7:30 p.m. at Cathedral Hall.

Condolences

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of four Brothers during the Summer. They are: Merwin B. Buckland, 58 years a Mason; Leland T. Ruby, 61 years a Mason; Herman L. Lilley, 54 years a Mason; and Squire J. Kingston, 55 years a Mason.

Masonic Services were performed for 3 of the Brothers. W.: Richard Bull conducted all of these Services.

Tickets available

The Interfaith Breakfast and Service is on Sunday, October 28th, at Logan's Party House. Tickets are just \$10.00. Contact our Secretary or me for them.

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I take this opportunity to thank Brother Bruce Horncastle and his committee for all their hard work preparing for our Annual Clambake, held the beginning of September. All Brethren and ladies who attended thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Our Fall series are well underway, and I hope to be greeting many of you during the coming months. Your attendance at our regular meetings is earnestly requested, your input is vitally important to our Lodge.

October

Our meeting on October 8th is an open meeting, further information later. The 2nd meeting on October 22nd, will be the Official Visit of R.: W.: Bill Lindsay, DDGM, and I ask you all to make every effort to attend this important meeting. This meeting will be preceded by a Roast Pork Dinner, provided by the ladies of the Eastern Star. Reservations will be by e-mail to the Muddler or by phone contact.

Sickness

We are happy to report on the following Brothers: W.: Mike Adams is now home following knee replacement surgery and is progressing well. Brother Pat Torre was in the hospital for tests, which came back favorably. Brother Robert Black is now home following surgery. Brother Paul Woodley is undergoing tests.

November

Save the date of November 2nd to attend the Master's Ball at the Green Lantern Inn. You will be contacted by e-mail or phone for your reservation. We need your support for Lodge social affairs and we hope you will mark the date and attend.

Strange facts

We report that W.: John Rees is the current President of the Tartan Square Club. While we know he will do a good job, we wonder how a Welshman could have been elected president of such a strong Scottish organization!

Poetry Niche

Continued from page 2
Before we fought in a war of our own.

And Tommy died on two Jima's beach,
In the shadow of a hill he couldn't quite reach
Where five good men raised this Flag so high,

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I got this bum leg that I still drag,
Fighting for this same old Flag.
Now there's but one shot in this old gun,
So now it's time to decide which one,
Which one of you will follow our lead,
To stand and die for what you believe?
For as sure as there is a rising sun,
You'll burn in Hell 'fore this Flag burns, son.
Now this riot never came to pass
The crowd got quiet and that can of gas,
Got set aside as they walked away
To talk about what they had heard this day.
And the boy who had called it a "dirty rag",
Handed the old soldier the folded Flag.
So the battle of the Flag this day was won
By a tired old soldier with a rusty gun
Who for one last time, had to show to some,
This Flag may fade, yet these colors don't run.

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Angelo DiCataldo and Paul Woodley, chefs at Cedar's Sausage Roast.



Don Bell, Louis and Barb DiJames, and Ray and Hilde DiJames enjoy the Sausage Roast. (Photos courtesy Don Brugger)



Bob Zabel, Ramona Dimino, Jane Denton, Corinne and Paul Kober, and Frank Denton at the Cedarettes Bar-B-Que.

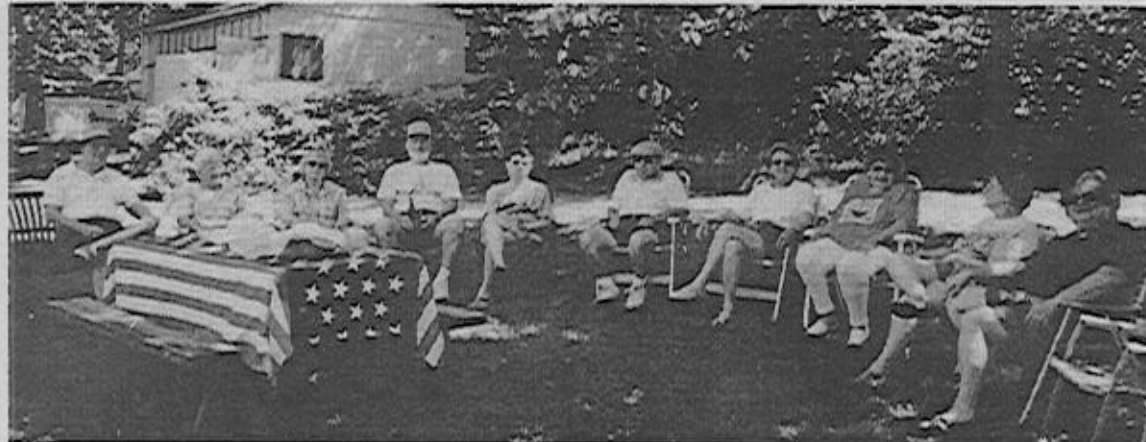


AnnMarie Walczak, Jean Brugger, Charles Spiegel, Doris Zabel, Elaine Spiegel, Betty Kascher, and Helen Barry at the Bar-B-Que.



Jean Brugger and Ramona Dimino holding up tree at Helen's cottage.

Cedarette's Summer Outing at Helen Barry's Cottage.



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By Paul Kober
 As of this writing, we are anticipating a great Steak Roast on September 26th.

Our prayers and good wishes go out to our Grand Tall, Paul, and his family at this very trying time in their lives.

The October meeting will be on the 24th. Watch your e-mail or listen for your phone to ring. The Calling Committee has been activated to catch all who are not on e-mail. I look forward to seeing you there.

Lilac City Cedarettes

By Jean Brugger
 We had a great time at our Annual Bar-B-Que at Doris and Bob Zabel's abode on September 9th. The meat was cooked to perfection by Corinne Kober and all of our side dishes were super. Thank you one and all for making this a great day!

October meeting

Our October 10th meeting will be at the home of Marion Snyder. I look forward to seeing you all there. We will be planning our Holiday Party so come on out! We welcome everyone's input.

Quips

A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
 A snail can sleep for three years.
 Babies are born without knee caps. They don't appear until the child reaches age 2 to 6.
 Butterflies taste with their feet.
 Cats have over 100 vocal sounds.
 Dogs only have about 10.
 February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a moon.
 If the population of China walked past you in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.
 In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.
 Leonardo DaVinci invented the scissors.
 No word in the English language rhymes with month.
 Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.
 Shakespeare invented the words 'assassination' and 'bump'.
 'Stewardesses' is the longest word typed with only the left hand. With your right, 'lollipop'.

The cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.
 The name of all the continents end with the same letter that they start with.
 The words 'racecar' and 'kayak' are the same whether they are

read left to right or right to left.
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Scottish Rite NEWS

Consistory
Chapter of Rose Croix
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Charles O. Hancock Commander-in-Chief



In my last message I took a break from my examination of the duties and responsibilities taught in our Scottish Rite Degrees. I'd like now to pick up where I left off in June, but first I restate part of the reason why I am doing this. "Remember, that by becoming a Scottish Rite Mason you begin the search for philosophical truth in three areas: political, moral and religious. These areas express our duty to country, to mankind and to God. A complete man has a balance of his religious, political and moral parts. In order to achieve that balance he must enlarge his sense of duty and prepare himself for an understanding of his place and purpose in this universe. Our Scottish Rite Degrees, when properly received, aid in that development."

Duty within the Scottish Rite system has as its foundation some form of action. It is not enough to know and understand, a Mason must consciously and conscientiously improve himself and the world in which he lives. The teachings of the Scottish Rite have been designed so that no one would go away ignorant of the basic tenets nor could anyone master them in his lifetime. Dr. Rex Hutchins said, "Our lessons are a feast for the mind, but there

are no waiters-you must serve yourself." If you need help, just ask. The work is yours, and so is the reward.

Degrees

Recent changes to our Ritual have effectively combined the presentation of the 17° and 18°. For purposes of clarity, however, I'm going to separate the two so as to retain the lessons relating to duty and responsibility.

The Knight of the East and West (17°) teaches the duties: to work, to reflect and to pray, to hope, to trust and to believe, to teach the truths that are hidden in allegories and concealed by the symbols of Freemasonry. This is the first of the so-called Philosophical Degrees of the Scottish Rite. It teaches the same philosophical truths taught by the Essenes and preached by John the Baptist. In "Morals and Dogma", Albert Pike believed that Masonry gleaned the truth from the errors in the ancient doctrines found in the Zend-Avesta, the Vedas and the writings of Plato and Pythagoras, and the Holy Books of the Jews and passes on those truths today. They are simple and sublime lessons: God is one, immutable, unchangeable, infinitely just and good; light will finally overcome darkness, good will conquer evil, and truth will be victor over error.

The Knight of Rose Croix (18°) teaches us to have faith in God, mankind and ourselves. It teaches that we should hope in the victory over evil, the advancement of humanity, and a hereafter. The Degree teaches further that Charity is relieving the wants and tolerating the errors and faults of others. Clearly stated is the duty to practice virtue so that it may produce fruit. We are also taught to labor to eliminate vice while being tolerant of the faith and creed of others. This Degree sets forth the new law, the Law of Love, proclaimed in unmistak-

able terms by Jesus of Nazareth after centuries of spiritual and intellectual darkness in the world when the Sacred Word was lost.

