



President of Al Sigl Center to Receive 2001 Distinguished Community Service Award



Daniel M. Meyers, President of Al Sigl Center in Rochester, New York, will receive the 2001 Distinguished Community Service Award from the Masonic Service Bureau on October 28th.

Dan is a Rochester native. He obtained his Bachelor Degree from St. John Fisher College in 1971, and immediately began his career in community service, working initially for the Association for the Blind, followed by Lifespan, and then the George Eastman House and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra.

He joined the Al Sigl Center as its first Executive Director in 1987, and took on the challenge of turning the unique partnership of independent rehabilitation agencies from a little known community service center to a widely recognized and supported collaborative enterprise. He has fostered a spirit of true partnership.

In a sign of things to come, Dan exceeded the initial capital campaign goal begun in his first year by over \$3 million dollars. During his tenure, he has created the Al Sigl Center Partners' Foundation, developed an annual campaign to strengthen operating support, initiated a donor society to encourage major gifts, and created the Planned Giving Advisory Board, whose activities led to the Center's first \$1 million planned gift.

Dan has worked not only to build community awareness, but also to strengthen the Center partnerships and collaborations with other organizations. He recruited top media leaders to increase awareness of the abilities of people with disabilities. Dan also spearheaded the Center's "People with disabilities. See their abilities" community awareness project with the Advertising Council of Rochester. The project, which seeks to remove the "dis" from disabilities, is achieving great results as hearts and minds of Rochester citizens

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Chancellor Livingston Medal

While presiding at a Ceremony of Dedication at the Damascus Shrine Temple in Webster, the Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, M.:W.: Carl J. Smith, summoned R.:W.: Maurice Solomon to the podium, and presented him with the Chancellor Robert Livingston Medal.



R.:W.: Maurice Solomon

This Award, one of the most prestigious in Grand Lodge, was first granted in 1974 by Grand Master, M.:W.: Lloyd Cochran, and goes to those who have earned it through their accomplishments in literary work for the Fraternity. They have used the written work as a means of advancing Masonry and enhancing its reputation, among members and with all mankind. It honors the memory of Chancellor Robert Livingston, who was Grand Master from 1784 to 1801.

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Grand Matron Presents Libby Pataki \$10,000 for Breast Cancer Research



Libby Pataki-wife of the Governor of New York, M. Wthy. Linda Angiolillo-Grand Matron and M. Wthy. Everett Vail-Grand Patron.

The Grand Matron has made Breast Cancer Research her special project in her year of service to the Order of the Eastern Star. On Saturday evening, June 3rd, The Warren/Washington District O.E.S. entertained the Grand Matron, Grand Patron, and their staff of Grand Officers at an Official Visit to the District. It was the homecoming of the Grand Matron, who has completed her year visiting 38 Districts throughout the State. It was at this dinner meeting that the wife of Governor George Pataki, Libby Pataki, was a special guest. In front of over 300 guests, Linda Angiolillo, accompanied by the Grand Patron Everett Vail, presented Mrs. Pataki a \$10,000 check for the benefit of clinical and genetic research of breast cancer as administered through the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Mrs. Pataki was

overwhelmed by the presentation. This money was raised as a result of the sale of a pin, which the Grand Matron was instrumental in designing. The pins were sold for \$3.00 throughout the state by Eastern Star members and was the soul source of this gift.

Libby Pataki said her efforts to raise money for the Breast Cancer Foundation began six years ago when her mother was diagnosed with the disease. Pataki said that she had lost two aunts to the disease, although her mother is still alive. Since that time Pataki has advocated that women have an annual mammogram in an effort to detect the disease early. She stated that the presentation and the initiative of the Grand Matron, who is a breast cancer survivor, has brought awareness of this disease forward.

(Source Gerry Goodsell, Grand Historian, O.E.S.)

Local Mason Receives Grand Master's Appreciation Award

By Tom Paglia
R.:W.: Austin Keith in his earlier years was a power house, full of energy, always on the go, doing something for someone and helping anyone he could. As a Grand Lodge VA Deputy to the Canandaigua VA Medical Center, he was always there to assist the Veterans with his heart, hand



R.:W.: Austin Keith

and finances. Austin was very well known throughout the Medical Center. It was only in his later years when he was ill, that he curtailed his visitations. His visits would be once a week, sometimes two and three times a week, not

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Local Sailor Helps Host "Pearl Harbor" Movie Premier

By Roland Ortiz, Office of the Navy Public Affairs
Memorial Day is a time to remember the sacrifices of the men and women in uniform from wars long past. From the Revolutionary War to the Gulf War, Americans remember the sacrifices laid down for today's freedom. This past Memorial Day was marked by a special remembrance of the attack on Pearl Harbor, which is located two miles West of Honolulu.

The event that plunged the United States into World War II and all the sweeping emotions it arouses, was the centerpiece of many Memorial Day observances and television programs, in addition to a mega-scale motion picture premiere recently released, nearly 60 years after the attack.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class David M. McWhinney (son of Patrick McWhinney and grandson of W.: Bill Hook), and his fellow sailors on board the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis, pulled into Pearl Harbor on May 15th after a six day trip from San Diego. Since the 102,000 ton ship was already scheduled for underway training in May, the Navy decided to take advantage of the public information opportunity offered by the movie's premiere

by involving a Navy ship capable of supporting the event.

This premiere provided the US Military an opportunity to inform a wide international audience about America's military and the people who serve in it.

McWhinney, the 22 year old son of Patrick and Christina McWhinney of Webster, is an aviation weapons handler who maintains, inspects and handles weapons and ammo carried on naval aircraft. He understands the importance of Navy sponsored events like this.

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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The theory of "Personified Labor & Personal Integrity or a Revival of Freemasonry"

By Don Brugger

You probably have heard a lot lately about the alibi generation (generation V,W,X or whatever). That is the avoidance of responsibility or "Hey, man, I didn't do it man, it was somebody else." How many times have we heard the story, "it's in my genes," or "I had a terrible mother or father, or my siblings and playmates harassed me", you know the line.

"The worth of a person is exactly what he is willing to take responsibility for." That may be plagiarized from someone, but I don't remember who. Wouldn't it be an ideal world if people would accept the consequences of their own behavior? Wouldn't it be refreshing to be able to rely on a person's personal integrity?

There should be no place where this philosophy should be more evident than in Freemasonry. We are supposed to be the Fraternity of Brotherly Love, the Fraternity where you can rely on your Brothers to tell you the truth, to keep their word, to be their Brother's keeper.

Freemasonry should be the place where personal integrity should be the rule. Freemasonry should be the place where a man is known by the work he does.

This is where the Personification of Labor comes in. In ancient times the operative mason thought enough of his efforts to put his mark on his work, telling the world, both present and future, that he had done what he thought was his very best. Even if the job was not so good or amateurish, you could bet that with his name on it, he was proud of it. That pride in one's work seems to be an archaic sentiment these days. The philosophy nowadays is, "get it out the door, it's good enough, who's going to notice the small defects anyway?"

What if the "good enough" philosophy were popular at the building of the pyramids, or at the building of the great cathedrals, would they still be here for us to wonder at, would they still be here for us to study and learn from?

I think it's time for a revival of personal integrity. I think it's time for a "Revival of Freemasonry". Its time has come. Stay tuned, more to come.

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Our Annual Fundraising Campaign will soon be here. Let us all strive to increase our gift of love by pledging a designated amount each week. A fifty dollar contribution is less than \$1.00 per week, and \$100 is less than \$2.00 per week. Surely, when we look at the amount in respect to an amount per week, a gift of \$50.00 or \$100.00 is not too large to ask for. Every gift, no matter how small or how large, is important.

Faith, Hope and Charity (love), but the greatest of these is Charity (love). The only thing which will stop the works of your Masonic Service Bureau is the lack of your love and support.

"Let your light so shine, that all may see your good works." □

MSB Community Service
 By Harold Bollotin

Homerama 2001

This annual event, sponsored by the Rochester Home Builders Association, was held at Cranberry Cove in Penfield on June 9-21. They requested the Al Sigl Center to provide Volunteers to act as ushers, greeters and to manage the visitor traffic control in the newly built houses open for inspection to the general public.

The Al Sigl Center contacted me, as a representative of the Masonic Service Bureau, to recruit fellow Masons to aid them in this fundraising project for the Center. Our three volunteers consisted of Angelo DiCataldo for one after-

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noon and my wife, Sylvia, and me on four afternoons.

After my short briefing, Angelo handled one of the houses all by himself. He did a very capable and satisfactory job and was great interacting with the visitors. On behalf of the Bureau and myself, I extend to him my

sincere appreciation and thanks for his participation.

The Homearama drew huge crowds. A steady stream of visitors, an estimated total of 2,000, kept us really busy.

Masonic recognition

It is my custom to wear my Masonic cap at all community service events. It is a pleasure to be greeted and to be recognized by Brother

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July 3, 2001

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Bollotin
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Dear Harold & Sylvia:

Our gratitude is boundless! On behalf of the Al Sigl Center partnership of agencies and the 53,000 children and adults with disabilities we serve together, thank you for representing the Center and volunteering your time on behalf of the Masonic Service Bureau for Homearama '01.

Your efforts at Homearama made it possible for us to raise significant dollars for people who are helped by the Al Sigl Center partnership. Thank you for helping the Center achieve more for thousands of children and grownups with disabilities.

We look forward to many more opportunities to work together in the future.

Thanks again for your time and energy!

Sincerely,

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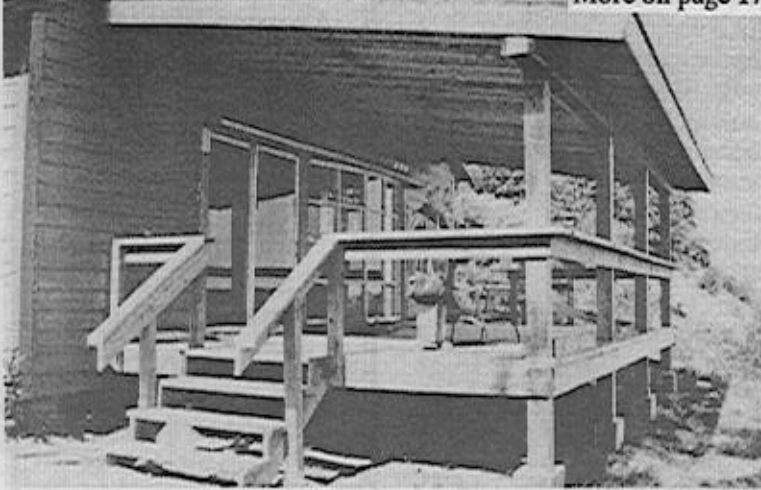
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Roy Merritt-Damascus Divan and his wife, Mary, with Harold Bollotin at Homerama.

Camp DeMolay Lodge Front Porch Completed

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Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

I hope everyone who reads this had an enjoyable Summer. As promised in my June, 2001 article, I'll continue my series on divorce. Last month I introduced the concept of equitable distribution. Equitable distribution is the method by which the law divides up marital property. It doesn't mean a 50/50 split. It only means that the court has to do justice between the parties.

In my last article I talked about dividing up tangible assets, (cash, house, silverware, etc.). This month I'll talk about dividing up intangible assets (business interests, professional degrees, and pension plans).

We'll go back to Amy and Joe. While married, Joe went to law school and got a law degree. He later formed a law partnership with another attorney. Amy participated in a pension plan at her job.

Joe's interest in the law partnership (50%), his law degree and Amy's pension are all marital property, subject to equitable distribution.

Amy can't physically have a piece of Joe's law degree and law partnership. Yet her contributions as a homemaker, and economic partner, enabled Joe to go to law school and build up his practice. A court will value these assets by asking: what's Joe's law degree and interest in his law partnership worth? To make that determination, Amy and Joe will each hire their own appraiser to make a valuation analysis. This concept driving valuation is enhanced earning capacity. The law degree has enhanced Joe's ability to earn income above what he would earn without a professional degree.

With these competing analyses, a figure will be reached. The court will then fix a percentage of that figure. The final result is the amount that will be equitably distributed to Amy. In order to make the distribution, Joe may have to pay Amy cash or transfer other assets to satisfy Amy's distributive award.

Amy's interest in her pension plan is also subject to equitable distribution. Amy cannot break open her pension and transfer a portion to Joe to satisfy Joe's distributive award. Joe will have to wait until Amy retires before he can obtain his share of her pension. In light of these circumstances, Joe's attorney would draft a "qualified domestic relation order (QDRO)," for the judge's signature. Once signed, Joe would send this QDRO to Amy's company. This QDRO basically states that when Amy retires and begins drawing on her pension, Joe is to receive a portion of it.

Brotherly Assistance Given!

By R. W. Jay McCullough

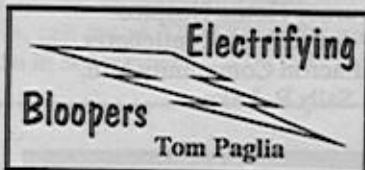
Several individual Brothers, Oatka, Charlotte/Corinthian, Craftsman/Robertson and Webster Lodges, the County Masters and Wardens Association and the Service Bureau, responded to the appeal in the June issue of the *Times*. There we had a column on page 5 headed, "Brotherly Assistance Needed". The article, and in particular, the call throughout the District by W. "Moe" Schirano, brought the cause to

the attention of local Brethren who reacted without hesitation.

The 1979 and '93 Masters of the Niagara/Orleans District have established a fund to assist R. W. Ronald Bower of Lockport Lodge No 73 and his family. The story has already been presented. Thank you's were published in the most recent "Empire State Mason" and other State newspapers. The faith of the Lockport Masters in the generosity of their Brethren throughout the State has been sustained.

Many in the Monroe District know Ron Bower, particularly subscribers to his "Niagara/Orleans District Masonic News" newspaper and recognizing him as the managing editor of "The Empire State Mason" magazine.

Thanks to all who responded. Remember, those who have not can still help to make a difference. Make your check payable to "Niagara/Orleans District News", insert "Bower Family Fund" on the memo line and mail to: Niagara/Orleans News, P.O. Box 49, Medina, NY, 14103.



While out on a call, I ran into an old friend and his comment was, "I was just going to call you for a minor problem at the house with a duplex receptacle (outlet)." He claimed the power was off in all of the bedroom outlets and every time he tried to reset the breaker, it would make a loud noise and trip. I told him I would follow him home, which was 60 miles away at the end of Keuka Lake on 240 acres, with rolling hills. A real beautiful area. He had built a Spanish style villa and the water well produces the best tasting water you can find anywhere. Everything in it resembles a Spanish home. He just likes that style, and so does his wife. When we arrived there he explained to me that he and some of his friends tried to locate the problem with no luck. He also showed me the gloves he purchased to work on the circuit, even when there was not power, they were 10,000 volt lineman's gloves. These gloves cost about \$60 to \$80.

About two years later

The circuit was out for two years and his wife said either he should call me or she would. The circuit had the master bathroom ground fault outlet, guest bathroom ground fault outlet and outlets in the family room and lights on it. Not much for a 20 amp circuit. The trick was to try and find where the circuit originated. It so happened we opened up the correct outlet and there it was. After testing the meter and wires, I found it had a short circuit in both directions. Now the fun began, trying to find where the short was located. Turned out that no matter in which direction I tested, there was a short. After about an hour, the sweat was pouring off me because the temperature outside was 100°.

I noticed there was scaffolding and I asked him what it was for. He told me he had done some work on the outside overhang and replaced the wood there because the other wood had rotted out. He replaced the new wood over a period of two weeks, in the meantime, the overhang was exposed. Then he told me he noticed some squirrels running around the scaffolding; that's when I put two and two together.

Isolating the two outlets and testing the go-between wires, the short was located. It was inside the wall between the two outlets. So what do we do? Knock a hole from one outlet to the other and try to patch up? Not a good idea because the plaster had that fancy Spanish texture. We could also put a by-pass along the wall between the two outlets.

In order not to get his wife all excited, he decided to go with the by-pass units. What had happened was that the squirrels had fallen in between the studs and could not get out. They became hungry and started to chew on the wires and shorted them out. As far as we know, because we did not cut the plaster, they are still there with the wires in their teeth.

Maybe someday he might get inquisitive, which I doubt, because of his wife. He may try to cut the plaster and look for what ever is in there.

Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee



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

Computer training

Free computer and internet training classes are available for all who volunteer at any of the VA Medical Centers. This program is presented by the Information Systems Staff from the VA Healthcare Network Upstate New York. All volunteers can learn the following: computer basics; logging on; getting the PC ready; using the mouse and keyboard, window navigation, logging off, and shutting down.

The Internet is also covered and participants can learn the following: Internet basics; looking at the Internet; exploring the world wide web; using browser software; information security issues; navigating the network 2 website; and performing searches.

Volunteers interested in taking the Internet Basics class must successfully pass a basic computer literacy quiz or complete the Computer Basics Course. If interested, contact the nearest VA Medical Center. For the Canandaigua Medical Center, call Robin Johnson at 716-393-7759; for Albany, call Karen Haas at 518-462-3311 ext. 2370; for Bath, call Sue McCormick at 607-664-4770; for Buffalo and Batavia, call Mark Francis at 715-862-8667; or call me at 716-227-2046.

This is a free gift of a lifetime. Register right away. If they don't get enough people, it will not be held. They have gone through a lot of preparation in putting this together. Don't let them down.

Comments Requested New Medication Co-Pay Regulations

A proposed Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regulation that will increase the co-payment some veterans make for outpatient prescriptions was recently published.

For the past decade, veterans have paid \$2.00 for each 30-day supply of medication furnished on an outpatient basis for treat-

ment of a nonservice-connected condition. This will increase to \$7.00, with a maximum annual out-of-pocket payment of \$840 for veterans in certain enrollment categories.

In 1990, the VA spent \$715 million for pharmaceuticals. While co-payments remained the same during the next 10 years, the cost for medicines rose to \$2.1 billion in 2000. Under the new regulation, co-payments could increase with inflation, along with caps, based on the Prescription Drug portion of the Consumer Price Index.

Certain veterans currently do not have to make medication co-payments and the proposed regulation would not change that. The following veterans are exempt from the regulations proposed today:

Veterans who have a service-connected disability rating of 50 percent or more.

Veterans who are receiving medication for a service-connected disability.

Veterans with incomes below the maximum amount of VA pensions.

A limited number of other veterans exempt by public law.

During fiscal year 2000, 1.1 million veterans received medication from VA, averaging 47 prescriptions (30 day supply) each. VA collected \$101 million

in fiscal year 2000 for medication co-pays. It is anticipated that the same number of veterans will continue to use VA at the new co-payment rate, generating an increase in payments of \$250 million annually. Every dollar collected will be returned to the VA facility where the veteran received medical care.

VA believes that the proposed \$7 medication co-payment would be lower than or equal to most medication co-payments charged by the private health care industry. The purpose of the annual cap is to help eliminate financial hardships for veterans who in unusual circumstances need a significant number of prescriptions. The cap is based on a veteran who averages more than 10 prescriptions a month.

The co-payment cap would not apply to veterans in priority category 7. Congress has determined that these veterans have sufficient resources to pay for VA inpatient and outpatient care.

Veterans and other interested parties have 60 days to submit comments to: Director, Office of Regulations Management (O2D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20420; or fax comments to (202) 273-9289; or e-mail to OGCRegulations@mail.va.gov.

(Submitted by W. Joseph Jung)



You, your family and friends enjoy the benefits of basic biomedical research everyday. State-of-the-art treatments and procedures made possible through biomedical research are enabling physicians to cure more diseases and improve the quality of life for all of us.

You can help us to ensure the health of future generations. When discussing Planned Giving decisions with your family as well as your financial consultant, attorney or accountant please consider a bequest, trust, or gift, large or small, to the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. Such a gift will leave an invaluable legacy that will benefit all humanity.

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory is internationally prominent, especially in the area of heart disease. It has consistently rated in the top 10% in competition for Federal grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Other fields of study include Molecular Biology, Immunology, Hypertension and Lupus Erythematosus. The Laboratory's research findings appear in the most prestigious scientific biomedical journals.

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2001 Masonic Service Bureau Scholars Excellent Turnout Lauds Masonic Scholars and Charities Recipients



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On June 20th at the Webster Masonic Temple, a large contingent of the Masonic Community, as well as friends and relatives of the recipients, turned out for the Annual Service Bureau Awards Reception. The fellowship hall was filled to capacity.

A reception consisting of light refreshments and punch was served prior to the formal portion of the program.

After some brief remarks by Jay McCullough, CEO of the Bureau, the business of the evening commenced. The program was emceed by A. John Tijou, member of the Charities Committee. The scholarships were presented by Erna-Jean T. Walker, chair of the Scholarship Committee. Fifteen scholarships, of \$1000 each, were awarded. The Charities Grants were presented by A. John Tijou.

Each recipient gave a brief acceptance and the scholars described their plans for the coming academic year.



The Service Bureau expresses its thanks to the members of Webster Lodge No. 538 for the use of their facilities.

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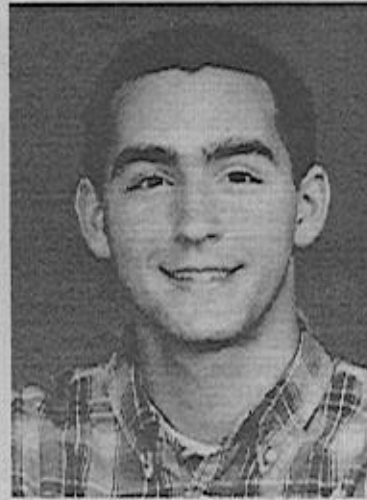
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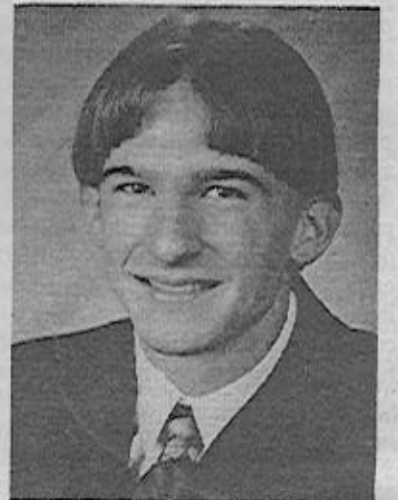
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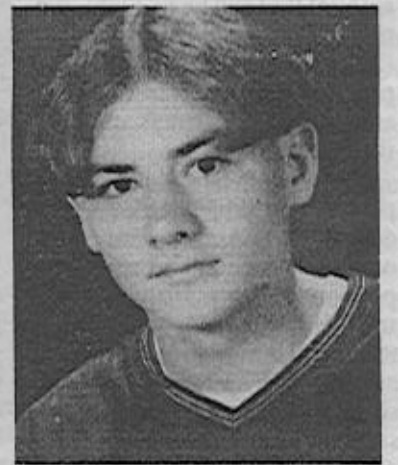
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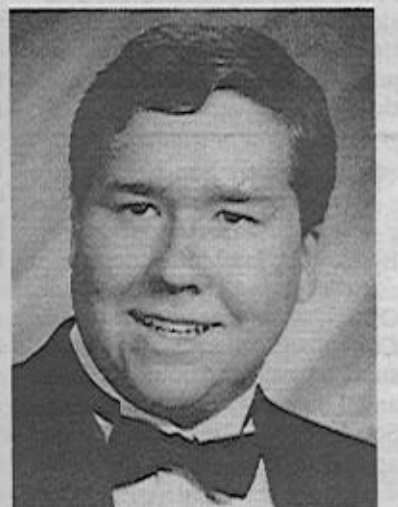
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We wish them well
in their chosen fields of endeavor

**District Deputy
Grand Master
Monroe District**



R.W. William Lindsay
621-3573

One of the things I do when I get ready to put my column together is to reread my last column. I did and reread the information I shared regarding the possible move from the Downtown Temple to the Perk Building on Elmgrove Road. As I was rereading that information, I also recalled that most people don't hear, read, or see the "last" anything. As you get ready for the start-up of the Fall Masonic calendar, I encourage you to have a look at that discussion so you can be an informed participant in the Monroe decision process.

