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Interfaith Service and Brunch Huge Success! Inspiring Address by Grand Master



M.W. Carl J. Fitje presents Distinguished Community Service Award to Bonnie Vahey of the Ronald McDonald House.

By Linda Zahn, Chairperson

What a joy to have an overflow crowd for the Service and a full house for the Brunch. An added joy was the presence of many Grand Officers from both the Grand Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star and their participation in the activities. As you can see by the accompanying pictures, all had a good time.

Many thanks to all who helped in any way and to all who attended. We truly are Brothers and Sisters.

A letter from the Distinguished Community Service Award recipient, Bonnie Vahey, to Don Darrohn.

"Dear Don and Fellow Masons:

Bless you all for bestowing on me such an honor - your Distinguished Community Service Award, last Sunday. I was humbled and honored considering the many notable recipients from the past.

It was especially meaningful to me to see so many familiar faces that I have gotten to know over the years working with the many Lodges during the Have-a-Heart Campaign.

Masons are a wonderfully caring and giving group who truly understand how to help their fellow man.

Gratefully, Bonnie" □

Interfaith Brunch Message

By M.W. Carl J. Fitje

Good morning, I'd like to thank the Chaplains for their wonderful sermon this morning. Thanks to the Masonic Service Bureau, especially Vice Chair Linda Zahn and her Committee who continue to make this a wonderful event year after year.

To Renee and I, this Breakfast and the others now to follow, are the start of our Holiday Season. What follows is our Masonic Toys for Tots at the NYC Presbyterian Hospital for Children with blood diseases and burn victims.

In attendance are many celebrities like Scott Clark, Sports Broadcaster for ABC-TV, Arlene Dahl, Rita Gam, Julia Meade, Julia Wilson, Carol Higgins Clark, the author, and others. Grand Lodge also presents the DeWitt Clinton Award and this year the recipient will be NYC Police Department Commissioner, Ray Kelly.

The highlight is always the children and the presents that we give them. Last year I had a little girl, Emma, whom I thought took a liking to me, only to find out she was fascinated by the gold jewelry I was wearing! Well, no surprise there, she was a girl and they all love jewelry.

It's wonderful to meet freely and openly again like this. Wonderful because we are all from different religions with a common bond uniting us. That bond is Freemasonry, my theme is Brotherhood/Patriotism and we see it at work again this morning.

In other parts of the world and even in some places within our country, we still see conflicts between religious parties, yet we are here this morning of different faiths, enjoying one another's company.

We have problems in society reflecting changes in morality and life-styles, and that brings me to the subject of my talk this morning on Principles, our Masonic Principles, and how they can affect people and society.

Today, too many people are willing to compromise their principles and it is affecting our Fraternity. Too many people have given 1st class loyalty to 2nd class causes and they have betrayed them.

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Most Worthy Grand Patron, Neil Laundry, with his Award.



Musicians for Interfaith Service were Beverly Murray and Wendy Ebersole. (Photos A. Walczyk)



Shirley Mercer proclaims the Call to Worship.



The R.W. Paul R. Gleason, Jr., delivering the Meditation at the Interfaith Service.

ElderWear 2002

By Lew Perna

ElderWear is a Monroe District Program, aimed at providing, as needed, new staple clothing for residents in area nursing care facilities who are primarily on Medicaid whose financial means are limited, at no cost to the recipients. This is the second year that our Fraternity has endorsed this worthwhile program and I have the privilege of being the District Chairman. Last year, ElderWear successfully donated more than 400 articles of clothing to 18 nursing homes.

This year we would like to exceed that amount. ElderWear kicked off, as scheduled, on November 18th and will run until January 31, 2003. We are soliciting new staple clothing, such as sweat clothing, pajamas, socks, and warm shirts. The primary drop-off site will be the Holiday Inn-Airport on Brooks Avenue. There is also a dedicated phone line to leave a message and/or receive updated information: 242-6780.

The area nursing homes have been notified. We already have clothing and have begun distribution. I have made contact with Unity Health System's Corporate Communications Department and a press release went out in November announcing the program. The area newspapers have been contacted in hopes of publishing human interest stories on this program. I am also expecting to secure some live media coverage. So as you can see, much work has already been done.

What is needed:

Action and Involvement!

A representative from each Lodge, Concordant Body or other related Masonic organization is needed to be active in the development of the Program. Duties would be to assist me in the acquisition of clothing, sorting and distribution. The commitment is limited. The Program began November 18th, and will end January 31, 2003.

Suggested Lodge activities can include, but are not limited to, holding a dinner or passing the hat at the end of a Lodge meeting and donating the proceeds to ElderWear. My home Lodge, ERAC, passed the hat at our

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Attention Ritualists!

The Assistant Grand Lecturers of Monroe, Livingston, Wayne, O.S.Y., and Genesee/Wyoming Districts have been charged with assembling Ritualists for Degree Teams to confer the three Degrees for the March 29th, "One-Day Class" of candidates. We need excellent Ritualists for all parts (speaking and non-speaking) including working tools, lectures, apron presentations and the Qs. & As. for all 3 Degrees.

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Dec. 7th, 9:00 a.m.

2° - Charlotte/Corinthian
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Dec. 14th, 9:00 a.m.

3° - Webster

30 Orchard St., Webster

Jan. 4th, 9:00 a.m.

After casts have been chosen, rehearsals will be conducted at future times. To take part, you must make all the auditions and rehearsals; no exceptions.

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Errata

We apologize to Ralph & Rosie's Deli whose name was inadvertently omitted from the list of prize contributors for the "Final Round of Golf" Tournament (November page 1).

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We are increasing our subscription rates. The new Individual Rate will be \$8.00 per person/year, the new Group Rate will be \$5.00 per person/year. The Concordant Body Rate, for those who are receiving the *Masonic Times* in their household, will remain at \$1.00.

This increase was adopted reluctantly. We have gone 12 years without an increase and, as you all know, costs have gone up. Our printing costs have gone up almost 100% in that period. Our Postal Rates have about doubled with an increase of 17% in June. This last increase was the kicker.

I know that this will be a hardship for many organizations, but the *Masonic Times* is still a bargain. We publish 20 pages or more, ten times a year. Other District papers near us publish every two months with, fewer pages of news, at \$6.00 for group subscribers and \$10 per year for individuals.

At \$5 per year your cost will only be \$.50 per issue (It is now costing us about \$.31 per piece just to print and mail.) We still have rent, utilities, salaries, materials, telephone and equipment maintenance, in addition to those costs. If we are to remain in business we cannot expect the Service Bureau to further subsidize our operation. They, also, must deal with decreased funding and rising costs.

Masonic conduct

Because of the impending relocations some organizations are having to deal with, hard decisions have to be made. I think that we must all remember that where we reside has no affect on our mission.

The Mission Statement of the Masonic Fraternity has always been "To take in good men and make them better and to extend Brotherly Love and affection to men of every race and creed." This includes the inculcation of those commendable virtues, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

On one hand we must consider our rock-solid beliefs, "The Brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God" and "treating your fellow man as you would want to be treated" and on the other, our Core Moral Values. Drawing on both, and concerning ourselves only with those things outlined by our Mission Statement, we should move forward to secure our future. Along the way, to borrow a phrase, "We must all learn to agree or disagree, agreeably."

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The price of the *Masonic Times* has not gone up in over 12 years. Until now, subscriptions have been \$7.00 per year for individuals and \$4.00 per person for Lodges. When the individual is already getting the paper through his Lodge, the charge to the Concordant Body or Eastern Star is only \$1.00.

The cost of the "Niagara/Oreans" paper has been \$10.00 for individual and \$6.00 each for group subscriptions. The cost of the "Buffalo News" is \$5.00, and they only have 5 issues per year.

The cost of mailing has gone up significantly over the last 12 years. This year alone, the cost of bulk mailing has gone up 17%. The cost of printing and all other assembled costs, including labor, have also gone up over the years.

We now find it necessary to increase the cost of the *Masonic Times* subscriptions for next year to \$8.00 for individuals and \$5.00 per member for Lodges. The \$1.00 for Concordant Organization's subscriptions for persons already getting the paper from a Lodge, will remain the same.

Considering the costs today, \$5.00 is still very cheap for the paper and it still provides the best and least expensive way to communicate with all your members. You also learn what is happening at the other Lodges and Concordant Bodies around you. Communication is necessary to maintain a strong Lodge of informed members.

MSB Community Service

By Harold Bollotin

Al Sigi Center Walk-About

On Sunday morning, October 27th, this annual Al Sigi Center fundraiser was held in the Marketplace Mall. As usual, it was a great success. A huge crowd of walkers filled the corridors of the entire mall from end to end. I'd estimate more than 1000 people. The total amount of money raised by the Walk-About was over \$80,000!

A great number of walkers were volunteers from many social, corporate, business, and fraternal organizations. Among the volunteers representing the Masonic Service Bureau were two magic performers, Professor Korne and a friend, Professor Rem, who entertained at the front entrance of the Bon Ton store. We were joined by the ever faithful Shrine Clowns, under their own auspices, who have performed at the Walk-About for many years. Five Shrine clowns and one lady guest clown were a hit, especially with the children, who swamped them with requests for balloon animals. I give them credit by listing their names: John "Haji" Bryce, Wendel "Windy" Burtner, Oscar "Rosco" Wilson, Dean "Hayseed" Marsaw, Harold "Tracks" Feinberg, and the lady, "Gadget."

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I met Daniel Meyers, President of the Al Sigi Center. He gave me a most cordial greeting, and thanked me very much for all my activities on behalf of the Center. He has sent me a very nice letter of appreciation.

In addition, I received a warm greeting from two lady staff members of the Al Sigi Center. I have been in contact with them for Al Sigi events, representing the Masonic Service Bureau.



Harold Bollotin (Professor Korne) with Daniel Meyers, President of the Al Sigi Center.
(Photos courtesy of H. Bollotin)



Lady guest clown "Gadget."



Shrine Clowns.



Crowd scene in one corridor.



Professor Rem entertaining participants.

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Everyone is cordially invited
Masons, Eastern Star,
Friends and Neighbors
All are welcome

ElderWear

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November 25th meeting and I challenge any Lodge or related organization to beat us. I will let you know how much we collected in the next edition of the *Masonic Times*. All of the proceeds will be used for buying clothing for ElderWear.

It is this writer's strong opinion that this Program has the same success potential as the Have-A-Heart Campaign. It requires development and commitment from the District. It requires only a small amount of energy on the part of any one person to add to its success. Thank you on behalf of ElderWear. □

GM's Brunch Message

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The "Furthermores" which we took at the Masonic Altar with our hands resting on the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses constitute the finest guidelines ever compiled by the minds of men. One sometimes wonders if some of our Brethren leave some of those furthermores lying on the Altar instead of taking them and incorporating them into their every day living.

A certain rhyme goes, "A song is not a song until you sing it, a bell is not a bell until you ring it, God did not put love in your heart to stay, love is not love until you give it away," to which we might add: Masonry is not what you get from it and what you give it, but Masonry is when you live it.

In other words, are you putting as much into Masonry as you get out of it? If not, you might end up like the farmer's cow who was fed nothing but her own milk and eventually shrivelled up and starved to death.

No freedom ever lasted unless it involved responsibilities as well as rights and privileges. The present day cry for rights, should be accompanied by a pledge and assumption of responsibilities. When God gave each of us an ability, he also gave us a responsibility to make good use of those talents.

Next to religion there is no other body that does more to establish the Brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God than Freemasonry. To fail to use the full potential of Freemasonry is a crime of negligence. Are we proud enough of Freemasonry to make it a priceless legacy for those who come after us? Or do we simply bask in the reflected glory of having been Masons?

We need Masons who understand and who proclaim the influence of Masonry on the individual, family, community, nation and the world. We need Masons who, by their example, will attract others to Freemasonry. We need Masons who appreciate and will protect our Masonic legacy. The more we know about Masonry the more we appreciate it.


President Lincoln, in referring to the State of the Nation, said, "Nothing from the outside can defeat us. If destruction be our lot, we ourselves must be its author and its finisher."

Edmund Burke, a British Statesman said, "The only thing that has to happen in this world for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." The mood of an age is revealed in many ways; through its music, literature, arts, movies, and TV. Twenty-five years ago we used to say, "Do your best." Now we say, "Take it easy." The motto used to be, "Save for a rainy day." Now it's, "Enjoy now, pay later." We used to say, "He

has a most commendable character," now we say, "He has a marvelous personality."

Freemasonry has demonstrated its power to improve the world. Never has there been a greater need for men of quality and character than there is right now. When human beings cease to feel that we have any purpose in serving mankind, we begin to fail. We live in deeds, not years; in thought, not in markings on a dial. Who lives the best and thinks the most will make his life worthwhile.

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I welcome our new member, Jan (Dutch) Lughart, to the Masonic War Veterans. If you see Dutch, give him a big welcome.

The Masonic War Veterans had a big turnout at the Interfaith Service and Brunch and I thank everyone for attending. The Color Guard did a fantastic job.

The Distinguished Community Service Award went to Bonnie Vahey, Executive Director of the Ronald McDonald House. She gave an excellent speech.

M. W. Carl J. Fitje, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, was the guest speaker and spoke on many subjects, especially the upcoming March 29th One-Day Class.

On December 7th at 7:30 a.m., there will be the Throwing of the Wreath Ceremony by the Veterans of Pearl Harbor. This will be at the Pier at Charlotte and not at the Coast Guard Station in Irondequoit, due to the construction there.

There will be a breakfast following at 9:00 a.m. at the American Legion Post No. 416 at 344 Dorsey Road. If you plan to attend the breakfast, I need reservations by December 2nd. Please call me at 265-3932 and let me know. There will not be a call down for this event.

On Saturday, December 14th, we will have our James A. Hard, Wayne Charter Post Christmas Party, starting with a Roast Beef Dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$7.50 with refreshments to follow. The family is invited. Bring a gift to be auctioned off, \$10.00 minimum. One per couple and mark the gift for a male or female. This is a fundraiser for the Post.

There will be no meeting in January.

At our February meeting, we will have a Lodge of Remembrance. There will be more on this in the next issue.


I want to mention how important our call down is, not only for upcoming events, but we also get a lot of information from our members about them and their families. This is a good thing if they can't come to meetings for one reason or another.

Sickness

It was reported that Jim Spencer was feeling better and that Cy Kloner was not well. We wish them a speedy recovery.

I wish everyone a very happy Holiday Season and please remember to take time to stop and smell the roses. □

Your Legal Rights FYI
By Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.



When we left off with the son, he had gone with the investigator to his office for further questioning. Was the son in custody at the moment he agreed to go with the investigator to his office for questioning? If he wasn't in custody, then the investigator had no obligation to "mirandize" him. If the son was in custody, then the reverse is true. The investigator would be obligated to mirandize the son. This brings up two important concepts that are related to our 5th Amendment right to remain silent.

What is custody?

The easy answer is when you are led away in handcuffs. You obviously are not free to go about your business. Instead your liberty is restricted. You now have no choice but to submit to the officer's authority. But let's look at a less clear example. The son was asked to come with the investigator to his office. The son voluntarily agreed to do so. On the surface, it appears that the son isn't in custody. He voluntarily agreed to accompany the investigator. Thus the investigator has no obligation to warn the son that he has a right to remain silent; that anything he says can be used to prosecute him; that he has a right to an attorney; and that if he can't afford one, one will be appointed. Under these circumstances, if the son admits to the investigator that the gun and marijuana are his, then the son's admission can be used in court to prosecute him.

Let's say that the son's willingness to accompany the investigator is not what it seems. For example, the investigator tells the son that his dad will go to prison unless he confesses, and admits that the gun and marijuana found in the trunk of the car belong to him. The son's decision to accompany the officer isn't truly voluntary, but was coerced.

The position that the investigator has could easily pressure the son into thinking that the investigator could make good on his threat, and send the dad to prison unless the son accompanies the investigator to his office and confesses. In this circumstance, the officer had better mirandize the son before he asks any more questions. Otherwise the later confession may be suppressed at the trial. That means the confession couldn't be used as evidence against the son at trial.

Unless you are in handcuffs, how do you know you are in custody? The question is resolved by considering what a reasonable person would do under the same circumstances. Would a reasonable person feel free to walk away from the encounter? If the answer is yes, a reasonable person would feel no obligation to obey the officer and answer his questions. Then you would not be considered to be in custody. The officer has no obligation to Mirandize you; thus anything you do choose to tell him can be used against you in court. Alternatively, if a reasonable person would feel obligated to obey the officer and answer his questions, then you are considered to be in custody. The officer is obligated to Mirandize you; failure to do so may result in suppression of any admissions you later make to this officer.

As an aside, do the police have to Mirandize you after they stop you for speeding? You are in cus-

tody. The answer is no. Why? The Supreme Court has held that this encounter is brief in nature, and that the citizen will be allowed to go on his way once he is issued the ticket. So let's say the officer asks, "Do you know how fast you were going?" If you tell him, that is an admission that the officer can write on the ticket.

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Livonia
Lodge No. 778

1st & 3rd Wed.
Master
W.: Charles Sawyer
346-6398

Sec. R.: W.: Richard Brown
346-3618
65 Big Tree Street, Livonia, 14487

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Day with family and friends.

I now have a confirmed date for my knee replacement surgery, Wednesday, December 4th. I should be home from the VAMC in Buffalo on Monday, December 9th. I'm relying on my Wardens to conduct the December meetings.

Remember that our meeting on December 18th is a Summoned Communication for reason of dues and end-of-calendar year business.