The supreme message brought to the world at that time was the proclamation of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. This proclamation, though presented by a specific historical figure, is not to be taken as an advocacy of a particular religious belief.

The Rose is an appealing symbol. The ancient Greeks considered the white rose a symbol of silence, a virtue we recognize in the 4°. In classical mythology the color of the red rose is attributed to a white rose being sprinkled with blood. In Masonry, the rose taken on the meaning of immortality. Masonry teaches only the hope of immortality, but the Craft literature contains endless expression of the soul's immortality so that today it assumes the status of a doctrinal creed.

The Cross in Masonry is a statement of infinity. The idea of the infinity of the attributes of God may be impossible for man to comprehend, but the pursuit of such understanding is its own noble work.

The cross with roses represents the Masonic virtue of Brotherly Love. The Masonic virtue of Truth is represented by the Lost Word itself.

Faith, Hope and Charity remind us that God is good and merciful, and loves and sympathizes with the creatures He has made. We are taught that all men are brothers, whose wants we are to supply, their errors to pardon, their opinions to tolerate, their injuries to forgive; that man has an immortal soul, a free will, a right to freedom of thought and action; that all men are equal in God's sight; that we best serve God by humility, meekness, gentleness, kindness, and the other virtues which the lowly can practise as well as the lofty; this is the New Law.

To understand and accept the arguments presented in the Degrees of the Consistory is to begin developing a rational, coherent and consistent philosophy - the first step in making a good man a better man. I stress the word "begin" because the development of such a philosophy is a life-long pursuit. For Masonry to provide the fertile ground upon which to develop a philosophy, we must learn through study, reflection and attendance at Reunions. While developing this philosophy, it is also necessary to make real in action the lessons learned. In the coming months we will explore the lessons of the Chivalric Consistory Degrees.

Bicentennial

In 1801 the American Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite was formed. A special celebration will take place in Charleston, SC, on September 30th - October 3rd, at the 2001 Bicentennial Biennial Session of the Supreme Council, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction. They will commemorate the beginnings of the AASR of Freemasonry in this country during their Supreme Council Meeting.

Annual Meeting

Written reports presented at the Annual Meeting on September 20th are available at the Scot-

tish Rite Office for those who did not attend the meeting. Significantly, the lease for the present building will expire at the end of 2002. Our Facilities Planning Committee is preparing an action plan for our transition. That plan will be presented at a future meeting to be announced well in advance so that you may participate and be heard. □

Symbolic Lodge Awards Night

By Eldon White

The Symbolic Lodge Awards Program will be held on October 18th at 7:30 p.m. The Ceremony will take place in Cathedral Hall on the 4th floor of the Downtown Masonic Temple, 875 Main St. E., Rochester.

This is an opportunity to honor a faithful Brother from your Lodge who needs to be recognized for his work. Friends, family and Brothers of the Lodge are encouraged to attend and give their support.

Grand Master, M.W.: Carl J. Smith, will be the guest speaker and will present the Awards. It is an honor to have him attend.

Please remind your Lodge Secretary and Master to submit the name of your honoree! □

News and Views

By Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°

Great Clams and Lobsters

Special thanks to Bill Hook, Coordinator of Arrangements, Dick Lippincott and his team of cooks and servers, Jim Pray for his "steam skills", Vern Goodrich, the Office Staff and all others who were involved in the operations of our recent "Stag Outing". Several suggestions for process improvements have been noted. Next year's will be even bigger and better! (Are there really any Brothers out there who know the proper way to shuck a hard shell clam?)

Support for our Grand Lodge Team of Officers

Salute to the "Monroe Team" of Grand Lodge Officers for their successful "Team Kick-Off" Program last month. It was also refreshing to see Grand Lodge Officers from both Livingston and Wayne in attendance.

New York Council of Deliberation "Academy" Kickoff After visiting all of the Area Meetings last Fall and early this past Winter, a decision was made by the Deputy and his fellow Active Members that an education

and training forum needs to be developed to respond to several customer needs. On that basis, the first such "Academy" session will be held in Utica on October 6th. Each three and four Body Valley will have one "Trainer" present. This Brother will be responsible for participating in this forum and returning to his Valley to share the updated information with teams of Officers and Valley leaders. More later!

Congratulations to Ill.: John B. Mullan, 33°, DSA Recipients

A special "Tip of the Hat" to Brothers: Gordon J. Ball, Rae A. Clark, William J. Kuehne, and Alfred K. Miller who have been presented with their new "Blue Caps" in recognition of their service to the Scottish Rite.

Congratulations, new MSAs

Again, congratulations to our Secretary, Vernon L. Goodrich, and Cyrus Kloner who received their "Red Caps" in Utica. Congratulations to Craig T. Mollon who was elected to receive the MSA at next year's Council of Deliberation session.

Ambassadors "Reach Out and Say Hello"

Under the leadership of our Ambassador Chair, Robert Pedersen, it is interesting to see the many ways that our Ambassadors are helping our Lodges to secure new members and re-establish their membership recruitment efforts. At the same time, they have been actively pursuing referrals for membership in the Scottish Rite.

Please contact your Lodge Ambassador or Bob Pedersen for

Scottish Rite

"Bring-a-Brother Night"

October 19, 2001

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Dinner 7:00 p.m.
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the upcoming October 19th Scottish Rite "Brother Bring-a-Brother Program".

New costumes

We have been informed that there will be some new uniforms for the guards that participate in the 2nd Section of the 32°. Thanks to John Zabel, 33°, and our Commander-in-Chief for their efforts in replacing costumes. Let's see...what shall we get next year? Frank is always full of ideas!

Membership retention

If you are in arrears in your dues, one of our officers will soon be contacting you to learn what we might be able to do to assist. Please remember that it is with a great deal of love and care that these officers are reaching out to see what might be done.

"Re-Member the Blue Lodge"

At a recent information session, there were many Brothers inquiring about this program. Simply stated, if as a 32° Scottish Rite Mason you are the 1st line signer of a petition that has been accepted by your Lodge, please ask your Lodge Secretary to forward your name and pertinent information to the Valley Secretary. We will file the paperwork and secure a 1, 3, or 5 Petition Pin from the Council of Deliberation for presentation to you in Lodge.

It's Fall...time to get some more new members...for both your Symbolic Lodge and the Scottish Rite. Can we count on you to "Reach Out and Say Hello" to a non-member? You'll be glad you did.

Scottish Rite Clubs

By Norman P. Austin

An exciting new phase of Masonry is in the forefront! Plans are currently underway for a program designed to develop and implement Scottish Rite Clubs in outlying Districts. These Clubs would serve Brethren who reside a considerable distance from the main Body's headquarters and would afford them the opportunity to be a part of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

There are many benefits to be derived through membership in the Scottish Rite, including family involvement through various programs and activities including Family Life Week, Family Picnic, Outing, Dinner Theater, Banquet, social time, and participation in the conferral of Scottish Rite Degrees. Some of these Degrees can actually be conducted "on site" in the Scottish Rite Club, or in area Lodges.

Assistance in the formulation of these Clubs will be facilitated through the Scottish Rite Office, as well as by Scottish Rite Ambassadors, whose function it is to support the Blue Lodge's needs, where help is needed and appropriate; support any programs, incentives or other help as deemed appropriate; assist the Lodge in its membership development efforts; and to serve as aides and representatives of the Worshipful Master in advocating the Lodge's needs to the Valley of Rochester.

One misconception that is often expressed is that membership in a Concordant Body tends to recruit members away from Blue Lodge. Allow me to attempt to dispel that unfounded fear by impressing upon you that Scottish Rite is a Concordant Body, and will continue to remain so. In fact, the Scottish Rite theme

throughout the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction is "Re-Member the Blue Lodge", which is an attempt to bolster, not to deplete the Blue Lodge membership. The combined efforts of the Scottish Rite and other Concordant Bodies to promote the ideals, values, and growth of our great Fraternity is supported by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York and its Grand Line Officers.

We all realize that the survival of any institution requires a sturdy foundation. The Blue Lodge and its Officers is that foundation of our Fraternity. It is therefore the mission of the Scottish Rite to offer support to the Blue Lodges through our vast network within the Masonic Fraternity.

The first of the Scottish Rite Clubs in surrounding areas is planned for the Genesec/Wyoming District. This District has a number of Blue Lodge members who are also members of the Scottish Rite, and as such, provides an ideal opportunity for an initial attempt at formulating a prototype upon which to build.

With the concerted effort of the Scottish Rite, its Ambassadors and the 12 Lodges within the Genesec/Wyoming District, it is expected that the Club could be operational by the end of this year. This program affords a "ground floor" opportunity to begin a new and stimulating aspect of Masonry as we enter the 21st Century.

Mid-Day Bowling League



John Specht, Secretary
548-2694

By Dick Kessler, President

Seniors are bowling again!

The Masonic Seniors Bowling League has commenced the new season at Rose Garden Bowl in Bergen. Brother Tom Sardou has accepted us back in spite of the fact that he saw us bowl for a whole season at his establishment!