I share the following experience as I think it contains ideas relevant to much Masonic activity occurring throughout our Jurisdiction. Many years ago I co-taught a graduate education/administration class at the University of Pittsburgh. As we planned for the class (which met from 5:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. one night a week) we recognized that offering up the usual set of lectures, though dynamically delivered, would turn into a real snoozer, real quick. As an alternative, we created a case study that students could work on. Essentially, we gave them an empty building, generous financial resources, 1600 students, 125 staff, a full range of support services, a secondary school syllabus, and the freedom to use these resources in a way to best remediate the many problems facing schools at the time. It took part of two class sessions for the group to functionally organize itself and to develop subcommittees to work on the various aspects of the plan. The end product was to place a full proposal for a brand new school before a panel of capable educators for evaluation. The three instructors acted as resources (in addition to handling the "dynamic" lectures, tests, and papers.)

The big day finally came for the presentation. The reviewers were the school superintendent of the Pittsburgh archdiocese, a deputy superintendent from the US Office of Education, and a California high school principal. The plan was for the presentation to be done in one class, the reviewers would spend the week preparing the evaluation and then do a feedback presentation the next session. The students did an excellent job of the presentation, while the reviewers listened, took notes, and occasionally asked questions. All were excited to attend the next class and hear the reviewers' evaluation.

The review began with a number of quite positive comments about the component details of the plan. When the panel began to discuss the plan from a holistic perspective, however, the bottom

fell out. Mind you, these comments were delivered in a most educative way; nonetheless, the entire proposal was deemed a failure against the standard of "building a better school". One reviewer summed it up when he said, "Really, all you've got here is Westinghouse with a new coat of paint." (Westinghouse was at the time symbolic of all that was bad in the Pittsburgh Public School system). Then they left.

In the discussion that followed their departure, there was the usual amount of blaming the evaluators and other forms of reflecting personal disappointment. We decided to compare our efforts with their comments and see if we could improve our own understanding of how to be better planners. Our conclusions are as viable and relevant today as they were then.

Some key things we learned:

1. That the building block of all organizations is the people who comprise it.
2. Successful planning is derived from an assessment of the skills, needs, wants, and desires of the members.
3. Organizational values must be clearly understood and articulated by every member.
4. Effective strategies linking organizational values and member's needs must be identified.
5. An articulated relationship must exist between organizational values and organizational activity.
6. Values tend to be constant and unchanging; activity reflecting organizational values frequently changes.

So what's in all this for Masons? As our numbers continue to diminish, we all get into a feverish "fixit" mode from the Lodge to the Grand Lodge level. The danger is that the well-intended action can be as destructive to the Craft, as the failure to act, if such action is undertaken without consideration of the planning noted above. Every member has the right to ask the question, "What has this got to do with making good men better?", and expect a reasonable answer. I suspect that the more the question is asked, the better the men will become.

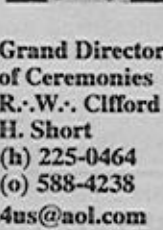
So here we are. □

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Reflections

As we start a new Masonic year, we would be remiss if we did not take the time to thank all of the Brethren, from the R.W.'s to the Entered Apprentices, for their help and support during this past year. It has been a truly memorable and enjoyable one for us. Brothers from all corners of the Monroe District have stepped up to join our Leadership Team, in order to re-energize some proven programs, and to kick

start some new projects. From some of the comments we have received, it appears that these programs will continue to grow, both in support and popularity. This could not have happened without the commitment of time and effort of you, the Brethren of the Monroe District.

We started a year ago with a Leadership Team of 13 Brothers and 7 base programs, some from Grand Lodge and some local projects that have been successful in the District level. Our Leadership Team has now grown to well over thirty, and includes Brothers from the six Districts that surround our Monroe District. Brethren from the area have been very receptive to the ten new programs and projects, and the interest levels are continuing to grow. It makes our job much easier when our efforts are supported from the interest and energy from the Brethren of our District.

Responsibilities

We thought that with the coming new year, we would take the time to explain a topic that is rarely spoken about, the duties and responsibilities that are expected from your Grand Lodge Officers, specifically the District Deputy Grand Master and the Staff Officers.

There is only one District Deputy assigned for each District throughout the State. A District may have one or more Staff Officers. The decision of how many Staff Officers are assigned for a particular District rests with the Grand Master.

Normally, we find one per District, but there are cases where a District will have no Staff Officer, and there are instances, as in the Monroe District, where we have two Staff Officers. The Staff Officers carry the titles of Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Steward, and Grand Directors of Ceremonies. You will find that the District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) and Staff Officers have separate, distinct responsibilities within their respective Districts. They report directly to the Grand Master. One office does not direct the activities of the other, but they do pool their cooperative efforts to support each other's responsibilities and efforts.

The District Deputy Grand Master

We'll start with the District Deputy Grand Master.

As described by Grand Lodge, the DDGM's mission is: "To translate the message, wishes, and programs of the Grand Master to the Brothers of a District in such a way as to maximize their support, cooperation, active participation and enthusiasm."

Basic summaries of the District Deputy Grand Master's duties are as follows:

1. He is directly responsible to the Grand Master for the administrative condition of every Lodge within his jurisdiction. The District Deputy is the final authority at the District level.
2. He is to work as a team with the Staff Officers on Grand Lodge and District programs.
3. He is obligated to visit every Lodge within his District, and to report on the status of each Lodge, at the request of the Grand Master.
4. The District Deputy appoints qualified chairmen to carry out programs designated by Grand Lodge.
5. He is to insure that all Masonic Laws, Rules, Edicts, and Protocols of Grand Lodge are obeyed within his District.

6. He is to support the efforts of the Staff Officers and their programs throughout the District.

The Staff Officers

Regardless of the title assigned by the Grand Master, the responsibilities of the Staff Officers remain the same.

The mission of the Staff Officers, as per Grand Lodge is: "To provide leadership and coordination in the area of Membership Retention. The Staff Officer aids in the creation of a District environment which fosters Masonic Education and Leadership, promotes outreach to those in need and stresses the importance of Brotherhood in such a way as to cause our Brethren to desire a lifelong association with the Fraternity."

Basic summaries of the Staff Officer's duties are as follows:

1. To work with the DDGM as a team to promote Grand Lodge programs.
2. To oversee the Membership Retention efforts within the District, and to appoint a District Team Leader for Membership Retention, in consult with the DDGM.
3. To organize and coordinate the execution of the Lodge Officer's Training Program, named the "Road to the East".
4. To see that the incoming Masters within their Districts have well-planned and balanced trestleboards.
5. To see that the Lodge System of Masonic Education (LSOME), Shepherding, Widows, and Membership Loss and Prevention Programs are used within the District.
6. To work in executing the coordination effort at the Annual Grand Lodge Convention, under the direction of the Junior Grand Warden and the Grand Marshal.
7. Administratively responsible to the DDGM for District activities.

Summary

As you can see, each of these offices carries with it very specific, but different responsibilities. While both have their own projects and programs to promote, each is expected to help and support the other, and together they should operate as a single unit or team to promote Grand Lodge Programs, with the end result culminating in the betterment of the Fraternity. Each Grand Lodge Officer reports, and is directly responsible, to the Grand Master.

As your Grand Lodge Representatives of the Monroe District, we believe we have assembled a very strong leadership Team to work with us, and to aid us in carrying out our assigned responsibilities, in the execution of Grand Lodge and District Programs. We believe that these programs will strengthen our District and our Fraternity, and lead Monroe District Masonry into a very bright future.

If you are interested in joining the District Leadership Team,

here is a list of our District Committee Chairmen:

RTTE Cliff, Jim or Bill
LSOME W.: Michael Schwartz 352-4016
LDC V.: W.: John Zabel 223-3228


Child ID/DARE
W.: Andy Alvarez 426-1946
W.: John Dyer 733-1743
Brother Pat Schwartz 395-0874
Membership Retention
R.: W.: Joe Privitera 392-5583
Membership Development
R.: W.: Bruce Chilton 342-0562
Public Inv. and Awareness
W.: Michael Batz 820-9019
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W.: Jim Weick 924-1666
Brotherhood Fund
W.: Phil Hurwitz 581-1831
R.: W.: Bill Spillane 334-6596
Drug and Alcohol Awareness
Brother Gary Crancker 594-5305
Lodge and Buildings
R.: W.: Joe Privitera 392-5583
W.: Phil Hurwitz 581-1831
Ronald McDonald
R.: W.: Don Darrohn 426-1946
Veteran's Recognition
R.: W.: Tom Paglia 227-2046
SW Install. Program
R.: W.: Charles Simpson 426-1501

Widow's Program
R.: W.: Terry Wihlen 346-4380
Nursing Home Cloths
W.: Lewis Perna 334-8265
Web Site
W.: Michael Batz 820-9019
Brother Pedro Ugalde 230-4646
Brother R.J. Muto 264-0221
History of Monroe County
V.: W.: John Zabel 223-3228


Dates to remember

August 29th-School of Ritual, Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154
October 20th-Leadership Development Course
Phoenix Lodge, Dansville
November 3rd-First Road to the East Session, Phoenix Lodge, Dansville. □


**ASSISTANT
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**John
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By V.: W.: John Zabel
School of Ritual
Your AGL's have been planning for this coming year. By the time you read this, if you are a Lodge officer, you should have been informed of the School of Ritual scheduled for August 29th

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AGLs

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in the Penfield Masonic Temple. The work is Opening-Closing-Balloting. We are looking forward to the officers of Churchville Lodge in their exemplification of the work. The evening will start at 7:30 p.m. and will be concluded by 9:00 p.m. The Penfield Masonic Temple is located at the corner of Penfield Road and Five Mile Line Road. Parking is available in the parking lot adjacent to the Penfield Fire House.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held at Fairport Lodge on Friday, October 12th. There will be a Steak Dinner prior to the Convention at 6:30 p.m. The Convention will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. and will be concluded approximately at 9:00 p.m. The work for the evening will be the First Section of the 1st Degree.

We have scheduled a School of Ritual for Monday, October 29th, at ERAC Lodge. This School will be very different. The guest for the evening will be R. W. William Vassily, Chairman of the Custodians of the Work. The evening will be for questions and answers about the Ritual for Brother Bill. He has indicated that he will be discussing the various Historical Lectures and the need to communicate them to candidates at the appropriate time. Brother Bill is very knowledgeable and we should have a very interesting evening.

On other Ritual Matters, we have heard that the Ritual book is being recompiled and reprinted. The new book has many corrections and the return of portions of the work that was missed in the last reprinting. Our information indicates that the editing of this new book will be much better than in the past. Stay tuned for more details.

The office of AGL means that the holder of the office is supposed to help the Lodges in the Ritual matters. There is more to our Ritual than accurate recitation of the words. The meaning of the works must be communicated as well. This means that the Brother reciting the words must also know their meaning and the ideas they are attempting to convey. Your AGLs can assist in learning the meaning of the words, but the Brother needs to build his own interpretation of the ideas and teachings the words are attempting to convey.

There is more to a Lodge than correct conferral of the Degrees. What a Lodge is depends on the Lodge. Look at your Lodge and its meeting. If attendance is low, find out why members are not coming and work to correct the problem. The Ritual is only one part of a Lodge, but it is the underpinnings, the firm foundation, upon which to build Brotherhood and a Lodge worthy of its members. □

Membership Retention

R. W. Joseph Privitera
Monroe District



Start of a New Lodge Year

Yes, we will be going at it again. Your leaders, both in the Lodge and the District, have prepared themselves to have a year that will be interesting for you and your family. What is needed is your support. Go to a meeting and find out what is going on. If you need a ride, call someone in

the Officer's Line. If you don't indicate the number, look at the top of your Lodge's column in this publication.

The Master of your Lodge should have his Trestleboard for the year prepared. This Trestleboard should include a schedule of Lodge and District events. The Master of a Lodge should somehow put this Trestleboard into your hands so you know what is going on in your Lodge. An informed Mason is an active Mason.

Dues

I want you to check your dues card. If the year is 2001, you are all set. If the year is 2000, you are a year behind. If the year is 1999, then we have a serious situation. We do not want to lose you because of non-payment of dues. If there is a financial situation where you can only afford 2000 dues, then just pay that and pay 2001 dues later. If there is a situation where you cannot afford payment, then contact your Lodge Master or Secretary. Something can and should be arranged. If there is a problem either financial or otherwise, talk to someone about it.

If you want to talk to someone outside your Lodge, you can talk to me or anyone listed on page 2 of this publication under 'Hot Numbers'. We will be asking Lodge Secretaries for lists of all Brothers who are about to be dropped for non-payment of dues, so we can contact them on a District level. We will be doing this to find out if Brothers need assistance or any other situation that we hopefully can resolve and learn what we can do in the Craft to avoid situations in the future. See you in Lodge. □

Bureau of Masonic Education Monroe County

President:
V. W. John Zabel

A New Start

"Hey George, have you been reading the latest postings on the NYMASON community on the Internet?", asked Bill. (Note: If you don't know what this is, it's the replacement for the old listbot and is now a community at community.msn.com, but is basically an internet message exchange board).

"Yes, I've been reading the postings lately. Which one are you referring to?"

"The discussion of the terms 'subdue my passions and improve myself in Masonry'. I've found it to be very interesting."

George replied, "What did you find interesting?"

"Well, both parts, but the subdue part has me thinking. One of the messages said that to subdue means to control but not eliminate passions. What do you think?"

"I think you have a good idea of the concept. Controlling passions can be a difficult job. Every day we are put in situations where our passion for something can become inflamed. According to the statement, we must continually rethink our words and actions. The rethinking process should help us to reduce the flame of the passion and put it in the proper perspective", said George.

Bill replied, "I'm beginning to understand. It's like being cut off in traffic. I have to check my immediate impulse to get mad and

either go with the flow or toot to indicate my displeasure."

"That's good, but also think about what the other person may think of your response. A toot may be very irritating to the other person and not really get your point across. Sometimes no response is more than adequate. Every situation is different. I think one of the lessons to be learned is to know when different responses are appropriate for similar situations", said George.

"To subdue my passion is not a simple matter, then," exclaimed Bill.

"No, it isn't, but through talks and personal reflections, we can approach the ideal of subduing our passions", replied George.

What's happening

Coming this Fall is the last presentation of the Leadership Development Course. The LDC is being phased out and will be replaced by a new course intended for both new Masons and Brethren looking to learn more about Masonry. The LDC is being planned for presentation on Saturday, October 20th, in Phoenix Lodge in Dansville. Registration and other details will be communicated to the Lodges in early September. If you haven't taken this Course, this is your last chance.

The new Masonic Development Course, MDC, is undergoing final revision and is scheduled for approval by the Leadership and Educational Service Committee in early October. Your Bureau will be presenting the Course as soon as it is available. □

Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.

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At our first meeting back in June, we carved out a meeting schedule that included the traditional Saturday mornings as well as some Monday evenings and Friday evening dinners. Our next meeting is Saturday, September 8th, 10:00 a.m., Clio Lodge No. 779, 287 East Avenue, Hilton. Masters, Wardens, Line Officers, and Brothers in general, are welcome. We will be discussing the Have-a-Heart Campaign and Juvenile Diabetes fundraisers (yes, already).

Our October meeting is Friday, the 19th, 7:30 p.m., at the Burgundy Basin Inn in Pittsford. This is our first dinner meeting. The cost is \$19 per person and is open to Brothers and their ladies. Reservations can be made thru our Treasurer, Brother Dean Smith, at 586-9298. More about

the program for the evening will be in next month's Times.

By Emil Schirano

I thank the Masters and Wardens Association for all their help in getting volunteers for the WXXI Membership Campaign. We had 19 volunteers come to help and some were turned down because there would have been too many. The response was just great. We had some that came early from 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and some that came from 9:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., and others who were there from 6:45 p.m.-11:30 p.m. The Monroe County Masons took in 10 thousand dollars in pledges. We were told that this was a very good pledge drive and would love to see us come again.

Helpers included: Bill Lindsay, Dave Zegas, Lou Campanello, Phil Hurwitz, Lou Perna, Steve Lysenko, Mike Hamelik, Embola Ekille, Richard Greenaway, F. Jay McCullough, Karl-Heinz Reich, David Hagmier, Cliff Short, Robert Hill, Mike McBride, Gordon Smith, David Sylvester, Vance Collom and me.

This was a great turnout and I thank all for your help. I found out one thing, "ask" and you will receive. □

Child ID Program

W. Andy Alvarez



Since I first joined our Fraternity, one of my pet projects has been the Child ID Program. Over the years, we have been running this Program as a make-shift operation, borrowing cameras and equipment from anyone and everyone who could loan it to us. Few Lodges could run a Child ID Program, because the equipment was not available to use or to train on. That time has changed.

A few months ago a committee was formed, consisting of Brothers Pat Schwartz, Leon Randel, and myself. At that time, we started talking about providing a Child ID Program for the Lodges in the Monroe District. The wheels started turning on what type of equipment we would need, and what type of training should we, or could we, provide to the Brothers interested in starting this type of program for their Lodge.

Using the guidelines from the Grand Lodge Child ID Program, we went to work. We would need three complete set ups of cameras, props, and other equipment to run a proper ID Program. The costs for this type of venture started to rise very quickly.

W. John Dyer was consulted for his advice. W. John is a photo expert, and works for Eastman Kodak in this field. He suggested we investigate digital equipment, conserve our resources, and still keep the VHS format. □

Masters & Wardens Assist in WXXI Membership Campaign



While researching the equipment available, W. John Dyer and Brother Pat Schwartz found that the digital equipment was not only better than the conventional, but much more cost effective. All we needed now was the funding.

The first two Lodges to step up to the plate to help were Etolian No. 479 and Charlotte/Corinthian No. 1088. Both Lodges graciously donated \$2000 toward funding the Monroe District's Child ID Program. Enough equipment was purchased to man two complete Child ID set ups, with a separate reviewing station. This equipment belongs to the District, and is available to any Lodge within the District. The storage is controlled by the Child ID Committee Chairmen; W. John Dyer, Brother Pat Schwartz and myself.

An implementation plan is being designed by the Committee, which will enable any Lodge interested in starting, or continuing, a Child ID Program, to be properly trained in the use of this equipment.

Scottish Rite furnished the film for the shoot, and we will be calling on other Masonic organizations to help support this Program, financially and with manpower, to keep the Program viable. Any Lodge interested in setting up a time and date for a Child ID Program should contact one of the Committee members: W. Andy Alvarez at 426-1946; W. John Dyer at 733-1743 or Brother Pat Schwartz at 395-0874. □

Monroe Brotherhood Fund

Philip Hurwitz, Chairman



Brothers, you have done the Monroe District proud. According to the final 2000-01 state-wide Brotherhood Fund Report, the Monroe District raised a total of \$38,057.24.

Your generosity placed our District 2nd overall. The Queens District came in 1st at \$40,663.60. The Manhattan 7th District came in 3rd at \$34,579.00.

My thanks to each and every one of you who contributed. We all owe a big round of applause to each Lodge Chairman. It is their efforts at organization and getting the word out that helps us help others.

To all Lodge Chairmen who are either returning or are doing this for the first time, thank you.

This year I'm pleased to announce the addition of a Co-Chairman to the Monroe District Masonic Brotherhood Fund. R. W. William Spillane of Northfield Lodge No. 426 will be joining the effort to make the 2001-02 Campaign even more successful. As a former Staff Officer, Brother Bill brings his experience in organizing on a District wide level. □

FAIRPORT
Lodge No. 476

W. G. Michael
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2nd & 4th
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7:30 P.M.

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There are a number of topics on upcoming activities and programs that I would like to address in this communication.

Canal Days

As you know, our food stand at the Canal Days Festival, which is held on the first weekend in June, is one of our principal fundraising events. This year we formed a Canal Days Committee to make the arrangements for the event. The Committee consisted of Brothers Brian Bills, Easton "Kel" Kelsey, and Greg Ludwig. The Committee did a terrific job, lots of Brothers came out to help and we did very well financially. On top of that, it was a lot of fun!

I think our chant "Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Sausage, Fries, Brew Fries, Ice-Cold Water, Funnel Cakes (next door)", may actually become legendary! Although this year we did get some serious competition from the funnel cake ladies, who put together an impressive jingle. We will just have to wait and see what next year brings.

Condolences

On a more serious note, it is my sad duty to report the death of our dear Brother, R. W. Gerald "Chick" Becker. Brother Chick was called to join the Great Architect of the Universe on June 20, 2001. A Masonic Service was held for him on Saturday, June 23rd, conducted by R. W. Mike Dox. Over 30 Brothers were in attendance to pay their respect to this extraordinary man and Mason. We will miss him.

Repairs

Our Lodge Trustees have been busy this Summer. Our Lodge building is in serious need of repair. They have received quotes for external wall repairs totaling \$37,000, and for internal repairs (theater ceiling, drop ceiling in the Lodge and dining rooms, and dining room floor) totaling an additional \$37,000.

The Trustee Committee met with Fairport Village officials in July to investigate the possibilities for grant and low-interest loan programs that may be available to us. Their findings and recommendations will be discussed at our first regularly scheduled Lodge meeting on September 10th, 2001.