Eunice Lodge
No. 830

1st Thurs.
7:30 p.m.
Master
W.: Melvin R. Hussey
585-768-7336
mhussey486@aol.com

Sec. R.: W.: Francis E. Oberer
9501 Asbury Rd., LeRoy NY 14482
585-768-6698

This message goes out to ALL THOSE BROTHERS within range of Eunice Lodge No. 830. YOU NEED to come to YOUR LODGE to see the exciting things which are happening. Twenty-one people attended the Open House, hosted by Eunice Lodge, on October 29th, including five prospective candidates. Due to this program, two petitions were received and, I think, a probable two more are coming. The elite of the Chapter 451, OES, were there, as well as the District Deputy and his Staff Officer from the Genesee/Wyoming District, and our own Lodge/Staff/District Officer, all whom, I might say, were very helpful on floor discussions.

My personal thanks to the few who did the work: R.: W.: Gerald Pease, Livonia Lodge No. 778; R.: W.: Alan Roggen along with Brother Derrick Howlett, Eunice Lodge No. 830; guest speakers; and especially to Joan Martin and Patricia Roggen for their super display of refreshments.

Last month was particularly busy, too, for Eunice Lodge with the 1st Degree presentation for a new Brother, as well as hosting the monthly Association meeting. So you see, my Brothers who are in absentia, we are alive and well. It would certainly be nice to see some less than familiar faces attending. What do you think? We meet the first Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m.

While I'm on the subject, immediately following the regular communication, on December 5th, 7:30 p.m., the Annual Election of Officers for the Caledonia Temple Club will be held. All are encouraged to attend.

Brotherhood Fund

15% have given thus far. Further requests will accompany the dues notices, now in the mail.

December's schedule

Thursday, December 5th, Regular Communication, Temple Club, 7:30 p.m. Election of Officers immediately following.

Monday, December 23rd. No District Association meeting.

Wednesday, December 25th, Merry Christmas and Happy Masonic New Year!

Euchre Card Parties are held at the Caledonia Temple (building by the Monument), each Friday in December at 7:30 p.m. Only \$2.50, cheap; includes snacks.

District Deputy Grand Master Ontario/Seneca/Yates District



R.: W.: Clayton R. Ruggles
315-548-3573

With the issuing of the Grand Master's Edict regarding Degree work being performed only by Lodge members, some have questioned how they can meet the goals set in this Edict. For those Lodges who have used others to complete Degree work, it's going to be necessary to work diligently during the rest of this Masonic year at preparing to go it alone. Remember that the District Team remains ready to help.

For the March 29th Grand Master's Degree Day, more information, with required paperwork, has been received by Lodge Secretaries. Special note is given to the timeline to be followed, the special petition to be used, and other forms to be completed. It is especially important that Lodges work at identifying potential candidates so that petitions can be presented, interview committees can perform their duties, and ballots can be taken in meeting the prescribed time frame. Brothers in the OSY District need to know that we will be involved at both the Rochester and Corning sites. Corning has requested that our District provide the 1st Degree Team. R.: W.: James Rice, 554-6032, and the District leadership are working on this. If you are willing to help, contact us.

At our most recent OSY Association meeting, some points of discussion arose.

- The question has been raised about having a new Lodge in the District which would meet during the day to accommodate those men working evening shifts, who are unable to attend currently scheduled meetings. We are asking each Lodge to have its membership identify potential men for such a venture. This is recognized as a worthy proposal which requires our investigation.

- You are reminded that plans are being put into motion for the first OSY District Surviving Spouse Luncheon to be held on April 12, 2003. All District Lodges are invited to participate in this first time venture and are reminded this is not meant to replace any like activity that individual Lodges may plan. I am requesting that all Lodges contact either R.: W.: Eldon White at 924-1603, R.: W.: William Colin at (315) 789-9534, or me to be involved in the planning. At the OSY Association meetings in January and March, updates will be given.

Congratulations to the District Lodges currently involved in different stages of Degree work. At last count, Dundee No. 123, Eagle No. 619, Garoga/Sincerity No. 200, Geneva No. 965, and Seneca No. 113, are bringing new Brothers into the Fraternity.

Keep me informed of scheduled dates so that other Lodges can be in attendance.

New equipment has been secured for the District's Child ID Program. Two 13" TV-VCR Combos have been purchased for reviewing tapes. For District Lodges involved in Child ID, or those wishing to be, contact R.: W.: Arthur Day at (315) 548-9511 to use District equipment.

It may seem early, but plans are being formulated within the District for attending the Grand Lodge Communication in May. Transportation is a vital aspect of the planning. We need to know how many are going so adequate space is provided. I will be surveying Lodges shortly.

My wife and I extend Season's Greetings to all with hopes of a safe and happy holiday.

Grand Sword Bearer Ontario/Seneca/Yates



R.: W.: William Colin
315-789-9534

Now that Summer is over and Fall is upon us, we should roll up our sleeves and get to the works of the Fraternity. The best way to start this is to bring new members into the Lodge. As the Grand Master says, "Bring in your replacement." One way to do this is to have at least one Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, which Grand Lodge says we should have each year. I'm sure every one of us knows someone he could invite, so let's get rolling on this project. We have five Lodges that are now advancing prospective Brothers through the Degrees. I congratulate all of the Brothers in our District who received the Symbolic Lodge Award. It is an honor to receive this Award.

We will be having the Road to the East Course starting February 22nd at Geneva Lodge No. 965. Our second class will be March 22nd at Rushville Lodge No. 377, and the last session will be April 5th at Ark Lodge No. 33 (Geneva). The starting time will be 8:00 a.m., with coffee and donuts. If you have any questions, please call me at 315-789-9534.

As the District Deputy's Official Visits are winding down, I will be starting my Visits. I will be at Canandaigua Lodge No. 294 on December 2nd, Rushville Lodge No. 377 on December 4th, and Milo Lodge No. 108 (Penn Yan) on December 18th.

Our next OSY Charities get-together will be a Christmas supper at Canandaigua Lodge No. 294 on December 6th. If you are planning to attend, we are requesting that you bring a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry.

The Traveling Gavel is still at Geneva Lodge No. 965. Come and get it.

My wife and I wish everyone a happy and safe Holiday.

Remember



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Lodge No. 139
2nd & 4th
Thurs.
Master
R.: W.: Eldon N. White
585-924-1603
Sec. R.: W.: Kenneth Hall
585-259-3801
21 Maple Ave., Victor, NY

On Saturday, December 7th, Milnor Lodge will ring the bells for the Salvation Army at Wade's Market. Brothers are needed to fill the time slots. Call Bud Peglow at 924-5632 to sign up.

The December 12th dinner menu is Chicken and Biscuits prepared by Glenn and Joyce Thon. All proceeds from the dinner will be donated to the Brotherhood Fund. Minimum cost for the meal is \$10.00. The Thons need reservations. PLEASE, call 924-2656 to place your reservation.

This communication will be our Annual Meeting, with discussions on Lodge finances and a proposed budget. Please attend this meeting, Brothers.

Donations for Christmas Food Baskets for the needy are due at the December 12th communication. John Purdy and Bill Hall are coordinating this project. Call John at 394-0952 or Bill at 229-5363 for more details.

Advance notice

There will be an Oyster Dinner on January 9th when we will have our visit from our Staff Officer, R.: W.: William Colin, Grand Sword Bearer.

Our First Degree will be held on January 23rd.

December events

December 7th - Ring bells for the Salvation Army at Wade's.

December 12th - Annual Meeting. Chicken and Biscuit Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Communication, 7:30 p.m.

December 26th - No Communication.

In all the "hustle and bustle" of Christmas activity, let us not forget the true reason for our celebration. Have a happy and faithful Christmas.

Canandaigua Lodge No. 294

1st & 3rd Mon.
Master
W.: Ed Hall
289-3395
Secretary
R.: W.: George N. Stanton, Jr.
394-6829
Shortsville, NY

On November 4th we had the DDGM's Official Visit. We had dinner first with some great fellowship. At the meeting, he reminded us of the Grand Master's edict about Degree work. Let's all get our Ritual books out and start studying.

As per my trestleboard, we are going to have a 1st Degree rehearsal on January 20th.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 21st, for Breakfast with Santa. It will be from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. The menu will consist of Pancakes and Sausages. The cost is \$3.00 for ages eleven and older; ten and under are free. Bring your grandchildren and have a good time.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas and New Year's Eve.

District Deputy Grand Master



Monroe
District
R.: W.: John E. Zabel
223-3228

December Official Visits

By the time you read this, Derek and I will have officially visited three quarters of the Lodges in the Monroe District. This month we conclude our Official Visits for this Masonic year. The dates for December are:

Charlotte/Corinthian, Tuesday, December 3rd.

Northfield, Thursday, December 5th.

Union Star, Monday, December 9th.

Seneca, Tuesday, December 10th.

Brethren of every Lodge are cordially invited to attend any of our Official Visits. You will hear about many of the same programs and goals of the Grand Master, but the presentation will be unique for each Lodge.

Winter

Thanksgiving is upon us, or just past, depending upon when you read this. We hope you have had or will have a joyous Thanksgiving, surrounded by friends and family. We all have much to be thankful for including our families, friends, our gentle Craft and the Brethren who look forward to seeing us.

December is the time of celebration in many of the world's religions. It is a time of celebrating light and new life as we pass the shortest day of the year and start the path toward Spring. It is a time for some to plan Winter adventures and for others to look forth in anticipation of Spring flowers and warmer temperatures. It is a time for some to visit warmer places and others to visit warm friends.

This is also the time to wish all our Brethren and their families Season's Greetings. May all the Brethren have plenty of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment and the oil of joy.

The Ritual

The Monroe District Grand Lecturer's Convention is a month in the past as you read this. It was gratifying to Derek and me to see over 120 Brothers present and the majority of the Lodges in the District represented. This says to me that the Brethren are interested in our Ritual and want to learn more about it and how to properly confer the Degrees.

Our Ritual is unique, in that it evolved as the Craft grew. It was not borrowed or modified from another organization. The Ritual has stood the test of time. The Ritual is the foundation of our Fraternity. Without the Ritual, what would we be, or would we even exist as an organization? This is a question best answered by you, the reader and Mason.

Why is the Ritual important?

The Ritual forms the beginning and the continuation of the path of knowledge needed by men to improve themselves as they interact with society. In the beginning the candidate goes through ceremonies that can be confusing and is given information that may be difficult to fully grasp.

As the Mason observes the Ritual in the conferring of the

Degrees on new members, he can begin to assimilate the lessons presented through allegory and symbolism. To do this, the Ritual must be well and fully presented. This means that the Officers and members of a Lodge must do their best in learning the work and presenting it to both the candidate and the Brethren on the sidelines. The work, when done correctly and with feeling, is a pleasure to observe and will impart new knowledge to all present at the conferral.

With all this in mind, everyone should be aware of the Grand Master's Edict concerning the Ritual. The Grand Master is requiring that each Lodge do a Degree with their own members each year. The work is to be observed by the Grand Lecturer or Assistant Grand Lecturer at the Lodge's convenience. Why is this important? A Lodge is chartered by Grand Lodge for the purpose of conferring the Degrees of Freemasonry on men found worthy to become members of the Craft. If a Lodge does not confer Degrees or exemplify the work it is not living up to the most important reason for have a charter, the Ritual and its conferral. Without good Ritual work, members stay away from Lodges. Consequently the Lodge, as well as the Craft in general, will not grow. If we are not growing, then we can be considered dead. Brother Ben Franklin made the observation about a man who stops learning that "he died at 26 and was buried at 56." Doing the work is a learning experience. I personally learn something previously missed, or gain more insight in life, every time I witness or participate in a Degree. The better the presentation the more I grasp.

Brother Bring-a-Friend

There will be a District sponsored Brother Bring-a-Friend Program on Saturday, January 25th. W. Moe Schirano is coordinating the event. It will be held at the Webster Masonic Temple starting at 8:00 p.m. The program is open to all the Brethren in the Monroe and surrounding Districts. The Brethren are encouraged to invite their friends and family whom they feel would make good Masons. More details can be found in this issue of the *Times* and details will be sent to the Lodges of the Monroe District. I encourage you, the reader, to attend even if you do not bring a friend. This is an occasion where the Brethren can interact with men who are not Masons in a Masonic event where experts can answer questions about the Craft.

Finally, Brethren, ask these questions. Is Freemasonry worth continuing? If it is worth keeping, who will do the work? As the Grand Master has said, inactivity is inexcusable. Let us all get out there and do something.

I wish everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season. May Brotherly Love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us.

port the Scottish Rite in the 4th and 14th Degrees, as they are supporting the Blue Lodges with the Re-Member the Blue Lodge Campaign. As I headed South out of the Bergen area, I ran headlong into the worst snowstorm that I have seen in quite awhile. Cars were at a snail's pace and several were either in the ditch or in the process of getting into one. I had to turn the lights out to see where I thought the road should be. I went into a severe fishtail but, thank the good Lord, was able to regain control and continue on. I got off at the Route 19 exit and decided to head back home, instead of risking further accident by trying to continue. By the time I reached Bergen, it was clear again.

One of my problems was that I was not prepared for the possibility of Winter weather hitting so early and so intense. If I had taken the time to place some weight in the back of the car, and had left the house earlier, the outcome might have been different.

As I was contemplating the subject matter for this current issue of the *Times*, I thought that "preparation" can be, and should be, part of our Masonic life. In the 1st Degree, the Ritual asks, "Where were you first 'prepared' to be made a Mason?" Through the Degrees and beyond, the words prepare and/or preparation can be seen. Both in our vocation and in our work in our Lodge, it is important to properly "prepare" ourselves in the most excellent manner possible to do the best that we can for ourselves and our Lodge commitments. Consider this as the proper "homework" before attempting anything of value that we wish to accomplish.

Official Visits

We are more than half-way through the Official Visits for 2002 and, in every Lodge which we have visited, we have seen the results of men who have prepared themselves and their respective Lodges for our Visits. Each of you has done a splendid job of doing your "homework" in getting ready, not just for our DDGM and myself to come and make our Official Visit, but you have a real sense of commitment in your relationship with your Officers and Lodge Brethren.

Road to the East

To the Senior and Junior Wardens, we would like to pass the following information along to you. If you will "prepare" now for our presentations on February 15th at Phoenix Lodge in Dansville, we will all be successful in "preparing" the future leaders of the Craft for their Lodge leadership roles. The Staff Officers met and discussed the program for 2003 and are going to try something a little different next year. First, we wanted to make this a high-level experience for you in the amount of information that you will receive that day. In the past, we have met over three Saturdays and have been extremely lucky with favorable weather conditions for those days in the Winter months. Also, we were concerned that you were giving up your precious time to drive to Dansville and we wanted to get in as much quality learning time as we could. To that end, we decided to have a One-Day Class that will be starting at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until 5:00 p.m. If weather conditions do not permit, the secondary date will be March 15th, same place and duration. There will be additional information in the next two issues of the *Times*.

A couple of items to bring along with you: a copy of "The 24-Inch Gauge"; a copy of the Constitutions and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge (your Secretary should have them); a rough copy of a proposed trestleboard for your year; and a "pretend" article for the *Times*; plus an appetite for learning. If you make these "preparations," you will be successful in your quest to the East.

Holiday Season

Let me leave you with a couple of thoughts from the "Sunshine" magazine. "Can you imagine Christmas without a gift? It is possible for us to give a gift far more valuable than any material possession. The gift of love and understanding is one of invaluable worth to the individual who is giving it as well as to the one who received it. Let each of us share our wealth of love and understanding during this Christmas season."

I know that Santa loves milk and cookies, and carrots for Rudolph. Let your children "prepare" this treat for them Merry Christmas to all...

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS MON.



R. W. Keith Stambach
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V. W. John Dyer
503-4270
john.dyer@kodak.com

We had a very successful Grand Lecturer's Convention on October 28th, with 127 of our Brethren present from all but two of our Lodges. Four Lodges qualified for the Howard Potts Award, including Wakan/Hubbard, Northfield, Charlotte/Corinthian and Etolian Lodges. The Grand Lecturer's Convention Attendance Banner was taken by Craftsman/Robertson Lodge and the School of Ritual Banner for 2001-2002 by Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge. Congratulations to all. The exemplification of the 1st Degree was done very well by Wakan/Hubbard and Craftsman/Robertson Lodges and we all took away some new information.

The next School of Ritual will be at Northfield Lodge on January 29th at 7:30 p.m., with some fresh material being presented. Come out and see what can be added for the edification of our new Brethren. Some of us old-timers can also learn something new from this one.

In the meantime, we will be concentrating on putting together Degree Teams for the March 29th, One-Day Class. See our notice elsewhere in the *Masonic Times*. By the way, John Dyer's new phone number is: 503-4270.

Have a safe and happy Holiday Season. We'll see you in your Lodges.

Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.

President
W. Michael McBride
663-4636
Secretary
Raymond G. Glegg
223-3433

I hope you all have a good Holiday Season! Drive carefully. Thanks to Craftsman/Robertson

Lodge for the hospitality at our last meeting. I forgot my gavel and the meeting went on forever. I'll bring it next time!

New York trip to Grand Lodge

To all Masters of Lodges: We are planning a get-together for dinner at the Lamplighter Restaurant on Fetzner Road, with maybe a couple more get-togethers before the trip. We will use the time to get to know each other and start planning for our trip to Grand Lodge in 2003. Cliff Short and Gary Sanford have provided some scenarios, and will be asking for input from each of us. Call me for copies or check the website, newyorkcity.com - Hotel Room Availability and New York City Sight-seeing Tours Events & Attractions from Viator.