We are on the lanes at 1:00 p.m. each Tuesday. W.: John Specht, Secretary of Hesperus Lodge No. 837, is also the Secre-

tary of the Bowling League. You can reach him at 548-2694 with any questions you may have, or you can call me at 594-9270. The luncheon menu at the Hall offers a good variety for those who arrive early. It's not as far away as some "East siders" may think! Simply take the expressway West towards the LeRoy thruway booths and get off at the Bergen exit sign. The lanes are about a quarter of a mile away, 20 minutes from the Downtown Rochester Temple. We'll be looking for you.

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Program Speakers

(Current List, 1/23. If you have any other prospects, please let us know.)

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Vern Goodrich
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York Rite NEWS

York Rite College
Judas Maccabeus

**District Deputy
Grand
High Priest**

Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitulur District



R.E. Richard C. Anderson

Companions

As we get back to our labors after the Summer recess, we will be having the visitation of R.E. David Raymond, Grand Master of the 2nd Veil, Grand Chapter of the State of New York. He will be visiting the 29th Capitulur District at Arcade Chapter in Pike on October 8th. There is a dinner scheduled at 6:30 p.m. at the Pike Restaurant and dessert and refreshments will be served after the 8:00 p.m. meeting in the Temple. Please make dinner reservations by October 5th with me at 493-2203.

If you have any candidates in waiting, please call V.E. Leonard Mason, AGL, or myself. Arcade Chapter has one waiting for the Royal Arch Degree. If you have any others for any Degree, please make it known.

V.E. Leonard Mason, AGL, is traveling to each Chapter to extend his help to you on the Opening and Closing of Chapter.

Please survey members of your Chapter for a deserving and capable candidate for a possible Grand Representative appointment.

Remember to contribute to the Royal Arch Charities if you have not already done so. Medical Research and the Scholarship Funds need our help. Thank you. □

**LeRoy Chapter
No. 183 RAM**

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Doesn't it seem as though we were just enjoying the Summer months for which we waited an indeterminable time, and October is upon us already? This brings to mind a sign one of my high school teachers had posted over the door of his classroom: "Time passes...will you?" It certainly does, (and yes, I did).

On Saturday, September 29th, at 7:00 a.m. we will have a breakfast and a general "Clean-up Day" at Olive Branch Lodge where we meet monthly. Master, W. Nevin Brick, has organized a series of Saturdays, each of which has been

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assigned to the Blue Lodge, OES, our Royal Arch Chapter, or the Council of Cryptic Masons to assist in organizing and putting the Lodge building in order.

With an organized system such as this, the old adage rings true: "Many hands make light work". A similar series of dates is planned for next Spring. I've been doing some Fall cleaning around the house myself, and being a voracious reader, I acquired a modicum of wisdom during this chore: No one who likes to read is ever successful at cleaning an attic.

Official Visit

Don't forget to mark your calendars for October 8th, at 8:00 p.m. when the Grand Master of the 2nd Veil, R.E. David Raymond will make his Official Visit to Arcade Chapter No. 322, in Pike. A dinner will precede this event.

Our meeting, on September 23rd, was our Official Visit of DDGM Dick Anderson and AGL Len Mason. It was an interesting evening, with thought provoking questions and answers, designed to stimulate interaction and provide information and awareness regarding various aspects of Royal Arch Masonry.

Donations

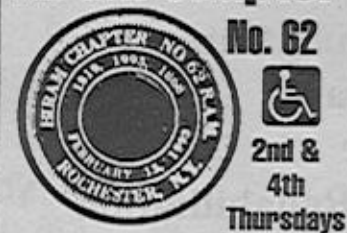
Hopefully, each of you has received your Royal Arch Charity donation envelope. I do hope you will be generous in your support of our Royal Arch Charities, they are indeed such worthy causes.

Writing course

Miss Linda and I are taking a Grant Writing Course at the local Community College. Next month, I'd like to talk her into taking a Lee Writing Course. Then, at the conclusion, we could compare them, and really know what took place during the Civil War.

In closing, I leave you with some "food for thought": The only exercise some get is jumping to conclusions. □

Hiram Chapter



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Our initial Fall meeting was cancelled due to the national

emergency brought about by the terrorist attack on the United States. Both the DDGHP and I felt that it would be inappropriate to meet at a time when our Nation was undergoing such a dire trauma. We are sorry that we missed out on hearing Brother Art Mason's (Lifespan) presentation, but will make every effort to reschedule him.

Death claimed Companion Dean Airy on August 30th. He was 96 years old and remained an interested and capable ritualist through the end of his life. He joined us in Dansville for the Grand Lecturer's Convention in the Spring and was ready and willing to take a part if needed. His cheerful outlook and shining example enriched many a heart and will be missed.

Degrees

On September 27th we expect to confer the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees under the direction of Lawrence Dunn and Bill Zufall.

October

On October 11th Charles Roberts will direct the MEM Degree. We will open Chapter at 6:45 p.m., the Degree will start at 7:30 p.m. and a light lunch will follow.

Our Chapter will participate in the York Rite Unity Night on October 17th. This will begin with a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by a program hosted by Doric Council. It is an open meeting and typically features a quality program for all Masons and their families. Please check the Doric Council article for details.

On October 25th, our Chapter will put on the HRA Degree. This evening will start with a dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Degree at 7:30 p.m. Please make your dinner reservation as soon as possible with Companion Tom Kendig. And, I'm the "ride guy".

Visitors

Later in the Fall (November 3rd) we will be visited by our good friends from Canada for the weekend. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for lunch, followed by a special Degree in the afternoon, and a formal dinner in the evening. Reservations for any part of this program can be made with Companion Dennis Gellash at 265-3993.

I look forward to seeing you 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. □

**District Deputy
Grand Master**

8th Cryptic District



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

Companions

As a new year begins I congratulate all the newly elected officers. I am looking forward to visiting your Councils. You have been informed of the dates of my visits. If, for some reason, you are not able to open, please notify me, for I may be able to bring a few Companions to help. Remembering as in the past, communication is very important. Keep all lines of information about your Council's needs available to other Councils, as they may be able to help you.

Grand Council this year has proposed the elimination of the Assistant Grand Lecturers. The reason is that the duties of the District Deputy Grand Master overlap those of the A.G.L.'s.

Once again this year Ritual, increased membership, Table Councils and the charity funds are being stressed.

When making my Visits, I will be making my entrance after you have conducted your business for the evening, not to interfere with your plans. Your books, records and equipment will be checked prior to your meeting.

My visits for November and January shall be:

November 1st-Palmyra

November 26th-Corning

January 28th-Nundawaga

I am sorry for forgetting Palmyra in my letter to the Recorder.

I congratulate R.III. David Barwell as our newly appointed Grand Lecturer, wishing him the best of luck in the future. □

Nundawaga

**Council
No. 92**

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Clean-up time
Just a reminder, on Saturday the 29th of September, there will be a breakfast and general "Clean-up Day" at Olive Branch Lodge, beginning at 7:00 a.m. This is our organization's turn to help pick up and give the building some of the attention it needs. Hopefully, we will have a great turnout, and expedite this process with a lot of fun and fellowship.

Sickness and distress

It is on a note of sadness that I report the passing of Companion Darryl Griffing on June 27th. Our sincere condolences go out to his wife, Doris, children and grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

R.I. Layton Vogel continues to do well after his surgery, we extend to him all good wishes for a speedy and complete recovery. We hope to see him back at his labors in the Secret Vault again soon. We are glad to learn that DDGM Dan Evans came through his eye surgery very well and now has 20/20 vision once again.

Official Visits

A note of correction is in order, in my previous article, I stated that DDGM Evans would be making his Official Visit on October 22nd, along with Grand Lecturer, Dave Barwell. It has been brought to my attention that DDGM Evans has rescheduled his Official Visit for the evening of January 28, 2002 (that would be my late father's 97th birthday). Grand Lecturer Barwell will still visit us on the 22nd of October, however. I wonder if he will arrive in his splendid '64 Chrysler "300"? That is quite a machine, Companions. I'm still waiting for a ride...what ya say, Dave?

Thank you

I express my thanks to Companion Dennis Turton, his Lady Cathie, and his wonderful orange cat for allowing me to leave my vehicle in their driveway during my trip to Grand Council last month. Thanks, guys, it was greatly appreciated!

Award


Incidentally, while at Grand Council, I had the privilege of accepting, on behalf of the Council, a certificate commemorating donations to the Charity Fund of \$5.00 or more per Companion. This is, I believe, the 12th consecutive year Nundawaga Council has been a recipient of this Award, which speaks volumes for the Companions. Congratulations, guys, you certainly exemplify Masonry.

Writing hazards

Anyone who knows me at all well is acutely aware that I am a great lover of animals and all other creatures. However, as I compose this article, I am being "dive-bombed" by a winged creature for whom this is apparently his day off, and with Darien Lake and Sea Breeze both closed for the season, he obviously has nothing better to occupy his time. As much as I would never harm him in any way, the thought did occur to me, however fleetingly, that when Noah built the ark, why didn't he go ahead and swat the two flies while he had the chance?

Remember, you must have rain before you can have a rainbow. □

**Doric Council
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On September 17th, I was pleased to receive M. I. E. William Whittaker as the Grand Master of Cryptic Masons in the State of New York. We got off to a great start for the year.

On Saturday, September 22nd, the Grand Line was here to Rededicate Doric Council on its 140th Anniversary. Near the conclusion of the Ceremony, I gave a brief accounting of the history of Doric Council.