Official Visit

Our September 10th meeting will be the Official Visit of R. W. William Lindsay, DDGM. In addition, our Senior Warden, Brother Kermit Moyer, will lead a discussion on the Masonic Child ID Program and how it might be implemented in the Fairport/Perinton community.

Open meeting

Our meeting on September 24th will feature a public presentation and demonstration by Professor David Williams, Director of the Center of Visual Sciences, University of Rochester. In his presentation, entitled: "Optical

Illusions and the Mysteries of the Human Visual System", Professor Williams will demonstrate a number of fascinating visual effects and artifacts, while he seeks to unravel the mysteries of human vision. He is an excellent speaker; this will be a great program for "students of all ages"! Please be sure to invite your family and friends. We will also be advertising the event widely in the community through announcements in newspapers, on Cable Channel 12, and by direct mailings to the science teachers in the Fairport/Perinton School District.

On September 24th we will open Lodge at 7:00 p.m., conduct a brief meeting at 7:30 p.m., and begin the public presentation at 8:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

I will conclude with a few reminders. We are in the process of updating the e-mail distribution list for the Lodge. If you have not done so, please send an e-mail to our Secretary, Brother George Bracht (geo-bracht@juno.com) so that he can include your address in the Lodge database.

We are also beginning to design a website for Fairport Lodge. Brother R.J. Gillens has graciously volunteered to assist in getting the site up and running. Let me know if you have any suggestions for the site.

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 (phone: 223-2828 or e-mail, morrisGM@cornering.com). See you in Lodge!

Wakan/Hubbard
Lodge No. 154

W. Steve O. Maynard
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7:30 P.M.

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I take this opportunity to thank the Lodge for placing their confidence in me by electing me to serve as Master. I look forward to performing that duty, but need your help. I especially need the help of the Past Masters. Please attend our meetings and assist us in running the Lodge.

Clambake

The Wakan/Hubbard Annual Clambake will be held September 8th at the Mosque on Bay Road. Festivities will commence at 1:00 p.m. Those members who have a computer, please make your reservations to Brother Paul Kober. Others will be contacted by our Calling Committee.

September meetings

The first meeting of the Fall season will be held on September 10th and will be preceded by a Roast Beef Dinner. Reservations by e-mail to Paul Kober, others will be contacted by the Calling Committee.

The second meeting will be held on September 24th and will be dedicated to recognizing and awarding Service Certificates to our Brothers who have accomplished long term milestones.

News

It is with pleasure to announce that both W. Ted Snyder and

R. W. Bob Pettit are home and well on the road to recovery after surgery. Brother Ed Henderson has been in Park Ridge facilities and is improving. He should be home by the time you read this. By the time you receive this, W. Mike Adamus will have undergone replacement knee surgery and should be starting to mend.

Condolences

We extend our sincere condolences to Brother Joe Oelgoetz on the passing of his father last month. During our Summer recess we have lost W. Andrew Young and Brother Howard Frank. Masonic Services were extended to both.

We hope that by this time Brother Paul Kober will have managed to straighten out the e-mail list. We do know that we still have some members missing. If you were on the list, or if you have an e-mail address and are not now receiving messages, please contact Paul.

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

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

Greetings, Brethren! I hope you have not yet melted in the recent heat! This weather reminds me of home on the Great Plains of Kansas. The Officers of the Lodge and I are gearing up for another great year in Seneca.

We've been busy

If you are on the Internet, there is a new site that you must see. It's WWW.Seneca797.com. Brother Bob Kimmel is our web master and has done a great job of getting the site up and running. Please check it out and give appropriate feedback to Bob.

Let's have a Clambake

Our September 11th meeting will be a casual affair. We are going to have a Clambake. It promises to be a great time. We do have some slight Lodge business to attend to, so we will open Lodge at 5:30 p.m. to take care of some formalities, then on to the fun. Please call Brother Ray Glegg for reservations, the earlier the better.

We have candidates!

It is not too late to get a petition in for consideration and participation in the upcoming Degrees. Bring your potential member's petition to the September meeting. We have one candidate already and one petition to be read, and hopefully, some more from you. Get their petitions in by September.

Degrees

The 1st Degree will be conferred at the October 9th meeting. The 2nd Degree will be conferred at the November 13th meeting. The 3rd Degree is tentatively slated for January. It would be great to have a large class of candidates, so start talking Masonry to your friends. Let this serve as your warning to start reading your Ritual books and practicing your lines. The Degree Director will be contacting you to find out what part you would like

to perform. You can volunteer and beat him to the punch if you have a favorite. Call W. Robert Green at 223-5953.

Socially speaking

We are planning a great social calendar. In addition to the Steak Roast, we will have a Ladies Night, Geva Night, Seneca Tea, and Breakfast with Santa. We are exploring the idea of a second Ladies Night at the Shooting Gallery and a Golf Tournament. These activities are still on the drawing board and are in need of volunteers. If one or more of these strikes your fancy, get in on the ground floor of the planning.

I am looking forward to a great year in Seneca. It promises to be a year of growth for our Lodge. The general health of the Lodge is good, and looks to be improving. With your help, I know it will be a successful and beneficial year for all of us.

As always, my phone is available and my mailbox is waiting. If you need anything, or have an idea, don't hesitate to call or write me.

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Lodge No. 538

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Thursdays
7:30 p.m.

W. Paul Sobtziak, Sec.
671-8980

I hope everyone had a pleasant and healthy Summer. It seems like the days go so fast that they are over before you even remember what you did!

Our last event before the Summer break was a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on June 21st. We had a few guests and everyone who participated had a great time.

Summer events/news

We participated in the Webster Firemen's Parade. Several Brothers rode their bikes as other Brothers marched and rode in the parade. We assisted the Webster Firemen in their food booths as they also marched in the parade. On August 12th, at Webster East Golf Course, the Webster Lodge Golf Challenge was held. The Chairman for this event was Hank Libera. I thank Hank for organizing this event. All had a good time. Thanks to everyone who participated in this fun event.

Brother Russell Binggeli moved into the Rochester Friendly Nursing Home during the Summer recess. I'm sure visitors would be appreciated.

Webster Lodge thanks Brother Michael Nohle for his

generous donation to a needy family.

Upcoming events

It's time to start thinking about the coming year and getting back to work. This year's theme is education and enjoyment. I urge everyone to participate in as many events as possible.

Our Welcome Back event will be a Corn and Sausage Roast on September 6th. It will be great to see everyone and discuss the upcoming year.

We have a speaker night on September 20th. Brother Don Yakapic is a Financial Advisor and will be discussing finance and investments. It will be an interesting event.

On October 12th the School of Ritual will be held at Fairport Lodge. R. W. Keith Stambach has asked Webster Lodge to participate in this event. We will be exemplifying the 2nd Section of the 1st Degree, from the Obligation on. Officers, please start to prepare for this event.

I'm looking forward to a great year with a lot of participation. Each day is a gift, stay healthy and keep smiling.

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

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

June 5th was a special night for me and Craftsman/Robertson Lodge. I had the distinct pleasure and great honor of being installed as your Master for the ensuing year. It took me a long time to travel the road to the East and I humbly and honorably accept it with pride and great humility. I thank the Installing Team: R.: W.: Vern Goodrich, W.: William Shelby, and R.: W.: Paul Robertson. I especially thank my Officers for their dedication and sacrifices for the job ahead. Let me pledge to you that I will be there for you to assist, guide and strengthen your labors in the quarries of Masonry.

There are many to thank, but space and time do not permit. Suffice it to say I deeply appreciate your help, concerns and advice.

A couple of notes on coming events: our Annual Picnic at Lincar Park was again a great success, thanks in part to W.: "Skip" Waterstreet, chef extraordinaire and his staff. Thanks to those who came and enjoyed the day.

At our September 4th dinner meeting with the ladies, a special organ concert is scheduled by our own Brother John Walker. It promises to be a great night, complete with a sing-a-long. Please come out and enjoy the friendship, good food and old time music.

On September 18th we will be honored with the presence of our District Leaders for their Official Visit. The East is always open for District Deputy, R.: W.: William Lindsay, and his Staff Officers.

I look forward to meeting and greeting each of you this year in Lodge and for those who can't make it to Lodge, we hope to visit with you at home. God bless.

From the Secretary

W.: Thomas Kendig
I wish to report that several Brothers are in arrears on their dues. Please contact me at 1-315-524-4063 so that we may work out arrangements for payment. Thank you.

By Robert Ogden

In memoriam

It is with sadness we report the passing of Brother Charles C. Sanford on June 5th. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family and friends. A Masonic Service was held in Canandaigua on June 7th, with R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet officiating. Attending were Brothers Jack Grover, Bob Traub, Bill Hook and myself. The following Brothers from Canandaigua Lodge No. 294 also attended: Edward Hall, George Stanton, Donald Gehrig, Jack Cowan, Mike Taylor, and Brother Sanford's two sons. We extend our sincere thanks for your attendance, Brothers.

Recently W.: Tom Kendig informed me that Brother Earl A. Kraft passed away in Florida on July 20th. We extend our deepest

sympathy to his family and friends.

Wild Shirt Night

Brother Bill Wimberly was selected by Judges to be the winner on June 9th. What a classy shirt-wow!

Red Wings vs. Columbus

A special thanks to Brother Ken Schumacher for arranging a night out at Frontier Stadium on June 12th. It was a most delightful evening enjoyed by Brothers Derek VanHouten, Paul Robertson, and of course, Ken Schumacher, and Jayne and I. Sorry to say, but our home team lost another that night.

Special Olympics-July 22nd

Again, we tip our hat to Brother Ken Schumacher for arranging to meet the following Craftsman/Robertson families and friends: Brother Tom Kendig with granddaughters Megan and Amanda Steffen; Brother Bob Traub with son, Garry, and his son Tyler; W.: Derek VanHouten; R.: W.: Paul Robertson; Brother Jack Grover and Brother Ralph Jurgens and his wife, Ann, to participate in the Olympics.

Brother Ken estimated over 75 athletes were present. Special Olympics Bowling will be in October. The place and date are unknown at this time.

Seventh trip to Bermuda

R.: W.: Paul Robertson and his wife, Doris, will depart for a cruise to Bermuda on September 1st and return on September 9th. As always, they will enjoy a memorable trip and expect to meet with several of their former shipmates. Have a safe journey.

Scottish Rite Reunion

On May 19th, at the Reunion Banquet, W.: Derek VanHouten presented the Commander-in-Chief, Charles O. Hancock, 32°, and the Valley of Rochester with a beautiful example of the sword maker's art known as an epee. This outstanding sword is to be known as "The Command-in-Chief's Sword", and will be used for investiture in the Ceremonial Section of the 32nd Degree. A case will be provided for the display of the Sword and a plaque recognizing Brother Derek's contribution and recording the names of the Commanders-in-Chief who use it.

Scandinavia

Vern and Barb Goodrich visited Denmark, Sweden and Norway on a Fiord Tour, departing on July 21st and returning August 5th. Such an exciting trip! We anxiously look forward to hearing all about the trip.

Birthdays

Many happy returns to Brothers who were born in July: Bill Adams, Barry Chermis, Don Fetting, Cliff Field, Volney Frankel, Bill Hook, Tom Kendig, Dave King, Gar Kyte, Dave Lerner, Bob Lindeman, Paul Lockart, Russ Rines, Cliff Smith, Karl Stets, Frank Suhr, Wes Trendell, Rene Vandevre and Gene White.

August-Jim Causey, Dave DeHollander, Chet Kowalski, Al Neracker, Mal Nulton, Ken Schumacher, Bill Shelby, Duane Smith and Barry Traub.

September-Gib Blew, Hal Carlson, Don Connor, Bill Kaufman, Bill Kicherer, Frank Newman, Gerry Pfrenge, Glenn Post, Bob Shartran, Elmer Smit, Bill Stark, Joe Steffen, and Bob Waldeck.

I'm sorry to have missed your birthday in the June Times,

Brother Gauch. I will be more careful in the future.

September meetings

There will be a dinner meeting with the ladies invited on September 4th.

September 11th will be the Fellowcraft meeting.

September 18th is Official Visit.

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Thanks

The June Strawberry Festival was a huge success. Our new Junior Warden, Pedro Ugalde, showcased his considerable organizational skills in bringing it all together. A "Big Northfield Thanks" to all who helped. We even had lots of 'civilian' help. Bill Spillane brought his daughter, Krystle, and her friend, Jean. They gave us a hand setting up. Dean Smith brought that very fine young man, Jake Oliver. Billie Smith worked the serving line. Merritt and Betty Sweet, along with Fred and Eloise Hull, cleaned berries. Our most recent Past Master (twice removed), brought Debbie Shulman, who helped with grill relief, as did Andrew Campbell. Ben Griswold brought his girl friend and they worked the money table.

Other workers included Russ VanDegriff, R.J. Muto, Pierre Dube, Don Smith, Jim Weick, and Dr. Dick Trolley. Dean Smith's generalship was evident throughout the proceedings. Special thanks to Dean for his procurement skills in ordering the berries and supplies. Thanks again to all who helped!

September

Our start-up meeting is September 6th. Practicing Ritual of the Opening and Closing of the Lodge will be our topic. Dress is business casual-no ties. Please bring any petitions you may have.

September 20th is Past Master's Night. Past Masters will fill the chairs.

CLIO

LODGE No. 779

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Greetings and upcoming events

I hope everyone had a good Summer. September is the time for Brothers to get together again. Our start date will be the evening of September 18th beginning at 6:30 p.m. It will be a

Sport Shirt Night with a Steak Dinner. Reservations are a must. Call Sean Noonan at 392-8156, or me at 392-9261 if you are planning on attending. We would also appreciate everyone bringing a dish to pass.

Our first Spaghetti Dinner will be held September 26th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Come and help in the kitchen. Many hands make light work.

Clio Lodge will host the Masters and Wardens meeting on September 8th at 10:00 a.m. This event is open to all Masters, Wardens and Deacons. Plan on attending this important meeting.

Past events

On July 7th, a Blood Drive was held at Clio Lodge. There were 65 pints collected. Thank you to all who gave blood.

On August 4th we held a Child ID Program at Parma Town Days. The event was open from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We processed 164 children during the five hours. It was a rewarding experience. A special thanks to all the Brothers who were able to help.

September birthdays

Best wishes to Dana Daniels, James McAttee, Harold McClain, Douglas Arnold, Francis Hand, Douglas F. Wright, and Douglas W. DeHollander.

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.

**Valley/Simes
Lodge
No. 109**

W.: Robert L.
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2nd Tuesday
7:30 P.M.

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Once again, the Summer of our (dis)content passes all too soon. It's back to the drawing-board no matter how you slice it. There is some work to be done in the quarries of life to mine out those precious nuggets that we treasure along our path.

Dinner

Where better to begin than with our Brothers in fellowship and brotherly love. Evidence of this fellowship was at the Masters and Past Masters Dinner hosted by Bob Anderson. Good food, good weather, good water and good fellows. Thank you, Brother Bob. Also, thanks to Brother Dave Mura, the Lodge Picnic at Camp DeMolay was well attended and fed.

Socializing

Seems this Summer was a tremendous time for socializing what with our Night Out at the Ball Game (again, thanks to Brother Dave Mura), and our day at the Finger Lakes Race Track (thanks to Brother Mike McBride, Sr.). Some of you Brothers are missing some quality time. Fellowcraft has plans for several gatherings soon and we are getting the messages out as fast as they are made.

Happy Birthday

A "Happy Birthday" to all who had birthdays over the Summer.

News will be out

Our Trestleboard is being solidified and will be sent to you. Brother Mike Batz, Secretary, is also preparing a newsletter to include those items not herein contained.

Official Visit

We look forward to your anticipated Lodge attendance at the DDGM's Official Visit at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11th. Call W.: Mike Batz at 802-9019 or Brother Dave Mura at (h)367-8695 or (w)477-0861 with your reservation.

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I hope each and everyone had a peaceful Summer.

Official Visit

Brothers, our Official Visit will be September 12th. Please try to attend.

Petitions

If anyone has a petition, please try to get it in as soon as you can. Our 1st Degree will be October 26th. Brother Al Jeerings, Senior Warden, will be in the East.

Summer Picnic

The Lodge Picnic went very well. The turnout was great. I hope to see everyone next year.

Dinner reservations

Please call Brothers Frank Higgins, 544-1952; Garry Hutcherson, 494-1345 or me, 359-2257, for dinner reservations.

ETOLIAN

Lodge No. 479

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W.: Karl-Heinz
Reich
Master

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

W.: Michael G. Schwartz
Secretary
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After Summer recess, I welcome all Brethren back to the quarry. As you will see in this report, for some Brothers, work never stopped, and my personal thanks and recognition is appropriate at this time. Before I write in the sequence of all the events, I highlight the Installation of Officers on June 3rd.

This Installation was one of the best Etolian Lodge has performed for a long time. Thanks to the Knights Templar for the Honor Guard; the James A. Hard-Wayne Charter Post No. 12 for the Flag Presentation; Adam Tianello for the bagpipe tunes; Betty Reisinger on the organ music, and Matt Kroetz on the zither.

There were about one hundred members and guests present, including R.: W.: William Lindsay, DDGM, and R.: W.: Keith Stambach. Our



Etolian Lodge Officers for 2001-2001

James MacConnell-Installing Marshal, Aurthur McMichael-Steward, Patrick Schwartz-JW, W. Karl-Heinz Reich-Master, James Toogood-SW, R.W. J. Edward Gillott-Organist, R.W. Ruel Lovett-Installing Master(standing) Peter Middeldorp-PM Orient Gardelegen, Germany, Daniel Homa-Marshal, David Hagmier-SMC, Richard Kessler-Tiler, Thomas Michelsen-Treasurer, Ray Mandeville-Stew., Chester Riley-SD, Michael Schwartz-Sec., Edward Zorn-JD, and John Dyer-Chaplain.



Trudy Reich presenting gavel to newly installed Master.



Bro. Peter Middeldorp, PM Orient Gardelegen, conveying greetings from Lodges in Germany.

special guest was W. Peter Middeldorp, Past Master of Orient Gardelegen, Germany. Brother Peter made this trip over the ocean just for the Installation and it was an honor to receive him for presentations in the East.

All of this would not have happened without the help of the Installing Team consisting of R. W. Ruel Lovett, R. W. F. Jay McCullough and W. James MacConnell. My personal appreciation to all who made this event successful.

Highway beautification

The annual early Summer flower planting at the State Highway No. 531 took place on June 9th. Thanks to the master planter, R. W. James Powell, and several Brethren who assisted him: Brian Keery, Edward Zorn, William Mason, James Toogood, Michael Schwartz, Patrick Schwartz, Dennis Tiano, F. Jay McCullough, and myself.

Picnic

The Summer Picnic with our families and the Eastern Star, was well attended. About sixty friends enjoyed the food and games. Thanks to the SW, James Toogood, Arthur McMichael and Ray Mandeville, who made all the preparations. We also thank our clown, "Seeley", who entertained our future Masons and Eastern Stars, and Brother Michael Edelman, who provided plenty of ice cream for all.

Pancake Breakfast

On July 28th and 29th, we had the Annual Pancake Breakfast for the Spencerport Canal Days. R. W. Eugene Brendel and R. W. Edward Gillott rallied all the help for this event. Appreciation to the Brethren who volunteered their help and service.

We had over twenty volunteers, three of them were relatives of Masonic members; Judith Gillott, who entertained us with organ music for the two day func-

tion; Mickie Darrohn, who collected all of the donations, and Adam Tiano, who assisted in the dishwashing duties.

Child ID

At the last meeting before recess, we had the Budget approved. We allocated a special amount for the Monroe County Child Identification Program, which was piloted on the 28th and 29th of July at Etolian Lodge. W. John Dyer; Junior Warden Patrick Schwartz and Andy Alvarez, from Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge, chaired this task.

This program is supported and widely accepted by the Grand Lodge and many communities. My special thanks to all. More on this subject in their own articles.

First Annual Social with Prince Hall Masons

Several Brethren, from different County Masonic organizations, were invited to the AAUW House, 494 East Avenue, for the First Annual Social Event with members from Eureka Lodge No. 36 and Haggai Chapter No. 41. This was a quiet first step for a better understanding. Like the old saying, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with the first single step!"

In response to this friendly social gathering, I took pleasure in inviting the Worshipful Master, Eugene Crews; Excellent High Priest, James A. Ghent, and members of their respected Prince Hall Masonic Organizations, to our first communication, which will be a Table Lodge on September 10th.

Blood Drive

The late Summer Masonic sponsored Blood Drive, had to be scheduled on July 31st, because the American Red Cross was in urgent need for blood. Chairperson for this project was Brother Ray Mandeville. The following Brethren helped and assisted Brother Ray on all or some of the

preparations: Arthur McMichael, James J. Powell, James Toogood, and F. Jay McCullough. The participation was very good, 75 contributed and 66 pints were accepted.

Upcoming events

The next communication will be a Table Lodge on September 10th. It will be at 5:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple in Spencerport, and the menu will be Steak or Chicken, plus different refreshments. The cost is \$10.00.

Please make your reservation with the Junior Warden, Patrick Schwartz, 395-0874 or the me at 426-6836.

Come join us and have fun! ☐

Union Star Lodge No. 320
 3 N. Main St.
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W. James E. Nersinger, Master
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2nd Mon. 7:30 P.M.

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Installation

Officers for the ensuing year were installed on June 11th. They are:

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| Master | Jim Nersinger |
| Sr. Warden | Gary Sanford, Jr. |
| Jr. Warden | Kerry Ripley |
| Sr. Deacon | Tom Michael |
| Jr. Deacon | Mike Weber |
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| Chaplain | W. Richard Dye |
| Sr. Master of Ceremony | Les Moore |

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Jr. Master of Ceremony | Harold Wagner |
| Marshal | Gene Mosholder |
| Organist | R. W. Marty Reitz |
| Tiler | Richard Horton |

An outstanding Installation Ceremony was conducted by R. W. Robert Sanford, Master, assisted by W. Bud Ripley, Marshal, W. Richard Bull, Chaplain, and R. W. Marty Reitz, organist. The Installation included a perambulation by the Lodge to the new Master.

Our first scheduled Lodge meeting is Monday, September 10th, at 7:30 p.m. We will be privileged to have a talk on "Masonic Etiquette and Ritual", given by W. Richard Bull.

The September 24th Fellowship meeting will have the Election of Officers for the year.

Union Star Brother Receives Dedicated Service Award



The Dedicated Service Award and Apron was presented to W. Richard Bull by R. W. Robert Sanford. He was assisted by W. John Williams and R. W. Gilbert Walter.