We would like to go as a unified body, if possible, so please make every effort to be there. Call Dean Smith for more information at 586-9298.

Admissions Council of the Masonic Home in Utica

Bob Hill set up a presentation for us with Angie Caiola, Director of Community Relations, her husband, Chuck, and Robert Lauducci, Public Relations Volunteer Coordinator, and his wife, Patty. They did an excellent presentation; we all learned something new and exciting!

Masonic Businessman's Association

RJ Muto spoke about a new group forming, with the intention of sharing information or skills. This may include lunch programs such as Time Management, Problem Solving Techniques, Tax Incentives, etc. Refer to his article for more information. RJ's phone number in the Directory is wrong, it should be 249-0699.

Ronald McDonald House

I will continue to put this request for help with the Have-a-Heart Campaign in my article. We need your help to fill in time slots, between Saturday, February 1st from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. (daily) through Friday, February 14th at 6:00 p.m. Call Dean Smith (Jo Ann) at 586-9298 for Eastview Mall; Karl Heinz-Reich (Trudy) at 426-6836 for the Mall at Greece Ridge Center and me (Jean) at 663-4636 for Marketplace Mall. We can also use Concordant Bodies, youth groups and non-Masons. Please help!

Monroe District Website

John Dyer still needs more input from individual Lodges. Please call or e-mail information. His new phone number is 503-4270; correction to his e-mail is john.dyer@kodak.com. More help is also needed with program management in order to support the program.

District One-Day Class

Refer to "Upcoming Events" for dates and places for rehearsals. Cast members are needed for

all 3 Degrees, 78 parts to fill! Please call John Dyer at 503-4270 or Keith Stambach at 865-7416, to sign up for a part.

Road to the East

This one-day event will take place February 15th at Phoenix Lodge in Dansville from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a backup date of March 15th. Call Derek Van Houten (Judy) at 247-2920.

Upcoming events

December 7th - audition for District 1st Degree at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge at 9:00 a.m.

The December 14th Masters and Wardens meeting is cancelled.

December 14 - audition for the District 2nd Degree at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge at 9:00 a.m.

January 4th - audition for the District 3rd Degree at Webster Lodge at 9:00 a.m.

January 11th - Masters and Wardens Meeting at Seneca Lodge, 9:00 a.m.

January 25th - District-wide Brother Bring-a-Friend Program is being planned for 7:30 p.m. at Webster Lodge. This is open to potential new members and their ladies, including those from other Districts.

November 18, 2002 to January 31st, 2003 - ElderWear. Lew Perna has asked for help from each Lodge. Please appoint a volunteer from each Lodge and have him call Lew at 334-8265 as soon as possible. Let's help keep this Program successful! They are also looking for corporate sponsors.

February 15th - Road to the East, a one-day event at Phoenix Lodge in Dansville from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a backup date of March 15th.

February 22nd - Masters and Wardens Meeting at the Ronald McDonald House at 10:00 a.m.

March 29th - The Grand Master's Class at East Rochester High School. More information will follow, as the planning progresses.

I hope to see our meetings filled with all Senior Deacons, Junior and Senior Wardens and current Masters, as well as members of the District Leadership Team and anyone else interested.

**District Wide
Brother
Bring-a-Friend
Night**

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Webster Lodge No. 538
30 Orchard Street
Webster, NY

**January 25, 2003
7:30 p.m.**

All Districts are invited
Bring your candidates and their
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R. W. Bruce Chilton
Refreshments will follow

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Bearer**

Monroe



R. W. Derek E. VanHouten
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On November 1st, I was planning to attend Olive Branch Lodge, located in LeRoy, to sup-

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R. W. Joseph Privitera
Monroe District

Masonic Widows

We do a lot for our widows. We have the luncheon in March, and invite the ladies to our various Lodge activities. At Charlotte/Corinthian, we recently held a Lodge of Remembrance for widows and widowers with an attendance of over 60 persons. All this is possible with a little effort on our part.

One of the items that is a necessity for a successful widows program is a database or file of the widows. If a Lodge needs help creating this file of Masonic widows, please contact me and we can see if I can be of some assistance.

Dues

Get out your Lodge dues card. If it says 2002, you are current with your dues and thank you for supporting your respective Lodge. If it says 2001, you're not in jeopardy yet, but please send in your dues for the current year.

If that dues card says 2000, I am very concerned about your membership in the Fraternity. There are various reasons why Brothers don't pay their dues. Some of us may have put it aside and then forgotten (as I did with my Consistory dues). Some are bothered about someone or something in the Craft. Rather than discuss the situation with someone, they choose to drop out. If this is your case, I urge you to look beyond the situation and consider the basic tenets of our Craft.

However, if you are in danger of being dropped for non-payment of dues due to a financial situation, I want you to talk with someone. Your dues can be remitted if you have financial problems or other arrangements can be made. You should call the Master or the Secretary of your Lodge or you can call me if you wish.

Whatever circumstances are, if you want to speak with someone about your dues, please call. My number and all District numbers are listed under "Hot Numbers" of this publication on page 2. Masters and Secretary's numbers should be listed in a Lodge's respective column.

Happy Holidays to all and I will see you in Lodge. □

NORTHFIELD

Lodge No. 426

Instituted March 1857
1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:30 P.M.



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The Process of Believing

We interpret words we hear and say in many different ways. If we use the word "become" as a verb, we find synonyms like "develop" or "change into" or "maturing." Take the same word and use it as an adjective to modify a noun, and we find words such as "attractive" and "agreeable." What we see with our eyes and what we see through our thought process can assume different meanings.

"I'll believe it when I see it." Sound familiar? We only need to recall our earlier years where we had a tendency to not believe something until we either had seen or experienced it. Most of us accepted this as a reality of life.

While many of our thoughts were those of what we had seen, we started to realize that through our imagination we were able to find more meaning in what we actually had seen or experienced.

Through those earlier years, we came to the realization that our lives do not depend primarily on facts and happenings. With this new thought process, we were able to develop to our full potential.

This new found process we call "maturing" could take on many forms. It may be as simple as laughing at ourselves, when we realized we had made an error in judgment. As we responded to this challenge of what things are and what they should be, we were able to find the strength and courage from within to sustain us and enjoy those wonderful surprises in life that have yet to unfold. As we mature, we can then fully realize that our daily walk becomes an integral part of the process of believing.

To our Service Personnel

The 11th of November was Veterans' Day (previously known as Armistice Day) which has been designated to recognize Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Army personnel, who have served our great country in war and peace. I was a member of the Armed Forces (specifically the Navy) for many years. At this time we at Northfield salute the great men and women of our country who have served, are serving, or thinking of defending our great nation.

President Abraham Lincoln on November 19, 1863, delivered his most inspiring speech, which had been written on the back of an envelope, The Gettysburg Address. As I read the history of the most deadly three-day battle on our soil, it brings joy to my eyes to realize that Masons on both sides watched out for their Brothers and helped in any way necessary, just as we were taught. I come from a family who all served in the Armed Forces. From the Civil War, WW I, WW II, to Korea, (not to forget Viet Nam or our venues today) we should take the time to honor the men and women who gave their lives, or who serve to protect our freedom and democracy.

Trestleboard

The 3rd Degree has been rescheduled for January 16th. The Shrine Past Masters Degree Team will confer the Degree. Also, there will be a dinner, so please mark your calendar. The DeWitt Clinton Award is tentatively scheduled for March 6th, along with the Armed Forces Awards, and the Eagle Scout Award. Our Junior Warden is planning wonderful refreshments for that night, as always.

Our Junior Warden, W. Glenn Hedges, did a great job on the 2nd Degree. Special thanks to the Brothers for their work in the Degree. The Middle Chamber Lecture was done remarkably well by W. Michael G. Schwartz. Thank you.

For our Brothers who have birthdays this month, we wish them a great and joyous birthday. To the Brothers who were raised in November, we wish you a GREAT Masonic anniversary.

Sickness and distress

It is hard to imagine anyone being sick, but R. W. Raymond Beardsley's wife, Lila, is coming along well.

W. David Covell is still in Highland Nursing Home.

W. L. Russell VanDeGriff, who was in the hospital not once, but

twice, and at the Fairport Baptist Home after surgery, is now home.

W. Glenn Hedges' wife, Carol, has been ill and his brother, Robert Hedges, is in Albany Medical Center.

Brother Fred Hull's wife, Eloise, is going to have surgery in December.

May our prayers be with all our Brothers and Sisters in their time of need.

At this time, I thank the Craft for the Potts Award. Brothers, it was due to your participation at the Grand Lecturer's Convention that our Lodge received the Award.

Gratitude is extended to the United Church of Pittsford and the clergy of Pittsford for co-sponsoring the Child ID Program. We filmed 75 children with the help of V. W. John Dyer, Brother Pedro Ugalde, Brother Glenn Schaefer, Brother Michael Zona, W. Glenn Hedges, W. John Dudley, Rev. James Hegley, Janet James, Richard Ashworth, Crystal Brown and Karel Lukas.

From our family to yours, have a great Holiday. Peace to all. □

FAME

Lodge No. 722

4275 Culver Rd.

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



Master
W. David Foster
(585) 244-0194

Sec. Leon VanHuben,
(585) 647-1391

I hope all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and took the time to reflect on all the blessings we enjoy. As I wish you the happiest of holidays, I hope that you will all find the Joy and Peace that is meant for all of us.

Our ONLY Lodge meeting this December is on the 10th, and will be our Annual Summoned Communication where the reports for the year and budgets for 2003 will be presented. We'll try to keep the business as short as possible because that night will be our Annual Holiday Party for the Brothers and our ladies. The meeting will be preceded by a snack bar at 6:30 p.m., featuring all kinds of goodies. We'll leave the ladies and have our short meeting. Right after the meeting, we'll rejoin the ladies for a sumptuous feast of Steak Delmar, Shrimp Alfredo, Vegetable, Rolls and Butter. The cost for the dinner is \$5.00 per person; and reservations are required. This should be a very nice evening and I hope we'll have a great turnout that night!

Reminder

Please remember that there will be a meeting of Officers and Trustees on Tuesday, December 17th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Temple. These meetings allow us to spend more time and go into greater detail in planning for the Lodge than we would normally like to spend at a regular Lodge meeting. The meeting is open to all Brothers; anyone who cares to attend is welcome.

Brotherhood Fund

W. Keith Moore assures me that he is well prepared to receive your Brotherhood Fund contributions. We did very well last year, but I know we can do better. Brothers, I know people everywhere are asking for help, and we can only do what we can, but please remember that these are our Brothers and charity is the cornerstone of our Craft.

May the blessing of this season be yours now and throughout the years to come. Last, but not least, happy birthday to all our Brothers with birthdays in December! See you at Lodge. □

Craftsman/ Robertson Lodge No. 969

1st & 4th Tues., 7:30 P.M.



Master
W. Duane Smith
473-6195

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

By W. Skip Waterstreet

From the Master

The Grand Lecturer's Convention was held at the Fairport/Flower City Lodge on October 29th. The 1st Degree was exemplified with Craftsman/Robertson Lodge members performing the second half of the Degree from the Obligation to the end. Our presentation received very good reviews. Special thanks are in order for R. W. Vern Goodrich, W. Gabriel Milonni, W. David King, Brothers Kenneth Schumacher, Jack Grover and Ralph Jurgens for their contributions in making this presentation successful. If anyone has been overlooked--it is purely unintentional. Thank you to all the members who attended. Through your efforts, we are now able to display the "Grand Lecturer's Convention Attendance Banner" for the Monroe District in our Lodge.

Christmas Party

Lalla Rookh Grotto is arranging for a multi-organization Christmas Party and Craftsman/Robertson Lodge is planning to participate. It will be held on Saturday, December 14th, in Cathedral Hall on the 4th floor of the Downtown Temple. Festivities are scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. and run until 1:00 p.m. Rumor has it there will be an appearance by Santa Claus. So bring your children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren (the party is designed for 10-year-olds and younger, but older family members and friends are invited, too) and come join the fun. You are requested to bring an inexpensive present, wrapped and clearly marked with each child's name. Santa will be passing these out and we don't want to cause him excessive eyestrain. For additional information, please contact me at 381-8028, or Lalla Rookh Grotto's Monarch, Al Pulcino III at 225-8471. Brothers, this may be your last chance to attend a function in this beautiful room, so why not plan on attending and helping to make this event a success.

Sickness and Distress

The sympathy of the Lodge was extended to Brothers Bob Traub and Barry Traub. Bob's wife, Sally, who was Barry's mother, went to her eternal rest on November 1st after a long and valiant struggle against cancer.

Petitions

We are off to a good start in the drive for new members. Two petitions were read at the November business meeting and turned over to the Investigating Committee. You have heard or read about the One-Day Class next year on March 29th when, at an unprecedented event, we will have the opportunity to raise new Brothers. Since it is several months away, you have plenty of

time to consider recommending to worthy candidates they join our Fraternity. A suggestion has been made that each Brother "replace" himself by obtaining (at least) one new member.

Our Lodge petitions for membership have been revised for the new century and are available from our Secretary. Please call him at (315) 524-4063, or pick one up at our next meeting so you have one available to present to a potential candidate. (The call is toll-free.) If you have any questions on this procedure, please contact one of our Officers to get answers or any assistance you may need. Let's help make this State-wide program a success and a benefit to Craftsman/Robertson Lodge as well.

Light the Candles!

The following Brothers have multiple celebrations this month. We hope all of you are able to enjoy your special day along with the joys of the Holiday Season. Happy birthday: John Auer, Jr., Paul Case, Thomas Colombo, Jack Grover, Richard Gundry, Carlos Mederos, Earl Pearce, John Smith, and George Wyatt.

Education Assistance Program

Our Secretary has the applications for the Totten Essay Contest and Scholarship Grants for college-bound children or grandchildren of a Mason. Any Mason, who is going to college, may also apply. Call him if you need one.

Kudos

Please allow me to add my comments on the Grand Lecturer's Convention. I think R. W. Ed Gilbert, Grand Lecturer, was really impressed with the turnout (120 Brothers), the number of Lodges who qualified for the Howard Potts Award at next May's Grand Lodge sessions, and the overall presentation of the Ritual by both Wakan/Hubbard Lodge and Craftsman/Robertson Lodge. It was a great tribute to W. Duane Smith. The Officers can be proud of themselves and the Lodge can be equally proud of them and the manner in which they represented us.

Finally, to all the Brothers, best wishes for a joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. □

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088

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



Master
W. Clifford A. Short
225-0646

C. William Flemming, Secretary
723-0083
4550 Lake Ave. Rocheste 14612

October and November were very busy months, but that always seems to be the case in Masonry. December is not going to be a time to relax either, as we head into the Holiday Season.

Looking back, our Lodge of Remembrance on October 15th turned out to be a very nice affair. We celebrated the memories of our departed Brothers and loved ones with 14 of our Masonic widows and two Brothers who have lost their wives. More than sixty people attended for dinner and the ceremonies that evening. I thank each and everyone of you for your efforts and contributions in making this a night to remember. I'm sure I will not forget the evening.

On October 17th, Brother Warren Alhart was presented the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award for his contributions to

Honored guests attending Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge's "Lodge of Remembrance."



Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge Officers and Brothers who received the School of Ritual Attendance Banner at the Grand Lecturer's Convention in Fairport.

his Blue Lodge. Brother Alhart has been, and will continue to be, an active member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge. His music helps ease the soul of every Brother who attends our meetings. Brother Alhart has definitely earned this Award.

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge Brethren have prevailed once again. We maintained our stronghold on the School of Ritual Banner. We received the Banner at the Grand Lecturer's Convention on October 29th. This Banner had a home at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge since 1981. It will be displayed in the East for at least one more year. Our Brethren should be very proud of that record. It proves that Charlotte/Corinthian Brothers have an ingrained love for the Ritual, which we all hold so dear, and the desire to perform the Ritual the way in which it was intended. We also had the correct Officers present at the Convention to earn the Potts Award.

This is my third term as the Master of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge, and this will be the third time that I will be receiving this Award from the Grand Master at Grand Lodge next May. It will be an honor for me to accept this Award on behalf of our Lodge, and I thank every Brother who made it possible this year.

After some discussion and explanation, our Annual Budget was passed on November 5th. The dues for 2003 will remain the same as this year. I will ask that when you do get your new dues notice, please try to remit the amount as soon as practicable. The Lodge spends more money early in the year, to account for the Brothers who don't pay their dues at the beginning of the cal-

endar year. Those funds spent could be left in the bank, drawing interest, to help stabilize the Lodge accounts, and make it easier to keep the dues at an affordable level. So, please Brethren, if it is possible, remit your dues as soon as you get your dues notification.

December 3rd is the night of our Official Visit from our District Deputy Grand Master, R.W.: John Zabel. We will also be presenting some of our longevity awards this evening. I'm sure that R.W.: Zabel will have some inspiring words for us this night, so you won't want to miss this meeting.

Looking ahead to the Holiday Season, I know that this is a time of reflection upon all of the people and things that have touched our hearts, and enriched our lives, but it should also be a time to look forward into the future, to all of the good things yet to come.

I thank the Great Architect of the Universe for allowing me to be with my family this time of year. My daughter will be home from college. Jan and I will be celebrating the Holidays this year by seeing Christmas through the eyes of our new granddaughter, and will delight in the excitement she has brought into our lives and into the lives of her mother and father, as they embark on their parental journey. It seems that the past, present, and future all come together for these three or four weeks every year. This is truly the time of year for giving thanks for all life's wonders and joys. I wish for you all of the joy and happiness life can bring, and may you carry that feeling throughout the coming year.