The good times continue

York Rite Unity Night is October 17th. All ladies are invited, and we always ask Lalla Rookh Grotto to join with us. There will be a dinner preceding the event. Reservations may be made by calling me at home at 377-0367 or the office at 473-4351.

On November 21st we will confer the Royal Master Degree. We need more candidates.

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Convention

Sir Knights, the Zone 11 Convention is scheduled for Monday, October 1st at the Downtown Temple. This is very short notice, but I hope I will see most of you there.

Congratulations!

The Grand Conclave was on September 14th-16th in Suffern, N.Y., at which time SK Dave Lathers was elected as Eminent Grand Warder.

On Monday, September 17th, we held our first meeting and thanks to the Schicker Club, we had an excellent dinner with the main dish being Turkey. At the meeting, committee members were appointed for Membership, Finance, Internal Audit, Equipment, Eye Foundation, Holy Land Pilgrimage, York Rite presentations, TCC and Masonic Service Bureau Representatives.

Together

Again this year, Cyrene/Monroe No. 12 and Sagoyewatha No. 17 will be working together as much as possible. This has become very important for the stability of our Zone.

Don't forget York Rite Unity Night is Wednesday, Oct. 17th.

Commandery Festival

This event will be held on Saturday, December 1st at the

Downtown Temple. Sir Knights, we need petitions. Reservations for the lunch should be made by calling me at the office, 473-4351, or at home, 377-0367, by Monday, November 26th.

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This article is being written before Grand Commandery is held in Suffern, NY. By the time it is published, Grand Commandery will be a thing of the past and we will have a new Grand Commander. Reports of Grand Commandery will have been given at the September 27th conclave.


October 11th will be another full form opening and give the Officers another chance to perfect their roles.

A dinner will precede the October 25th conclave. It will consist of "spookedgetti and witches fingers" as the main course. Again, those attending are asked to bring their own table service and a dish to pass. A letter will be sent out requesting reservations and a suggested dish to bring. The ladies will enjoy our slides from our trip to the Rose Bowl Parade while the Sir Knights again hold their conclave.

The only activity in November will be the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner to be held on November 8th. More information will be forthcoming at a later date.

December will see the Annual Christmas Toast to be held on December 13th.

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



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Many more things came up at our September 8th meeting than were anticipated. In spite of the extended meeting all arrived at Rick's Prime Rib House on time for dinner, except for those who were required elsewhere.

The date of the meeting was fraught with conflicts and attendance suffered. I know that GYRC meetings are not on the top of everyone's priority list, but I would encourage all members to attend our get-togethers, after all we meet only four times a year. Consequently, each meeting is important.

Our next meeting will be on December 8th at Hesperus Lodge in Bergen. Jim MacConnell will be handling the arrangements. You will be getting more details by mail. Be sure to make your reservation early, this will be our Christmas get-together.

**Flags for Genesee Country
Museum**

As mentioned in my last column, our project to supply pe-

riod flags for the Museum is ongoing. Due to the generosity of two of our Companion Knights, the first of these flags will be purchased. Details on the presentation will follow. The price of each flag is estimated at \$76. If you would like to participate in this effort, send your check for any amount to our Recorder, Charles Roberts, 158 Meadowbriar Rd., Rochester, NY 14616, and put "Flag Fund" on the memo line.

Super Excellent Degree

We have several CKs who have already expressed a desire to participate in our efforts to form a Degree Team for conferring the Super Excellent Degree for R.S.M. Councils in Western New York. If you are willing to take part, contact our Recorder. We are especially looking for CKs who are good Ritualists, but there will be room for participation at all levels: principle parts to walk-ons.

New Members

As I mentioned last month, we are in need of members. At our next meeting we will be selecting those to be invited. This will be your chance to recommend a candidate. Please get those recommendations in A.S.A.P. so that the process will be completed by our March meeting, the conferral of Knight of York.

August workshop

At the August workshop in Utica, the Grand Governor, CK Don Markham, encouraged membership and participation. He also wanted more participation in the Gold Honor Awards Program. Consequently, when your Lodge receives the letter from our Chairman, CK Cyril White, encourage your Master to make his selection as soon as possible and return the necessary paper work promptly.

We were also informed that, due to increased cost of doing business, the Sovereign College will be increasing the per capita fee from \$6 to \$10. The fee for new initiates was also increased substantially from \$25 to \$40. This increase will eat into the fee we charge new initiates, leaving less for the College. Due to these two changes we will probably have to increase our dues in the near future.

At the afternoon Ritual session we were informed that the proper response to Prayer is "So mote it be" as in the Blue Lodge.

I look forward to seeing you at our December meeting.

**Electrifying
Bloopers
Tom Paglia**



As usual, when I got back to the office there was a message on the voice mail (used to be answering machine, but now days they need a fancy name). The caller was experiencing a breaker tripping every time he would use certain items. This happened a few times with his computer. Getting on the white horse, at 7:00 p.m., I went over to see what the problem was. He showed me the various items and locations that caused the breakers to drop out. Everything looked right. Each outlet had only one plug. Usually you find one of those utility 6 gang outlet called a power protector with six items plugged into it. This was not the case.

Basement inspection

Next to review was the panel box. I found the service to be one

of those that is called a split panel, which means the bus bar is in two sections, one with no main breaker and the other half with either a 40 amp., 50 amp, or 60 amp. breaker protection. I looked at the number of cables entering the box and noticed that according to the number of breakers something was wrong. Taking the cover off, I found the box jammed full of wires, more than the panel is capable of handling. What a nightmare for a certified and licensed electrician.

I looked closely at the breakers that were being tripped, and it did not take long to see what was going on. Under each breaker screw there were two wires. One was for a #12 wire rated for 20 amps. and the other #14 wire rated for a 15 amp. wire, these two are of different thickness. When two different size wires are inserted under one screw, the screw will only tighten down the heavier wire, leaving the smaller wire floating.

Putting on the gloves (I learned this a long time ago). I started to move wires, and the smaller wire started to arc. It had burned back at least two inches. If you remove the wire while the breaker is on, a bad burn could result or more could happen to you because it will throw a long arc. I found this in the other two.

Why tripping

The appliances attached to the breaker were each trying to get enough voltage. A loose connection causes the amperage to go up so that it exceeds the breaker capacity. Here you have a toaster, kitchen counter outlets and computer all trying to draw power at the same time. The heating of the smaller wire and the large appliance was just too much, so the breaker said, "OK, I give up", and it tripped.

With this scenario a fire was just waiting to happen.

Sub-feed

Next to the main panel were some sub-feed panels. This is done when there is no more room in the large panel. All of the sub-

feed wires were taken off the line side which is always hot and has no main breaker to shut them off. It is very dangerous if the sub-feed needs to be worked on. The normal thing to do is to remove two breakers and use them for disconnecting the sub-feed being sure you have a sub-feed box big enough to handle all of the wires that will be installed in it. The best advice I can give is to install a larger panel with a main disconnect and enough breakers to handle all of the circuits plus enough extras for future use.

Outside inspection

On the outside of the house there was a main cable calling for a riser that goes from the top of the house into a meter housing. Most houses 30 years old or more have a cloth covered wire and over the years the weather and sun take their toll on the insulation and it deteriorates causing the insulation to peel off, thereby exposing the neutral wire which has a shiny look to it.

The neutral wire will carry any excess voltage back to the transformer or to ground. Going to the truck, I brought back what they call a multi-type meter. If there is excess voltage it will record it. Sure enough, a reading of 90 volts was on the neutral, enough to do real damage to someone touching it while it's raining or while standing on wet ground.

The thing with that was his wife would remove weeds along her flower garden near there. I told him to keep everyone away from there and cover it with high voltage tape until it could be replaced. His remark was, "I thought it was supposed to look like that."

Remember, everything that looks bright does not always have a silver lining.

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Kenneth Hutchinson, Monarch

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



Kenneth Hutchinson

Greetings Prophets

It's good to report to you on the many activities being arranged for our Fall season. It's gratifying to look back at recent events which proved again that you Prophets are vitally interested in your Grotto and its affairs, and that you are willing and eager to do your share to make these events successful.

Our next big out of town affair is October 13th at the Zulcika Grotto's Monarch's Ball, honoring Monarch Robert Chapman, held at the McKinley Park Inn, Blasdell, NY. This will be followed by Zafar Grotto's Black Fez Ball in Williamsport, PA, on October 27th.

The Grotto meeting on October 17th will be a special one. Doric Council has again invited our Grotto and our ladies to a surprise program. As in other years, it will be dinner with the ladies, a short Grotto meeting, and we will rejoin the ladies on the 3rd floor with our host, Doric Council, for an evening of fun and good fellowship.

As always, Doug Spencer will be standing by the phone, 723-8703, waiting for your dinner reservation.

Our September Board Meeting was well attended. Twenty-one came out on August 27th.

Past Monarch's Night

To all the Past Monarchs who attended the September meeting, thank you. I hope you all enjoyed the meeting. Come more often. □

Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

Time slips by quickly and here we are into Fall. There is still time to ask a Brother Mason to join the Grotto. Someone asked you, now it is your turn to ask someone else.

If you have any petitions, please get them to either Ron Morthorst or myself so that we can get them processed.