R. W. Martin Reitz-Organist, W. James Nersinger-New Master, W. John Williams-PM, and R. W. Robert Sanford-Inst. Master.



W. Jim Nersinger congratulating Brother James Tullock on his recent 95th birthday. (Photos courtesy J. Nersinger)

Interfaith Service

The Interfaith Service and Breakfast will be on October 28th. The cost is \$10.00. To purchase tickets for this event, contact our Secretary. Please make this a family event.

He had retired to Florida. His son, W. Kenneth Buckland, is a Past Master of our Lodge. The Service was conducted by W. Richard Bull.

Brotherhood Fund

Brother Kerry Ripley, Junior Warden, has been appointed the Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund for the coming year. He will be contacting everyone this Fall. Meantime, if there are any Brothers wishing to make a contribu-

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tion, they may do so by mailing the donation to the Secretary. Please mark your donation "Brotherhood Fund". It will be properly forwarded to Brother Ripley. Please be sure to include your Lodge number.

Plans are being formulated for a family night/day activity. If you have any suggestions, please contact our Secretary.

I am looking forward to seeing you back after the Summer break.

Who Has the Traveling Gavel?
Reporter
Nat Singold

FAME
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Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.

Leon VanHuben, Secretary
647-1391

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Summer! Our first meeting on September 11th will be a Poor Man's Dinner, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Our second meeting on September 25th will be a Pot Luck Dinner, also starting at 6:30 p.m. For this we ask that you bring a dish to pass and your own table setting. We will be rehearsing the first half of the 1st Degree, which we will be exemplifying at the Grand Lecturer's Convention on October 12th. We will provide you with the time and location at our first meeting. Your attendance at this Convention will show your support for the officers of your Lodge and help us win the prestigious Attendance Award. Who knows, you just might learn something in the process!

We will be having our Official Visit on Tuesday, October 9th, by R.: W.: William R. Lindsay.

Special thanks!

Special thanks to all the Brothers who attended the funeral services over the Summer. It was greatly appreciated by the officers and families.

Special thanks to the Trustees who worked diligently these past few months to consolidate the materials of the two former Lodges into the new Fame No. 722.

Brotherhood Fund

As Summer draws to a close, the Brotherhood Fund will be starting. Even a small contribution from each member of the Lodge can go a long way. The Brotherhood Chairman will be sending literature in the mail soon.

Attendance

Your Lodge officers were very proud and excited to see an exceptional attendance record since the consolidation! We are looking forward to a great year and more of the same!

Last, but not least, a very happy birthday to all our Broth-

ers and their wives who celebrated their birthdays over the Summer.

See you in Lodge.

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I am thrilled and honored to be at the helm of this great Lodge for the ensuing year. My theme for the year is "Everybody Plays". Already a number of Brothers have participated in or are planning some important work, like our Past Master's Dinner, the WXXI Membership Drive, Lodge repairs, Lodge history, and a giant calling of all local members to help with projects. If you want something to do, just ask me.

September

Our Masonic year begins on Monday, September 10th, with ERAC Awards Night.

The action continues on Monday, September 24th, with the District Deputy's Official Visit. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. for both events and reservations can be made thru our Junior Warden, Terry Wihlen, Jr., at 288-5327 or twihlen@webbox.com. These are both tux or dark suit events for officers.

Bad fall

One of our most active Brothers, Rick Schmanke, broke both of his ankles in a terrible fall off a ladder in early August. He had surgery and is now in rehab at the Rochester Friendly Home, 3156 East Avenue, near the intersection of East Avenue and Route 441, room 142. Rick has appreciated our cards, calls and visits so far. He needs us now more than ever.

Condolences

We have lost two Brothers to the Great Architect-David Evans and Ronald Stoltz. May they rest peacefully.

Finally, as my predecessor always said, if you need anything, just call or e-mail me.

"Death is your truest friend, and most reliable advisor. If you have doubts about the course of your life, you have only to consult death for the proper direction. Death will never lie to you."

Michael Brennan


"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

"There is no such thing as Christian 'giving', there is merely Christian 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

**District Deputy
Grand Master**
Genesee/Wyoming



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

I hope you had a good Summer.

There were two District meetings in July; the Council of Masonic Activities and the Grand Lodge Building Committee. They were poorly attended. Six Lodges could not be bothered to attend. There was a great deal of information and possible help given out. I don't know if the Lodges that didn't attend don't need help or have given up. As the old saying goes, "If we don't hang together we are going to hang separately".

R.: W.: Merle Robinson, Chairman of the District Drug and Alcohol Abuse Committee, has a program available for your Lodge to use. Contact him to set up a program time.


It is again time to think about a new District Deputy and Staff Officers. If you are interested, contact R.: W.: Jerold Brade.

Thanks to the members of Attica Lodge for the breakfast on the District Go-to-Church Sunday.

Reminder

The Masonic War Veterans meeting is on August 29th, at the Arcade Village Park. Bring a dish to pass and table service. The time is 6:30 p.m.

**Assistant Grand
Lecturer**
Genesee/Wyoming Dist.



V.: W.: Adrian J. Miller
676-2775

It's an honor

I thank the Genesee/Wyoming Purple Club for submitting my name as Assistant Grand Lecturer for the year of 2001-2002 and the Grand Master, M.: W.: Carl J. Smith, and R.: W.: Edward G. Gilbert, Grand Lecturer, who appointed me. I will do this job to the best of my ability. I am looking forward to meeting all the members of the various Lodges and to assist them in whatever capacity that I can.

October

On October 19th, we will have the Grand Lecturer's Convention to be held at Constellation Lodge No. 404. The Entered Apprentice Degree (first section) will be conferred by Triluminal Lodge No. 543.


On this eventful evening, the Howard Potts Award winner will be announced. To qualify, a Lodge must have their top seven Officers present. They are: Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Senior and Junior Deacons, and Senior and Junior Masters of Ceremony. The

Howard Potts Award will be presented to the Master of the Lodge at Grand Lodge in May.

You will certainly get an education in the proper way to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree at the Convention.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and reservations are a must. Please call me at 676-2775. The Convention starts at 7:30 p.m. Let's fill the Lodge room and show our Grand Lecturer that his trip is appreciated.

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Master
V.: W.: Adrian J. Miller
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Election and Installation

I thank the members of Arcade Lodge No. 419 for the confidence that you have placed in me by electing and installing me as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. This was a Public Joint Installation of Arcade Lodge No. 419 and Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 263. We were privileged to have the Genesee/Wyoming Purple Club conduct an excellent ceremony witnessed by seventy-five. We thank them on behalf of the members.

Picnic

We held our first Annual Picnic (family) on August 25th at the cabins in Arcade Town Park. I thank R.: W.: Arthur E. Drew for our reservations. This being our first Annual Family Picnic, it was well attended.

Erie County Fair

Arcade Lodge No. 419 and Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 263 had a joint fundraiser at the Erie County Fair. This was possible thru Lackawanna Lodge No. 887 at their food stand. We offered to take one day for this worthy cause.

Ladies Night

On October 9th we are having a joint Ladies Night with Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 263. We will open Lodge at 7:15 p.m. and close. Our guest speaker will be R.: W.: Harold Aldrich, and his wife, Phyllis, who will show slides of their trip to Poland. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

Birthdays

I hope you are enjoying the birthday cards that the Lodge is sending and if you have any glad tidings or sickness, please let me know. We have no way of knowing your problems unless you tell us.

Look who's having a birthday in September!

Scott Mason, 11th; Leonard W. Mason, 19th; Daniel S. Dike, 19th; David E. Hossenlopp, 23rd and James W. O'Dell, 23rd.

Sickness and distress

Brother David Hossenlopp is recovering from a hip operation. Brother Charles Newman's wife, Jane, has a broken elbow. W.: Craig Reitmeier is having sleep pattern tests. Brother Herschel Akin has heart problems and W.: Adrian J. Miller had an ankle operation.

Pancakes

With regrets, I have to cancel our Pancake Breakfasts starting in October because of a scheduling conflict in our Lodge with a church meeting. Maybe in the future.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

On October 19th, the Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held at Constellation Lodge No. 404, 21 N. Main Street, Perry. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and reservations are required. Please call me at 676-2775 and let me know how many are coming. The Convention is at 7:30 p.m.

We are seeking the Howard Potts Award and the only way we can achieve this is to have the seven top Officers present. (Worshipful Master, Junior and Senior Wardens, Junior and Senior Deacons, Junior and Senior Masters of Ceremony.) We missed by one officer last year and this is quite an honor to have our Lodge receive this Award. There is also an award for attendance, so let's pull together and put Arcade Lodge in the running.

I have been appointed Assistant Grand Lecturer for the Genesee/Wyoming District. I will be visiting the following Lodges in September.

September 4th, Warsaw Lodge No. 549, 8:00 p.m.

September 5th, Attica Lodge No. 462, 8:00 p.m.

September 6th, Hesperus Lodge No. 837, 7:30 p.m.

September 25th, Batavia Lodge No. 475, 8:00 p.m.

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"Warm" greetings from the East-as noted by the parentheses, as I write this article it is hovering about 95-98 degrees F., with about the same amount of humidity. In any event, it is Summer and we should be thankful for the warm weather knowing full well what probably is in store for the future. My thought of the present is the fact of 'where has Summer gone?' For me personally, it has been an extremely busy few months. It is my desire that your Summer has been one of enjoyment and fulfillment.

Refreshment Stand

As noted in the letter previously sent, with the help of the youth, the ladies and the Brethren of our Lodge, the project of manning the Refreshment Stand at Jubilee Store in Batavia was a complete success. Along with the enjoyment of meeting and serving the public, we enjoyed a very nice profit for our venture. It is my desire to thank those of you who helped make this event a success.

Picnic time

The Annual Summer Picnic was held on Saturday, August 25th, at my home in Byron. My only wish is that all could have been there. It was a time of great enjoyment and sincere pleasure for those who attended. Great food and fellowship was had by all who did attend.

Official Visit

As noted in your previous letter, the District Deputy Grand Master of the Genesec/Wyoming District, R. W. Raymond G. Barber, will be making his Official Visit on Tuesday, September 11th. A 'Dutch Treat' Dinner will be held at the Candlelight Restaurant on Jackson Street in Batavia with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the Official Visit to convene at 8:00 p.m. at the Lodge.

Degree

The conferral of the Fellowcraft Degree will be held on Tuesday, September 25th for our two newest Brothers. I, personally, am looking forward to this event. Please 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.

I will make every effort to keep you informed of upcoming events for the future.

From the Secretary

Please check your current dues card. If it does not indicate the year of 2001, you must be one of those who have not remitted your dues for the current year. Please do so without further delay and the expense of postage, etc., to your Lodge. Your dues include an indebtedness by the Lodge to the Grand Lodge. Please remit as soon as possible. Thank you.

May God bless us all.

and would like to be on the move again. I am sure she would like to meet new friends and see other venues.

September

September 6th is the first regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

A Brother-Bring-a-Friend Night is scheduled for September 17th at 7:30 p.m.

September 20th is a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The 1st Degree will be October 4th with a dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Benefit Golf Tournament

The Van Hulburt Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit the Crossroads House of Batavia was held August 16th.

It is the first to honor the memory of Van Alan Hulburt, an outstanding member of the Byron/Bergen Community. Van worked at B/B as a teacher and counselor throughout his career. He was also the golf coach and worked as a teaching golf pro at Batavia Country Club for many years. Van was also a fine Mason and many of us at Hesperus and throughout the Masonic Fraternity loved him and are very saddened by his departure. The Tournament was completely sold out with 40 four person teams participating, making this a great success.

Our thanks to Chris Pompa of the Batavia Country Club and the Tournament Committee consisting of Ralph Marsocci, Don Jack, George Hoke, Don Read, Tom Sardou, John Specht, Robin Charcholla, Chris MacConnell, Ruel Lovett, Garry Hutchurson, and many other devoted helpers.

Sickness and distress

Rosie Marsocci and Don Read are recovering from surgery. John Bater is doing well.

Our condolences to the Jessop family for the loss of John's brother, Clark.

Reminder

Be thinking of new men to invite to the first Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on September 17th at Hesperus Lodge. Until next month...

wonderful turnout. Attica Lodge served breakfast to about 30 Brothers, their wives and families. I thank everyone who came and especially those who worked.

The 3rd Annual Attica Lodge Golf Tournament was July 28th. This year it was to benefit the Crossroads House and, as usual, it was well attended and a lot of fun. Each year there are more and more teams signing up.

I hope that the Annual Lodge Picnic on August 11th went well. Hopefully the weather cooperated and "Master Chef" Jerry Brade worked his magic on the grill once again.

September

Attica Lodge's first meeting of September is the 5th. It will be our annual visit by the District AGL. I hope to see the sidelines as full as possible.

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



1st & 3rd Wed.

W. Nevin Brick Master 768-6473

8 West Main Street LeRoy, N. Y. 14482

We have a very exciting year ahead of us. Many special activities are planned.

Bring-a-Friend

We will have a Bring-a-Friend Night on October 13th. Get your reservations in early as I will need a count no later than October 1st.

Veterans

The program for veterans' lunches and fishing was sponsored again over the Summer. Eight lunches were served and everyone had a good time.

Child ID

We will be sponsoring a Child ID session in the Fall.

Meetings

At least one meeting every other month will be held in the Fellowship Hall to allow those who must not climb stairs to participate. The first meeting of this type will be on the Official visit of the DDGM, October 3rd.

Clean-up

A Fall Clean-up is in the planning stage. This will include all Concordant Bodies who meet at the LeRoy Temple. This cooperative effort will allow us to get to know each other and set common goals for our groups, possibly even some shared projects beyond the maintenance of the building.

We have a new line of officers, as well as big plans for the coming year. Together we can make it happen.



Activity schedule for balance of 2001

Sunday afternoon, October 7th, Ward 8A visit.

Sunday afternoon, November 11th, Veteran's Day, Ward 8A visit.

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

Sunday, December 23rd, Holiday Gift Distribution, beginning

in Building 5 Auditorium at 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

If anyone would like further information, call Tom Paglia at 227-2046.

Help needed

The VA Clinic on Westfall Road needs volunteers for clerical and file room assistance.

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1st and 3rd Thursday



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September is here, the children are back in school, and it is time to return to our Labors. I hope each of you had an enjoyable Summer. Our first meeting of the year will be September 6th at 7:30 p.m. V. W. Adrian Miller, Assistant Grand Lecturer, will be making his first visit to Hesperus. Let's have a good turnout to welcome him.

2001-2002 Officers

The following Officers of Hesperus Lodge were installed on June 3rd. The ladies of the Eastern Star prepared a delicious Roast Beef Dinner and served 63 meals preceding the meeting.

Master Marshall B. Krause
Sr. Warden Ralph Marsocci
Jr. Warden Ronald W. Morris
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W. Kenneth T. Barons
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Marshal

R. W. Holden P. Miller
Organist Chet Banach
Tiler W. Donald Reed

Molly

The traveling trophy has spent the Summer at Hesperus Lodge

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

Summer solstice

Well, here it is, the hundred days of Summer are just about over. Picnics, reunions, and days at the beach are almost done. Hopefully everyone has enjoyed themselves, met up with the family, renewed old friendships and made some new ones.

Into the Quarry

This being my first time as Master of a Lodge, I am hoping that I will be able to live up to my predecessors who have gone this way before me. By the looks of it I have some mighty big shoes to fill and I'm counting on the help and support of ALL the members.

Happenings

By the time of this writing, the District Go to Church Breakfast will be history, and there was a

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are being changed and people with disabilities are being recognized for their abilities as employees and good neighbors. In addition, Dan was the impetus behind the Al Sigl Center Business Services, a management services organization (MSO) which offers best practices and economies of services to bolster organization effectiveness in the area of human resources, risk management, telecommunication, financial and information management services.

Dan's vision of partnership combined with his strong leadership qualities transformed the Center from an organization that raised \$18,000 his first year to \$4.7 million this past year. His remarkable fundraising accomplishments have brought over \$22 million in gifts in the past five years.

Community

Dan Meyers has been active in community service since he was a child. When he was four years old, he carried the collection jar while he accompanied his mother as she knocked on neighborhood doors seeking donations for the Mothers' March against Polio.

Today, he supports more than 50 charitable organizations through both his time and financial contributions. He serves on the boards of ViaHealth, George Eastman House, St. Bernard's Institute, and the Halcyon Hill Foundation. He has also served on the boards of St. John Fisher College, Rochester General Hospital, Aesthetic Education Institute, Nazareth Schools, Mary Cariola Children's Center, the Episcopal Church Home Foundation, Rochester Rotary Charitable Trust, Grantmakers Forum, Martin Luther King, Jr. Greater Rochester Festival Commission, and Helping People with Aids, Inc.

Dan is an active member of the Rochester Rotary Club and Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Dan received the 2001 Outstanding Fundraising Executive Award from the Association of Fundraising Professions (AFP), the largest association of charitable fundraisers in the world, at their international conference in San Diego. In March 2001, he received the distinguished Lantern Award from the Advertising Council of Rochester, for exceptional volunteer support of the Ad Council and its mission of assisting charitable organizations with communication to our community. In May 2001, Dan also received the Edward Mott Moore Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Monroe County Medical Society.

Personal

Dan resides in Brighton with his partner, Dr. Ronald Kwasman. In his spare time he enjoys gardening and restoring his 150 year-old farmhouse on Pinnacle Hill. "I am honored to accept this Award for our partnership," says Dan. "Rochester is a remarkable generous community, and that generous spirit for which the Masons are exemplary has helped the Al Sigl Center shine as a national model for services for children and adults with disabilities." □

Livingston Award

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Masonic background

R.:W.: Maurice Solomon was raised in 1946, in Montefiore Lodge No. 753, Glasgow, Scotland. He affiliated with Flower City Lodge No. 910 in 1962, served as Master in 1972, and again on two other occasions. He is currently a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163. He served as Assistant Grand Lecturer for several years, and was President of the Monroe Masonic Service Bureau for two years.

In 1980 he was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana near the Grand Lodge of New York, and with it was accorded the rank of Honorary Past Junior Grand Warden of Louisiana.



R.:W.: Solomon & M.:W.: Carl J. Smith. (Photo M. Solomon)

Maurice was appointed to the Custodians of the Work by Grand Master, M.:W.: Robert Singer, and continues to serve on that important Committee. For many years, he has contributed a column to the *Masonic Times* entitled "Custodians Corner." □

Appreciation Award

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for just an hour or two, but for six to eight hours.

A friendly face

Austin and his lovely wife, Edna, would travel the tunnel that goes around the Medical

Center and greet everyone. He always had a kind word and a friendly handshake. Many of the veteran's anxiously awaited their visits. If they met someone having a wheelchair difficulty, he would say with a big smile, "hey young fellow, need a chauffeur?" Everyone was a young fellow to him. Austin and Edna visited the Medical Center for 25 years. He still belongs to the VA Masonic Volunteer Group

Status

Austin served in the U.S. Army during World War II for 3 1/2 years and was discharged as a Staff Sergeant.

Masonic life

He became a Mason in Ivy Lodge No. 397, Elmira, NY, in 1941. He served as Master of Walworth Lodge No. 254, joined the Royal Arch Masons and became High Priest of Palmyra Eagle Chapter No. 79. He went on to become DDGHP for the 24th Capital District and is currently serving as King for the Chapter. Everyone has high praises for him.

A side line

R.:W.: Keith served with the Macedon Center Volunteer Fire Department in the Fire Police for 29 years. Say Austin, do you still have your little whistle and flashlight? He is a member of the United Methodist Church.

A good friend

I know Austin through the VA Visitation Program. Right off, it became obvious to me that this was an honest and true Mason. There was something in the way he spoke, his facial expressions and the way he presented himself that impressed me. He always said something nice to everyone which gave me a warm feeling and I am glad I met him. The old adage is, "everyone should have someone to look up to" describes Austin.

As of this writing, he is going through a very difficult adjustment period, as his wife had recently passed away. I knew Edna and she was a wonderful lady. Please give him a call or send him a card as he could use your support at this difficult time.

Austin, you have helped make me a better man and Mason. One of the best gifts God gave this world was the birth of Austin Keith. I am proud to call him my friend. We wish you well and may God shed his bright light on you. "Happy sailing." □

Pearl Harbor Movie

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"This event promoted the Navy and showed the public how important we are to the American people," said McWhinney, a 1997 graduate of Bishop Kearney High School.

The "Pearl Harbor" movie premiere hosted 2,000 guests, including more than 500 news media from around the world. The film's stars who attended the premiere included Ben Affleck, Alec Baldwin, Cuba Gooding Jr., Dan Ackroyd, Josh Hartnett, and Kate Beckinsale. Along with former Defense Secretary William Cohen, virtually every military commander in Hawaii attended.

The biggest stars of the event were the members of the Pearl Harbor Survivor's Association. As they made their way to the carrier along a pier covered with a red carpet, they stopped to shake hands and pose for pictures with young Sailors and Marines.

The guests were entertained with a flyby of WW II and Korean War aircraft and Army Blackhawk helicopters. Bands from all the military services performed on the Stennis' flight deck. The flight deck also showcased one WW II P-40 Flying Tiger and a B-25 Mitchell bomber.

The hosting of this movie premiere by Stennis' Sailors left a lasting impression on many.

"Hosting the movie raised the morale considerably," said McWhinney, a four year Navy veteran.

Having the Stennis anchored in Pearl Harbor was a fitting location for the movie premiere. The Stennis was moored a few hundred feet from the USS Arizona Memorial, a historical tribute to the 1,177 crewmen who went down with the battleship in the first 30 minutes of the surprise attack. The bombing of Pearl Harbor precipitated America's involvement in WW II, and it remains today an important historic event in US history.

For McWhinney and his fellow Sailors, hosting this event meant not only catering to their guests, but also provided a unique experience.

"The most enjoyable parts of the event were meeting the stars and enjoying Hawaii," McWhinney said.

The movie "Pearl Harbor" serves as a tribute to World War II veterans, while reminding McWhinney and present day servicemen and women of the legacy they uphold. It also provides Americans with an awareness of perhaps the most prominent era in US history—one of which brought the United States to its work leadership role. □

More on Protecting Your Credit

We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed using your name, address, SS number, credit, etc.

Unfortunately, I (author of this piece) have firsthand knowledge, because my wallet was stolen last month and within a week

the thief(s) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more.

But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know.

As everyone always advises, cancel your credit cards immediately, but the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know who to call. Keep those where you can find them easily. (Having to hunt for them is additional stress you won't need at that point!)

File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where it was stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

Here's what is perhaps most important: call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number.

I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

By the time I was advised to do this, it was almost 2 weeks after the theft and all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks that were initiated by the thieves' purchases—none of which I knew about before placing the alert.

Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them in their tracks. The numbers are:

Equifax 1-800-525-6285

Experian (formerly TRW) 1-800-301-7195

Trans Union 1-800-680-7289

Social Security Administration also has a fraud line at 1-800-269-0271. (E-mail Wisdom) □

Escape Opportunity!