I will see you in Lodge. □

CLIO
LODGE No. 779

1st & 3rd
Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.
Master
W.: Gordon
F. Smith
392-9261

Secretary
W.: Sean Noonan 392-8156
287 East Ave. Hilton, 14468
www.mastermason.com/ello779

By Sean Noonan, Secretary
Our November 5th meeting was Past Masters' Night. We filled most of the chairs and R.W.: Don Wright was in the East. It has been over 15 years since R.W.: Don presided in the East, and one would never have known it as he breezed through both the Ritual and meeting. Just before closing, R.W.: Don asked the Brothers present to relate something good that had happened to each in the past week or so. It was nice to hear the Brothers stories from Ross Wayne's marriage to my missing gall bladder. I have always said the Brothers in line can learn so much from our Past Masters and this is just another example of it. Those in line owe it to all the Brothers and Past Masters to uphold this level of Ritual as they advance to the East.

Spaghetti benders!

In the last issue we asked for help at the Spaghetti Dinners and our plea was answered. Brother Myron Waterman heard the cry for help and set his compass due South. He blew into town on a cold breeze at 9:00 a.m. and was put to work by the chief bender, Sgt. Jerry Jones. By the time the night was over, well over 100 dinners had been served. Thanks to all who took the time to help out. There will be one Spaghetti Dinner in December, on the 11th.

Christmas Dinner

Brothers, W.: Gordie Smith has revived this tradition and it will be a family dinner, so invite the wives and girl friends. If you know of any prospective candidates, please invite them to be guests of the Lodge. Call your reservations to W.: Gordie at 392-9261 or to me at 392-8156. By the way, we won't be having Spaghetti! It's a traditional Turkey Dinner.

December birthdays

Holiday birthday wishes to Brothers: Ray Burke, Donny Drennon Gala, Howard Garbutt, Lee Hendershot, Bill Hunn, Sgt. Gerald Jones, Sr., Clarence Traugh, Dave Upham and Basil Van Camp.

Profiles of Clio members

Brother Denny Wright was exposed to Masonry at an early age. He joined DeMolay in 1950 and worked his way to Master Counselor, Western Monroe Chapter in 1952. He became a Master Mason at Clio Lodge in 1956. In 1957 Denny joined the US Marine Corps and served his country for 6 years. Upon an Honorable Discharge, he re-joined Eastman Kodak as a senior engineer and retired in 1986, well, sort of! Denny has worked at several firms, the most recent as a field engineer for Brown Security Design. He finally hung it up in 2000 and now devotes his time to caring for his mom, grandkids, family, Lodge, and several volunteer service groups. Denny has served the Lodge as Tiler for the past 11 years and is a current Trustee. Denny and wife, Carolyn, have been married for 33 years. If you're wondering what

influenced Brother Denny in Masonry, listen to this family tie to our Craft. His late father, R.W.: Dennison Wright, his mom, Sister Leith Wright, a 65-year member of Leah Chapter OES, his brothers, R.W.: Don Wright and Brother Norm Wright, a 50-year member of Clio. Denny is an avid amateur astronomer and invites all to visit his website at www.dennyward-homestead.com/index.html.

Sickness


W.: Lee Hendershot was recently hospitalized and is now recovering at home. Please give Lee a call. Brothers Dick Caupp and Ray Boddy are recovering from recent surgery at home.

In closing, I give special thanks to Brothers Tom Burger and Nick Panarites for their continued generosity. Those who attend Lodge regularly are well aware what these two fine men have meant to the Brothers in Clio Lodge.

The Officers of Clio Lodge wish all the most happy Holiday Season and hope to see you at the Annual Holiday Dinner on December 17th. □

Wakan/Hubbard
Lodge No. 154

2nd & 4th
Mon. 7:30 P.M.
Master,
W.: Steve
S. Xander
223-7162



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

I really enjoyed seeing such a good turnout for the Master's Ball, held at the Green Lantern Inn. I thank our Senior Warden, Joe Oelgoetz, for doing a great job chairing the event. I hope everyone who attended had as good a time as I did!

2nd Degree

We held our 2nd Degree on October 28th. Our Junior Warden, Bruce Horncastle, occupied the East for the Degree and did a superb job. Of particular note, Senior Deacon Hugh Woodside did a fantastic job giving the Middle Chamber Lecture. Thank you to all the Brethren who have participated in our Degree work.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

Wakan/Hubbard was one of the featured Lodges at this year's Grand Lecturer's Convention. Our Officers occupied the chairs and demonstrated the 1st Degree for the District from the beginning to the Obligation. Senior Warden, Joe Oelgoetz, had the responsibility of demonstrating how the Worshipful Master should confer the Degree. Joe did a marvelous job as did all our Officers. Wakan/Hubbard Lodge can still perform the Ritual in the "Wakan Manner."

I thank everyone for coming out and making this year's Grand Lecturer's Convention a very special night for our Lodge. I was complimented by the District Officers and Brethren from other Lodges on how well we exemplified the Degree and how good we looked doing it because we all donned tuxedos for the event. To top it all off, our own R.W.: John Zabel, District Deputy Grand Master, officiated by opening and closing the Convention. We can all take pride in the membership of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge.

Howard Potts Award

Wakan/Hubbard Lodge has once again won the Howard Potts Award for perfect attendance of

its officers at the Grand Lecturer's Convention. We covet this Award as we are the record holders for having, at one time, won it for eleven consecutive years. We now have it again and I am proud to have helped in returning this old tradition to our Lodge. We also had many Brothers fill the sidelines and additional chairs beyond the seven line officers required for the Potts Award. I thank each and every Brother for his dedication. You helped make a great showing as one of the most prominent Lodges in the District.


Summoned meeting

Our December 9th meeting is our Annual Financial Meeting. We will be voting on the budget for the ensuing year.

Scottish Rite Award

Brother Art Johnson is this year's recipient of the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. This Award is given to Blue Lodge members by the Scottish Rite for outstanding dedication to the Craft. Art has served in numerous chairs in the Lodge and is currently our Junior Master of Ceremony. On behalf of the Brethren, I congratulate you, Art, on receiving this distinguished honor. □

ETOLIAN
Lodge No. 479



2nd & 4th
Mondays
7:30 p. m.
Master
James E.
Toogood
585-594-2189

Sec. W.: Michael Schwartz 352-4018

On October 28th, Patrick Schwartz was in the East for the 2nd Degree. October 29th was the Grand Lecturer's Convention. V.W.: John Dyer was presented with his Assistant Grand Lecturer's Apron. Etolian Lodge had 9 Brothers in attendance.

We had all 7 officers attend, so we will receive the Howard Potts Award at Grand Lodge in May. Thanks to SW Pat Schwartz, JW Chet Riley, SD Ed Zorn, JD Dan Homa, SMC Dave Hagmier, and JMC Rocky Chambers, who took the time to come to the Grand Lecturer's Convention.

On October 31st, Etolian Lodge had their first Halloween costume judging contest. We had a total of 35 children, teenagers and adults show up. We gave everyone cider, cookies and candy.

December events

On December 9th, R.W.: Eugene Brendel will give a talk on the Temple Association.

December 16th is the Annual Christmas Party with the OES at 6:00 p.m. at the Spencerport Masonic Temple. Please bring a dish to pass and your own place settings. The meat will be provided. Bring the kids and grandchildren to enjoy the magic show and meet with Santa. If you want Santa to give the children a gift, please bring wrapped presents with the recipient's name in large print.

December 19th is the High Twelve Lunch.

March 29th is the One-Day Class. Auditions will be held for all parts of each Degree. Brothers are encouraged to audition for multiple parts for the 3 Degrees.

Auditions will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 7th at Charlotte/Corinthian for the 1st Degree. The 2nd Degree will also be at Charlotte/Corinthian at 9:00 a.m. on December 14th. The 3rd Degree will be on Saturday, January 4th at 9:00 a.m., at Webster Lodge. □

Fairport/Flower City No. 476

2nd & 4th Mon.
7:30 P.M.
Master
W. Kermit B. Moyer
388-9303
Sec. W. George R. Bracht
383-1947
Fairport Temple,
87 South Main St.

Hello

I hope all of you are enjoying good health, happiness and are looking forward to what I hope will be a wonderful and joyous Holiday Season for you and your families. From my family to yours, I wish you a Happy Holiday and a great New Year in 2003.

Table Lodge

Our Table Lodge was the November 25th meeting. Many members were in attendance as we shared good food and drink, along with getting to know each other a little better. For the members who came from Flower City, this was their first experience at a Table Lodge. A great time was had by all. If you were unable to attend, hopefully you will have the opportunity in the future.

2nd Degree

Our 2nd Degree which was scheduled for November 11, 2002, is postponed until December 9, 2002. Our newly initiated Entered Apprentice will be completing the 2nd Degree on this date. Please come and support your new Brother. The more Brothers we have in attendance, the better. The final rehearsal for this Degree will be on December 8, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

Holiday Flowers

On Saturday, December 14th, several Brothers will be helping to distribute holiday flowers to our widows. This has been a very successful endeavor for us in the past and we look forward to continuing this practice again this year. Brothers Brian Bills and Greg Ludwig will be organizing the ordering and distribution of these flowers to our widows. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. on the 14th. If you are interested in sharing your time for this worthwhile morning, please come by the Lodge and offer your services.

Ritual

If you are someone who enjoys reciting and hearing good Ritual, then you might just be the person we need. For our One-Day Class on March 29th, our District Leadership Team is looking for people to help out with the Degrees for this very unique day.

Three dates have been organized for you to audition for any number of parts in the three Degrees. The audition for the 1st Degree will be at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge starting at 9:00 a.m. on December 7, 2002. The audition for the 2nd Degree will also be at Charlotte/Corinthian. The date for this audition will be December 14th and will start at 9:00 a.m. Auditions for the 3rd Degree will be at Webster Lodge at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 4, 2003.

Many of you are excellent Ritualists and I encourage you to audition for as many parts as you feel comfortable. Let's have as many representatives from Fairport/Flower City Lodge as we can.

Closing

I wish all of you the very best for the Holidays. Please try to find some time in your schedules to come see what is happening in your Lodge. Our Lodge is only as good

as the members make it. As always, if you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 388-9303. I look forward to seeing you soon. □

O-At-Ka Lodge No. 759

2nd & 4th Wed.
7:30 P.M.
Master
W. Richard Fimbel
(585) 494-1474

Sec. W. Charles W. Crevison
(585) 594-0231

5 Browns Ave., Scottsville, 14546

Welcome to the month of December. I hope your Thanksgiving Holiday went well.

Thanks

I thank Brother Larry Blazey for the hard work he put into preparing the dinner we catered for the local church. The meal received a standing ovation. Thanks to the Brothers and their wives who assisted in the preparation and clean-up after.

Thanks to Brother Mark Arlucus for another fine job with the Pancake Breakfast and the paint job in the dining room.

Candidates

We balloted on a candidate at our November meeting with favorable results. Please turn in your petitions at our December meeting so we can plan our Degree work.

Remember, we only have one meeting in December due to the Christmas Holiday.

Merry Christmas to all. □

ERAC Lodge No. 183

2nd & 4th Mon.
7:30 P.M.
Master
W. Josue C. Bogmis II
423-1965
Secretary
R. W. Terry W. Whilen
346-4380
www.erac.org
162 West Commercial St., East Rochester

November's business

The holidays are upon us. I hope all my Brothers at ERAC had a happy Thanksgiving.

We started the busy month of November with the Officers' meeting on Monday, November 4th, at Brother George Nasra's home, where the reception was excellent and a lot of core topics of our Lodge were discussed. The meeting went well and we send a special thanks to Carol Nasra and their children for having us over.

It's also time to thank all our veterans for defending our country and our freedom.

Thanks to everyone who assisted us with the 1st Degree rehearsal. The Degree was conferred on November 17th.

Helping our own

Our own Brother, W. Dave Zegas, is in need of our support. Dave and his wife have separated. He needs home furniture and appliances. Please call him for support or to offer him an item in good condition. Dave's work number is 419-7539; cell is 734-1651.

Thinking of others

The Holiday Season is knocking at our doors. In the past, we have been successful in our Adopt-a-Family Program in East Rochester by giving financial donations to a needy family. Please donate a token from the heart for a good tradition. We are also collecting canned goods and other non-perishable goods for the East Roches-

ter Food Bank. For contributions or information, contact Brother Andre Smith at 461-0481.

Praising good men

We now have a new Secretary. R. W. Terry Whilen, Sr., was officially installed in that position on October 28th. His former position as a Trustee has been filled by W. Lou Campaniello. I personally praise both these Brothers for their willingness to serve us, and I invite all our members to support them as much as they can.

My thanks to W. Lewis Perna for setting up a successful Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on October 14th. We decided during the Officers' meeting to devote the first Monday evening of every month to fix and clean our Lodge. Our young Brother, John Lindsay, has volunteered to be the project coordinator for the month of December. Contact John for information at 621-3573.

Looking forward

Brethren, we have not had the Traveling Gavel in our Lodge for years. It's our goal, among others this year, to have it at ERAC at least once this year. Stay tuned and get ready to go get it, wherever it is.

Happy Holidays to all! □

Union Star Lodge No. 320

3 N. Main St.,
Honeoye Falls
2nd Mon.
7:30 P.M.
Master
W. Gary R. Sanford
425-4248
Sec. Robert Sweeney,
(h) 381-5286
(w) 464-6316
38 Cullens Run, Pittsford, 14534

Our regular meeting in November consisted of a Table Lodge. This was a great time to rededicate ourselves as Freemasons, charge our glass and enjoy the fellowship with our Brothers. We were fortunate to have visitors from Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge join us. Thanks to Gene Mosholder for providing the Pasta Dinner.

Condolences

We have lost one of our Brothers, Bruce E. Hedenstedt, who was called by the Great Architect of the Universe on October 11th. John was a member with us for over 25 years. May the blessing of God be with his family and may he rest in Peace.

Degree

Our Senior Warden, Kerry Ripley, sat in the East on Monday, November 25th, and conferred the 1st Degree on our new candidates. Thanks for all the great work by the Degree Team. Thanks to Jim Nersinger for a good dinner with which to welcome our candidates.

Reminders

Brothers, please remember to send your dues payment to our Secretary, Rob Sweeney, prior to the end of this year.

The mailing has gone out for this year's participation in the Brotherhood Fund. There are nine different categories for your selection. Please remember to give as generously as you can.

Quiz

As an opportunity to do something different, a quiz was taken on the Entered Apprentice Degree. The Brother who received the highest score was awarded a free dinner on the evening of the 1st Degree. The winner will be announced next month.

December activities

Our meeting on December 9th will be the Official Visit from our District Deputy Grand Master, R. W. John E. Zabel, and the Grand Sword Bearer, R. W. Derek VanHouten. Please support them by attending and hearing the messages they have for us from the State and District levels. Please contact Rob Sweeney at 381-5286 for dinner reservations.

The Fellowcraft Club will be holding its annual Christmas Party on December 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Lodge.

January

Our January meetings will consist of our Annual Communication on the 13th and the conferral of the 2nd Degree on the 27th.

Hope that all Brothers and their families have a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season. □

WEBSTER Lodge No. 538

1st & 3rd Thurs.
7:30 p.m.
Master
W. Brad Lewis
265-2914
Sec. W. Peter Bowers
265-2526
30 Orchard St., Webster, 14580

In this season of Thanksgiving, may each of us find time to realize all the things we have to be grateful for. I am thankful for the many friends I have made in our Fraternity, and for the opportunity to be of service to our Lodge this year. I hope that the Great Architect will bless you and your families, and that He will continue to guide Freemasonry as it brings light to the world.

Webster Lodge had a very nice Lodge of Remembrance on November 7th, as well as a program honoring our Veterans. Thanks to Chaplain Bill Edwards and Brother Greg Brown for their help with the program.

On December 5th, we will have our 1st Degree. Join us and make our new members feel welcome with a big turnout. There will be a rehearsal for the Degree on December 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the Lodge for those with parts in the Degree. Please come out and make sure our Ritual is sharp.

I wish you and your families health, success and safe travel this Holiday Season. □

Seneca Lodge No. 797

2nd Tues
6:00 P.M.
Master
W. Stuart A. Walthour
(h) 321-1948
Sec. Robert C. Green, Jr., 223-5953
30 Orchard St., Webster 14580

Welcome

This month Seneca Lodge raised three Brothers as new Master Masons. I thank all the Brothers who did so much work in each of the three Degrees we conferred. Brother Richard Shellman and W. Michael Ferguson performed their tasks flawlessly as Degree Directors. I believe everyone should thank them for all their work.

Congratulations

I am pleased to announce Brother Carl Preddy received the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award on October 17th. He is from one of the last classes and

did a great job on the Charge during the 2nd Degree.

Breakfast with Santa

On December 21st we will have our Annual Breakfast with Santa. This event was well attended by Lodge members in previous years. I hear that Santa has a new sack. Last year we had a good turnout. Let's surpass the attendance at last year's event.

In January we are going to have a Brother Bring-a-Friend meeting. This is to prepare us for the One-Day Class on March 29th. Seneca Lodge will support the Grand Master in this.

In January we will either be sledding at Mendon Ponds or, if no snow, we will be skating.