Membership is everyone's responsibility, so let's all work toward making new Prophets before the end of the year. We can

Attend Grotto Meetings

Mon., October 1st-Board of Governor's Meeting
Grotto Office 7:00 p.m.

Thurs., October 11th-Lalla Rookh Caldron Meeting
7:30 p.m.

Mon., October 15th-Legion of Honor Dinner and Meeting 'Dutch Mill Restaurant 6:30 p.m.

Wed., October 17th-Lalla Rookh Grotto Meeting
7:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy the Fellowship

support our Monarch by GETTING AT LEAST ONE IN 2001. □

Clowns

By Uncle Al

I'm doing all this from Aruba! It's not an easy job, but someone has to do it!

The news is the majority of the Clown Unit is spreading the word around the world about clowning and the Grotto. As most of you know, I, as President of the Unit,

am in Aruba for most of the month of September. The Vice-President, Ken Ratliff, is somewhere in Egypt on the Nile. Til we return, that's all for now.

We hope the weather is OK where you are, because it's very nice here!

Oh yeah, there will be a Clown Class. More on that when I return. Our Joey, Doug Spencer, is keeping up the tent. That's all. □

Chief Justice

By Al Pulcino, III

Back in August we had one very busy Grotto weekend, and it was a lot of fun. First of all, on Saturday, August 11th, a few of us were off to Warren, PA, to Farrar Grotto's Picnic. My first time, and it was a great day with all the food and drink you could handle. There were many give-away's, with a band for entertainment. I could go on and on, but I will save it for next year to let you make your plans to come along.

Well, the next thing I know it's Sunday and we were off to the races. Most of us know that this is a great day, also. Lots to eat and if "Lady Luck" is with ya, lots of money to make for some of us. As you probably figured out by now, yep, our Monarch's lady, Edna,

was at it again going home with all the loot. I plan on sticking with her when we are out from now on, she sure has the touch.

Well, I'm off to try my luck, see ya all when we return. Hope you all had a good time at the Fall Convention. □

Legion of Honor

By Ron Morthorst, Personnel Officer

The Legion of Honor meeting is Monday, October 15th, at the Dutch Mill. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m., meeting to follow and the Veterans Day Program run by P.C. Al Pulcino.

All Prophets-new and old-are cordially invited to our monthly meetings at the Dutch Mill, Dewey and Stone Rd. The only requirement is that a reservation for dinner is a must. Reservations must be made by October 10th by calling Commander Ernie Swan at 621-7162 or me at 334-4196. These meals are made to order for us for our meeting. Those with dietary restrictions can order fish, therefore, a "reservation made is a reservation paid" and must be honored.

We hope to hear from you. Your reservations are important. See you all on Monday, October 15th at 6:00 p.m. □

"I FOUND RON!"



Money Tips

By Dave Larson

At times like these, it pays to be disciplined and wait for the market to rebound. While past performance is no guarantee of future performance, historically, the stock market has always recovered from its losses.

Sure, it would be great to know when stock prices have peaked so you could sell at a profit before a downturn. But so far, no one has figured out a market timing strategy that works 100% of the time. If you decide to get out of the market, you could miss out on substantial gains when prices start to rise again. The best strategy for a long-term investor may be to stay invested during periods of falling prices. Chances are good that you'll recoup any losses your portfolio suffers.

You may have put a lot of time into developing an investment

strategy that fits your needs. A market downturn is not the time to abandon it. Think rationally about your investments and consult a financial professional. Decisions made when you are emotional are not always the wisest decisions.

A market downturn may be a good time to look at how your money is invested and perhaps make changes to your asset allocation. Is your portfolio top-heavy in a particular sector? If so, think about reallocating some of your investments.

Think of a bear market as you would a storewide sale-your money buys more when prices are low. If you have extra cash, consider taking advantage of stock "bargains" while costs are down. But remember, just because stocks are cheap doesn't mean they can't get a lot cheaper.

This market environment calls for patience and, if you have it, a little cash to plow into the market. Now is a terrific time to start a systematic investment program to dollar cost average into this volatile and depressed stock market. □

Your Legal Rights FYI

By Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

As promised in last month's article, I'll cover child support. Both parents, regardless if married to each other or not, are responsible for child support. As a practical matter, the parent who houses the children (the custodial parent), is entitled to collect child support from the parent living in a separate household (non-custodial parent). This holds true, even if the parents have "joint custody".

How much child support is owed depends on the number of children and annual income. Income is defined broadly. It not only includes the obvious (your paycheck), but also includes: investment income; deferred compensation; workers' compensation; disability insurance; unemployment insurance; social security benefits; veteran's benefits; pension and retirement benefits, and annuity payments. The court, in a proper circumstance, can impute income based on fringe benefits (e.g. company owned car, meals, etc.), money, goods or services provided by friends or relatives. The court can also impute income if it finds that the non-custodial parent is purposefully working beneath his potential in order to earn less income that is subject to child support.

Another source from which the court can impute is any income derived from non-recurring sources. For example, if someone forgives a debt you owe, that is money saved, and thus considered extra income. The opposite is also true (someone pays you a back

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Damascus Temple No. 2 Shrine News

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FROM THE POTENTATE



DAYNE A. THARRETT
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I am sure most of you are aware that I had a stroke the last week of August. By the cards, letters, visits and phone calls, I do not think there is anyone who isn't aware of my temporary set-back.

I thank **all of you** for the outpouring during my unsettling time of illness. I am expected to fully recover and have no side effects. This, my Brethren, is what is known as a "wake-up call." I will do what the doctor tells me needs to be done in the future!

I thank the Divan for stepping up when there was a need. Besides checking on my condition and offering all they could for Kathi and I, they also stepped up and ran the Temple in my absence. Special thanks to the Chief Rabban, Harry Dainty. I am told he did an excellent job at the meeting in September.

There is not much to add regarding the addition. As I stated in last month's article, the paperwork is set and we expect to obtain the permit by mid-October. Once we have that addition, we will proceed as planned and we are looking for the first meeting in it to be in January, 2002.

Good work!

We do have one area that I would like to address. I thank Cyrus Kloner, PP, for the work he

has done in my year as well as for the past years in one capacity or the other. Cy loves the Shrine and it has shown throughout the years. He has done far more than you will ever know for Damascus Temple, either as a working member or as the Temple Attorney. He has helped numerous Nobles *quietly* when they have come to him for assistance.

Cy has announced that he will not run another year for the position of Recorder, which he has held for 7 years. This will leave a large gap in the Divan. If you think you are qualified and are interested in the job of Recorder of Damascus Temple, please ask Cy to tell you what is involved so that you can make a decision.

We are also in need of future Divan members of the Temple. If you have an interest in becoming an elected or appointed member of the Divan, see the Chief Rabban, Harry Dainty, and talk with him and the Divan about the possibility.

As I have said all year as far as future events go, "look in the news."

Again, from Kathi and I from the bottom of our hearts, thank you and God bless.

Damascus Shrine Yacht Club

By Roy Merritt

On August 19th, our meeting was held at Ray and Jane Ross' house on Conesus Lake, co-hosted by Don McDill. We had 28 members and one guest present. The ladies brought a dish to pass and our hosts provided beverages, steak, corn-on-the-cob, munchies, dessert and a lot of fun entertainment. Prizes were awarded to the game winners and we all had a lot of laughs.

Commodore Roy Merritt called the meeting to order around 4:15 p.m. He introduced the Past Potentates, Divan and Past Presidents, along with their ladies.

Several coming events and meetings were announced. Chief Rabban, Harry Dainty, gave a fine

report on the Springfield and Saratoga trips. He also mentioned about the bus trip to see the Buffalo Bills.

Damascus Hillbilly's Mountain William Clan No. 162

By Roy Merritt

Initiation

This was our first Initiation Meeting held at Camp DeMolay on Sunday, August 12th. Our newly built outhouse was the background to this meaningful event in the Initiation of one flatlander called Vance Ward.

There were 19 cuzzins' present to witness the event. The Initiation was done by the officers of the Clan; Rabban of the Clan, Roy Merritt; Keeper of the Cob, Henry Funk; and Guardian of the Still, Don Dill. All the rest of us sat and witnessed this historic occasion.

We enjoyed a delicious bring a dish to pass supper, with the men cooking hots and hamburgers. Henry made his fine Greek hot sauce.

After all was said and done, it was made known to the Clan that there are others who wish to join us. Are you one of those? Let one of the members know of your intentions and we'll set up another Initiation for ya all.

Potentate Dayne and Lady Kathi were also present and enjoyed the good time.

Til next time, may the moon shine kindly on your outhouse door.

Director's Staff

By Roy Merritt

It's been a long, hot, dry Summer. The Annual Summer Picnic was held at Pierce Park at Cheshire, NY, on August 26th. The camaraderie was great and the food of steak, corn-on-the-cob, and all the trimmings was very fine, indeed.

Joe Minas was in the hospital and is now home recuperating nicely.