If you have a few hours a week that you would like to spend in a relaxed quiet atmosphere away from the distractions of domestic chores and repair jobs, if you always wanted to do some serious reading and research on Masonry or if you have always wanted to have those ready answers for the neophyte in your Lodge, then, the Monroe Masonic Library is for you. Why not spend a few hours every month, day or evening, helping both your Brothers and yourself.

Call 473-4351.

Many thanks to all those in attendance at the Post Picnic at Don and Winnie McDill's cottage on Conesus Lake. A great time was had by one and all.

Ladies invited

Our next meeting will be held at Fame Lodge Temple on September 27th. A Ham Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m., ladies are invited. The meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. Brother Don McDill will give a slide presentation of his travels while serving in the Navy.

Entertainment Books are now available and the proceeds will go to the Post Memorial Fund. □



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What a Site...From Hallways to "Neighborhoods"

By William J. Luley, Executive Director

Over the past few years, the Masonic Home in Utica has undergone a variety of renovations, none larger than the Modernization Project that I am proud to announce. The Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home are now embarking upon a total refurbishment of the nursing facility...a project with only one primary goal in mind...to improve the quality of life for our residents. The decision to move forward with the renovation and modernization followed many years of research and discussion in which the Trustees reviewed the present condition of the buildings, history of the Campus and future needs of the Fraternity.

The present nursing facility is comprised of several buildings, including the Soldiers and Sailors built in 1922, the Smith Wing built in 1952, the Stewart Wing built in 1963 and the Master Mason Wing, built in 1982. These facilities were developed based on the medical model of nursing home care. As we move forward into the future, the nature of nursing home care is being developed utilizing a home-like environment where an individual can receive the services necessary and still feel that they are residing in a residential environment.

The process of constructing the new nursing facility is taking place in three phases. The First Phase, the relocation of the Bleecker Street entrance and the updating of the site utilities, was begun and completed prior to St. John's Day, 2001. Individuals entering the Campus on St. John's Day were greeted with a new parking area and a wider, safer entrance way.

The Second Phase of the building project began on Monday, June 25th, immediately following St. John's Day; the construction of a parking garage behind the present nursing facility. The construction of the parking garage is to provide employees and guests covered parking while working or visiting the nursing facility. It will be constructed of three tiers; two of which will be covered with the third tier open; in total 312 cars for all three levels. The first level of the parking garage will be completed November, 2001, with the additional two levels to be completed in the Spring of 2002.

The Third Phase of the building project will entail the construction of 224 beds in a new facility comprised of neighborhood clusters in two and three story buildings built to the North of the Soldiers and Sailors building. Additionally, 96 beds in the Master Mason and North South Wings will be renovated to complete the project for a total of 320 beds. A new kitchen facility will be constructed to provide meal service for the new Health Facility, as well as for our employees

and visitors. The highlight of the construction will be two atriums, one, the Gathering Eden adjacent to the new neighborhood building, and the Winter Garden, which will be adjacent to the new kitchen facility.

The new facility will contain state-of-the-art areas for therapy, including an inground therapy pool, expanded clinics for physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy. There will also be a transitional apartment for the use of individuals in our rehabilitation unit to prepare them for their return home. The majority of the rooms being constructed will be private rooms with private bathrooms and showers in each. Rooms will include bay windows and each neighborhood will contain its own kitchen, dining area, living room and activity space.

The Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home visited many facilities, interviewed numerous architects and explored the most current service provided to senior citizens before embarking upon this construction project. The history of the Trustees is one of providing the most up-to-date, innovative services to the New York State Masonic Fraternity. This project continues that forward-looking approach. As the project progresses, we will continue to provide periodic updates of the progress. We welcome the Fraternity and their families to stop by anytime to visit...a facility that was built for every New York State Mason.

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Our September meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 26th. It will be our Annual Steak Roast and we will meet at Camp Smile at 6:00 p.m. As you may recall, the Camp is located at the end of Shangri-La Lane, a private road off Pellett Road.

Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Please call Paul Kober with your reservation at

381-1058. We look forward to greeting you all there.

Lilac City Cedarettes

By Jean Brugger

A big "thank you" to Helen Barry for her hospitality at her cottage on Lake Ontario. The baked chicken and all the 'dishes to pass' were great. We had a super time!

In September we will be at Doris Zabel's abode on Sunday, the 9th, at 2:00 p.m. This is our Annual Bar-B-Que. The meat will be provided, but bring a dish to pass and your own table service. We deeply appreciate all who have opened up their homes for our meetings. The call girls will be contacting you for your reservations.

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

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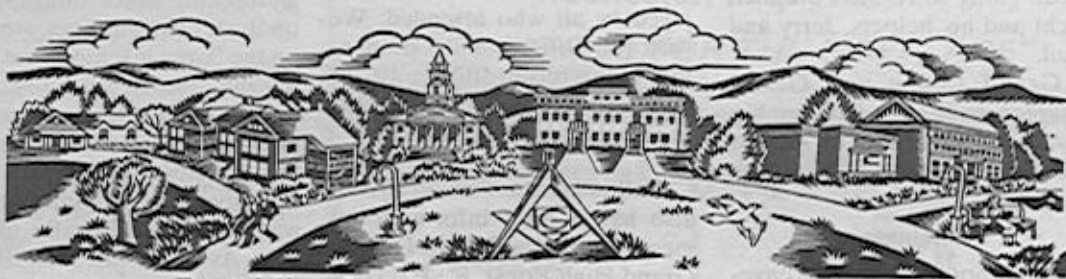
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Royal Arch Masons
29th Capitulat District



R.E. Richard C. Anderson

Greetings, Companions

I hope you and your families had a very enjoyable and safe Summer. Enjoying the short time of Summer with your family and friends, whether traveling or at home, is the optimum of life. Make the most of it.

Now we all need to give our attention and efforts to getting back into the swing of practicing quality Masonry. We can start by making an extra effort in meeting our commitments and obligations to attend Lodge or Chapter meetings and practice what we preach in the Masonic organizations. The Grand High Priest has asked that we keep a positive attitude and support Royal Arch Masonry.

To those Companions who weren't able to attend Western Star Chapter No. 35 on June 20th for the Ceremonies of the Temple Dedication and the Consolidation with Wyoming Chapter No. 181, you missed the very impressive ceremonies conducted by the Grand Line. Also, that evening, the Past High Priest's Association held the Scholarship Dinner with much success. Both functions were very well attended and you missed a good day of Royal Arch Masonry.

You also missed the Steak Roast on August 22nd, which was great food and well planned, with credit going to R.E. Stephen Light and his helpers, Jerry and Paul.

Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter made their Scholarship Awards presentations on August 4th at Rochester and August 5th at Buffalo.

Business

You should have the envelopes for your Charity donation. Please take the time and support the Royal Arch Charities.

Grand Line Visitation to our District is Monday, October 8th at Arcade Chapter in Pike. A dinner will be scheduled for that evening. Help make this a successful evening.

Make the Assistant Grand Lecturer or me aware of any candidates waiting for Degrees. The Assistant Grand Lecturer will be making his visitation to your Chapter soon.

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**LeRoy Chapter
No. 183 RAM**
8 West Main St., LeRoy,
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Greetings Companions! With Summer behind us, it is once again time to renew our labors in earnest. I trust each of you and your families had an enjoyable, fun and activity-filled July and August. Although it is only September, I guess it is time to consider getting the car ready for Winter. My problem is that my car won't start, and the payments won't stop! In fact, I won't leave my car out all night, as there's enough dew on it already. Miss Linda and I checked out car prices the other day; that was an eye-opening experience. Did you know the main difference between a Texas oil tycoon and a pigeon is that a pigeon can still make a deposit on a new car? Wow!

Picnic

On June 26th the Tri-Chapter Royal Arch Family Picnic was held at Hickory Park in Bergen. It was well attended and it was so nice to have Helen Forbes with us. R.E. Karl-Heinz Reich provided the entertaining music on his keyboard.

Consolidation

The official Ceremony observing the consolidation of Wyoming Chapter No. 181 of Warsaw and Western Star Chapter No. 35 of Attica took place on Sunday, July 1st at the Attica Temple. This was a very impressive Ceremony, with Excellent High Priests Dennis Parmerter and Paul McCullough assisting in the transition.

M.E. Donald Lounsberry and his line of Grand Officers conducted the Ceremony, and although it was a very hot and humid day, this event and the delicious lunch which preceded it, prepared by R.E. Jerry Brade and his dedicated crew, was enjoyed by all who attended. We wish the Officers and Companions of this recent alliance all our best as they begin a new Chapter in Royal Arch Masonry.

Following the Ceremony, we also had a brief informational meeting called by District Deputy Grand High Priest, R.E. Dick Anderson, who apprised us of upcoming dates and events.

Scholarship Dinner

The Western New York Past High Priests' Annual Scholarship Dinner was June 30th, and a dinner was served (which most people ate!). M.E. Donald Lounsberry and his Grand Line attended. Brief speeches were given by Scholarship recipients, elucidating their college plans. Sara Wing, daughter of R.E. Stephen and Sally Wing, has completed a year of school at Keuka College, and provided us with enlightenment regarding her academic major and educational endeavors.

Most enjoyable dinner music was provided by the Wizard of the

Keyboard, our own Karl-Heinz Reich. Miss Linda and I express our gratitude to our chauffeurs for the day, Kathy and Harry Tyson, who kindly supplied us transportation to and from this event, and treated us to ice cream on the way home!

Kiwanis Park

On August 22nd the Genesee/Wyoming Royal Arch Annual Steak Roast/Picnic was held at Kiwanis Park in Batavia. This is always an enjoyable time, as well as an opportunity to touch base with fellow Companions during the Summer hiatus.

Official Visit

On October 8th, 8:00 p.m., the Grand Master of the Second Veil, R.E. David Raymond, will make his Official Visit to Arcade Chapter No. 322.

Words of inspiration

Consider this statement by Thomas Jefferson, which is as timely today as it was when he made it: "I have never deemed it more honorable and more profitable, too, to set a good example than to follow a bad one."

**Hiram Chapter
No. 62**
2nd & 4th
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594-8033
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Preparing copy for the September issue of the Masonic Times has, over the years, become a "sign" for me that Summer is beginning to wane and that the start of the new year is fast approaching. So it was when I was a kid and idyllic days of fishing, swimming, and throwing rocks were abruptly jarred by the day we went shopping to get our "new" school clothes. When I was in elementary school, this consisted of going to Montesano's and among other things, trying on Buster Brown shoes, stepping on the "x-ray machine" and peering into the viewer to see how well the shoes fit. It was only in later years that we learned that this activity zapped us with an excessive dose of radiation that was deemed medically unsuitable. As I have not seen "Buster Brown" shoes around much anymore, I wonder if that was a fatal discovery for the corporation. As for Bill Zufall, what was his dog's name?

By the time I reached Junior High School, the trip was more elaborate. We started earlier in the day and drove all the way to Downtown Rochester, past the airport where Marketplace now sits, and the cow pastures along West Henrietta Road. I can't remember where we parked, I'm guessing along the streets near the stores. My sisters would have to visit Forman's, McCurdy's, and Edwards, at least. I could take care of my shopping at the National and be done in about an hour and a half, just riding the

elevator from floor to floor. I'd see the same sales people in the same department year after year, and they would greet me as if they remembered me. All were older, immaculately tailored, and so helpful that I thought they could read my mind. Only later did it sink in that I was probably the thousandth 13 year old schoolboy they had helped in the back to school season.

All were male except the lady in the underwear department. I never did understand that. All I know is that hers was my last stop. I quickly found a packet of the size I needed and left.

A 13 year old didn't buy much in those days; a new pair of dress shoes for school, two slacks, (no jeans), two good shirts (one tee, one with buttons), socks (3 athletic, 3 dress), and underwear (3 and 3), a sweater and a belt. The best part of it all was that we would get our packages into the car, then go to a local eatery, sit around a table, eat foods that we never got at home, and act goofy

enough so my mother would quietly and firmly assure us that there were going to be consequences if we didn't shape up. This ritual played at several different venues (the Manhattan W.T. Grants, Runds, Cart-



R.E. Larry Dunn escorting M.E. Donald Lounsberry on his Official Visit in the Spring.



Unknown member of Haggai Chapter, Comp. Dennis Gellasch, E. William Lindsay-HP, Comps. Pedro Ugalde-M. 3rd V., and Joe Oelgoetz-M. 2nd V. of Hiram Chapter at the Haggai Social.



E. James Ghent-High Priest Haggai Chapter with E. William Lindsay-High Priest Hiram Chapter. (Photos courtesy Jay McCullough)

Grand Stewards, Grand Chapter, Ont. CA



R.E. Brian Bond-Grnd. Sup., V.E. David Daniels-Grnd. Stew., E. Stephen Boyko-First Principal, Orient Chapter, V.E. David Niven-Grnd. Stew.(back) E. Andrew McLelland-2nd Principal, E. Raymond Boal-3rd Principal.

wright's). Once home, there would be the inevitable fashion show where we would all put on our new clothes and show them to the rest of the family to the ooh's and aah's of whomever was there. This was before carefully putting everything away, taking the old clothes and putting them into the Church bag as long as they were wearable. (It was always a neat discovery to see someone in school wearing one of your old shirts later in the year).

This Summer seems so young, yet we can look back on a wonderful picnic at Gerry and Elizabeth Jones' home (was that the last time it rained this Summer?), a fabulous boat cruise, and Kay and Bill Kuehne's District Picnic; we must be close to back-to-school.

In fact, our first meeting is an open dinner meeting with a guest speaker, Brother Art Mason, who will talk on "Elder Issues", and answer questions. This is a high interest topic for anyone who is caring for others or planning on getting older themselves one of these days. Dinner reservations can be made with Companion Tom Kendig at 315-524-4063.

On September 27th we will be conferring the MMM and PM Degrees under the direction of Lawrence Dunn and Bill Zufall. Companions can expect calls from these Directors.

On October 11th the MEM Degree will be directed by Charles Roberts. Dinner arrangements are not yet firm for these evenings, as the Auditorium schedule has not yet been posted. Calling Companion Kendig will give you more up-to-date information.

Later in the Fall, November 3rd, we will be visited by our good friends from Canada for the weekend. Those arrangements are being handled by Companion Dennis Gellasch (265-3993). Please mark your calendars.

That said, cast off the lines, the boat is beginning to move away from the shore.

All the best.

District Deputy Grand Master
8th Cryptic District



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

At the time of this writing the Summer is upon us. I'm hoping all of you are enjoying this wonderful weather, however, it is just as dry this year as it was wet last year.

It's that time again

The time has come once again to pick up our trowels, mix our mortar, and return to our labors in the secret vault. Let's begin by drawing up designs for the coming year, for it is with a good set of drawings and plans we can have an outstanding year. Remember, our work should be good and true.

Official Visits

If you read my last article, it stated my plans for my Official Visits were not cast in stone. These dates will be changed due to my having eye surgery in September and my granddaughter's

marriage the end of September. The wedding will take place in Missouri, and while in the Midwest I plan to visit my sons and other grandchildren.

A report on Grand Council will be in the October issue of this publication.

Nundawaga Council No. 92
4th Monday
West Main Street
LeRoy, NY 14482
Ill.: Norman P. Austin
Master - 494-2223,
Ill.: Vernon Rupert
Recorder - 343-8429

Welcome back everyone! Where did Summer go? It seems like the trees and flowers were just beginning to bud and here it is, with Fall rapidly approaching. Well, as it is said, time stands still for no one. I won't miss mowing the lawn. Our mower broke down, and my great friend, R.: W.: Ruel Lovett kindly loaned me one to use. I did learn something however, you've let the lawn go too far when it requires harvesting!

Did you all have time to practice your Ritual for your new office? Remember, the explanation of TRIUMPH is all in the first syllable. I don't believe I had the opportunity (and pleasure) prior to the Summer hiatus to inform you of our slate of Officers for the coming year. They were installed on May 28th by R.: I.: Edward Fagan, Jr., Grand Master of the State of New York.

Illustrious Master

I.: Norman Austin
Deputy Master Rev. Charles Lee
Principal Conductor of the Work

Edwin Law
Treasurer R.: I.: Stephen Licht
Recorder I.: Vernon Rupert
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Captain Gen. Garry Hutcherson
Conductor of the Council

Richard Anderson
Steward James MacConnell
Marshal I.: Ken Kohlhagen
Sentinel I.: Jerry Brude

I am sure we will have a wonderful year with as stellar a group of officers as this, and I look forward to working with each of them.

After some frenzied, last minute arrangements, I attended Grand Council in Fishkill, NY on August 17th and 18th, where I had the privilege to proudly receive the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree during a very impressive ceremony.

My most sincere thanks to R.: I.: Dan Evans and his lovely wife, Wahneeta, for the round trip transportation. I wouldn't have made it there if not for their kindness. Being as late as I was in making reservations, I was a bit concerned about accommodations. In fact, I thought if I had tried to stay at a Motel 6, they would have turned off the light-but everything turned out fine.

Incidentally, I take this opportunity to publicly express my thanks to the Officers of Nundawaga Council No. 92 for making it possible for me to reach this pinnacle in spite of my other Masonic commitments over the past year. It is greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten. I will do my utmost to fulfill the faith you have in me to allow me to continue my progression toward this esteemed office. Thank you!

Reminder

Just an early reminder that on October 22nd our District Deputy Grand Master of the 8th Cryptic District, R.: I.: Dan Evans and R.: I.: Dave Barwell, Grand Lecturer, will make their Official Visits to our Council. We look forward to having them in attendance and hope they enjoy the evening they spend with us.

In parting, let me leave you with this thought for the month: If you are like most people (myself included), when you attempt something and it doesn't work, you become frustrated. Just remember, if you learn from defeat, you haven't really failed, although we can all learn from successful failures.

Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons
(Chartered in 1861)
3rd Wednesdays
Vernon L. Goodrich, Ill. Master
(h) 377-0367, (o) 473-4351
F. Jay McCullough, Recorder
352-1061
875 Main St. East
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

Membership, that's what it is all about. Doric Council needs more members. You were all given a list of potential members at our Installation. Surely a review of the list, in conjunction with an earnest attempt on the part of each of us, will wind up with several candidates for our Degrees this Fall.

Grand Council

It was indeed a pleasure on my part in seconding the nomination of our own R.: I.: E. William Whittaker as Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, State of New York. Those of us who went to Grand Council had a great time. The only negative was our losing the Bible. This is a new year, let's get it back by raising more money than any other Council for our charity.

Don't forget Unity Night, Wednesday, October 17th.

Rededication Ceremony of Doric Council No. 19

By Jay McCullough
In recognition of its 140th Anniversary, Doric Council No. 19 is celebrating a Rededication on Saturday, September 22nd, at the Downtown Masonic Temple in Rochester. The Grand Line and Permanent Members of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of New York have accepted the invitation to take part in the Ceremony.

Schedule of activities

Grand Council Officers, Permanent Members, and local Council Officers will arrive at 1:30 p.m. The rehearsal will begin at 2:00 p.m. The Ceremony will take place, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Remarks from selected dignitaries will conclude the ceremonies and a light refreshment Reception for the Grand Line, Council members and guests will follow in the 3rd Floor Dining Room.

Join us, one and all

This is an open event and Masons, families and friends, are encouraged to join us.

Attire

The Grand Council Line, Council Officers and Companions of rank will be in formal wear with the Masonic Regalia of their highest Council Office. All others may dress casually.

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12
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3rd Monday
SK Vernon Goodrich
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SK Lawrence W. Dunn
Recorder 594-8033

The new year is here. Let's all get after potential members for our Orders on Saturday, November 10th. This event will see Zones 10, 11 and 12 conferring the Orders.

We are now operating under new By-Laws. This means that we have only one stated communication each month, the 3rd Monday. Yes, we will have a few special rehearsals in January and February.

Let's make this a banner year for Cyrene/Monroe Command-

ery in all respects. Our first meeting this Fall is on Monday, September 17th. Come one, come all and open up that new year right.

It will, of course, be a dinner meeting hosted by the wonderful ladies of the Schicker Club.

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Summer is nearly over and it is time to resume Templary functions. As this is being written, we are hoping for some relief from the hot and dry weather we have been experiencing. Those who have air conditioning have really enjoyed it this year.

Please note

We will *not* have a conclave on September 13th because of the convening of Grand Commandery in Suffern, NY, the following

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Cyrene/Monroe-Zone 11 Outing Enjoyed by All



SK Vern and Lady Barbara Goodrich, hosts for the Cyrene/Monroe-Zone Picnic. (Photos courtesy John Dudley)



Sir Knights from Zone 11 getting the word.



Sir Knights from Zone 11 all "decked" out.

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Damascus Temple No. 2 Shrine News

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FROM THE POTENTATE



DAYNE A. THARRETT
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Nobles, I hope you had as nice a Summer as Kathi and I did. I thank all of you for your attendance at the many Shrine events that were held during the Summer. The trip to Las Vegas, parades, and all the picnics and parties that were held by the various clubs and units were pleasurable.

I am sure there is a more complete update elsewhere in this issue, but I want to inform you of the status of the building addition. We have had numerous meetings throughout the Summer, and albeit at a pace that is slower than I would like, we are making progress. We have been required to make many studies and do research in areas that we were not prepared for when we took the vote. We knew that we would encounter difficulties, especially related to our proximity to the Bay. None of them have been insurmountable, but have

slowed the process. I have been informed by the architect that all the paperwork will be ready for submittal by September 6th, and we should be able to secure the necessary permits by October 15th. We are still looking for a ground breaking in October, and it is my sincere hope to be finished by December 31, 2001.

Membership

As you are aware, we are fighting to stay above 1000 members. That magic number allows us to retain 4 representatives to the Imperial Council. If we drop below 1000, we will lose one representative. The Membership Committee is doing a good job in helping us attain that goal. As of this date, we have created 19 new Nobles, and restored four. We have not had any suspensions, but the Black Camel has taken 17 from us. This means we are actually ahead by six. This gives us a great foundation upon which to build and even increase our numbers this year.

For the Fall Class, we have no gimmicks. We need your help. Please search out a member of your Lodge and ask him to join the fun. When you have exhausted those possibilities, look to your non-Masonic friends and encourage them to join Masonry. As we go into the future, we have to keep that familiar slogan in mind—"Together We Can".

It is hard to believe that the 9th month and third quarter of my year is coming to a close, but I assure you I will continue to do the job with as much dedication and interest as I had in the beginning of my term. The time has gone extremely fast, and while it

has been a busy time, it has also been a year that I will always cherish. I look forward to all the upcoming events that are listed in this issue, and hope to see you all in the quarries.