Happy Birthday to all the Brothers who were born in December. □

Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109

2nd & 4th Tues. 7:30 P.M.
Master
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Welcome to the Holiday Season. I hope everyone enjoys it. Drive carefully. Happy birthday to everyone born in December!

Our Bring-a-Friend Social with Lodge members from Craftsman/Robertson went well. Thanks to all who supported the effort! I couldn't make it due to vacation, but heard it was well attended.

We will continue the dinners on the fourth Tuesday of each month with Craftsman/Robertson Lodge, and we pay for the dinners of the widows and their guests.

Sorry I didn't make the Grand Lecturer's Convention, I had my days and nights confused.

The Native American celebration was great! I would like to see this continue.

We had 6 Brothers attend the Interfaith Service and Brunch. It was very well done and everyone attending seemed to have enjoyed it very much.

Joe Gingold set up and manned a Child ID Program with his Boy Scout Troop, which went extremely well, and had a great turnout! I also heard good things about Joe's advertisement, particularly regarding manning the booths and enthusiasm! Congratulations to Joe and his Scout Troop for this community service!

I haven't heard of any sickness or distress. Please let us know how you are - good news is appreciated, also.

Upcoming events

December 3rd - Officers' meeting at the Country Village. 6:00 p.m. dinner; 7:00 p.m. meeting.

December 7th - District 1st Degree audition at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge, 9:00 a.m. Please help!

December 10th - Regular meeting (Ed Schmitt to provide a Tattoo as a program). Dinner 6:30 p.m.; meeting 7:30 p.m.

December 14th - District 2nd Degree audition at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge. 9:00 a.m. Please help,

December 14th - Holiday Party for kids. Call for information.

December 17th - Fellowcraft Holiday Party at Glen Stahl's, 7:00 p.m.

January 4th - District 3rd Degree audition at Webster Lodge, 9:00 a.m. Please help!

January 11th - Masters and Wardens meeting, Seneca Lodge, 9:00 a.m.

I hope to see all of the regulars at each of these events, along with some new faces. Invite your family and friends to the social functions and remember widows and their escorts will be our guests. For more information or reservations, contact Dick Giedd (Molly) at 621-3045, Herb Spencer at 334-7493, Joe Gingold at 637-6008, Dave Mura (Pat) at 637-8695, Mat Gingold (Norma) at 266-6384 or me (Jean) at 663-4636.

Churchville Lodge No. 667
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 Master
 W.: Franklin D. Higgins
 544-1952
 Secretary
 W.: George R. Burke,
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 20 S. Main St. Churchville 14428

Brethren, for those who are not aware, there will be a One-Day Class ordered by the Grand Master, Carl J. Fitje, to be held on March 29th. This Class will include the conferral of all 3 Degrees in full form, including all Charges, Lectures and Dramas.

We need the help of all Brethren to make this happen. Auditions will be held for all parts of each Degree on three separate Saturdays in December and January. Once the teams are determined, rehearsals will be held for each Degree. The dates and locations are as follows:

1st Degree - Saturday, December 7th, 9:00 a.m., at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge.

2nd Degree - Saturday, December 14th, 9:00 a.m., at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge.

3rd Degree - Saturday, January 4th, 9:00 a.m. at Webster Lodge.

Brethren, please contact me with the Degree and part or parts for which you would like to try out. We truly need everyone's help to make this work. My phone number is 544-1952.

Get Your MBA!

Masonic Businessman's Association

By R.J. Muto

This new organization is being formed to promote growth and training for Brothers in the business world. It will also be a social gathering providing the opportunity to see fellow Freemasons with whom we do not meet with on a regular basis.

This group will allow Brothers from all over the county to get together over a mid-day meal and receive valuable business training. We will be bringing in guest speakers on many different topics. The best part is that the topics will be those in which the group has voiced interest.

This group applies to all Brothers, whether they work for themselves or for someone else. As a member, you can pick up valuable knowledge to use in your day-to-day activities.

With the changing climate in our home lives, it is sometimes difficult to attend Lodge meetings. After a while, you become estranged from your Blue Lodge. The MBA was established to allow Brothers to come together and exchange information over a casual lunch and receive some great programming.

Sample topics for future meetings could be: Roberts Rules, motivate your staff, how to insure a safe work environment, along with information on taxes, 401K,

case, the Lodge was opened and project management, goal setting, time management, etc.

For more information, please go to the site at www.mbahq.org, call me at (w) 264-0221; (h) 249-0699; or send an e-mail to me at rj@archangelinc.com.

District Deputy Grand Master Wayne District



R.: W.:
 Francis E. Powley, Jr.
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On a Roll Now

Our Lodges should be in high gear now as we enter December. New officers should be comfortable with their positions; Lodge chairmen appointed and working with the Brethren to accomplish their tasks; Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights are scheduled and everyone is working towards making the Grand Master's Class an event to be remembered for years to come! A lot of planning has been going on these past weeks to make it a success in the Rochester area. I hope you are doing your part by asking good men to join our Fraternity. We need their petitions now in order to stay on schedule.

If your Lodge is not in high gear now, it's time to assess the situation. I have seen some Masters trying very hard to lead and improve their Lodges. The Brethren on the sidelines don't want to get involved. They seem more interested in small talk and getting home as early as possible. In one case, the Lodge was opened and closed in 65 minutes, yet some Brethren thought the meeting was too long. They were not interested that an elderly Brother had fallen behind in his dues and the Master wanted to discuss if Masonic charity was in order. Yes, it was in order! We could all be more supportive and cooperative with our Masters and Officers. Recognize their efforts to have well organized and functioning Lodges. Have pride in your Lodges and the Fraternity!

Congratulations to Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180 for winning the prestigious Howard Potts Award at the Grand Lecturer's Convention. They actually had more Officers present than needed. What great participation! Thank you, Humanity Lodge No. 406, for hosting the Convention.

Wolcott, Sodus and Drumlin Square Lodges have all notified me that they are working on awards recognizing individuals for service to their communities and Lodges. Do you know someone who should be patted on the back for a job well done? Bring it up at your next Lodge meeting. Brothers Glen Cone (Wayne Lodge No. 416), Robert Fratangelo (Sodus Lodge No. 392), and Walter Dobbins (Wolcott Lodge No. 560) were honored by their Lodges by M.: W.: Carl J. Fitje and the Scottish Rite in October for their service to their Blue Lodges.

December visits

Official Visits will conclude this month when we visit Wolcott Lodge No. 560 on December 11th. Dinner will precede the meeting at the Rose Diner in Rose, 6:30 p.m. Our last Visit will be to Savannah Lodge No. 764 on December 16th at 8:00 p.m. R.: W.: James Frind and I thank

the Brethren who have accompanied us around the District this Fall. I personally thank R.: W.: William R. DuBois and R.: W.: Lloyd VandeViver for their company and support.

Ronald McDonald House

Pultneyville Lodge No. 159 was the first Lodge to call me to have their donations delivered to the House in Rochester. The volunteers told me that donations to the House are still down and they need your help. Sodus Lodge No. 392 pledged \$120 to the House at their November 5th meeting.

2nd Annual Wayne District Christmas Party

R.: W.: Edward C. Marriott has again stepped forward to organize a social event for the entire District. This time it is the Wayne District Christmas Party. Announcements are being sent to all Lodges. Set aside the date of Friday, December 13th at the Garlock House in Palmyra for a good time with our spouses, friends, and Brethren. Reservations are needed, so call today.

Road to the East

The date has been set for February 15th, 2003, in Dansville. The Staff Officers have decided to offer the Course as a one-day event. A copy of the "24-Inch Gauge" should be brought to the session. See your Master about borrowing a copy. Lunch will be provided and is included in the Course cost. It will be a working lunch. Homework can be submitted in the week following the Course. Please encourage your Wardens and Deacons to attend, but any Brother will gain knowledge by attending this Course.

The Beacon Project

M.: W.: Carl J. Fitje, Grand Master, introduced the Beacon Project as a way for New York Masons to become involved in the education of our children by volunteering in our schools. R.: W.: Cy White is our Wayne District Beacon Project Chairman. Brother White can not only give you suggestions on how to contact your school district, but give you his personal experiences as he is a volunteer in the Gananda School District this school year. Local Lodges need to track their volunteer hours and report them to Brother White so that he can notify Grand Lodge.

On behalf of Marilyn, R.: W.: Jim and Mary Jane Frind, I wish all the Brethren of Wayne District and their families a most blessed and joyous Holiday Season!

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On October 30th, Wayne District hosted R.: W.: Edward G. Gilbert, Grand Lecturer, for its Annual Grand Lecturer's Convention, in Humanity Lodge No. 406. The program consisted of an afternoon session, dinner and, at 7:30 p.m., the first section of the 2nd Degree was exemplified in a fine manner by various Officers, including the majority of Lodges in the District.

The Officers of this Lodge are to be congratulated for their effort in attending the Convention and qualifying to receive the

Howard Potts Award in this our first year of existence. Drumlin Square had the largest attendance at the evening session with all the Officers from Master through Junior Master of Ceremony present, thus making us eligible to receive the Award.

Let us take this into the future, and set it as an example to be an on-going yearly event. The turnout for the Convention had 56 in attendance, with our Lodge having 12.

Sickness

R.: W.: Eric Tinney is recovering from an operation for a torn rotor cuff, done on November 5th. He would appreciate a card.

Dues

About the time you receive the December issue of this paper, you will receive your bill for the 2003 dues, as was agreed at the Annual Meeting in May. To some it will mean an increase and others a decrease. This is to bring all members within a framework that is equal to all according to the By-Laws of the Lodge. It is essential for all to pay your 2003 dues in a timely fashion, keeping in mind that these dues do not cover all costs of the Lodge and we still have to work off our investments, which is not a practical way of doing business.

With the renovations being made, it will be a Lodge all members and visitors alike are proud to attend. All the furniture has been reupholstered, the carpet cleaned and stretched. The work on the restrooms is underway and should soon be completed.

Great opportunity

With the sale of the Walworth and Macedon buildings, we are now in a position to do what Masons should be doing and that is "Making Masons." Plans are underway for the Grand Master's One-Day Class on March 29, 2003. This will be an opportunity for those, who do not have time to attend the conventional way of receiving the Degrees, to become Masons in one day, without the memorization. There will be an extensive program for those taking the Degrees to receive Masonic Education at their leisure, plus programs for those of us that "think we know it all" to hone our Masonic skills.

If you know of a man whom you think would make a good Brother, that you would like to have as a member of your Lodge, and who could benefit by this One-Day Class, contact the Secretary for a petition. It has to be acted on (received, interviewed, and balloted) prior to February 15, 2003 by the Lodge. When you contact the Secretary he will be able to give you more information as to the location of the Rochester area event.

Did you know that after May of 2003 each Lodge will be re-


quired to perform a Degree a year in its entirety, whether with candidates or exemplified? By the Grand Master's Edict this will be performed, under the watchful eye of the AGL, who in turn reports directly to the Grand Master regarding the proficiency of each Lodge.

December dates

December 4th - regular meeting.
 December 15th - Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m., and the Lodge will open and close according to the By-Laws at 7:30 p.m., to be followed by a benefit for the forthcoming widow's dinner.

The Officers and I wish all members, widows and families a joyous Holiday Season.

District Deputy Grand Master Genesee/Wyoming



R.: W.:
 Robert W. Strang, Jr.
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Thank you to Hesperus Lodge for hosting our recent Grand Lecturer's Convention, and to all who participated in the portrayal of the 3rd Degree, 2nd Section Legend. Thank you to R.: W.: Edward Gilbert, Grand Lecturer, for his attendance and critique. His means of correction is educational and enjoyable. One question that was not covered, which probably should have been asked by Brothers of Triluminal Lodge, is the proper way of placing the exemplar in a snow bank.

On November 3, 2002, Genesee/Wyoming District visited the Veterans Hospital. This annual event was attended by members of the District, some accompanied by their wives. Many thanks to those caring individuals who shared themselves with our veterans who sacrificed to preserve our freedoms. Always remember that our freedoms do not come without sacrifice and all veterans are to be commended for their staunch support of this great country and our priceless liberties.

If you are looking for a program to present in Lodge, or to interested public gatherings, contact Robert Dagen and, through him, the local DeMolay Chapter. The DeMolay is currently trying to get established and they have expressed a desire to show their programs to their Masonic Brethren. This youth organization will also provide a reservoir upon which to build our future Masonic edifice. Currently, Attica Lodge is working on a program

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for December 4th, in conjunction with the DeMolay. Their programs are many and varied and may take more than one meeting to express. Let's offer our real support and ask the DeMolay to present one soon.

Plans should be and are being made toward the One-Day Class of March 29th. Grand Lodge is revamping the Masonic Development Program to allow the new Brothers of this Class to become proficient and knowledgeable about our beloved Craft. Individual Lodges should check their records for any Brothers who have not completed their Degrees and make arrangement to personally contact these Brothers to generate interest in the upcoming One-Day Class. Lodges should also be organizing Brother Bring-a-Friend Programs to produce new candidates. Behind the scenes, there is a need for Ritualists who wish to strut their stuff to try-out for the Degrees exemplifications.


Brothers, if we as a Fraternity do nothing to affect the necessary changes in our Craft, we can predict the end of our Craft. Remember, the best way to secure our future is to help create it.

To those who attended our recent "Plain Talk" session held in Attica Lodge on November 9th, I express my thanks, as well as, the thanks of the Grand Line members in attendance. The information exchange will be of importance when planning the future of this Grand Lodge and our Fraternity. Brothers, the District will not function as a whole without communication. Please contact R..W.. Robert Dagen with information about your Lodge's upcoming events so they can be posted on the net.

The District is in need of a person/persons to head the Veterans Service Committee. If any Brother knows of someone who could fill this vital role, please contact me.

May the upcoming Holiday Season hold for you and yours the blessings of Heaven and may brotherly love prevail. God bless us in our endeavors and grant us His peace. □

**Grand Sword
Bearer
Genesee/Wyoming**



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We've missed you!

Here I sit before my computer attempting to compose my article to the Brethren of the District and others, to inform them of newsworthy events and items which may be of interest/importance to all. Perhaps I should just forget it, and not submit anything this month. No one will miss it - or will they? Although it may seem presumptuous, I assume most of you do read the articles which I take time to compose and submit for publication. Am I, at times, at a loss for words? You bet! Does it take time for me to compose, type, review and edit? Yes, it does. Do I have things I'd rather be doing? Sometimes. "Why then," you may ask, "do you do it?" The primary reason is because it is my job, one that is

inherent as a Representative of the District, in the same manner as the Master is an accountable Representative of his Lodge. As I alluded in my initial article, one of the duties of the Staff Officer is the education of the Brethren within his District, and such education can take a myriad of forms.

When I was recommended for this position, I like to believe that decision was partially made on the basis of my ability to communicate effectively to others. That is, to become and to remain cognizant of as much of what is taking place within the District as possible. However, since no one can be everywhere at once, it takes more than one individual to keep the lines of communication flowing.

This, I believe, is where each of you has a responsibility to assist me as part of a District-wide Team, and hopefully keep your Brethren informed of what is taking place on the local level within your Lodge, no matter how uneventful to others it may seem to you. Therefore, you in essence, share the task with me.

If you are still with me, you are no doubt asking yourself, "Where is he going with this tirade?" "What is he trying to say?" Well, if you read last month's issue of this publication, I dare say, you probably are beginning to get my drift. If not, why not go retrieve your copy, and count the number of Lodges within the Genesee/Wyoming District submitting articles. If your math agrees with mine, the total is forty percent. Disappointed? Yes, so am I. Brethren, many of you have expressed to me dismay at the low turnout at Lodge sponsored events. "Gee, hardly anyone showed up at our 1st, 2nd, 3rd Degree, Open House, Ladies Night, Fish Fry, Spaghetti Supper, Turkey Party, monthly breakfasts, Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, special awards presentations, etc. We put a lot of effort into putting on the event and hardly anyone showed up."

Your initial response may be, "We're not that active; not much occurs around here that warrants putting mention in the Times." Well, since the DDGM and I began our Official Visits, we have been to ten Lodges, two of which do not submit articles as a matter of course. I have seen articles by four Lodges - forty percent. As I dress in a tuxedo, rehearse my speech for the evening, and travel the distance to each Lodge, I like to think we are contributing to an event; that, if it serves no other purpose at least in and of itself, warrants submitting an article to inform the other Lodges in the District that it occurred. We may not be the most exciting visitors ever to grace your Lodge room, but our presence does form the basis for at least the rudiments of an article.

I am also aware of Sunday Breakfasts which occur in at least four Lodges on a monthly basis, some Degrees which have taken place, along with some Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights, and some planned Child ID Programs. How many attended? How many Brothers worked? Did you get any petitions? How many new candidates? Did everyone have a good time? If you have not gotten my point yet, let me reiterate: The *Masonic Times* is YOUR forum to communicate to others the events and occurrences taking place in YOUR Lodge. YOUR Lodge is paying for this service; why not take advantage of it? No matter how insignificant you may think your event or meeting may be to others outside your immediate locale, there is

someone, somewhere, who is interested.

If you feel you need help in composing an article, call or e-mail me at the numbers in the heading of this article; I will be most happy to come to your Lodge or home and help you to do just that. Promoting Masonic Education is my job throughout the District. You can make my job so much easier by assisting me in an offshoot of the education process by enlightening your Brothers of the events occurring in your Lodge. Let us work together to redeem our reputation as a progressive District and let the Masonic Community know how active our Lodges really are.