See you at the Shrine meetings.

campout monthly during the camping season at area campgrounds. Approximately 15 camping units (trailers, motorhomes, fifth wheelers) enjoy dinners, campfires, games, and socializing. At the District Rally, with the theme of "A Toy Story", 46 units were in attendance. Each camper was encouraged to bring a toy to be donated to the Shriners Hospital in Springfield, MA. We were pleased to donate 42 stuffed animals and dolls, 32 books, games, puzzles and two baskets of "little" people and animals, as well as, the church collection of over \$150 to help make the hospital stay a little more comfortable for children.

Many of the members of Genesee Valley Chapter went on to attend the National Rally in Lebanon, TN, where over 500 units from Chapters from all over the U.S. and Canada, assembled to enjoy good food, entertainment and fellowship. We were pleased to learn that the 2003 National Rally will be held at the New York State Fairgrounds and are looking forward to making this the best National Rally ever.

If you enjoy camping and fellowship with Brother Masons, why not consider joining our group. For more information contact me at mfenton1@juno.com.



Mark and Marge Fenton



By Jean R. Friedrich, PQ

Luncheon

Our Fall season is under way with a full schedule of activities. We begin with a festive Fall Luncheon and Fashion Show on September 22nd at 11:30 a.m., honoring the First Lady of Damascus Temple, Kathi Tharrett. It will be held jointly at the Damascus Center with the Finger Lakes Nile Club as a fundraiser for their Club.

Come and help us honor Lady Kathi and enjoy a delicious luncheon, a lovely fashion show, and much more. Send your \$15.00 reservations to Princess Mary Merritt, 7587 Salmon Creek Rd., Williamson, NY 14589. Her telephone number is 315-589-4229.

Sale!

Next on the agenda is our annual Giant Garage and Next-to-New Sale at the Damascus Center on October 17th (set-up day)-20th. We will have clean, but no longer worn, clothing and usable household items, plus lunchtime hots and hamburgers and a baked goods table. See the boxed notice for details. Be sure to get there early for the best bargains!

Official Visit

We are busy making plans for the Official Visit of our Supreme Queen, Evelyn Petrie, who will

honor us on Tuesday, October 30th. There will be a Ceremonial at 3:00 p.m., followed by a Banquet at the Green Lantern Inn at 6:00 p.m. We hope that our members will turn out for this important event, a chance to meet this delightful lady and enjoy the celebration.

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NCT Elects New York State Director

National Camping Travelers, Inc. (NCT), a Masonic family camping group, has elected Mark V. Fenton, Past Master, Webster Lodge No. 538, and Past Master of Travel of Genesee Valley Chapter No. 46, NCT, as New York State Director-District 11. District 11 includes New York State and the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec in Canada which recently held their Annual Rally at Cortland's Country Music Park and Campground, July 11-15.

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Honorary Legion of Honor is conferred on a Mason who has performed unusual and meritorious service on behalf of DeMolay, or who has evidenced a spirit of cooperation and appreciation for the Order of DeMolay. He does not have to be a Senior DeMolay.

Vernon Goodrich has been a member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 since 1955, where he has served as Master four times, along with working on different functions of the Lodge and Fellowcraft Club. He is financial advisor for the Lodge. With his Lodge he enjoys volunteering with the youth at Special Olympics events. In the Monroe District he has served as District Deputy Grand Master in 1986-87, Chairman of the Inter-Lodge Fellowship Committee, VP of the Past District Deputy's Association, Purple Club and the Grand Lodge General Committee.

In the York Rite Bodies, he is Past High Priest of Hiram Chapter No. 62, Past DDGHP and Grand Treasurer, Grand Chapter, RAM. He is illustrious Master of Doric Council No. 19, R&SM, and Commander of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No 12, KT. He is a member of the Genesee York Rite College and currently Oriental Guide of Damascus Temple, Shrine.

He is also currently Secretary of the Valley of Rochester and has served as Thrice Potent Master of Rochester Lodge of Perfection. Vern has served as Executive Director of the Rochester Masonic Service Bureau since 1994 and was Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee. Camp DeMolay falls under the auspices of the Service Bureau and Vern dedicates a lot of time to the Camp in efforts to interest volunteers in maintaining and repairing the Camp. He also schedules the use of the Camp, with priorities being Masonic Youth first, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, Sunday School groups and then adults.

Being a CPA, Vern has served on Boards of several charitable and educational organizations such as Cystic Fibrosis Association, National Cut Glass Association, Hospice and has been treasurer of his church where he also taught Sunday School and has taught at SUNY Brockport.

Vern and Barbara have been married 48 years and are the parents of Susan Bink, Ken and Alan and have 5 grandchildren.

Charles Hancock was born in Waltham, Massachusetts, and attended Worcester public schools, Worcester Junior College, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, University of Denver, graduating in 1963 with a BSSE, Rochester Institute of Technology, graduating in 1972 with an MBA.

In professional life, Charlie is a Board Certified Medical Sterilization Consultant. He also has qualifications as a Regulatory Affairs (FDA) Specialist, R&D Engineering Manager, Manufacturing Manager, New Product Development Manager, Design Manager and Electrical Engineer. He was married on June 20, 1959 in Worcester, MA, to Brunhilde Krausser, and has three children, Karl, Erik and Kristina. They attend Raymond Memorial Baptist Church where Charles has served as a Moderator (1984-1991) and a Deacon (1976-1984).

Charles was raised in Christopher G. Fox Lodge No. 1021, Amherst, NY, on September 15, 1967. He holds a dual membership in Seneca Lodge No. 797, Webster, where he has served as Marshal in 1999 and Junior Deacon in 2000. He is also a member of Hiram Chapter No. 62, RAM. In Scottish Rite, he has been a member of the Rochester Lodge of Perfection since 1988, Rochester Council of Princes of Jerusalem, where he served as Sovereign Prince from May, 1995 to May, 1996, Rochester Chapter Rose Croix, Rochester Consistory, where he served as Lt. Commander May, 1996 to May, 1998, 1st Lt. Commander in 1998 and 1999 and is currently Commander-in-Chief. Other Masonic organizations include the Philaethes Society, Royal Order of Scotland, Damascus Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Royal Order of Jesters, Damascus Temple Legion of Honor-Past Commander, Damascus Temple and Lt. Colonel of Units.

Public and social groups include being a member of the New York State Canal Recreational Commission from 1993-1996, member of New York State Fish and Wildlife Management Board from 1986-1996, United States Environmental Protection Agency-Stratospheric Ozone Protection Award in 1994, Canadian Standards Association-Award of Merit-1994, Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout, Genesee Conservation Foundation-President and COB, 1990 to present, Genesee Conservation League-President 1977-78, Monroe County Conservation Council Member-1976-1996, Finger Lakes Conservation Council, Director at Large-1990-96.

Charles was a member of Worcester Chapter, Order of DeMolay, where he served as Third Preceptor, Marshal, Junior Councilor, Senior Councilor and Master Councilor. He served the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts as State Chaplain. He was Squire Commander of Worcester Priory as well as being a Representative DeMolay and Chevalier.

Join us on October 27th at 7:00 p.m. as we invest these two outstanding individuals with the DeMolay Legion of Honor. □

Legal Rights

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debt owed). Other income sources are gifts and inheritances, life insurance, lottery winnings, etc.

For child support purposes, the court will reduce the amount of gross income subject to child support by deducting: business expenses; alimony or maintenance paid to a former spouse; child support paid to the mother of your other children; welfare, SSI and FICA.

If the amount of deductions reduces the non-custodial parents below current poverty guidelines, then child support will be a minimal amount (sometimes as low as \$25/month).

The non-custodial parent has to devote a portion of his gross income towards child support. The portion to be devoted is based on the number of children, and is expressed as a percentage of gross income. For 1 child, 17% of gross income must be devoted to child support; 2 children, 25%; 3 children, 29%; 4 children, 31%; and 5 or more children, 35%.

While it might all seem onerous, the philosophy behind child support is simply that it is an ex-

pense that is paramount to all other expenses (car payments, mortgage, cable tv, etc.), and thus must be paid first.

The non-custodial parent is also responsible for paying a percentage of any child care expenses incurred by the custodial parent who works outside the home or is in school. Other expenses that the non-custodial parent must share include: health care expenses not covered by insurance; private school or other educational expenses if the needs of the child(ren) justify these expenses. The non-custodial parent may also have to purchase a life insurance policy naming the custodial parent as beneficiary.

The court can also order either parent to obtain health insurance for their children.

In many cases, the custodial parent sues the non-custodial parent in family court to establish a child support order. In a divorce, the divorce court will establish a child support order. Regardless, both parents are required to make full financial disclosure. That means disclosing, in a sworn affidavit, a person's net worth (assets-liabilities). The most recently filed tax return, current pay-stub, and current W-2, must be filed. In addition, each parent has to disclose whether their employer makes health insurance available.

If both parents are willing and able, they can come to a voluntary written agreement concerning child support. If the needs of the children are being met according to the child support standards act, then the court will issue an order incorporating the parents' voluntary agreement.

Next month I'll cover child support enforcement. □

Who You Are DOES Make a Difference

A teacher in New York decided to honor each of her high school seniors by telling them what a difference each of them had made.

She called each student to the front of the class, one at a time. First she told each of them how they had made a difference to her and the class. Then she presented each of them with a blue ribbon imprinted with gold letters which read, "Who I Am Makes a Difference."