God bless you all. □

The Masonic Family Meets in Harmony

"Together We Can"

By W. and Illustrious Erwin Newell, PP

On June 16th, an historic event took place at the Damascus Shrine Center in Webster. The vast majority of the Grand Line of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York converged to dedicate the Shrine Center's addition of a commemorative stone etched with all of the Bodies of Freemasonry. This stone is to be a permanent part of the Center building.

Leading the contingent from Grand Lodge was the M. W. Carl J. Smith, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York; Carl J. Fitje, Deputy Grand Master; Reinhold Nelson, Senior Grand Warden and Richard C. Friedman, Junior Grand Warden. Also on hand to celebrate Masonic Unity was R. W. and Illustrious Harold L. Aldrich, 33° Active, Deputy for New York State, Northern Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite, who expressed his happiness that such an event could take place.

The Grand Line performed the Ceremony of Dedication in ample form according to ancient Craft usage.

The intent of the evening was to symbolically and literally

spread the cement of Brotherly Love in recognition of the mutual dependence all of the Bodies of Freemasonry have with one another. Most of all, the Shriners of Damascus Temple expressed their support of Blue Lodge Masonry as the key component in the Masonic Family Tree.

To give a tangible example of that support, Damascus Shrine will produce and pay for all of the Masonic audiotapes to be used in conjunction with the Membership Development Committees programs, especially leading up to and after a Brother Bring-a-Friend Program. The tape is completely centered on educating and motivating the potential candidate to become a Freemason and will be distributed Statewide.

The Grand Master used this event to bestow the Chancellor Livingston Medal on R. W. Maurice Solomon and to give the Award of Appreciation to R. W. Austin Keith. Both esteemed Brothers were overwhelmed at these Awards that were so richly deserved.

The Grand Master was also given an honorary membership in Damascus Shrine and was extremely happy to accept this honor.

The large crowd enjoyed a wonderful Chicken Bar-B-Que and dancing.

The event did much to proclaim the unity of Freemasons in New York State, despite the discord that may exist in other jurisdictions.

Well done, good and faithful servants! □



By Jean Friedrich, PQ

It has been a most spectacular Summer with more than our share of sun and tropical weather. Ah, the pleasures of the lazy, hazy days of Summer! Our clubs and groups have enjoyed their informal parties, picnics and get-togethers. Now, recharged after leisurely time off, we look forward to our Fall activities.

The first Fall session will be held on September 8th at Fairport Lodge at 1:00 p.m. We will gather at 11:30 a.m. for a social and coffee hour arranged for us by our Refreshment Coordinator, Pr. Joy Woodley. It is a pleasant time to renew our Nile friendships and exchange news of our fellow members. Queen Garda will be giving us her account of Supreme Session legislation and fun times in Albuquerque, N.M.

The first social event of the season will be a luncheon and fashion show honoring the First Lady of Damascus Temple, Pr. Kathi Tharrett. This festive event will be held at the Damascus Center on September 22nd at 11:30 a.m. Fashions will be presented by Maryann of Manchester, with our own member models. More information will be mailed to you, so be sure to save the date!

These fine days of Summer will come to a close all too soon. Relax, enjoy and savor each as it is given to you. □

Batavia Comm.

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day. Some of the Sir Knights will be leaving on Thursday and several others will be leaving early Friday morning. It appears that Batavia Commandery will have a good delegation for the session. Sir Knight Kenneth Perry, a member of Tonawanda Commandery No. 78, will be installed as Grand Commander.

Harvest Dinner

The next conclave of the Commandery will be on September 27th, at 8:00 p.m. A full form opening will be performed, so all of the officers should be ready to perform their stated tasks.

A Harvest Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. Each member should bring their own table service and a dish to pass. Further information will be forthcoming. A program for the ladies will take place while the Sir Knights perform their duties for the evening.

October

A Spooked Dinner will be held preceding the conclave on October 26th. More information on this dinner will be in the next *Masonic Times*.

Drill Team

Five Sir Knights, members of Batavia Commandery, have been participating in practices for the Zone 12 Drill Team. The team will be performing in the competition to be held on Saturday afternoon during the Grand Commandery session in Suffern.

Reports of the Grand Commandery Session will be given at the September 27th conclave. A great atten-

dance for the first gathering for the Fall is anticipated. □

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

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Secretary
Charles M. Roberts - 225-6533

I appreciate the confidence the Past Governors have placed in me to continue for a second term as your Governor. If our installation in May is any indication, we should do fine.

As most of you know this situation was necessitated by the inability of our Chancellor to continue due to his work schedule and our Deputy's dropping out of line. As you know, two of our Past Governors have volunteered to fill these posts until those coming through the line have an opportunity gain more experience. This is only fair to them.

Utica session

The Sovereign College's Annual Seminar at Utica, was informative and gave me a chance to meet with Companion Knights of other Colleges. The discussions were lively during the general session and the Governor General, Don Markham, showed an excellent tape made by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The tape is one of a set of three on Freemasonry. Perhaps we will look into securing a set for our Monroe Masonic Library.

The format for the session was a little different this year and all was accomplished by 3:00 p.m., Saturday afternoon. This gave those who travelled long distances a chance to get an early start home; a great improvement.

Visit to Niagara Frontier

It has been proposed that we participate in reciprocal visits to other Western New York Colleges. One opportunity to launch this effort may be in the offing. We have one Companion who was unable to make our March meeting and we may be able to take him to Niagara Frontier, who will be conferring the Knight of York in September.

Community and Masonic Service Projects

Last year Genesee College commenced a project whereby the College would purchase period flags for the Genesee Country Village and Museum. These flags, according to our contact and Committee Chairman, CK Doug Poole, were required to be made of cotton (synthetics were not in use during the historic era of the flags needed). He also found out that there was only one manufacturer that produced these reproductions. This, of course, made the price higher than anticipated. It has been a lengthy task gathering this information, but I believe we should at least attempt to purchase one flag. Perhaps we could continue on a one at a time basis. It will probably require some kind of fundraiser to accomplish this and we need to work on this.

York Rite Assistance

This year we plan to examine the possibility of forming a team of ten or more Companion Knights who would be willing to participate in put on the Super Excellent Degree for the Councils in Western New York. This would give those Companions in our area a better opportunity to witness that Degree. Our aim would be to first try for a small cast version and if sufficient support is available, a full cast.

We plan to canvas our College to determine if that is feasible. The request will accompany your September meeting notice. If we cannot get at least ten from Genesee College, we would then canvas the other Western New York Colleges to see if they would like to participate. Even if we are successful in putting together this project this year, I'm sure that it will not survive long without the support of all the Colleges in the area. We feel, however, that this effort is definitely worthwhile and will give it our best shot. If you are interested in this project, please contact our Recorder, Charles Roberts, or me.

Next meeting

Our next meeting will be at Northfield Lodge in Pittsford on September 8th. CK Raymond Beardsley will be handling the arrangements. Since I don't anticipate a weighty agenda, we will meet at 3 p.m. and dine at about 5 p.m. at Rick's Prime Rib, at Schoen Place. □

*Shrine
Past
Master's
Degree
Team*

President
Joe Minas

I hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful Summer we had. The weather was ideal even though it was a little hot for a few days, it was still enjoyable.

We have a 3rd Degree coming up at Wayne Lodge No. 416 on September 26th. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m., Degree at 7:30 p.m. Please call Tom Grape or me for reservations.

We are still encouraging all you Past Masters, who are sitting along the sidelines, to come out and join us in dramatizing the 3rd Degree. If there are any Lodges that want us to put on the 3rd Degree for them, please let us know. Call us. □

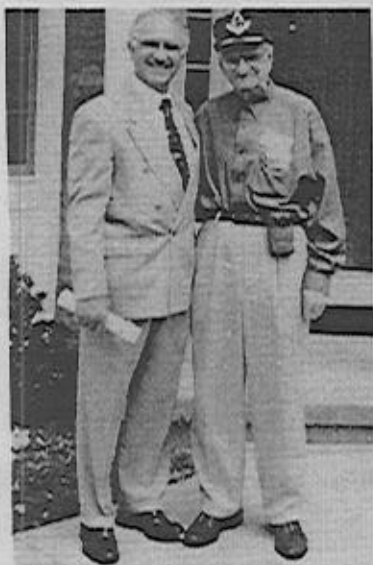
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Masons and their families. The same was true of this event. Some of those I recognized included: Ronald J. Arndt, Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge; Roy L. Merritt, Director of Damascus Temple and his wife, Mary; Larry Silver, Flower City Lodge; and John Kennedy, Wakan/Hubbard Lodge. I also met Masons from other Districts. It was a most enjoyable and rewarding experience for us.

I am pleased to report that the Rochester Home Builders Association donated the sum of \$5,000 to the Al Sigl Center for providing volunteer services to the Homerama. I was greatly pleased to receive a letter of gratitude from Daniel M. Meyers, President of the Al Sigl Center, for our participation on behalf of the Masonic Service Bureau.



Angelo DiCataldo-Volunteer (Wakan/Hubbard) and Harold Bolotin at Homerama.

Al Sigl Center gains \$5000 from Volunteer Effort



Homerama was attended by over 2000. (Photos) Harrold Bolotin

and should never be mentioned in ordinary conversation. There are those, also, who are turned off because of the persistent harassment of those with excessive and temporary pseudo religious zeal. Morality, however, by definition purveys our very existence. We cannot escape for one moment the kind of person we are.

What kind of an issue is this? Are we are moral or amoral? Is it black and white? This is the dilemma we face every day.

On the other hand

The message in the Parker article has to do with our unflinching belief in science. We are deluged daily by scientific study after study telling us how we should live, consume and behave if we want to enjoy the pleasures of life on earth for a longer time. It doesn't seem to have anything to do with morals, does it? It seems that we have no problem believing anything that has a "Scientific Study" label on it. The fact of the matter is that humans age and die; its inescapable. In fact I believe that there was a scientific study recently that said so; so, it must be true.

The crux

Having accepted that, how do we behave? Regardless of your religion or "spirituality", another label in common use, we must face our mortality and decide what we will be. I believe that most of us have made that decision. But, have we helped others do the same? I don't mean that in an evangelistic sense. I mean that in a behavioral sense. Do we set good examples? Do we teach by example? If we are good virtuous people and if we think so, do we behave that way?

A casual pastime engaged in by many of us is people watching. It is sometimes a painful sometimes judgmental, pastime. I'm sure most of us have observed

good and bad behavior, especially while negotiating the local highways. How do we react? Do we respond in kind or do we do the "right thing"? Only you can answer that question.

All of us have a limited time "according to the scientific study mentioned earlier", to express our inner moral beliefs. It can be done by talking about them, as in this verbal foray, or you can do it in a more evidential and effective way. "Talk is cheap", to quote a wise time-worn phrase. People don't get the message, especially if they are cynical and suspicious. Cynicism is a learned trait, it is not found in younger children. Children, unfortunately or fortunately, are fast learners. They pick up bad habits as fast as good habits. The general public is somewhat like that. If you behave badly they respond in kind. Consider the conveniently labeled [unresponsible] response called, "road rage", for example. It seems that none of us are responsible for our actions these days, doesn't it? Getting back to the subject, to teach or witness to our morality by example is the answer.

There is nothing phony about our actions. Most all the time we act as we believe. There may be a scientific study somewhere on that, too. We act in accordance with our moral make-up. If we see that our behavior is in poor choice we may say excuse me or I'm sorry, but the initial action is more often than not the true test of our morality; sometimes referred to as "character".

No matter the ultimate outcome, unless we are very devious, our actions reveal our character. I know that many times I have had to rescue my credibility by justifying my actions or reactions. I say this even though I believe I am a moral person. I'm sure you have had similar experiences. Just pay attention to the way you react or

tend to want to react to situations experienced on any given day. Compare these reactions to the way you believe a moral or virtuous person should have reacted. The result is very scary. Fortunately most of the time this inner comparative process is automatic and effective. But, I digress.

The main thrust of this discussion is how to convey or teach moral behavior in the most effective manner. As hypothesized earlier, this is by example. "Our actions speak louder than words". I bet you saw that old cliché coming. It's true. "Our influence may be

limited by the circle of acquaintances in which our daily life is lived, but our influence passing through and from those whom that circle may surround will reach further than you shall conceive." That must sound familiar. As Masons we were charged to be upright men and "to act as such before God and man".

It looks as though we are part of what Mr. Pitts calls, "that stubborn decency, an obstinate sense of the geometrically square", part of the population that, "keeps making a come-back from the fringes to center stage". Thank God for that. Our world really needs it.


Improvements Continue at Camp DeMolay



Richard Snyder, Ron Weber and a non-Mason, John Kunz, ready to put new sheathing on one of the buildings at the Camp.



Almost finished. (Photos courtesy Richard Snyder)



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Charles O. Hancock Commander-in-Chief



In my last message I enumerated the many and exemplary achievements of Ill. John B. Mullan, 33°, Past Active Member of the Supreme Council. As we went to press, I discovered a couple of omissions that I made that I feel must be corrected. He was, in addition to all I mentioned, a member of Lalla Rookh Grotto and the American Lodge of Research. He was a recipient of the DeMolay Legion of Honor. Additionally he was a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, the Royal Order of Scotland and the Royal Order of Jesters. He is indeed worthy of having our Dedicated Service Award memorial to his service.

Presiding Officers Charles O. Hancock Commander-in-Chief

Charles O. Hancock was raised in Christopher G. Fox Lodge No. 1021 (now Queen City/C.G. Fox No. 358) in Amherst, NY. He later affiliated with Seneca Lodge No. 797, Webster, NY, where he has served as Marshal and Junior Deacon. He started his Masonic career in Worcester, MA, in DeMolay where he served as Master Councilor. He was invested with both Representative DeMolay and Chevalier (for distinguished DeMolay Service) honors. He has been se-

lected to receive the Order of DeMolay Legion of Honor (for outstanding adult leadership, service to God, to country, and to humanity) later this year. He also served as Squire Commander, Chivalric Knights of the Holy Order of the Fellow Soldiers of Jacque DeMolay (Knighthood) in Worcester Priory and was a charter member, Universities Priory (MIT, Harvard and Boston Univ.). He also served as a State and District Officer in Massachusetts DeMolay.

In Scottish Rite Masonry he has served as Commander-in-Chief from 1999 to the present. He is a Past Sovereign Prince, Rochester Council of Princes of Jerusalem, a Degree Director, former Family Life Chairman, and has participated in many Degrees, but known best perhaps for his portrayal of the Prince Commander in the 2nd Section of the 32°. He has been elected to receive the 33° at the Supreme Council Meeting in Indianapolis, IN, in September. He is a Knight of the Royal Order of Scotland.

A member of Hiram Chapter No. 62, RAM, he is also a Knight of St. Marks Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine.

A member of Damascus Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. he served the Divan as 2nd Ceremonial Master, and is currently Colonel of the Units and is a Past Commander of the Legion of Honor. He is a member of the Patrol and is a Past EWG Chairman, past member of the Ceremonial Cast as High Priest and Prophet, and is a member of the Royal Order of Jesters.

Charlie is married to Bruni and they have three children and seven grandchildren.

He is a board certified Regulatory Affairs Consultant specializing in Medical Device Sterilization. He holds a BSEE from the University of Denver, an MBA from the RIT, and served honor-

ably in the U.S. Army. He is an Eagle Scout in the B.S.A.

Robert D. Pedersen Most Wise Master

Robert D. Pedersen was raised in Clio Lodge No. 779 where he served as Worshipful Master from 2000-01. He joined the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R. in 1996 and started in the Chapter Line shortly thereafter. He has been an active Co-Chairman of the Membership Committee, with key responsibility for the coordination of the Ambassador Program. Bob is a member of Damascus Temple Shrine. He is married to Mary and they have one son.

Bob is a Quality Engineering Manager with a BS in Manufacturing Engineering from Clarkson College of Technology.

Louis M. Sanfilippo Sovereign Prince

Louis M. Sanfilippo was raised in Churchville Lodge No. 667 where he served as Worshipful Master. He has participated as a cast member in both Ceremonial and Allegorical Sections of several Degrees. He is married to Rose.

Norman P. Austin Thrice Potent Master

Norman P. Austin was raised in Hesperus Lodge No. 837, where he served as Worshipful Master for the 2000/01 Masonic year. He is a member of LeRoy Chapter No. 183, RAM, where he currently serves as Excellent High Priest. He is now serving as Illustrious Master in Nundawaga Council, R&SM, No. 92, is Generalissimo of Batavia Commandery, KT, No. 34, and is Seneschal of York Rite College No. 25.

Norman is a Past Patron of Hesperus Chapter No. 823, OES and has actively served the Genesee/Wyoming District on the Council of Masonic Activities and with the Masters and Wardens Association. He is engaged to Linda Bryant.

Norm is a former Assistant Professor of Social Psychology with a Doctorate from Syracuse University. He has an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts from Monroe Community College, a BS in Economics and a MS Educational Administration from the U of R.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Valley of Rochester will take place on Thursday, September 20th, at 7:30 p.m. I encourage every member to attend this important meeting. I assure you that the business of the Valley will be conducted in an expeditious manner and that important issues for consideration will be afforded opportunity for discussion of your opinions and preferences. □

Family Picnic

By Eldon N. White

On Saturday, July 21st, Scottish Rite Brothers, friends and families attended the Annual Picnic. The attendance was not what it has been in the past with so many other activities on the same day, but everyone seemed to enjoy the day.

The weather was good and Damascus Temple is an ideal facility to hold a picnic. Thank you to the Nobles of Damascus.

More thanks

Thank you to Rene Van-DeVeire, Don Rose, 32° MSA, Harry Dainty and Norman Austin for making this a great day. A special thank you to Linda Bryant and my wife, Denise, for their help. With all this willing help, the picnic was a great success. □

Ill.: William D. Staples, 33° Passes

Ill.: William D. Staples, 33°, passed away on June 11, 2001, in Fairport, N. Y., where he resided. He was raised in Seneca Lodge No. 797 and was Master in 1969. In the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R., he was a Past Sovereign Prince of Rochester Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Past Most Wise Master of Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix and participated in many Degrees. He was coroneted

a 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council on September 30, 1981.

His other Masonic affiliations included membership in Hiram Chapter, Doric Council, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery and Damascus Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

There was a Masonic Service and 33° White Rose Service for Illustrious Brother Staples on Saturday, June 16, 2001, at the Anthony Funeral Home in Rochester. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, and children, William Staples, Jr., Susan Smith, and Karen Staples. □

News and Views

By Stephen Whittaker, 33°

Welcome back!

We welcome all of our Sublime Princes back from a Summer of fun and activity! By the

way, who really did catch the biggest fish on a local Lodge's fishing trip?

Congratulations

Special congratulations are extended to our Brothers who were recognized at the Annual Scottish Rite Stag Outing for their special achievements:

60 Year Award:

Glynn I. Reynolds

50 Year Awards:

Edgar K. Arndt, Rae A. Clark, DSA, William R. Ford, Donald P. Fox, 32° MSA, Norman M. Gallant, Theodore A. Hamilton, Harold W. Hershey, Milton F. Kaufman, Herbert A. Lauterbach, Cletis B. Shoup, Harry G. Steinorth, Jr., and Richard E. Waite

Membership Awards for 1st Line Signers:

Thomas Badger (1), Donald J. Brugger, 32° MSA (2), Thomas Burrall (1), Donald Freeman, 32° MSA (1), Mathew L. Gingold, 32° MSA (1), Thomas Grape (1), Harry DeHollander (1), Lawrence E. Hood, 33° (1), Walter E. Howe (1), Garry Hutcherson (2), Paul R. McIntyre (1), Robert D. Pedersen (1), Pedro Ugalde (1), Stephen R. Whittaker, (1), and Robert P. Zabel, 33° (1)
Presentation of Past Presiding Officer Jewels:

William R. Hook, Past Thrice Potent Master; Garry R. Hutcherson, Past Sovereign Prince; and Philip A. Trautman, Past Most Wise Master

Presentation of the Ill.: John B. Mullan, 33°, Dedicated Service Award:

Gordon J. Ball, Rae A. Clark, William J. Kuchne and Alfred K. Miller

Presentation of the Meritorious Service Awards:

Distinguished Brothers Vernon L. Goodrich, 32° MSA and Cyrus Kloner, 32° MSA

Congratulations to Brother Craig T. Mollon, who was elected at the New York Council of Deliberation Meeting in Utica in July to receive this Award at the C of D Meeting, July, 2002.

Remarks:

Charles O. Hancock, Commander-in-Chief and Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33° Active and Deputy for New York.

Special thanks to Brother William R. Hook for his special efforts on this event.

Reach Out and Say Hello

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tinue in your special efforts to "Reach Out and Say Hello" and identify a good man who will make a good Mason and bring him into your Craft Lodge; shepherding to the Scottish Rite can take place at a later time. Let's continue those special efforts to assist our Lodges in their development efforts. A new petition for your Lodge and a new petition for Scottish Rite...a great way to start the Fall!

Any Scottish Rite Mason need help in filing for the "ReMember the Blue Lodge" Recognition Award? Have your Lodge Secretary notify the Scottish Rite Office of the 1st line signer (must be a Scottish Rite Mason) and the paperwork will be forwarded to the NY Council of Deliberation Secretary.

Activities

Congratulations to our District Grand Lodge Officers, R.W.s Bill Lindsay, Cliff Short, and Jim De Lorenzo for the wonderful organization meeting that was put together on August 22nd. The Scottish Rite provided the appropriate financial support for the Grand Lodge Officers to hold this event and was pleased to have the opportunity to discuss and review the "Scottish Rite Ambassador Program" with all the Lodges present. This spirit of cooperation supports the vision of our Grand Master and Scottish Rite Deputy to move forward together and be stronger.

Thank you kindly for your special efforts on behalf of the Scottish Rite. ReMember...leaders don't create more followers...they create new leaders!

Spring Reunion Banquet



C. in C. Charles Hancock receiving gift of sword from Derek Van Houten. This will be known as the "Commander's Sword".



Ill. Harold Aldrich, 33rd Active, Deputy for the State.



Mrs. Paul Spillane speaking on behalf of the Class Sponsor.



Dist. Bros. Cyrus Kloner, MSA and Vernon L. Goodrich, MSA with M.W. Carl J. Smith and R.W. Carl J. Fitje.



Mat Gingold, MSA, giving Vern Goodrich, MSA, his Plaque.