Educational opportunities

I apologize and stand corrected in providing you with dates of future courses offered for Masonic Education. At a meeting of Staff Officers at Phoenix Lodge in Dansville on October 19th, it was decided to change the schedule of the Road to the East Program. During my Official Visits, I stated that it would be held on the first Saturday each, in November, December, and January, from 8:00 a.m. to about noon. It is now scheduled to be one full day session, with a "working lunch", to be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 15th, at the same location.

Also, the newly designed Masonic Development Course, which supersedes the previous Masonic Leadership Course, has been rescheduled as well, however, the dates have not been officially formulated. When this information becomes available, I shall relay it.

Congratulations

Warmest congratulations go out to Genesee/Wyoming's newest Eastern Star Officers, Rt. Wthy. Shirley Church, District Deputy Grand Matron, and Rt. Wthy. Ted LaWall, District Grand Lecturer. Perhaps, after a year's hiatus, we will once again be reading articles regarding happenings throughout the District from that venue as well.

Brother Bring-a-Friend Night

On Tuesday, October 29th, I had the pleasure of attending, along with our DDGM, R..W.. Bob Strang, and Brother Harry Tyson (my chauffeur for the evening), a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night at Eunice Lodge, Caledonia, in the Livingston District. I, theretofore, never had the opportunity to visit that Lodge, and the hospitality shown us by the Brothers and the delightful refreshments prepared by the lovely Ladies of the Eastern Star, made for a most wonderful and entertaining evening. It is always interesting to visit among different Districts, and our thanks go out to you all.

Scottish Rite Club Degrees

On Friday, November 1st, the Genesee/Wyoming Scottish Rite Club scheduled its first ever "on the road" performance of the 9th and 14th Degrees at Olive Branch Lodge in LeRoy. Mother Nature, whom by all outward appearances that evening is not a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, was not cooperative, however, and the Degrees themselves were cancelled.

Despite this unexpected setback, we enjoyed an absolutely wonderful Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner prepared by the members of the Olive Branch Order of the Eastern Star and, weather aside, the camaraderie among the cast and crew was great. One of the highlights of the evening was the

presentation by Ill.. Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°, Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Rochester Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of a plaque of appreciation to Distinguished Brother Glenn A. Hedges, 32° MSA, for his many years of dedicated service as Stage Manager. In addition, the Commander-in-Chief presented the newly formed Genesee/Wyoming Scottish Rite Club with a most generous donation of \$100.00, on behalf of the Valley of Rochester Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, for which they are most grateful.

Interfaith Service and Brunch

On Sunday, November 3rd, Miss Linda and I had the pleasure of attending the Sixty-first Annual Interfaith Masonic Service and Brunch, sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester at Logan's Party House on Scottsville Road. This year's recipient of the Distinguished Community Service Award was the Ronald McDonald House Director, Bonnie Vahey. Also in attendance was our Grand Master, M..W.. Carl J. Fitje, who presented a most inspiring message. Kudos go out to Why. Linda Zahn and her committee for making this event the success it was.

Masonic Veteran's Day

On Sunday, November 3rd, a number of Brothers and Ladies visited the New York State Veterans Hospital and Home Units at Batavia, to deliver personal care bags to the residents. Among those we had the pleasure of visiting, was R..W.. John Bater, of the Genesee/Wyoming District. This wonderful program has been taking place for years under the dedicated direction of R..W.. Sheldon Moden and his assistant, Al Hajdak. Enough accolades cannot be extended to these gentlemen for their care and service to our veterans.

Just Plain Talk

The "Just Plain Talk" session on Saturday, November 9th, at Attica Lodge, was well attended by over 40 Brothers from Genesee/Wyoming and Niagara/Orleans Districts and beyond. Deputy Grand Master, R..W.. Edward R. Trosin and his staff of Grand Officers, did a wonderful job fielding questions from the attendees. Grand Treasurer, R..W.. Neal Bidnick, conducted a very informative slide presentation regarding the Grand Master's One-Day Class, to be held on March 29th, and the ramifications thereof.

Masonic Milestone

On Tuesday, December 10th, Batavia Lodge will hold its 4000th communication and the Secretary, Bob Dagen, has an interesting historical display, documenting back to approximately 1856. He and Worshipful Master, Mike Willwerth, will be happy to have you share with them in this momentous occasion. Why not come on out and offer your congratulations to the Officers and members of Batavia Lodge, as they observe this milestone in Masonic history?

Child ID

Our Child ID District Chairman, R..W.. Len Mason, and his staff of dedicated volunteers have been busy supplying videotapes of children within the Village of LeRoy. Last month, Len and his team spent five days taping at Holy Family School, LeRoy Nursery, Sunshine Nursery, and Love Daycare. It is dedication such as this that makes our Craft the great Fraternity it is.

Happy Holidays

The best of this Holiday Season

goes out to each of you and your families as the holidays of Hanukkah and Christmas approach. May you all have a happy, prosperous and enjoyable New Year! □

**Attica Lodge
No. 462**

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



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Attica Lodge, working together with Arcade and LeRoy Lodges, conferred the 1st and 2nd Degrees on three new Brothers and have plans to confer the 3rd Degree in a joint meeting. Any Brothers interested in participating in the Degree, please contact your Worshipful Master.

Our first Pancake Breakfast of the season was a smashing success with many Brothers turning out to help. It's nice to see the Brothers working and having fun together. Thanks, Brother Keith, for the scheduling. We will continue to have the breakfast on the first Sunday of each month through the month of April. Can't work? Please stop down and join us for breakfast and some of Chuck's Pancakes or Eggs cooked to your liking by Jerry.

Upcoming events


December 4th - Open meeting. We will have guest speakers on DeMolay. Please bring family, friends and any young men who may be interested in learning about the DeMolay.

December 18th - Annual Christmas Dinner with Spouses, catered by Sharon Bey. Please contact Brother Keith for information and reservations.

We are having a Brother Bring-a-Friend night in January in hopes of having candidates for the One-Day Class on March 29th, 2003. Please be thinking about someone to invite. More information will follow. □

**Batavia
Lodge No. 475**

**2nd & 4th
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Celebration reminder!

We will be observing and celebrating our 4000th communication of Batavia Lodge No. 475 on Tuesday, December 10th. Several proceedings were mentioned in the letter recently sent to you. More detailed events and happenings will be talked about on this date. I would like to see as many of our Brothers attend the stated communication as possible. I extend this invitation to all Lodges to join us in our celebration.

One-Day Class

Probably most of you have heard about the upcoming One-Day Class for raising Master Masons, which will be held next year on March 29th. For our convenience, one site will be in Rochester. Personally, I am looking forward to this event with excitement and anticipation. As you are most certainly aware, this is a first for our Grand Jurisdiction of New York. As a side note, I have mentioned it to several individu-

als as of this writing, whom I know would make good Masons, and they are very interested. I am sincerely convinced that each of you know of individuals you would recommend for our Fraternity.

We have at hand a new lifestyle at present, times and commitments have changed drastically over the past 50 or so years. We should, and must, keep up with the changing times. These one-day sessions have been tried throughout other Grand Jurisdictions with great participation and success.

My recommendation is to give it a chance and encourage participation. More details will be forthcoming. Watch your mailbox and internet/e-mail notifications.

Plans are underway to conduct one or more Brother Bring-a-Friend sessions in an effort to introduce our friends and neighbors to our Fraternity. I will make myself available to assist you in any manner in making this a total success.

The standard procedures will be applicable for this program, i.e., applications must be filled out and submitted, investigations will be held on each applicant, and the Brethren of the Lodge will vote on the application. If you need applications, please call me at 548-7148 or e-mail at rdagen@rochester.rr.com. I have received the new applications for Initiation and Advancement, the applications that we had and you may have in your possession are no longer valid. Please destroy them; I will send you the proper applications upon request.


Sickness and distress

Our thoughts and prayers are with W. William Genagon, who is recovering from recent surgery. Hope you are doing well, Bill. Please, my Brothers, let me know if you or someone you know of, who should be mentioned.

Finally, my Brothers, as we celebrated Thanksgiving Day and will be celebrating the Christmas Season, keep in mind those victims of the 9/11 event. Remember our service men and women as they continue to serve you and me in providing their services to our country.

May God bless America! May God bless us all!

HESPERUS
Lodge No. 837
1st and 3rd
Thursday



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On November 7th I was in the East. We raised Brothers Jeremy Fuller, Courtney Gale, and Byron Ariyaratnam, with 46 Brothers present. It was nice to see such a large turnout. Thanks and congratulations to those who participated; they did such a great job. Those who were there for dinner enjoyed a delicious Meatloaf, cooked by the ladies of the OES. I thank them for providing such a wonderful meal.

It is that time of the year when we receive the Brotherhood Fund notices. Please make a donation. Every little bit helps; no matter the size.

We should be getting an altar cloth soon, thanks to a donation from W. Bob Hebner.

Sickness and distress

Loretta Miller has had her operation and is doing much better. Deloris Hargrave will be hav-

ing another operation. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Brother Gib Ernst is home and doing much better, he is walking without the aid of the walker. W. Ken Barons was a little under the weather and unable to come to our 3rd Degree. We missed him very much.

If you know of anyone who is in sickness or distress, please contact me at 820-6355.

Brother Bring-a-Friend Night

On Tuesday, November 12th, we had some potential candidates visit our Lodge.

England

Our trip to England was an exciting one. W. Jim MacConnell and I had a great time watching the Ryder Cup and playing some of the finest courses in England. Our visit to the Grand Lodge of England was interesting, educational and something I will never forget. If you are ever in London, stop to see it. It is definitely worth your time!

Roslyn Chapel

By James MacConnell

Worshipful Master Ralph Marsocci and I visited Roslyn Chapel, 8 miles South of Edinburgh, Scotland, the first week of October during our recent trip to England. What a gorgeous building, dating back to 1446, built under the direction of Sir William St. Clair, last Prince or Earl of Orkney. It took well over 40 years to build. Sir William had passed away at the age of 90, before its completion in 1484. Every part of the Chapel has beautiful carvings of Masonic traces and figures, plants of the time, Entered Apprentice pillars, Master Mason pillar, Knights Templar symbols and the Engrail Cross (symbol of the St. Clairs), Robert the Bruce, and many of the carvings depicting events of the time.

The Knights Templar were the Christian crusaders who guarded the Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem and traveled with the pilgrims to guarantee them safe passage to and from the city. The St. Clairs got their nobility when the Knights Templar broke up in the early 14th century and several of them went to Scotland to find a safe haven. When Robert the Bruce was excommunicated in 1306, he needed the Knights Templar to fight with him for his cause. One of these Knights was Henry St. Clair. At the battle of Bannochburn, Robert the Bruce was slain. It has been said a number of Knights Templar attempted to take Robert the Bruce's heart back to Jerusalem for the Lord's blessing, but were accosted in Spain where they were defeated. They fought so courageously that the survivors were able to return to Scotland with Robert the Bruce's heart. During this period in time the St. Clairs gained much money and stature and their connections as Stonemasons.

The St. Clairs were rich people of their time. Sir Henry St. Clair, the grandfather of William, first built the castle in 1378. It has been said that Henry brought the Knights Templar to Nova Scotia, Canada, and the United States in 1398 some 100 years before Columbus. Back in those days the stonemasons had organized into Guilds where they learned their trades.

The St. Clairs were mandated as hereditary judges, or "Grand Masters," administrating Guild Law. Sir William was determined to build a house for God's service of the most curious workmanship. "That this may be done in his satisfaction and to the greater glory of God, Artificers were to be brought from other regions and foreign kingdoms, thus causing a daily

abundance of all kinds of workmen such as masons, carpenters, blacksmiths, barrowmen, quarriers, and others."

A direct quote from, "Roslyn - A History of the Guilds," by Robert Brydon. "Sir William had all the designs done in Baltic pine by the carpenters first and presented to him for approval and then given to the stonemasons as patterns. There were 15 Templar architects and 23 different stonemasons, each with their own marks, used in its construction. It was completed in 1488. Some say it was a replication of King Solomon's Temple but never completed to its original design.

In 1474, a Master Mason was given a task to build a special pillar that Sir William had seen in Rome. After studying the plans the Master Mason felt he needed to see the pillar himself before he began to build the pillar. So he left for Rome and was gone for a couple of years. An entered apprentice left behind had a vision of the pillar in his dreams and began to build the pillar. It turned out as a masterpiece and when the Master Mason returned and saw the pillar, he was outraged and jealous of the apprentice's finished work. He took a setting mallet to the head of the apprentice and killed him, after which the Master Mason was put to death for his crime."

In 1592 the altars were demolished because of the Reformation. In 1650, Oliver Cromwell destroyed the Castle and used the Chapel to stable his horses. Then, in 1736, the restoration began. In 1862 the Chapel was rededicated for worship by the Episcopalians and is still in use today for worship, weddings, and Knights Templar meetings. It is also the burial grounds for the St. Clairs.

"A History of the Guilds"

The following is an excerpt from, "A History of the Guilds," by Robert Brydon. The Stonemasons Craft, like that of the Carpenter and the Blacksmith, is as old as our civilization. Wood and stone are the primary building materials of the Northern World.

During the Middle Ages it was the practice of the above three trades to denote a man "free" when, through years of training, he had finally exhibited a "masterpiece" of his special art, thus gaining for himself a Master's Certificate. In a statute of 1350, the wages of a "Free" Mason were set at fourpence a day; "bonded" Masons at threepence. A Master Free Mason was "Mestre de franche-peer" and the others were workers in "Grosse-peer." The former worked in free stone and finished stone, and the latter prepared rough stones for the more experienced workmen.

As late as the 18th century the Operative Guild was titled "The Worshipful Society of Free Masons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers and Bricklayers." Certainly, as far back as the Reformation, some of these Operative Guilds welcomed Patrons and Aristocratic neighbors as honorary members. Such non-operative members are now usually referred to as "Speculative" Masons.

In 1736 with the growing concern for national stability and following the example of the Grand Lodge of England, the Edinburgh Masonic Lodges, now mainly speculative, agreed on October 15, 1736 to form the Grand Lodge of Scotland. This gave rise to the position of Masonic Grandmastership. It seemed obvious that the ancient hereditary titles of Patrons, Protectors, Judges, and Masters, still held by the St.

Clairs, might be incorporated in the new speculative Masonic Post, but the present incumbent William St. Clair, was not a Freemason. So they struck a deal with William and he became a Brother of the Ancient and Honourable Company of Free and Accepted Masons and later advanced to the Degree of Master Mason. He was elected the First Grand Master of Scotland on December 30, 1736. At the conclusion of the day, he presented the body with a legal document renouncing the St. Clair hereditary rights over what had been the Operative Lodges.

Then in 1813, the two Grand Lodges joined to create the United Grand Lodge of England, the first and last authority from which all speculative Freemasonry derives, a firm and solemn landmark was adopted, incorporated, and placed in the Articles of Union and General Regulations and Laws to forever guide Freemasonry throughout the world.

Agenda

- December 5th - Official Visit, 6:30 p.m. dinner.
- December 12th - High Twelve Club meets.
- December 19th - regular meeting, Memorial Service.
- December 20th - fill Christmas Baskets at Fire Hall.
- December 21st - deliver Christmas Baskets.
- December 28th - OES Card Party.
- December 30th - Interlodge Euchre Tournament.
- December 31st - New Year's Party, OES invited.

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By W. Jim Allan

At the time of this writing, the holiday season is sneaking slowly upon us. I hope you and yours had a happy Thanksgiving.

Grand Master's Edict

Pursuant to his authority, the Grand Master holds that each Lodge annually, shall confer at least one Masonic Degree in its entirety, either upon a candidate or an exemplar, to be observed by the Grand Lecturer, AGL, or another designee appointed by the Grand Lecturer.

Second

Each Lodge shall choose the Masonic Degree it will perform, and in each succeeding year, the Lodge will confer a different Masonic Degree, so that the Lodge shall have exhibited its proficiency in all three Masonic Degrees within each three-year period.

Third

The attending Assistant Grand Lecturer shall not participate in, or critique the Masonic Degree; but will report in detail his observations, evaluation and recommendations, in a written report addressed to the Grand Master no later than April 30th of each year.

Fourth

The Worshipful Master of each Lodge, following his election and installation, but no later than September 1st of each year, shall consult with the AGL, to schedule a mutually acceptable date for the presentation of his Lodge's work.

Lodge Christmas Party

On December 9th, we will hold our Annual Christmas Party, with a catered supper featuring an English Cut of Prime Rib or Chicken with a ticket price of \$9.00 per person. You already should have received your invitation. You MUST RSVP by November 30th to me at the address in the heading of this article.

Capital improvements

The Trustees, along with R. W. Mark Hopkins, are looking into the costs of new windows for the Lodge and for the replacement of our furnace.

Veterans Hospital visit

On November 3rd, Worshipful Kay Dilker, Bernard Whaley and I represented Mt. Vernon Lodge for our annual visit to our Veterans in Batavia. We were able to socialize and distributed small gift toiletry kits.

1st Degree Rehearsal

Per the Worshipful Master's trestleboard, on October 28th we held a rehearsal for the 1st Degree. However, only eleven Brothers were in attendance and the Worshipful Master expressed his disappointment at the slim turnout. Since the Master's trestleboard is sent early when Lodge reopens for the new year, rather than throw this important notice aside, or away, why not take five minutes to mark these important dates on your calendar, especially concerning Degree rehearsals, per the Grand Master's newly issued Edict?

Website

In his effort to promote Masonry, the Grand Master has established a website. Anyone surfing the web who might be interested in becoming a Mason can log on. There he could leave his contact information. Depending on his locale, a designated person from a District closest to him would be notified. This Mason would then establish contact with the inquirer.