Afterwards the teacher decided to do a class project to see what kind of impact recognition would have on a community. She gave each of the students three more ribbons and instructed them to go out and spread this acknowledgment ceremony. Then they were to follow up on the results, see who honored whom, and report back to the class in about a week.

One of the boys in the class went to a junior executive in a nearby company and honored him for helping him plan his career. He gave him a blue ribbon and put it on his shirt. Then he gave him two extra ribbons and said, "We're doing a class project on recognition, and we'd like you to go out, find somebody to honor, give them a blue ribbon, then give them the extra blue ribbon so they can acknowledge a third person to keep this acknowledgment ceremony going. Then please report back to me and tell me what happened."

Later that day the junior executive went in to see his boss, who had been noted, by the way, as being kind of a grouchy fellow. He sat his boss down and he told him that he deeply admired him

for being a creative genius. The boss seemed very surprised. The junior executive asked him if he would accept the gift of the blue ribbon and would he give him permission to put it on him.

His surprised boss said, "Well, sure." The junior executive took the blue ribbon and placed it right on his boss's jacket above his heart. As he gave him the last extra ribbon, he said, "Would you do me a favor? Would you take this extra ribbon and pass it on by honoring somebody? Some children are doing a project in school and want to keep this recognition ceremony going and find out how it affects people."

That night the boss came home to his 14 year old son and sat him down. He said, "The most incredible thing happened to me today. I was in my office and one of the junior executives came in and told me he admired me and gave me a blue ribbon for being a creative genius. Imagine. He thinks I'm a creative genius. Then he put this blue ribbon on my jacket above my heart. He gave me an extra ribbon and asked me to find somebody else to honor. As I was driving home tonight, I started thinking about whom I would honor with this ribbon and I thought about you. Sometimes I scream at you for not getting good enough grades in school and for your bedroom being a mess, but somehow tonight, I just wanted to sit here and, well, just let you know that you do make a difference to me. Besides your mother, you are the most important per-

son in my life. You're a great kid and I love you!"

The startled boy started to sob and sob, and he couldn't stop crying. His whole body shook. He looked up at his father and said through his tears, "Dad, earlier tonight I sat in my room and wrote a letter to you and Mom explaining why I had killed myself and asking you to forgive me. I was going to commit suicide tonight after you were asleep. I just didn't think that you cared at all. The letter is upstairs. I don't think I need it after all."

His father walked upstairs and found a heartfelt letter full of anguish and pain. The envelope was addressed, "Mom and Dad."

The boss went back to work a changed man. He was no longer a grouchy, but made sure to let all his employees know that they made a difference. The junior executive helped several other young people with career planning and never forgot to let them know that they made a difference in his life...one being the boss's son.

The young boy and his classmates learned a valuable lesson: Who you are DOES make a difference. (Courtesy "Scottish Rite News", Valley of Buffalo.) □

The Gift of Love

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Brothers. They invest their love in the form of physical labor and often at high levels of emotional expense to assure the success of our Order. Throughout the year, we've kidded about "Neil did it!" Well, it's obvious to us that it wasn't Neil or Char or any other individual who was responsible for the many successes in Monroe District in 2001. Those successes resulted from the hard work and devotion displayed by the members of Monroe District, and credit for those successes belong entirely to those members. Thank you!

Annual Bar-B-Que

This year's Bar-B-Que faced some tough going with the cancellation of the Webster town activities in August. Thanks, however, to the perseverance and faith of M. Wthy. Wanda and Rt. Wthy. David Williams, the advertising genius of Wthy. Evy Ann Heller, the hard work of Chairpersons, Rt. Wthy. Doris and Rt. Wthy. Michael Bell, and all of the crew captains and crews, it was a resounding success. We had wonderful support from our "regulars" in the Webster community and a terrific turnout from our membership. The 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. event was a sellout with the last of our delicious chicken going over the counter at 6:05 p.m. The event netted \$2,532.68 and the Sunday morning breakfast, under the leadership of Wthy. Joy Woodley, added an additional \$200. Congratulations to M. Wthy. Wanda and a heartfelt "well done" to the members of Monroe District.

2001 Grand Chapter Sessions

District plans are nearly complete for this year's sessions at Lake Placid. We've had a great response from our membership and have over 60 people signed up for rooms at the Best Western "Golden Arrow" Resort facilities. The "Golden Arrow" is on the shore overlooking Mirror Lake and across from the Olym-

pic Skating and Convention Center. Many will be attending the Wednesday Testimonial Dinner and staying through the week. Don't forget the Albany-Rensselaer-Schenectady Breakfast on Sunday, October 14th. It will feature a full breakfast buffet at the Hilton Lake Placid Resort. Send reservation requests to Amylou Lynch, 4900 Rte. 9N, Corinth, NY 12822, along with a check for \$11.00 per meal made out to OES-ARS District. Amylou asks that we respond by October 1st.

Growth and membership

There is one additional item that demands our attention. We need to concentrate on expanding our membership base now. If we do not promote our organization and encourage membership growth throughout the community, we will within a very few years have only memories of our cherished Order. Please believe me when I say that I am not exaggerating the problems we face. I am not "crying wolf" to muster the troops.

I have challenged each Chapter within the Monroe District to use next year's Official Visit to initiate "new" members. Let us make a commitment that the conclusion of the Ceremonies in Initiation in each Chapter in 2002 we will be welcoming "new" Sisters and Brothers into our Order. Be aware of opportunities to mention to others the things that you enjoy about your membership in the OES. Let others know about the personal benefits and the satisfaction that you derive from being a part of this wonderful organization. People will join if they believe that the commitment will make a difference in their own lives and that they in turn can make a difference in the lives of others.

Thank you

Rt. Wthy. Charlene and I thank the District Nominating Committee for proposing our names, M. Wthy. Wanda for her recommendation, M. Wthy. Linda for our Appointments, and Monroe District for allowing us the honor of serving as your District Grand Officers for 2001. We have had a wonderful and rewarding year.

Dates to remember

October 10 - Testimonial Dinner, Lake Placid
 October 11-13 - Grand Chapter Sessions, Lake Placid

October 14 - ARS Breakfast, Lake Placid
 October 19 - Monroe District Banquet
 November 2 - Monroe District 2002 Grand Officers Reception
 November 3 - East-West Luncheon
 November 16 - Associate Grand Patron's Reception
 December 9 - Monroe District Christmas Party
 Remember: A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and will sing it back to you when you've forgotten it.

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Something to be happy about

Remodeling of the bathroom is in progress. I wish I could tell you all about Sessions, but, I haven't been there yet, so you will have to wait until the next issue. I am predicting that the weather will be perfect and the meetings short. The best part is the elections and all the hoopla.

Monte Carlo Night is fast approaching, and I am counting on all the members to come out and bring family and friends. It will be a fun time if we have a lot of folks there. There is an advertisement in the Times giving you all the information.

Our October meeting will be Moving Up Night. We have not had one of these in a long, long time. I am sure Sister Dianne would appreciate seeing sideliners that evening.

Reminder

Ample form is in November. I suggest getting out our Rituals and studying up on our parts. The Monroe District Banquet is October 19th at the Beahan Party House. Information will be sent to the Secretary. I hope this article finds everyone happy and healthy. If you hear of any sickness or distress, please let me know.

Glad to hear Wthy. Linda Zahn is doing so well. Until next time, I wish you peace.

NOLATKA Chapter No. 320
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7:30 p.m.
 Wthy. MaryAnne Sovocool
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By Alice Hassett

Meetings

October 2nd will be a busy evening. We will celebrate Nolatka's 1st Birthday with a Pot Luck Supper and will have a special program in conjunction with Master Masons Night.

Neighborhood Night will be held on October 16th.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday in October to: Wthy. Eleanor Gascon, Sister Caroline Hedges, Wthy. John Lenzi, Sister Carol Pickworth, Wthy. MaryAnne Sovocool, Sister Joan Fingar, Sister Joyce Hooker, Wthy. Edith Lewis, and Rt. Wthy. Jean Webb.

Committee

The committee for October is chaired by Wthy. Sara Stephens (624-9612). Her committee includes Wthy. Anita Drake, Wthy. Susan Mason, Wthy. Sheila McDonald, and Sister Sherre Albright.

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 Webster, New York

Recent happenings

September 4th was a very special day in the life of Webster Chapter. We celebrated our 102nd Birthday with a banquet at Shadow Lake. R. W. Charlene Stankey and R. W. Neil Laundry were able to join us as we also celebrated Sister Helen Cone's 50 years of membership in our Chapter and in the Order. Helen shared some wonderful memories with us and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Upcoming events

There will be a regular meeting on October 2nd. On October 16th we will have a Pot Luck Dinner and Grand Sessions report (no more than 5 minutes), Past Matrons and Past Patrons Night. October 19th is the Monroe District Banquet and presentation of Service Awards. Meet your new Grand Officers and enjoy an evening of good food and fellowship. October 28th is the Interfaith Service and Breakfast at Logan's. The Service is at 9:00 a.m., followed by Breakfast at 10:00 a.m.

The Secretary and I both have tickets. Hope to see many of you there.

November 2nd is the combined Reception for new Grand Officers at the Downtown Temple.

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

Thought for the month

The ones whom you should try to get even with are the ones who have helped you.

In Memoriam

August

Utter, Richard A.