Etolian to Give DeWitt Clinton

By R.W. F. Jay McCullough

Etolian Lodge No. 479 is presenting the Masonic Grand Lodge Award to Gary and Trish Zimmerman of Churchville on Saturday, October 20th, at an Award Ceremony at the Masonic Temple in Spencerport at 2:00 p.m. They are being recognized for years of volunteerism involving the rehabilitation of wildlife. They have fashioned their lands and home to accommodate the needs of animals in distress, freely contributing their time and skill, supporting the resulting refuge mainly from their own financial resources. Their home and surrounding acreage have become the Black Creek Wildlife Station.

During the first half of the year 2001, they have come to the aid of over 200 animals, including 72 mammals. From the start of their rehab activities, they can account for 994 animals they were able to restore to health and return to the wild (up to August, 2001). We are talking about rabbits, opossums, white tailed deer, woodchucks, foxes and beavers, even a great horned owl, red tailed hawks and Canadian geese. Some creatures were maimed by vehicular traffic, but most injuries are the result of attacks by cats, followed by dogs. Skunks, raccoons, and bats are involved, also, but must be euthanized because of being carriers of rabies.

From predator to rehabilitator

Gary began to hunt at the age of 7 in 1944. By his early teens, he was sending woodchucks to their final reward at the rate of a dozen or more a day, several days a month. Any wild creature that was legal to hunt, and that was on the ground or in the air, became his game. He simply liked the act of hunting.

earned a New York State License for Rehabilitating Wildlife, followed by a Federal License. He took the Genesee Community College Wildlife Rehabilitation Course to help qualify for licensing. He also had a stint in the US Army from 1967 to 1969, which included some time in Panama. He left the military and returned to the Rochester area. He worked at Rochester Gas and Electric for 33 years. This was followed by a move to the Electric Department in the Village of Spencerport, where he has been employed for over 2 years. During those years, his avocation was developing. He was licensed in 1992 to rehabilitate threatened and endangered species.

The invitation to hear the rest of the story

The in the 1970's, Gary began to study wildlife species and Brethren, families and friends from throughout our readership area are invited to this special event. Rehabilitators, animal control officials, area veterinarians and wildlife lovers in general, are expected to be at the Spencerport Masonic Temple at 133 South Union Street, in the heart of the Village. Attire is informal although Lodge officers



Gary and Trish, (back) Jay and Lee Zimmerman.

will be in formal attire. There will be a light afternoon buffet and refreshments in the 2nd floor dining hall following Award Ceremonies. Please contact Brothers Patrick Schwartz at 359-0874 in Brockport; Art McMichael at 225-1456 or Ray Mandeville at 352-5317, to let us know how many are planning to attend so we have a sufficient food supply. Deadline is Oct. 12th.



Gary Zimmerman with 6 month old Cayote at Black Creek Wildlife Station. (Photo Courtesy Jay McCullough)

Poetry Niche
Contributions welcome

Life's Parade

The blasted frame of splitting wood for decades stood, When youth held sway and resources slim. To satisfy a passing whim.

Rusty hooks long unused, Hang down with useless frowns, Holding phantom chains, where progeny once swung.

Neath rustic cover twixt cold grey blocks, Furrows of spotty foliage grow. Many times removed, but incessantly resown.

A giggling cacophony still can be heard, Or was that the clattering of leaves, Or call of distant birds?

Just a frame, then a shelter, From spring rains, winter's snow, or blazing sun, Its usefulness with passing years has run.

Graying slats of stockade surround, piercing the tearing clouds, Blocking out the world, but not its sound. And the cool of overhanging maples belie the heat of the waning sun.

Swaying baskets of overflowing blooms, By gentle zephyrs moved, catching flashes of celestial light, Like fleeting dreams of past delights.

How brightly memories shine, how dim the future to our consciousness mind. Oh could these scenes, long past be staid, Eclipsing choices made in life's parade. Don Brugger

The Touch of the Master's Hand

"Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer Thought it scarcely worth his while, To waste his time on the old violin, But he held it up with a smile.

"What am I bid, good friend?" he cried, "Who'll start the bidding for me? One dollar! only one? and who'll make it two? Two dollars, once and three.

Three dollars, once and three dollars, twice, And going, and going," but no-- From the back of the room a grey-haired man Came forward and picked up the bow.

And wiping the dust from the old violin, And tightening the loose strings, He played a melody pure and sweet As caroling angels sing.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer, With a voice that was quiet and low, Said, "What am I bid for the old violin?" As he held it up with the bow.

"One thousand dollars, and who'll make it two? Two thousand dollars, and three! Three thousand, once and three thousand, twice, And going, and going and gone", said he.

The people cheered, but some of them cried, "We don't quite understand, What changed it's worth", swiftly came the reply, "Twas the touch of the Master's Hand".

And many a man with life out of tune And battered and scarred with sin, Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd Much like this old violin.

A mess of pottage, a glass of wine, A game, and he travels on. He's going once, and going twice, And going, and almost gone.

But the Master comes, and the thoughtless crowd Never can quite understand, The worth of a soul, and the change that is wrought, By the touch of the Master's Hand.

(Myra Brooks Welch)



Lalla Rookh GROTTO

News

Legion
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Kenneth Hutchinson, Monarch

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



Kenneth Hutchinson

Monarch's Message

I hope you have all enjoyed a pleasant and safe Summer thus far, and you will be on hand to participate in the Fall activities, which incidentally, will begin before too long.

Board Meeting

August 27th was the first Board of Governor's Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Your officers attended all the sessions of the Supreme Council and participated in the many activities and tours scheduled for the out-of-town Prophets and their Ladies. I reported on those events at the Board Meeting.

ESGA Convention

September 13-16th is the first out-of-town event and is our trip to the ESGA Convention. It will be held at the Holiday Inn in Niagara Falls.

Zuleika Grotto has made arrangements to make this one of the outstanding Conventions. Why not plan to attend and have a wonderful time?

Our very own Legion of Honor Color Guard has been asked to be the Official Color Guard for the event.

Yes, Howard, all the Convention activities are listed in this article.

Meetings

On September 19th, the Grotto Meeting will honor our Past Monarchs. Our Master of Ceremonies, Doug Spencer, has promised special entertainment that night.

On October 13th many will be traveling to Zuleika Grotto's Monarch's Ball.

October 27th, Zafar Grotto, of South Williamsport, PA, will be hosting their Black Fez Ball.

These are some of the events of the next two months.

Summer events

As to the past events, the June outdoor meeting was a catered event. Doug Spencer's idea worked out well, and probably will be done again.

On July 19th, Edna and I represented the Grotto at a Hillside Children's Center Lawn Party to honor sponsors of the Center. It was held at Ann Mulligan's home on East Avenue in Pittsford. I have invited their representative to our Monarch's Ball for the formal presentation of our gift of support.

The July 21st Golf Tournament will be covered by our Chief Justice.

The very popular Day at the Races on August 12th was a sell out.

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

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September 13, 14, 15, 2001

Zuleika Grotto Host
Holiday Inn Select
Niagara Falls, NY

Thursday, September 13th

2:30 p.m. Committee meetings
4-5 p.m. Past Presidents

Cocktail Party
6:30-7:30 p.m. Evening

Registration
8:00 p.m. Grand Opening

Ceremony (men in business suits)

9-11:00 p.m. Ice Breaker Party

11:00 p.m.-? Zuleika hosted hospitality

Friday, September 14th

9:00 a.m. Business meeting

12:30 p.m. Bowling and Golf

1-4:00 p.m. Registration

4-5:00 p.m. Rainbow Cocktail Party

6:00 p.m. Theme Party Dinner (prefer costume)-Celebrity Room

8:00 p.m. Memorial Service
Celebrity Room

8:30-11:30 p.m. Theme Party
Celebrity Room

11:30p.m.-12:30 a.m. Hospitality
Contest Ambassador Room

12:30 a.m.-? Zuleika hosted hospitality

Saturday, September 15th

9:00 a.m. Business meeting

10:00 a.m. Wench's Brunch-
Niagara Room

2:00 p.m. Clown Visitation-meet
in hotel lobby

4-5:00 p.m. Presidents' Cocktail Party

6:00 p.m. Cocktails and Officer
and Dignitary Line-up

6:45 p.m. Presidents' Banquet

11:00 p.m. New Presidents'
Cocktail Party-Ambassador Room

Lalla Rookh Grotto's

Monarch's Ball

Honoring

Kenneth Hutchinson

Saturday, November 3,

2001

Holiday Inn Rochester

South

By Al Pulcino

Save the date, get out the checkbook, envelope, and stamp, and make your reservations now! This gala event is being held at the Holidome. If you never have been there, just wait until you see it all. I think it's very nice. There is a glass enclosed, spectacular plant-scaped atrium. It has a large heated swimming pool and whirlpool. It could mean mermaids, or Tarzan swinging in. Make sure you have your eyes and heart checked before you get there! I'm sure you'll be impressed. Think about staying the weekend, and bring a bathing suit.

We have made all the arrangements for rooms at very good prices, so if you call, make sure you ask for the Grotto rate. This event is for all Masons, family, friends and neighbors. Make it a point to tell all and bring them along, and they will love it.

Attend Grotto Meetings

Mon., August 27th-Board of Governor's Meeting

Grotto Office 7:00 p.m.

Thurs., September 13th-Lalla Rookh Caldron Meeting

7:30 p.m.

Mon., September 17th-Legion of Honor Dinner and Meeting

Dutch Mill Restaurant 6:30 p.m.

Wed., September 19th-Lalla Rookh Grotto Meeting

7:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy the Fellowship

This is an event all Grotto members should be compelled to attend with their ladies. This is your Grotto and as all Monarchs before, we have worked hard to keep.

Check out the advertisement for details. Don't think about it, just do it. You will be so glad. □

Chief Justice

By Al Pulcino, III

Oh, wow! All this again. As you all know, I just love sitting down and putting an article together. Sometimes I do them in invisible ink! So much for that here we go.

It's great to be back in the start-up mode of another year. We had a busy Summer, as our Monarch has expressed in his article, having this job of Chief Justice (assistant to the Monarch) has put us in close relationship with our Monarch, Ken, and his Lady, Edna. By us, I mean Shirley and myself. We have some of the same cravings, like ice cream, lots of trips to Friendly's! We have stayed in contact just about every day, just to keep the Grotto in mind, the true friendship that has come of it. The gall of him with some of the Grotto humor things-I think they are great and hope he keeps it up and includes all. That is part of being a Prophet.

National Convention

On June 18th a few of us were off to the National Grotto Convention in Davenport, Iowa. We had a good time. The Holiday Inn was not the norm, could be rated D-, but it did not stop the fun times. The host Grotto did a great job of keeping us busy, day trips were great fun. The casino trip was the start of that bad habit for me! Our Monarch's Lady fell in that beginners luck ring, not once, but twice, and she had fun and kept her riches! I don't understand, a lot wiser than me! If you didn't make it, you missed out on the fun.

One night Leon and Bev, Ken and Edna, and Shirley and I went out to dinner, headed to the Cracker Barrel Restaurant. The driveway went via Chicago. It was a neat drive, but I try to make all my trips scenic and we ended up eating across the street from the hotel. It was a good time and we didn't have to go to Chicago!

Picnics

We arrived back home just in time for the Cast Picnic. A big thanks to George Knierim and his helpers. Nice job, and the ladies seemed to like it the most!

Our Grotto Picnic was nicely put together by our Master of Ceremonies, Doug Spencer. I know we all had a good time.

Golf

The Golf Tournament was on July 21st at the Old Hickory Golf Course in Livonia. Twenty-three golfers had a great time. To start with, the Monarch and I had breakfast together. Then he chauffeured me out to Livonia, chauffeured me all day long in the beverage cart. So much for the C.J. being the Monarch's caddy! That will teach him, with that Grotto humor stuff. We all had a good time and for the price, you have to be a fool not to take part if you're a golfer. We drove by every hole over and over again giving beverages out and trying to keep up with our group. We had only one who was lost (they vanished from the Course) and that was the P.M. Ronald Morthorst group. Oh, boy, I don't need to tell you where we did find them!

The foursome from Syracuse were the most stylish. They chose to wear the same outfits and looked good. So guess who never dried out! We had no trouble finding them!

P.M. Chris Goll from Bradford, PA, could be spotted when he removed his cap, great glare, for the sun was bright! The Steak Dinner was just great and all the corn-on-the-cob you could eat. After dinner we gave away some very nice door prizes.

The winners of the Tournament were: 1st-Jim Powell; 3 tied for 2nd, Steve Downs, Jack Bloom and P.M. Chris Goll. The

High Score was made by Jack A. Bloom and the Longest Drive by Les More.

A big thank you to P.M. Richard Topel and P.M. Ronald Morthorst for all their work and time spent. Nice, nice job.

When you read this, the picnic put on by Farrah Grotto, PA, and the Day at the Races will be over, and I can bet we will have a great time at both.

Future meetings

September 19th is Lalla Rookh Grotto's meeting night. Don't miss out on the Fall Convention in Niagara Falls. It should be one of the great ones. I don't believe it's too late to make your plans. For Shirley and I, September is a bad time, as we will be in Aruba for the first three weeks! We will be part of the group missing out, but don't you be!

Have fun! □

Legion of Honor

By Ron Morthorst, P.M.

September is near. The Legion of Honor meeting is Monday, September 17th at the Dutch Mill. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m., meeting to follow and the speaker is Sgt. Major Dicus of the USMC.

Picnic

At the Grotto Picnic, Arlene Topel won the TV and many of the Prophets had other gifts to take home. Our thanks to those of you who made it all possible.

Tip of the Fez

Congratulations to our Legion of Honor Color Guard at the ESGA Fall Meeting for a job well done. We have made great strides in the last year, thanks to the Prophets involved.

Reservations a must

All Prophets, new and old, are cordially invited to our monthly

Lalla Rookh/Zuleika Combined Ceremonial



Ken Hutchinson-Monarch, Geo. Abraham-ESGA Pres., John Frost, Keith Freeman and Brian Bills (new Prophets), Wm. King, Ron Januszkiewicz (Zuleika), Ken Ratliff, Robert Chapman-Monarch (Zuleika). (Photos Courtesy Ron Morthorst)



Ken Hutchinson-Monarch, Lalla Rookh, and Robert G. Pool, P.M. Abbas Grotto, East Peoria, IL-Grnd. Capt. of Guard.

meetings at the Dutch Mill, Dewey and Stone Roads. The only requirement is that a reservation for dinner is a must. Reservations must be made by September 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.

Hope to hear from you. Your reservations are important. See you all on Monday, September 17th at 6:00 p.m. □

Membership

By Bill Fredenburg
I hope everyone had a happy and healthy Summer. We had several successful outings this Summer and now it is time to get on with our Fall activities. Membership is most important at this time. Please make every effort to find a candidate for our Lalla Rookh Grotto. If you need a petition or literature to give a prospective member, call me at 334-

4753 or Ron Morthorst at 334-4196, and we will see that you have all the latest information.

Our September 19th meeting at the Masonic Temple is Past Monarch's Night with a meal preceding the meeting. We encourage all Prophets, especially our new members, to attend. Come and enjoy the good food and fellowship. See details on reservations for the dinner in other columns on this page.

Membership is a continuous effort, so, "Let's all get at least one in 2001". □

Master of Ceremonies

By Douglas Spencer
Greetings Prophets. I hope you all had a great Summer! Our June meeting was held in Henrietta Town Park. It was well attended and all had a great time.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 19th, at 7:30 p.m. This will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are a MUST and are due to me no later than Saturday, September 15th. To make your reservation, call me at 723-8703. See you all in September. □

Clowns

By Uncle Al
I think we have held onto our title of being the BEST CLOWN group in the realm, for we are the only group with no nothing. No dues, meetings, set gigs, etc. On a sad note, none of our group made it to the Clown Convention this year (I had to cancel, broke my heart), but we will be there next year, God willing.

We do have a new Prophet, and he has joined our Clown Unit. Prophet Ken W. Ratliff, so glad to have you a part of our great unit. He will fit right in with our group, as he is already the Vice President!

It was a great Summer, no parades, meetings, gigs, and most of all, no picnics. Never have been to so many in my whole life. I don't care if I see or eat any more hot, potato salad, etc., again!

I hope this unit can keep growing, hope a little faster, but it's OK to have nobody to argue with! Besides, I'm Chief Clown in my own way!

We do have openings and room for more, it is a lot of fun and rewarding. □



LALLA ROOKH GROTTTO

ANNUAL

MONARCH'S BALL

HONORING

KENNETH HUTCHINSON

Saturday, November 3, 2001
Social Hour 6:30 p.m. - Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn Rochester South
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Choice of Entree
Sliced Roast Beef w/Mushroom Sauce
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EMESSAY NOTES

Who Speaks for Freemasonry?

There is no national or international Masonic authority. Freemasonry in North America is governed by independent legislative bodies known as Grand Lodges who exercise absolute Masonic authority within a state or province.

Writers may express their opinions about the Fraternity, but their statements are not authoritative. Only Grand Lodges can make authoritative statements, and these apply only to their members.

Letter to North American Grand Secretaries

One of the major problems the Masonic Information Center has encountered in dealing with the media and the general public about anti-Masonic rhetoric is the issue of Masonic Authority. It is difficult for people to understand that Freemasonry is structured in such a way that its highest Masonic Authority rests within the Grand Lodge of each state or province.

Because many writers have expressed their opinions and associated themselves with related Masonic organizations, the perception is that these Masonic organizations, which are not Grand Lodges, have authority over all Freemasons. They do not. Also, however prominent or well known they may be, writers on Freemasonry speak only for themselves. Their opinions are not authoritative for all Freemasonry.

The enclosed "Statement on Masonic Authority" (noted above) is brief and gives a clear explanation as to where ultimate Masonic Authority rests. It is concise enough to be used in a newspaper or magazine sidebar, accompanying a larger story, or in a video production.

Should you wish to use this statement in any of your publications or in response to inquiries, please feel free to do so.

"Morals and Dogma"

A closer look at Chapter One

No book has been more misunderstood or misused by critics of Freemasonry than has Albert Pike's "Morals and Dogma". My desire in this article is to clarify the book by taking a close look at Chapter 1, particularly its philosophical aspects. Philosophers discuss who God is and how He relates to creation (theology), right and wrong thinking (logic), how we know something (epistemology), what is real or not real (metaphysics), beauty (esthetics), morality, politics, and so forth. Like any good history of philosophy (and "Morals and Dogma" is just that, an outline of cultural and religious philosophy), Pike provides his readers with a survey of the thinking of philosophers, Christian and non-Christian, since the beginning of recorded history.

Pike did not see himself as the final answer on the subjects he discusses in "Morals and Dogma". Rex R. Hutchens writes that "Morals and Dogma" is "a rather diverse collection of other people's writings and its compiler's (Pike's) thoughts about the great question of life. The text is not well organized and was never carefully edited." ("Pillars of Wisdom", page 3)

Use of Symbols

Pike stresses that no one should imagine he can do nothing to change society. We must never give up, even when liberty is taken away by tyranny. He compares, "Tyranny" with Hydra, a mythical water monster with nine heads. When one head was cut off, two grew back in its place. Tyranny, Pike said, is not easily destroyed. It recovers quickly, like the heads of Hydra. He calls the fight against tyranny an "eternal" duty of every person and urges each of us to have faith in the justice and wisdom of God, hope for the future and love for those who make mistakes.

What is truth?

Pike said, "To be true, and to seek to find and learn the truth, are the great objects of every Mason" (p. 21). Finding it may be impossible, but seeking it is absolutely essential. We are human

and can never be absolutely certain of knowing "truth", but we must not give up trying. Seeking truth is a journey to which we must commit ourselves. For Pike, searching for "truth" was not a selfish goal, for through the search we become better citizens. We can better oppose tyranny, corruption, and evil and better treat all people equally as we move along on our journey toward "truth".

"Morals and Dogma", even in its first chapter, is a step on the exciting history of mankind's journey toward "Truth". (MSA Notes) □

Kids

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. She said, "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.'"

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus."

A father was at the beach with his children when his 4 year old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore, where a sea gull lay dead in the sand.

"Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.

"He died and went to Heaven," the dad replied.

The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

After the church service a little boy told the Pastor, "When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money."

"Well, thank you," the Pastor replied, "but why?"

"Because my daddy says you are one of the poorest preachers we've ever had."

A mother was teaching her 3 year old the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, the child repeated it after the mother. Then, one night the child was ready to solo. The mother listened with pride to the carefully enunciated words, right up to the end. "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us some e-mail." □

F.R.O.G

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October 8, 2001

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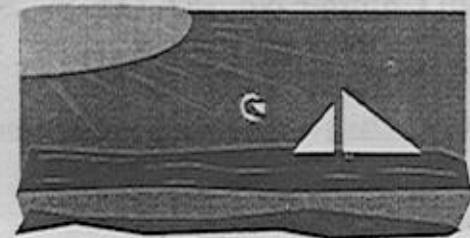
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Order of the Eastern Star

GENESEE-WYOMING DISTRICT

Rt. Wthy. L. JANET LEE DDGM

Rt. Wthy. TIMOTHY L. BUCKNAM DGL

Usually when one thinks of Summer we think of a slowdown in the Order of the Eastern Star activities, but that has not been the case in the Genesee/Wyoming District. We have continued with many activities and we have had a great Summer. We hope that everyone has had a safe and fun filled Summer.

Quint Dinner

On July 27th, 28 of our District met with members from Allegany, Cattaraugus, Columbia/Dutchess/Putnam and Green/Ulster Districts for the Annual Quint Dinner. Our District had the second most members present. All enjoyed a deluxe Buffet Dinner.

A tribute to the American Flag followed the greetings and introductions of the 2001 Grand Officers and the 2002 Grand Officers present by the Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons of each District. The Flag Tribute was lead by Rt. Wthy. June R. Lee and Rt. Wthy. L. Janet Lee. They were assisted by members from each District.

Pilgrimage Day

About 35 members of the District attended the Annual Pilgrimage Day at the Eastern Star Home and Day Care Center in Oriskany. The grounds were busy with shoppers. There were plenty of booths for shopping and eating.

Our District had their Maple Syrup booth again this year. All the Chapters of the District had donated money and Rt. Wthy. Tim purchased the maple syrup within the District that was to be sold at our booth. All the money received was given to the Home.

We had appreciative buyers who stopped by to get their syrup for pancakes, waffles, baked beans, cookies, etc. Many shared their recipes.

Pike Fair

This year the District sponsored a booth at the Pike Fair on August 11-18th. Each Chapter had an opportunity to man the booth.

Homecoming

The Homecoming for Rt. Wthy. Elizabeth Maynard, Grand Electa; Rt. Wthy. L. Janet Lee, District Deputy Grand Matron; Rt. Wthy. Timothy L. Bucknam, District Grand Lecturer; and Rt. Wthy. Margaret Nugent, Grand Representative of North Carolina near the Grand Chapter of New York, will be September 8th at the Perry Masonic Temple at 8:00 p.m. Vernon, Batavia, and Perry Chapters will be the hosts. Rt. Wthy. Nancy Specht and Rt. Wthy. John Specht will be the Matron and Patron of the evening. The Matrons and Patron of the host Chapters will serve as the escorts.