Pancake Breakfast

Our first Pancake Breakfast was a busy one; and, as always, we can use some extra hands. They are held on the second Sunday of every month. Remember, this is a fundraiser for YOUR Lodge. Even if you are unable to work that day, why not show up with your wife or significant other and have some breakfast and support your Lodge in that fashion?

My next article will reach you in January, and I'll bring you up to speed on any news then.

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Lodge of Perfection Degrees "snowed out"

The Lodge of Perfection Degrees (9th and 14th) were scheduled in due form to be presented on the 1st day of November at Olive Branch Lodge in LeRoy in concert with the Genesee/Wyoming Scottish Rite Club. The Directors and cast had prepared diligently with practices; the Engineer and Seneschal had provided all of the appropriate props; the directors had transported all of the required costumes; all seemed in great order.

As nearly 30 Sublime Princes were enjoying a delicious dinner, an urgent call came in that one of our leading cast members (Sublime Prince Michael Morris) was not able to proceed with his vehicle because of snow and ice. Sublime Prince Robert Pedersen went immediately to the rescue with his four wheel drive vehicle, rescued Michael and returned to the Lodge.

It was then that we realized the severity of this Winter's first snow squall and storm; the Degrees were suspended by consensus under the direction of our Deputy, to enable our Brothers ample time to return safely to their homes through treacherous weather conditions. It certainly was a big let-down after all that preparation, but it was more important to be mindful of the safety of our members.

At a brief ceremony on that evening, Distinguished Brother Glenn Hedges, 32° MSA, was pre-

sented a retirement plaque on behalf of his many years of service as our Engineer and Seneschal. In addition, a check was presented to President Norman Austin for the Genesee/Wyoming Scottish Rite Club that will enable the Club to finance some of its initial activities of developing the Fraternal network in this area.

Tokens of appreciation were also presented to those Brothers who have made a diligent effort in starting this Club. These are all excellent examples of dedication, commitment, caring and sharing. How blessed we should feel that our Sublime Princes are so inclined.

Officers Agenda

An outreach has been made to all Officers for their new "Fives Listing" worksheet. This tool lists five Sublime Princes who are to be contacted in an effort to maintain our critical mass; five Master Masons who are to be contacted and invited to become members of the Scottish Rite; and five men of good standing who are to be contacted to join a Craft Lodge. Thanks to Sublime Prince Robert D. Pedersen, 32°, for heading up this effort.

The Valley's "Strategic Operating Plan for 2002-2007" has also been prepared and presented for review. The first draft incorporated the key components of both the Supreme Council's and Council of Deliberation's plans. Again, thanks to Sublime Prince Robert D. Pedersen, 32° for his leadership.

The "Reach Out and Say Hello Efforts," under Sublime Prince Robert D. Pedersen's leadership, has been very extensive. The Valley has worked through its Ambassadors and their network and has mailed nearly 6,000 invitations to nearby Craft Lodge Masons inviting them to become members of the Scottish Rite. Another Brother Bring-a-Brother series was held in Phelps.

While all of this effort is very commendable, it should again be

mentioned that the majority of our members hold the key to the success of our outreach for new members: take time and make the effort to ask a Brother in your Lodge...only one in five is a member...you will probably not find him attending Lodge and should strive to have an off-line conversation.

Our Sovereign Prince, Sublime Prince Joseph Oelgoetz III, continues to review information about a potential golf outing fundraiser for the Learning Center.

The Fall Reunion Series was a very interesting time on both Thursday, November 21st, and Saturday, November 23rd. Special thanks to the Degree Directors, Associate Directors, participants, wardrobe and costume assistants, Class Committee and other, who contributed to the success of these Degree presentations. It was unique to have a joint conferral of the 32nd Degree with the Valley of Buffalo. We thank them as well for their visit and presentation of the 23rd Degree. This special "Degree Exchange" has allowed us to stay on schedule for the witness of all Degrees in a five year window. Special thanks to Ill. John E. Zabel, 33°, 2nd Lt. Commander and Coordinator of Directors, for making all of the necessary arrangements with the Valley of Buffalo. It is of special note that Distinguished Brother R. Curtiss Montgomery, 32°, Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Buffalo, has been a fraternal associate for many years; we served together in the Order of DeMolay, as Lodge Masters at the same time, as District Deputy Grand Masters at the same time, received our MSA credentials from the NY Council of Deliberation in the same class and now again, as Commanders-in-Chief of our respective Consistories at the same time. Thanks, Curt, for your professionalism, fraternal outreach and care for our Scottish Rite and its work.

Other agenda items being reviewed include:

- Future housing
- DeMolay Chapter Advisor Recruitment, volunteers may contact Craig Mollon.
- Grand Master's One-Day Class on March 29th.
- Scottish Rite, "One Day Conferral" on April 26, 2003.

The Valley Secretary, Ill. Charles O. Hancock, has continued planning for several strategic initiatives that involve contacting those about to be released for non-payment of dues, assessment

concerns, office management updates and initiatives and other business matters.

The Lauer's facility should be occupied by the time this edition is published. This planning initiative has been under the direction of the Valley's Facilities and Planning Committee. Last month, each member was listed. Special thanks are due to all members for their diligence in this project. Watch for an "Open House" date when all of our Valley members will be invited to visit our new Office and Learning Center facility.

As change continues, special thanks are extended to Ill. John E. Zabel, 33°, for his care and attention to our many costumes and properties. After a full inventory and catalogue listing, they are being prepared to be stored in a very safe place, ready for immediate recall as needed, when needed and where needed.

Special thanks as well are extended to Sublime Prince James Slocum, Engineer and Seneschal, and his team for all of their diligent assistance.

December's Valley Programs include the popular "Toys for Tots" Program lead by the Sovereign Prince of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Sublime Prince Joseph H. Oelgoetz III, 32°. Plan on attending this great Family Life event...another in our "value series of events" for members!

Reach Out and Say Hello

In January, our regular meeting night will be dedicated as a Worshipful Master's Appreciation Night, when the Worshipful Masters of all of the Craft Lodges in Wayne, Ontario/Seneca/Yates, Livingston, Genesee/Wyoming and Monroe Districts will be invited as our guests. Our intention is to pay special recognition to these leaders with a Certificate. Stay tuned for this new program under the leadership of our Lodge of Perfection Officers.

Just a Question

Recently there were several phone calls and conversations with senior members of our Valley who are not able to travel at night and are interested in making a meaningful contribution to our efforts. It was suggested by one of these Brothers that he would be willing to come to the Scottish Rite Office on an "as needed" basis to perhaps assist in stuffing envelopes, preparing mailings or whatever could be done to help. In response, if you are like this Brother and willing to assist, please call the Office

and let us know; we will be delighted to put together such a schedule that will invite Brothers to participate.

Fall 2002 Class Reunion Sponsor

We are honored that Ill. Myron L. Dox, 33°, has graciously accepted the honor of having this Class named in his honor. At the Reunion's conclusion, a special message was read to our new Sublime Princes which was submitted prior to Ill. Dox's departure for Florida for the Winter. We celebrate with this very dedicated Scottish Rite Mason in naming this Class in his honor.

As we review our management processes, administrative organization and planning and development strategies, it is clear that our Valley Officers and Leadership have embraced the concepts of commitment, credibility and working toward a common purpose. As we lead our Fraternity forward, we must continue to challenge the process and provide new and unique approaches to providing customer value. In the meantime, *think out loud; stick to basics; be kind.*

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Valley of Rochester, New York Scottish Rite "Toys for Tots" Family Life Week

Thursday, December 5, 2002

Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster, NY

Time 6:30 p.m.

Turkey Dinner with all the Trimmings
Wear your Holiday Festive Attire

Special Guests: Representatives from the U.S. Marine Corps
Entertainment: Santa and Magician

Event open to all Scottish Rite members, their wife/guest,
children, relatives, friends, etc.,
"The More The Merrier"

Cost per person: One unwrapped toy for the
"Toys for Tots" Program

Contact the Scottish Rite Office (585-271-0715)
with your reservation by Friday, November 29th

Provide the number of adults and children in your party.

The Secretary's Corner

New location

Effective November 26, 2002, your Scottish Rite office is relocated, along with the Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, to 3300 Monroe Avenue (Pittsford Place Mall - Lauer's Building). We are located in Suite 320. The Learning Center is located in Suite 330. Please stop at our new location to see the facilities. During the month of December we will conduct a special sale of surplus office equipment and other items exclusively for you, our members. A notice will be mailed in early December detailing those items to be available following our move.

New service

Now you can reach the office using our new 800 number if you live outside the local dialing area. The new number is 1-800-858-2320.

Scottish Rite Scholarships

The 2003 Scottish Rite Scholarship applications are now available from the office. College students who will complete one or more years of college studies at the end of the Spring 2003 school year and who plan to continue full-time study for undergraduate or graduate degrees during the 2003-2004 academic year are eligible to apply for one of the Abbot Scholarships awarded by the New York COD Scottish Rite Charities Corporation Frank G. Paul or George A. Newbury Funds.

Contact Julie Pettis at the Valley Office, 271-0715, for the forms and instructions. Submittal deadline to the office is April 1, 2003. Late applications are NOT accepted.

New Degree Proficiency Program

Beginning with the Fall 2002 Reunion, every Degree presentation in the Scottish Rite Valleys in New York State will be evaluated using standardized guidelines. The guidelines, prepared by the Deputy and Active members of New York, support the Sovereign Grand Commanders directive to all Valleys to present all of the 29 Scottish Rite Degrees within a six year period. The program will help provide recognition to those cast members sincerely attempting to present the lessons of the Degrees to our candidates in the most effective and understandable manner. This ap-

proach will help rekindle the pride and enthusiasm of those who truly try to present the best lessons to our candidate.

Items available

The office is your source of a number of goods and services. In particular, we can provide a variety of items which support the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc. Here is a list of some of the items available now:

Men's Ties (Red, Navy, or Burgundy)	\$25.00
Ladies Scarves (Red, Navy, or Burgundy)	\$35.00
Teddy Bear	\$20.00
Red Cumberbund and Bow Tie	\$60.00
Red Bow Tie	\$25.00
Red Vest	\$125.00
LC Tote Bags	\$10.00
Note Books	\$6.00
LC Golf Balls (Box)	\$30.00
LC Golf Balls (per Sleeve)	\$7.50

Remember, also, that we have a supply of 32° Caps available in the office at \$10.00 each. We can order embroidered gold bullion Blazer Crests with either 32° or 33° Double Eagles @\$30.00.

We can order shirts and jackets with the Valley and Consistory embroidery customized with your name, as well.

News from the 1st Lieutenant Commander

By Robert Pedersen

Many hands make light work

We have now completed our Fall 2002 Reunion. While our new Class may be small in number, I congratulate the enthusiastic members of the Ill. Myron Dox, 33°, Class. I must also thank the directors, cast, stage crew, office staff, and the Class Committee of the Valley of Rochester, for their help in presenting the wonderful Allegories presented November 21st and 23rd. We also thank the Valley of Buffalo, under the leadership of Curtiss Montgomery, Commander-in-Chief, and his members for their portrayal of the 23rd Degree.

Let me get Rite to the point

While I applaud those who participated, and how wonderful it was to see the camaraderie, where are all the rest of our members? I realize many members had prior commitments, and all of our lives are filled with activities. But you are the ones missing out if you do not take part in such a joyous occasion. Days like these

are high impact, high stress, fast and furious. Is it fair to have the same people work so hard to personify the teachings of Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite? As a director and cast member, I cannot tell you how many phone calls and e-mails were made, and the excuses I heard. While some were valid, others were laughable. I get upset when you see someone active, taking the time to try his hardest, and have the sidelines empty, or be asked at the last minute to take part in something else, due to the absence of a "Brother".

One does not have to spend an entire day helping. Offer what you can to help. That is all I ask; give something back, and participate. You will be amazed at what goes on behind the scenes. Remember, you only get out of Freemasonry what you put in. Don't expect others to do your work. Be part of the critical mass, take part and make a difference. Call the office, call any of the officers, call me. Give a little, give a lot. Our future is in your hands.

Marketing and sales

We realize that the average person, in today's world, has approximately 4-5 hours per month of free time. I ask each of you to assist the officers, committees, and office staff by giving a little of your time. Join the bandwagon; don't just sit there, and watch the parade go by. If you care about Freemasonry, it is your duty to contact a fellow Master Mason, and invite him/them to advance his knowledge in Freemasonry. It is the duty of all of us. It is every members' duty to reach out and ask those who are qualified to join our rank and file, whether it be to join a Concordant Body, or begin their journey in Freemasonry by petitioning a Symbolic Craft Lodge.

While the 24 inch Gauge supplies a proven template for membership, it takes legwork and energy to market ourselves in today's busy world. As a "Fraternal" salesman, you have approximately 3 minutes to make our pitch regarding Freemasonry. Please don't look around waiting for someone else to do it.

Take the time and effort to do the Rite thing...Reach Out and Say Hello.

Our Fraternity depends on you.

News from the Sovereign Prince

By Joseph Oelgoetz

Family Life "Toys for Tots" Event

The Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, will hold its annual Family Life "Toys for Tots" event the evening of December 5th. The objective of this event is to provide a forum where we can provide a little holiday happiness to those children of our community who otherwise might not have a holiday, as well as provide an event for our families to enjoy a little holiday cheer.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m., and will be held at the Damascus Center, 979 Bay Road in Webster. Dinner is planned for 7:00 p.m., and will consist of a Holiday Turkey feast with all of the trimmings. Festivities will include a short talk from a representative of the United States Marine Corps, a visit from Santa Claus, and a magician.

Cost of the event is simply one unwrapped present for a girl or boy to be donated to the United States Marine Corps' "Toys for Tots" program. This event is open to all. Bring along your wife, sig-



M.W. Carl J. Fitje congratulating Jack VanElzakker after presenting him the Daniel Carter Beard Award.

nificant other, children, grandchildren, friends and their families, or anyone else. The plan is to have fun for the whole family, while doing something for the children in need. Reservations via phone into the Scottish Rite Office (271-0715) will be accepted up to Friday, November 29th.

Day of Tebeth Celebration

The Valley of Rochester will be celebrating "The Day of Tebeth," which is a Scottish Rite Day of Obligation. It celebrates the return to Jerusalem of the exiled Jews for the purpose of building the second Temple. To us of the Valley of Rochester, this is a timely event since we are in the process of moving the Valley from the Downtown Temple, where we have been for the last 70 or so years, to a new location.

The theme is one of rebuilding and renewal as well as resisting temptations along the way, which is a timely theme for this great nation, ourselves, and for the holiday season.

The event will follow the format of a Table Lodge with formal toasting. The event is scheduled for Thursday, December 19th, in the 3rd floor dining room at the Downtown Masonic Temple. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:30 p.m. The special guest for this event is R.W. and Ill. Ed Trosin, 33°, Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Lodge in the State of New York. Cost of the event is \$15.00. This is a stag event and for Scottish Rite members only. Dress is suit and tie, black tie optional. Reservations must be sent with check to the Scottish Rite Office to arrive no later than Friday, December 13th. Walk-ins or phone reservations will not be accepted. Call the Scottish Rite Office for more information at 271-0715.

Boston Marathon April 23, 2003

The Northern Masonic Jurisdiction's 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children were granted 10 charitable entries in the 2003 Boston Marathon. This means that the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction can enter 10 runners who will not otherwise have to qualify.



M.W. Carl J. Fitje escorted by R.W. Edward Giesler, Grand Marshal, at the Symbolic Lodge Awards Night.

The objective of this event is to utilize it as a fundraising opportunity. The plan is to have each runner selected commit to raising no less than \$5,000 from family, friends, business associations, Masonic organizations, etc. to sponsor a child at his/her designated Learning Center.

This opportunity is to be open to all Valleys within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction on a first come, first served basis. Therefore, we at the Valley of Rochester have an opportunity to be one of those ten entries. Do you know of someone (a runner, I hope) who would consider this charitable opportunity? If you do, contact the individual and then get his name to the Valley of Rochester Office.

Mention that it is for the Boston Marathon Learning Center opportunity. This is a great way to generate enough money to



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Valley of Rochester, New York, A.A.S.R.

"Day of Tebeth Celebration"

(Table Council)

Thursday, December 19, 2002
3rd Floor Dining Room - Downtown Masonic Temple
875 Main Street East, Rochester, NY

	Cash Bar: 6:30 p.m.	
	Dinner: 7:00 p.m.	
	Cost: \$15	

Formal Attire (Dark Suit - Black Tie Optional)
(This event is much like a Table Lodge and will consist of several formal toasts)

Special Guest: R.W. Edward Trosin, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge, F & A.M., State of New York

For Scottish Rite Masons Only. It is a "Stag" event. Not a "Brother Bring-a-Brother" or "Brother Bring-a-Friend" event.
A check must accompany your reservation to the Office by Friday, December 13th.
No Walk-ins or Phone Reservations will be accepted.
For information call the Scottish Rite Office at (585) 271-0715

Family Life "Toys for Tots" Event

The Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, will hold its annual Family Life "Toys for Tots" event the evening of December 5th. The objective of this event is to provide a forum where we can provide a little holiday happiness to those children of our community who otherwise might not have a holiday, as well as provide an event for our families to enjoy a little holiday cheer.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m., and will be held at the Damascus Center, 979 Bay Road in Webster. Dinner is planned for 7:00 p.m., and will consist of a Holiday Turkey feast with all of the trimmings. Festivities will include a short talk from a representative of the United States Marine Corps, a visit from Santa Claus, and a magician.