Richard was 77 years old when he was called Home on August 13th. He was a member of Clio Lodge No. 779 and is survived by his 2 sons, and 2 grandchildren.

Folts, Robert S., Sr. (Buba the Clown)

Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine all lost a member with the passing of Robert on August 14th. He is survived by his wife, Arline, 2 children, 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Anderson, Nat (C. Nathaniel)

The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Nat on August 15th. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 and Rochester Consistory. Survivors include his wife, Ethel, 3 daughters, 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Kittleberger, Frederick J.

A member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154, Frederick went to be with his Maker on August 16th at the age of 80. He resided in Florida and is survived by his wife, Ruth, 4 children, 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Elliott, Rudolph W.

Rudolph entered Eternal Rest on August 22nd. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, Hiram Chapter No. 62, RAM, and Damascus Temple Shrine. Survivors include 3 daughters, 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He was father-in-law to Joseph Privitera.

Gallant, Norman

August 18th was the date that Norman passed away. A member of ERAC Lodge No. 163, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine, he leaves his wife, Regina, 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren.

Ruby, Leland T.

A member of Union Star Lodge No. 320, Leland died on August 19th at the age of 83. His 2 children and 6 grandchildren survive him.

Lilley, Herman L. "Red"

Herman's death on August 20th was unexpected. He was a member of Union Star Lodge No. 320 and leaves his 2 daughters, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Kirby, Burton F.

A member of Seneca Lodge No. 797, Burton joined the Great Architect on August 22nd. His wife, Evelyn, 4 children, 5 grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive him.

Landgren, Michael C.

Death claimed Michael on August 26th. He was a member of Fairport Lodge No. 476 and is survived by his wife, Joanne, 3 children, and 4 grandchildren.

Airy, Harry Dean

Dean passed away August 30th at the age of 96. He was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163; Doric Council, RSM; Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, KT; and Hiram Chapter, RAM. He leaves 4 children, 5 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

September

Merrick, John T.

The Supreme Architect claimed John on September 6th after a long illness. He was a member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 and leaves his wife, Margery, 2 children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

DiSessa, Vincent

Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 and Rochester Consistory experienced a loss with the passing of Vincent on September 7th. His wife, Grace, 2 sons, 2 grandsons and 2 great-grandsons survive him.

Hopson, Charles R.

Charles was a member of Churchville Lodge No. 667 at the time of his passing on September 11th. He is survived by his wife, Louise, 1 son, 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson.

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

Brubaker, Robert F.

Robert was a member of Northfield Lodge No. 426 and Rochester Consistory at the time of his passing on August 24th. He resided in California.

Kingston, Squire J.

Union Star Lodge No. 320 lost a member with the passing of Squire on August 17th. He resided in Florida.

Klippel, James M.

A 1974 Master of Batavia Lodge No. 475, James passed away May 24th at the age of 86. He was raised in 1958.

Moore, Cecil

Cecil belonged to Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 263 at the time he died.

Peters, James I.

James met his Maker on July 24th at the age of 88. He was a member of Batavia Lodge No. 475, where he was raised in 1961.

Phillips, Stanley

A member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, Stanley died June 29th.

Schaubert, Harold W.

The death of Harold on August 18th was reported to us. He was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163 and Rochester Consistory and resided in Arizona.

Simmons, Bernard

Bernard was a member of Arcade Lodge No. 419 when he died.

Thompson, Lyle

Lyle was a member of Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 263 and lived in Holland, NY.

Apology

The incorrect reporting of the passing of Philip Kaplan is deeply regretted.

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Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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- Nov. 3 Grotto Monarch's Ball, Holiday Inn South
- Nov. 15, 17 Scottish Rite Fall Reunion, DTT
- Dec. 1 Commandery Orders, DTT (change)

Elder Wear

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preferably new staple clothing, although we are willing to accept any clothing that is next to new. Staple clothing includes sweat clothes, socks, underwear, pajamas, and warm shirts. I am asking that all Lodges set up an area where this clothing can be collected. Fundraisers for this project would also be a good idea.

Beyond simply collecting, the clothing will need to be sorted and stored in a central location, which is yet to be identified. Another function which will require Masonic assistance will be the delivery of the clothes to identified nursing homes.

I will be contacting the Master of each Lodge to set up a time to come and discuss this program with you in more detail. Please consider this article a Brotherly request for assistance. As Masons, we are duly obligated to help and assist our fellow men and women. This is an opportunity for us to show the community the great work Masons do.

With your help, I am certain that this will be a successful Masonic campaign. Please call me with any questions or offers to help. I can also be reached via e-mail, lperna@peoplepc.com.

Classified

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Items

Wanted: Slate Pool Tables, any condition. Call: Angelo DiCataldo 738-9709.

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Real Estate

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- Fairport Lodge, 87 North Main St., Fairport**
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- Fame Lodge, 4275 Culver Rd., Rochester**
John Rehback 338-7918
- Northfield Lodge, 17 Church St., Pittsford - Cap. 80**
Dan Walker - 429-6572, Bill Spillane - 436-0264, John Dudley - 586-6426
- Webster Lodge, 30 Orchard St., Webster - Cap. 200**
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).**

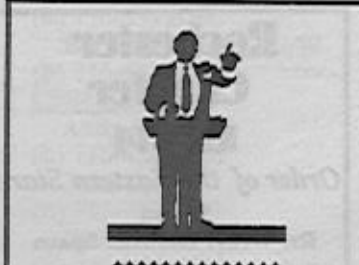
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|----------------|------------|
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- Etolian 9/12
- Olive Branch 9/12

"x" = months missed.
The Deadline for : Nov. Fri., Oct. 12, 2001

Visit a Masonic War Veteran

October Gem - Opal
October Flower - Calendula

Calendar October 2001

Deadline for the Masonic Times

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>God Bless America</p> | <p>1 West Star - Varysburg</p> <p>KT - Cyrene/Monroe Zone 11 School of Inst.</p> <p>OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p> | <p>2 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton - OV Craftsman/Robertson Oakland - Castile Warsaw</p> <p>OES - Fairport, Monroe, Perry, Webster</p> | <p>3 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy</p> <p>Damascus Shrine</p> <p>OES - Henrietta</p> | <p>4 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster</p> <p>Lalla Rookh Caldron</p> | <p>5 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5 - 7 p.m. 30 Orchard St. Webster Adults - \$6, child - \$3</p> | <p>6 OES - Rochester Chapter</p> |
| <p>7 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinners 4:30-7 p.m. East Ave., Hilton Oct. 10 & 24th</p> <p>Final Round of Golf</p> | <p>8 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield</p> <p>Columbus Day</p> <p>OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p> | <p>9 Batavia Craftsman/Robertson - F Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes</p> <p>RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming</p> <p>OES - Leah</p> | <p>10 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike</p> <p>Service Bureau Luncheon</p> <p>Lilac City Cedarettes</p> <p>OES - Batavia, Corinthian/Fellowship Clio Lodge Spaghetti Din.</p> | <p>11 Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City - Fairport</p> <p>RAM - Hiram - MEM</p> | <p>12</p> | <p>13</p> |
| <p>14 Pancake Breakfast All you can eat Mt. Vernon Lodge Java Village \$5.00 per person</p> | <p>15 West Star - Varysburg</p> <p>KT - Cyrene/Monroe</p> <p>OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p> | <p>16 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton - 2* Craftsman/Robertson Germania Oakland - Castile Valley/Simes Warsaw</p> <p>OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Perry, Webster</p> | <p>17 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy</p> <p>Lalla Rookh Grotto</p> <p>RSM - Doric - Unity Night</p> | <p>18 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster</p> <p>Scottish Rite Awards Night</p> <p>RAM - Western Star (Wyoming)</p> | <p>19 Grand Lecturer's Convention - Fairport</p> | <p>20</p> |
| <p>21 ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Mt. Vernon - Java Village Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield</p> <p>RSM - Nundawaga</p> <p>OES - Charlotte</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p> | <p>22 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Valley/Simes</p> | <p>23 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike</p> <p>Tall Cedars of Lebanon</p> <p>OES - Batavia, Corinthian/Fellowship Clio Lodge Spaghetti Din.</p> <p>United Nations Day</p> | <p>24 Eagle Valley</p> <p>RAM - Hiram - HRA</p> | <p>25 Eagle Valley</p> <p>RAM - Hiram - HRA</p> | <p>26 OES - Rochester Chapter Monte Carlo Night</p> <p>DeMolay Legion of Honor Awards Night - 7:00 p.m. Downtown Masonic Temple</p> | <p>27</p> |
| <p>28 Interfaith Service & Breakfast Logan's - 9 a.m.</p> <p>"Fall Back" (Daylight Savings Ends)</p> | <p>29 Shrine Lunch Club</p> | <p>30 All Hallows Eve</p> | <p>31 These Truths Offered</p> <p>God had nothing to do with the terrorist attack on New York and Washington, man and evil in the World did. The Great Architect created man with free choice, man alone can choose between good and evil. Our perception of the World has changed, God's World has not. We must sink to our knees and give our anger to the Great Architect of the Universe, only he can relieve us of it, retaliation and vengeance will not. We must first rid our nation of the terrorists before attempting to rid the world of them.</p> | <p>31</p> | <p>31</p> | |