Anyone wishing to make a reservation should call 457-9444, 344-1576, 237-6618 or 548-2694.

Gathering of the States

Many members of the District attended the Gathering of the States held in Binghamton on August 17th and 18th. The OES of New York State was the host and invited General Grand States to join in the celebration of the Star Spangled Gathering-2001.

New York State OES conducted the Opening, Closing and a Degree. It was very interesting.

Grand Chapter of Ontario

The Grand Chapter of Ontario was in Toronto August 25-28th. Some members from our District attended. It is always interesting to attend Grand Chapter Sessions outside New York State. Since Ontario is part of the General Grand Chapter, it was different than our Grand Chapter Session.

Fall meetings

Many Chapters will begin their Fall meetings with a Turcen Dinner. All are encouraged to check their meeting list.

Study Club

The next meeting of the Genesee/Wyoming District Angels will be held September 15th at Arcade Chapter. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and something good to eat. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

The year's final reports will be given at this meeting. Rt. Wthy. Tim and I wish everyone a most successful Fall.

the District, I could see that although there were similarities and differences, each Chapter was closely knit and the love of one another was obvious. We have been amazed and thankful for all the courtesies and Degrees we have been given this year. We deeply appreciate the old and new friendships with which we have been blessed along the way. The saying "Neil did it" spread throughout the District and added a measure of fun as we visited each and every Chapter.

This year the time has just flown by. It's hard to believe we were being introduced to the District and the next thing we were off and running to the many receptions and Official Visits to the Chapters as they did their beautiful ritualistic work. We attended and participated in other special events such as the Chapter Birthdays, Social Visits, the District Project Bingo Party for Breast Cancer Awareness, the Grand Matron's Visits around Monroe District, the District Walk-a-Thon, the Homecomings, the Lilac Luncheon, and the Oriskany "Pilgrimage Day" weekend festivities. It has been just unbelievable.

I have two very special times that I will hold dear to my heart as this year's DDGM. The first would be the Grand Matron's Visit. Words cannot come close to expressing what I felt. The Triangle Girls youth group doing the sign language for the GM's hymn, Barb Spano's granddaughter entertaining us with dance and songs, and the 2001 Matrons (Char's Angels) and Patrons performing their "Tribute to the Flag" made the evening very special. There was not a dry eye in the place following the Flag tribute.

Second was the camaraderie of all the Chapters when we had our District Project for Breast Cancer Awareness. In one day, we were able to raise over \$1000 to give to the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester. This check will be given to BCCR at our District Banquet, October 19th, at the Beahan Road Party House. Keep that date open to meet the 2002 Grand Officers.

To the many people who have given their time and energy, thank you so very much. Rt. Wthy. Diane Maltese has been my trailer this year (as well as being a Conductress). Diane and I have become reacquainted and our friendship has grown. It has been fun and enjoyable having her there with me as we traveled throughout the Districts.

My Guardian Angel, Rt. Wthy. Donna Laundry, has been my right and then my left and back to my right arm angel. Saying thank you doesn't seem adequate to convey my appreciation for all she has done this year to make Rt. Wthy. Neil's and my year so successful. Rt. Wthy. Barb, Rt. Wthy. Bev and a special Rt. Wthy. Alida, you ladies were always there when I needed you. I only had to ask and you gave unselfishly! M. Wthy. Wanda, you are a "Peach" of a lady. You are always behind the scenes helping and giving. Thank you to all my "Angels".

Rt. Wthy. Neil, what a great guy! I was so fortunate to have a kind, helpful, fun and loving person to stand by me this year. Our intent this year was to rededicate ourselves to the Order, see that the ritualistic work was done with dignity, and to have a lot of fun along the way. As he begins his journey (if elected) at the State level, I can see nothing but success for him. Two years seems a long time, but it is really a very

September 2001 short time for us to work toward helping make his a successful journey. "Yes, Neil really did it this time!" I thank him from the bottom of my heart for each and every little thing he did this year.

To my husband, Chuck, and my family, who were always behind me and have given up many of our cherished family times so I might reach one of the goals in my life, thank you! A family's love is immeasurable, and yours is irreplaceable. I love you all.

"Friends are like Angels without any wings." That's what all of you have been to me this year. Thank you over and over.

By Rt. Wthy. Neil Laundry
At the time our previous column was written, Rt. Wthy. Charlene and I had yet to complete all of our Official Visits. I am pleased to report that we did finish those duties and had a great time doing it. Thanks to all of the wonderful Sisters and Brothers at Germania, Corinthian/Fellowship, and Fairport Chapters for making the close of our Official Visit schedule just as enjoyable and exciting as was the very beginning.

Thanks also to the members of Fairport, Etolian, Mary Jane Holmes, and Monroe Chapters for all their hard work and diligent preparation to make our June 15th Homecoming a fitting conclusion to our busy Spring activities.

Monroe District was well represented throughout the Oriskany Pilgrimage Weekend. Forty-five attended our Friday evening Monroe/Albany/Schenectady/Rensselaer District's Dinner on which occasion M. Wthy. Wanda announced the Monroe District Grand Officers for 2002. Wthy. Barbara Bossert has agreed to serve as our 2002 Monroe DDGM, Wthy. John Lenzi will serve as Monroe DGL, and Wthy. Nancy Lynch has kindly accepted the Office of Grand Fraternal Correspondent. We extend our congratulations to these Sisters and Brother and sincerely thank them for accepting the responsibility of representing Monroe District for the ensuing year.

Since thank you's seem to be the order of the day, may I offer my thanks to those brave hearts who were up early "Pilgrimage" Friday morning to help Rt. Wthy. Phyllis Spahn and the crew from Queens open the booths and truck all of the hundreds of boxes of sale items out onto the grounds. Let me also recognize Karen and Debbie Leipold for once again giving of their time and labor to set up and staff the children's games and "face-painting" booth.

M. Wthy. Wanda, Rt. Wthy. Charlene and I were very pleased with the generous support for the Special Project to provide replacement outside lighting fixtures for the Home at Oriskany. The funds from the Chapter gifts and many individual donations far surpassed our expectations.

I personally thank all of those individuals and groups who presented me with monetary gifts at the various District and Chapter functions this year. Those gifts have been combined and a donation of \$300 made to the Grand Matron's Education Fund on behalf of the Matrons and Friends of Monroe District.

I have at this point submitted reservation requests for 23 rooms for Grand Sessions at Lake Placid. M. Wthy. Elizabeth Pounder indicated that she has received 25 requests from Monroe District so some may have been sent in individually. My official count is

Medical Center Receives Donation from Grand Chapter, OES



L. Janet Lee, Mark Francis-Vol. Serv. Mng., Kate Martin-Vol. Serv. Specialist, receiving donation from M. Wthy. Linda Angiolillo-GM and M. Wthy. Everett Vail-GP and Timothy Bucknam-DGL

By Gerry Goodsell, Grand Historian
On Thursday, May 17th, the Grand Matron, Linda Angiolillo and the Grand Patron, Everett Vail, visited the Genesee/Wyoming District, Order of the Eastern Star. They visited the VA Medical Center in Batavia, where they were greeted by Mark

Francis, Voluntary Service Manager, and Kate Martin, Voluntary Service Specialist, who gave the Grand Matron and Grand Patron a tour of the Hospital.

Rt. Wthy. Angiolillo and Rt. Wthy. Vail presented the Hospital a check for \$500.00 for their Fitness Clinic.

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Fairport Chapter No. 444

Annual Spaghetti Dinner

September 29th
Fairport Masonic Temple
87 South Main Street

2 Seatings - 5 & 6:30 p.m.
Reservations a must

Donation:
Adults \$6.50 - Seniors - \$6.00
Children Under 5 \$3.50
Res.- 586-7498
by September 14th

Pasta Dinner

September 14, 2001
4:30 to 6:30 P.M.
Webster Masonic Temple
30 Orchard
Webster, NY 14580
Donation \$ 5.00
Take out available.

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By Rt. Wthy. Charlene Stankey
Because I have many thoughts going through my head, it is really hard to express my thanks and gratitude for the pleasure of serving Monroe District this year. I have learned a great deal this year and it has made me very proud of our District. All of this year's Line Officers, including Patrons and Associate Patrons, have done an outstanding job. As Rt. Wthy. Neil and I traveled throughout

55 individuals. I am also aware of at least two additional room requests and five additional individuals which means that we already have about 60 members signed up for Sessions. Excuse me, but I think that's terrific!

There was a change of plans necessitated because of space limitations at the Ramada Inn. It was suggested to us that we change our primary request if we wished to have the District housed together. Based on that suggestion, I requested our reservations be transferred to the Best Western Golden Arrow. I'm not sure exactly how many rooms are available at that location, but M. Why. Elizabeth was confident that they could house our current requests. She also asked that any remaining room reservation requests be submitted as soon as possible.

If you are planning to attend the October 10th Grand Matron's Testimonial Dinner at Sessions and have not already submitted your reservation, please send to me your reservation, the names of those in your group, and your check for \$27 per dinner, made out to Keri Riebergen. I will then submit them all at one time with the request that members from Monroe be seated together and near the Queen's group. I have already posted a note to Keri asking that Monroe District members be granted this courtesy. The deadline for dinner reservations is September 20th.

Important dates

October 11-13 - Grand Sessions, Lake Placid
 October 19th - Monroe District Banquet
 November 2nd - District Grand Officers' Reception
 November 16th - Associate Grand Patron's Reception
 December 9th - District Christmas Party
 "A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart, and sings it back to you when you've forgotten the words." Peace! ☐

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No. 314
Order of the Eastern Star
 Matron
 Rt. Why. BARBARA SPANO
 244-1503
 Secretary
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 482-0994
 First! Saturday 7:30 P.M.
 875 East Main Street
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Something to be happy about

The heat wave is over!
 Warm greetings to all. It is time once again to begin Chapter meetings. Time just flies and our year is slipping away. A lot has been going on through the Summer with the announcement that we may have, if "elected" and if he "accepts", an Associate Grand Patron in this great District. Rt. Why. Neil has done it again!

Sickness and distress

During the Summer Why. Linda Zahn had hip surgery, but is doing quite well in her recuperation. I learned recently that Why. Gail Clark is in the hospital with a low blood pressure problem; Why. Frank Jansson has a knee problem; Why. Effie Simpson lost her brother and Sister Susan Soricone's husband is in the hospital in the Intensive Care Unit.

I wish all of these folks the best and better health.

Sister Georgiana Coates suffered a massive stroke and passed away on August 7th. She will be sorely missed. Georgy was a devoted Sister to Star and loved by all who knew her. Rest well, dear Sister and friend.

Thelma Fraser passed away on August 7th. Rt. Why. Thelma had been a member of this Chapter for 79 years and served the Order very well. This is a very sad time for our Chapter.

October

Monte Carlo Nite is October 27th, 8:00 p.m., and it's going to be a fun night, so come out and join us.

In October we will start the Pecan Project. It is time to get ready for the holidays. Why. Effie Simpson and Why. Linda Zahn are Chairing this fundraiser.

September

Our September meeting is the 15th at 8:00 p.m. It will be good to see you all again. We had a great time at Charlotte Beach for the Chapter Picnic. There were 15 of us there, the weather was great and the fellowship fantastic.

Take a minute out of your week and call a Sister whom you have never met or haven't seen in a long time. It would mean a lot to them and it will give you a warm and loving feeling.

Until next time, I wish you peace. ☐

NOLATKA Chapter
No. 320
Order of the Eastern Star
 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
 7:30 p.m.
 Why. MaryAnne Sovocool
 Matron
 Rt. Why. William Baxter
 Patron
 Rt. Why. Carol Wynings
 Secretary, 594-4692
 20 South Main Street
 Churchville, N. Y. 14428

By Sister Alice Hassett

Why Mary Anne Sovocool has many exciting plans for the next few months as she completes her term. Our September 18th meeting will feature Advance Night, where next year's Matron and Patron conduct part of the Ritual. (I will be Matron, and Why. John Lenzi will be Patron in 2002). Several Associate Matrons and Patrons from nearby Chapters will be in attendance. Plans include a report on the Oriskany trip, and entertainment.

Lenzi to be DGL

I am pleased to report that my Associate Patron, Why. John Lenzi, has been selected as next year's District Grand Lecturer. The Chapter is proud that Why. John has been accorded this honor.

Condolences

We sadly report the passing of George Gray, husband of Sister Bernice Gray, on August 8th. Bernice and George had been married for 61 years, and George was a 50 year Mason. Our condolences to Sister Bernice and to their family and friends.

Sunshine

Jennie Darling, in Florida, although no longer a member, has had major health problems during the last couple of months, due to an aneurysm. She is home now, still using a walker, but improving. Please remember her with phone calls, cards, and notes.

Supportive members

Our Chapter is fortunate to have members who, although unable to attend meetings, support our efforts. Sister DeMaris Uttrich, who lives in Virginia, sent a donation in memory of her mother. Why. Cathy Thompson remembered us, sending Boxtops for Education and Campbell's soup labels from Florida. Why. Leroy Lester continues to contribute Tops tapes, Campbell's soup labels and Boxtops for Education. Thank you all.

A reminder to others...save those labels, tapes, boxtops, and also your used postage stamps. When you have a few, mail them to Carol Wynings or to one of the other members who can bring them to a Chapter meeting. Every month or so, I get a letter with used postage stamps from a relative in California. Ask your friends to save these items to help you support your Chapter.

June meeting update

At a summoned official meeting on June 5th, members discussed whether to leave the Churchville Lodge rooms and to relocate to the proposed Masonic site on Elmgrove Road, or to remain where we are presently located. A vote was taken. We will stay in our current location, the Churchville Lodge rooms.

Committee

The Committee for September is Chaired by Why. Vickie Gross (293-3237). Members: Rt. Why. Sue Goossens, Rt. Why. Martha Loomis and Why. Dean Hiler.

Birthdays

Happy birthday in September to Beverly Bacher, Susan Drake-Mason, Kathryn Anne Fieret, Bernice Gray, Robin Ha, Alan Jeerings, Diane Maltese, Dorothy Norris, Gail Turner and DeMaris Uttrich. ☐

Support for the Kidney Foundation

By Debbie and Karen Leipold

A "thank you" to all members who save aluminum pull-tabs for the Kidney Foundation.

On July 3, 2001, 90 lbs. of tabs were taken to Atkins Metal Salvage and redeemed for a total of \$28.80. That sum was sent to the Kidney Foundation to be used in their work.

On July 17th, a thank you letter was received stating that the money from OES contributions is used to benefit dialysis patients through emergency transportation, crisis funds, and special education programs. ☐

In Memoriam

May

Becker, William H.

William was residing in California when he was called Home on May 26th at the age of 88. He was a Past Master of Etolian Lodge No. 479.

Morris, Erwin M.

ERAC Lodge No. 163 lost a member with the passing of Erwin on May 18th. He is survived by two sons and four grandchildren.

Posner, Joe U.

Death claimed Joe on May 28th. He was a member of Flower City Lodge No. 910 and leaves his wife, Lois, and two children.

June

Sanford, Charles C.

The Grand Architect of the Universe claimed Charles on June 5th. He was a member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 and is survived by his son and two grandsons.

Melville, William F.

William entered into Eternal Rest on June 7th at the age of 81. A member of ERAC Lodge No. 163, Rochester Consistory and Lalla Rookh Grotto, he leaves his wife, Lydia and two children.

Kurtz, Richard L.

Northfield Lodge No. 426, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine lost a member with the passing of Dick on June 17th. Survivors include his wife, June, two children and four grandchildren.

Becker, Gerald (Chick)

A Past Master of Fairport Lodge No. 476, Chick was called Home by the Supreme Architect on June 20th. His wife, Gean, three sons and 6 grandchildren survive him.

Young, Andrew P.

June 20th was the date that Andy went to be with his Maker. He was a Past Master of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 and is survived by his two sons, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Griffing, Darryl W.

Darryl was only 61 years old when he died on June 27th. He was a member of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, Rochester Consistory, Damascus Temple Shrine and Nundawaga Council No. 92. Survivors include his wife, Doris, two children and two grandchildren.

Norton, Floyd B.

A member of Rochester Consistory, Floyd passed away on June 29th. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, two sons, three grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Phillips, Jack S.

The Supreme Architect claimed Jack on June 29th. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 and Lalla Rookh Grotto. His wife, Leona, three sons, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive him.

July

Feiock, Walter R.

Death claimed Walter on July 4th at the age of 90. He was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163 and the Tartan Square Club. Survivors include one son and two grandchildren.

Clapper, Harry L.

July 10th was the date of Harry's Memorial Service. He was a member of Clio Lodge No. 779 and passed away on April 2nd. He is survived by one daughter and four granddaughters.

Wood, Cecil J. "Red"

Cecil was 94 years old when he died on July 9th. He was a member of Clio Lodge No. 779 and is survived by two sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graf, Warren D.

Fame Lodge No. 722, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine all lost a member with the passing of Warren on July 11th. He leaves his wife, Patricia, 3 sons, and 4 granddaughters.

Evans, David R.

David was called Home on July 24th at the age of 85. He was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163 and is survived by his wife, Esther, 2 children and 5 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Tyler, Howard W.

The Supreme Architect claimed Howard on July 24th. He was a member of Fame Lodge No. 722, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. Survivors include his wife, Edna, 3 children, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Frank, Howard J.

July 25th was the day that Howard died at the age of 88. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 and leaves his wife, Maude, 3 daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Stoltz, Ronald A.

ERAC Lodge No. 163 and Rochester Consistory lost a member with the passing of Ronald on July 28th. He leaves 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

Buckland, Merwin B.

A member of Union Star Lodge No. 320 and Damascus Temple Shrine, Merwin went to be with his Maker on July 30th at his home in Florida. He is survived by his wife, Verna, 3 children, (his son, Kenneth, is a member of Union Star Lodge, Rochester Consistory and is currently the Assistant Rabban in Damascus Temple Shrine), 9 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Kaplan, Philip

Philip entered Eternal Rest peacefully on July 11th at the age of 83. He was a member of Flower City Lodge No. 910 and leaves his wife, Ana, and other family members.

August

Coates, Georgianna M.

Georgianna passed away August 7th. She was a member of Rochester Chapter No. 314, OES and is survived by her husband, Harry, 3 sons and 5 grandchildren.

Wymar, Thomas H.

Death claimed Thomas on August 7th. He was a member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple Shrine. Survivors include his wife, Catherine and many family members.

Gray, George G.

A 50 year Mason and member of Oatka Lodge No. 759, George died August 8th. He leaves his wife, Bernice, 4 children, 6 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

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

Eck, Ellsworth C.

West Star Lodge No. 413 lost a member with the death of Ellsworth on July 1st.

Fraser, Thelma

Thelma belonged to Rochester Chapter No. 314, OES and passed away in August, 2001.

Kraft, Earl A.

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 lost a member with the passing of Earl on July 20th at his home in Florida.

Levy, Edward P.

Edward was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163 when he died on March 6th. ☐

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

- 2001**
- Oct. 12 Grand Lecturer's Convention,
 - Oct. 13 Grand Master's Reception, (Cryptic)
Holiday Inn, Waterloo, NY
 - Oct. 28 Interfaith Service and Breakfast, Logan's
 - Nov. 3 Grotto Monarch's Ball, Holiday Inn South
 - Nov. 10 Commandery Orders, Cyrene/Monroe, DDT
 - Nov. 15, 17 Scottish Rite Fall Reunion, DDT
- 2002**
- Aug. 16-17 Grand Council, Rochester Marriott Thruway
Henrietta, NY

Visit a Masonic War Veteran

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Items
Wanted: Slate Pool Tables, any condition. Call: Angelo DiCataldo 738-9709.
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John Rehback 338-7918

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

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

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

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Oatka	
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ERAC	8/15
Olive Branch	8/16
Valley/Simes	8/13

If you see your Lodge name here, call your Master; whatever you like!
"x" = months missed.
The Deadline for :
Mon., Sept. 10, 2001

September Flower - Aster
September Gem - Sapphire

Big Calendar September 2001

Deadline for the Masonic Times

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>EXTRA! EXTRA! Save the Date! Monroe Interfaith Service & Breakfast October 28th</p>	<p>WAKE UP! Get those petitions in for the Fall Classes.</p> 					1
 <p>School Begins Drive Carefully</p>	 <p>Labor Day</p>	<p>Charlotte/Corinthian Clio, Hilton Craftsman/Robertson Oakland, Castile Warsaw</p> <p>O.E.S.-Fairport, Monroe, Perry, Webster</p>	<p>Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy</p> <p>O.E.S. - Henrietta</p> <p>Damascus Shrine</p>	<p>Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster</p>	<p>Spaghetti Dinner 5 - 7 p.m. Webster Lodge 30 Orchard St., Webster Adults-\$6, Child-\$3</p>	<p>O.E.S. District Meeting DDT</p> <p>Genesee York Rite College Pittsford</p>
<p>Grandparents Day</p>	<p>ERAC - East Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield</p> <p>O.E.S. - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>Arcade Batavia Craftsman/Robertson Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes</p> <p>RAM - 3X3, Dansville</p> <p>O.E.S. - Leah</p>	<p>Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike</p> <p>Service Bureau Luncheon</p> <p>O.E.S. - Batavia, Corinthian/Fellowship</p>	<p>Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City</p> <p>Lalla Rookh Caldron</p> <p>RAM - Hiram</p>	<p>District Conductress Club Pasta Dinner Webster Temple 4:30-6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Grand Commandery Suffern, NY</p>	<p>Rochester Chapter, O.E.S.</p> <p>Grand Commandery Suffern, NY</p>
 <p>Jewish New Year-Sept. 18th</p>	<p>West Star - Varysburg</p> <p>KT - Cyrene/Monroe</p> <p>O.E.S.- Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club</p> <p>Citizenship Day</p>	<p>Charlotte/Corinthian Clio, Hilton Craftsman/Robertson Oakland, Castile Valley/Simes Warsaw</p> <p>O.E.S.-Fairport, Nolatka, Perry, Webster</p> <p>Rosh Hashanah</p>	<p>Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy</p> <p>Lalla Rookh Grotto</p> <p>RSM - Doric Council</p>	<p>Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster</p> <p>Scottish Rite, DDT</p> <p>RAM - Western Star (Wyoming)</p>	<p>Doric Council No. 19 Rededication by Grand Council, DDT</p>  <p>First Day of Autumn (Autumnal Equinox)</p>	<p>22</p>
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