Cost of the event is simply one unwrapped present for a girl or boy to be donated to the United States Marine Corps' "Toys for Tots" program. This event is open to all. Bring along your wife, sig-

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R.E. Benjamin P. Thorp, Jr.
(585) 346-6542 ddghp27

As we approach the Holiday Season let me wish you and your families all the best for a Joyous Holiday and a great New Year.

Trestleboards

I want to remind the incoming High Priests that I need a copy of your trestleboards before December 31st. If you need help composing one, please feel free to call me for assistance. Remember, you need to have a date set for my Official Visit after Grand Chapter. Call me and we can set that up now. Also remember to include all four Degrees in your planning.

Grand Chapter

Believe it or not, the time to register for Grand Chapter is fast approaching. The dates are March 7th - 8th, in Albany.

Your High Priest has all the information regarding rooms, etc. I have tickets for the Men's and Ladies' Luncheons, as well as the Banquet on Friday night.

I need to have all the monies and reservation forms back to me no later than Friday, January 10th, so please, don't procrastinate. You can always cancel a reservation.

Order of High Priesthood

The Order of High Priesthood will be conferred on Saturday, February 8th. The place for our area has yet to be determined. I will have that information in my January article.

Again, have a great Holiday Season.

District Deputy Grand High Priest



29th Dist.
RAM

R.E.
Richard C.
Anderson
(585)
493-2203
ddghp29

'Tis the season for Happy Holidays. It is also the season for your labors to include the Election of your Chapter Officers for the coming year. I know that it is difficult to find the best and deserving Companions who will perform the duties of these offices, but each Chapter has in its ranks experienced and capable leaders to fulfill this obligation.

For the information of those who have not attended regular meetings, you will be getting your dues notices.

Sunday, December 1st, is the Attica Lodge Breakfast. Following that I will have the annual caucus for the nomination of the DDGHP and the Assistant Grand Lecturer for the 29th Capitular District. All Past District Deputies and Present Grand Representatives of this District,

please plan to attend and support this meeting with your suggestions for filling these offices.

There are some petitioners for Chapter Degree work in the District. If you have any for your Chapter, please let it be known if you need assistance.

To the Excellent High Priest, have you been actively canvassing your Chapter for mentors to support the Grand Master's Class on March 29th? The goal of the Grand Master's Class is to raise new Master Masons in one day. It will be held in locations around the State so you will not have to travel a great distance to be a mentor on that day. Any questions? Check with your Lodge or Chapter.

Companions, it is time to make your plans for attending Grand Chapter in Albany on March 7th and 8th. If you plan on attending and need meal tickets and/or room reservations, contact me at 493-5395 days or 493-2203 evenings.

The Chapters that have elected a new Excellent High Priest for the first time need to make the arrangement for him to attend the Order of High Priesthood. The schedule for that Degree, as of now, is on Saturday, February 8th at 1:00 p.m. at either the Rochester Masonic Temple or the Dansville Masonic Temple. As soon as we know, it will be communicated.

However, the Order of High Priesthood will also be conferred at Grand Chapter in Albany on Friday, March 7th at 3:00 p.m. Following later will be the Order of Old Saratoga.

LeRoy Chapter No. 183 RAM



4th Tues.
7:30 p.m.

HP. E. Donald R. Read
494-1565
Sec. E. Norman P. Austin
494-2223
8 West Main St., LeRoy

Last month, once again, LeRoy Chapter was unfortunately unable to open, due to an insufficient number of Companions present to do so. However, with the majority of traveling among our Companions completed, it is hoped that we will once again be able to carry on our work in the quarries.

Fervency and Zeal Programs are planned for at least two Lodges within the District and, in time, we hope to conduct others.

Our meeting this month will be the last for the Masonic year, as we do not meet in December due to the Christmas holidays. This meeting will be our Annual Election of Officers, the results of which will be published in next month's article. Dues notices have been sent to all Companions. Your timely response will be most appreciated by our Secretary.

In closing, the best of the Holiday Season is extended to each of you and your families by the Companions and Officers of LeRoy Chapter, RAM.

Courage

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the ark, professionals built the Titanic. *e-mail Wisdom*

Palmyra/Eagle Chapter No. 79

1st Mon. 7:30 p.m.



High Priest
Cyril White
315-597-9546
Sec.
R. Stuart
Smith

161 E. Main St., Palmyra 14522

Our next conclave is on December 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the Palmyra Temple. It will be preceded by an off-the-menu dinner at the Yellow Mills Restaurant, located on Route 31 just West of Palmyra, at 6:00 p.m. This will be the Annual Meeting. Business to be covered will be the Election of Officers and the Annual Reports of Committees. Plan on attending and help determine who will be the Officers for the upcoming year.

Thank you for your support during my stint as High Priest. I hope I didn't disappoint too many of you in the performance of my duties. It was fun, and educational for me!

I look forward to seeing you around the Altar in friendship and brotherly love.

Excelsior Chapter No. 164

2nd Mon.



High Priest
E. L. Ronald
Edwards
289-3205

Secretary
R.E. Cullen O. Henry
394-4250
Shortsville, NY

Companions, thank you once again for traveling to Waterloo and Geneva in October and a big thank you to the Companions of Geneva and Salem Town for returning the visitations. We have started off with a bang, now let's keep it up and increase the number who are traveling if we can. November 15th we started off well with a good turnout in Salem Town Chapter.

Membership Program

I am sorry to say that we did not get our Fervency and Zeal Program going as of this writing, but WE WILL GET IT GOING. On October 24th the Victor Masonic Lodge had a very good York Rite Night put on by R.W. Bill Jones and R.W. Stuart Smith of Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180 in Wayne District. This program promoted interest in our York Rite. Deke and I were present and, wouldn't you know it, neither of us had a RAM petition with us! I am quite sure we would have had one filled out on the spot. Two others showed a lot of interest in joining Royal Arch Masonry; one more reason why we must get our program going now.

December

Salem Town Chapter No. 173 RAM, will meet the first Tuesday, December 3rd, at 7:30 p.m., with the Election of its 2003 Officers. I don't know if they will install now or wait until next month.

Excelsior Chapter will meet on the 2nd Monday, December

9th, at 7:30 p.m. and have its Election and Installation of the 2003 Officers.

Geneva Chapter No. 36 will meet on the 2nd Wednesday, December 11th, 8:00 p.m., and hold its Election and Installation of the 2003 Officers.

Changes

Excelsior Chapter is leaning towards going dark for January, February and March to resume Labor in April and remain open right through the Summer until December, 2003. The reasons are:

- 1) To save on the heat bill.
- 2) Some of the Companions go South for the Winter, leaving too few to open Chapter.
- 3) The older members do not want to drive in the early darkness and snowy roads.
- 4) The OES, for similar reasons, is considering going to one meeting a month.

Distress

R.E. Cullen Henry is not bouncing back as fast as he should. He is at home and getting a little better each day. Our prayers go out to him.

We pray that all others are in good health.

Til we meet again, cheerio!

The enders

You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try.

A small town is where some folks are so reserved they close the drapes when they change their mind.

Experience is what you purchase with mistakes.

District Deputy Grand Master



8th
Cryptic
District

R.I.
Cyril R. White
315-597-9546

1ddcrpt8

The preparations for the 8th Cryptic Degree Festival in Hornell on March 22, 2003, are coming along fine. I have already received some replies back regarding my request for cast members. I am sure that other Councils will have their lists forthcoming shortly. Talking about the forms for participants, it has been brought to my attention that there were a few mistakes in my request for cast members. The date for the return of the sheets was listed as December 1, 2003! Obviously that would be a little late and should read December 1, 2002. Another mistake was the request for the name and number of the Chapter. Again, obviously that should have read: name and number of the Council.

The date for the Grand Lecturer's Convention is December 5th, at 8:00 p.m. Palmyra Council No. 26 will host it in the Palmyra Temple, in beautiful downtown Palmyra at 161 East Main Street. It was the old movie house, but now there is no marquee. The Grand Lecturer, R.I. David P. Barwell, will, with the aid of the Companions, cover the floor work and cast interaction in the Select Master Degree. Ideally the Grand Lecturer's Convention

cast members should be made up of Companions from the various Councils within the District. Those Companions who have indicated their willingness to participate in the March Festival can look on this as a mini-rehearsal, so, be expecting a phone call from me in the near future!

A dinner will precede the Convention for our honored guest and all Companions wishing to join us. This will be a Dutch treat off the menu dinner, except for our honored guest, at the Steak-Out Restaurant in Manchester at 6:00 p.m. No reservations required. The Steak-Out Restaurant is just off exit 43 of the NY Thruway on Route 96 (Southwest corner of Routes 96 and 21).

Please do not hesitate to call me at 315-597-9546 or e-mail me at ukcy@juno.com if there are any questions or you need directions.

Illustrious Masters, would you please help me by collecting a list of e-mail addresses from your Officers and Companions and forwarding it to me? This will help in the delivery of timely news, etc. These addresses would only be used for Masonic communications.

I'm looking forward to seeing you (and I do mean you) around the Altar.

Nundawaga Council No. 92



4th Monday
West Main Street
LeRoy, NY 14482
Ill. Charles H. Lee
Master - 343-2819
Ill. Vernon Rupert
Recorder - 343-8429

December activities

Due to the Christmas holiday, there will be no December meeting of Nundawaga Council. However, that does not mean your Council has no activity during December.

The 8th District Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held in Palmyra at the Masonic Temple, 161 E. Main Street, Thursday, December 5th at 8:00 p.m. The Grand Lecturer will, with the aid of the Companions, cover the floor work and cast interaction in the Select Master Degree. I urge our Council cast for the Degree to participate in this instructional meeting. A dinner will be held prior to the Convention at the Steak-Out Restaurant, just off exit 43 of the New York Thruway on Route 96. No reservations are required.

Official Visit

On Monday, January 27th, R.I. Cyrus (Cy) White, the District Deputy Grand Master, will make his Official Visit to our Council. An opportunity for dinner with the Deputy is being arranged and will be announced in the next issue of the *Masonic Times*. Officers, as Illustrious Master, I expect your presence that evening.

At our February 24th meeting, the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, R.I. Stephen A. Licht, will have his Official Visit to his home Council. More details will follow, but mark your new 2003 planning calendars now for these two important events in this 50th Anniversary year of Nundawaga Council.

Anniversary Year Vignette

The first Stated Assembly of Nundawaga Council Under Dispensation, was held at Warsaw, Wednesday, December 10th, 1952. Notice of the death of the Grand Secretary, M.:I.: E. Parker Waggoner is prominently mentioned in the minutes of that meeting. He had convened the meeting and presented Grand Master, M.:I.: Howard Adams, the Dispensation for the Council's operation only a month before. Council was quick to take action to enter the Eulogium and an appropriate resolution for its entry in the official minute book. Both were composed and presented in an eloquent manner by I.: M.: Nicodemus Bailey.

These minutes also note the first seven petitions for membership were received: 5 from Wyoming Chapter No. 181 and one each from Mt. Morris No. 137 and Attica Chapter No. 289. The Committee on By-Laws presented the model By-Laws for the Council. Nundawaga Council was on its way! It still is continuing as 2002 ends and 2003 begins.

Palmyra Council

No. 26 Cryptic Masons
1st. Thur. 8:00 p.m.

Master
I.: Lee L. Collar, Sr.
(315) 589-8146
Secretary
David W. Taber
388-0629

Palmyra Masonic Hall

Palmyra Council No. 26 is happy to join the *Masonic Times* family.

On November 7th, R.:I.: Stephen Licht, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, made an Official Visit to Palmyra. Dinner was enjoyed by all at the Garlock House prior to the meeting.

Palmyra will host the 8th Cryptic District Convention on December 5th. V.:I.: David Barwell, Grand Lecturer, will oversee the exemplification of the Select Master Degree. Dinner will precede the Convention at 6:00 p.m. at the Steak-Out Restaurant, Exit 43 of the Thruway.

Season's Greetings to one and all.

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

Chartered 1993
3rd Monday
Commander
SK Benjamin P. Thorp, Jr.
347-6542
Recorder
SK Lawrence W. Dunn
594-8033



As I write this article our November meeting is still one week away. The place we are to call home shall have been decided by the time this is in print.

We need all to pull together now and lay aside our differences and make the Commandery as strong as ever. We should remember that the place chosen is only a temporary move for a few years. We also need to remember that you can't please everyone. So, Sir Knights and Brothers, let's all make the best of it.

Christmas Toast

We will be holding our Christmas Toast in the Downtown Temple. This is only fitting, as it is a chance to say good-bye to the old and look forward to our January meeting in our new location. I

know for many of you who have called it your home for so many years that it is a sad time. But, we should remember that nothing is forever.

I have asked the Grand Commander to join us for this, our last meeting at the Temple. As of this writing, I have not heard from him.

So, please mark your calendar and plan to be here for this solemn occasion. If you need a ride, let someone know. I don't want anyone left out.

As we enter this Holiday Season and will close out this year, I would like to quote Robert Burns, from the last verse of "Auld Lang Syne":

And there's a han' my trusty fiere
And gie's a han' o' thine!
And we'll tak a right gude willy waught
For auld land syne!

I hope all Sir Knights will offer each other their hand in friendship and brotherly love and look forward to a new year and a new beginning for Cyrene/Monroe.

I wish each and every one of you and your family all the best this Holiday Season and here's hoping for a great and prosperous New Year.

God bless.

Batavia Commandery No. 34 Knights Templar
2nd & 4th Thursdays
Commander
SK Vernon L. Rupert 343-8429
Recorder
SK Allen L. Capwell 786-3897
39 Main Street, Attica

November is nearly over and everyone should have enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Thanksgiving Dinner for Batavia Commandery was held on Thursday, November 14th. Those Sir Knights and their ladies in attendance enjoyed a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings.

The Annual Christmas Toast will be conducted on Thursday, December 12th. The Ceremony will commence at 8:00 p.m. in the Lodge Hall. Following the Toast, refreshments will be served in the dining room. All Sir Knights, their ladies and friends are welcome to attend and participate in the ceremonies of the evening. Each person attending is asked to

bring a wrapped, one dollar gift marked man, lady or either, for a gift exchange.

Since the Commandery will not be meeting again until after the holidays, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year are extended to all.

Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17
3rd Sat., 9 a.m.
Commander
SK Lawrence E. Hood
(585) 396-9848
Rec. SK David Taber
(585) 388-0629
Phelps, NY

On Saturday, November 9th, the Commandery Orders were exemplified at DeMolay Commandery in Hornell, with Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12, Sagoyewatha No. 17, DeMolay No. 22 and Batavia Commandery No. 34 participating in the presentations of these Orders. A job well done by all.

At 8:00 a.m. we had coffee and doughnuts and a delicious lunch was provided by DeMolay Commandery. A tip of the sword to SK David Lathers, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, for organizing this event.

Our candidate, David R. Rising, is to be congratulated on receiving these Orders and will now be addressed as Sir Knight. I hope that SK Rising will become an active member of our Commandery and join us at our next breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant...I'll buy!

We were honored to have SK M. Eugene Ellis, Rt.:Em.: Grand Commander, visit our Commandery on November 16th, along with his aides, SK Charles Victory, Past Zone Commander of Zone No. 19, and SK Bill DuPree, P.C. of Central City Commandery. SK Ellis had an inspiring message, stressing the importance of the Grand Master's One-Day Class to be held on March 29th, throughout New York State. We should all be looking for qualified men to petition and become Master Masons during this One-Day Class.

On Saturday, December 21st, at 10:00 a.m., we will be having our Annual Christmas Observance Program along with our ladies. Hors D'oeuvres and a lunch will be provided. I am still

looking for a musician to provide some Christmas music for our program. Any SK knowing of someone, please contact me at 396-9848.

On behalf of Sagoyewatha Commandery, my wife, Marge, and I wish you and your family a very happy Holiday Season.

Supreme Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America
Harrisburg, PA
Earl T. Myers, Jr.
Supreme Tall Cedar
Albert Hensinger, DStC, DFD

Party time

As announced in the last issue, we will be meeting on December 14th at Valicia's Restaurant for our Annual Holiday Party. There will be gathering at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Shrimp Scampi at \$20.00, Chicken Florentine at \$16.25 and Prime Rib at \$15.00 are on the menu; tax and gratuity included. You will be contacted by e-mail or phone. Please be prepared to respond when contacted so that we can get an early count. There will be no gift exchange this year.

Our November meeting was the Annual Meeting where the Budget was discussed and passed. New Officers were nominated

and elected. All elected and appointed Officers will be installed at our January meeting.

At that meeting we obligated our newest member, Norm Austin. Norm is a Past Master of Hesperus Lodge and currently Grand Sword Bearer, Genesee/Wyoming District, and active in the York and Scottish Rites. Welcome aboard, Norm!

Membership

Brothers we are in need of new members. We can not exist much longer if we do not initiate at least two or three new members each year. We should all talk to our Symbolic Lodge Brothers about Cedarism. Tell them what our charitable objective is and what the benefits are.

Lilac City Cedarettes

By Joy Woodley
Our Christmas Party will be held at the Humphrey House, 1783 Penfield Road; Wednesday, December 11th. The social hour begins at 6:00 p.m., dinner will follow.

At our November meeting we packed 81 hygiene bags for Battered Women.

Ramona Dimino was elected our new President for 2003.

One of my last official acts will be the planting of a Lilac tree at the Webster Arboretum the first week in June. We will enjoy a picnic and a tour of the grounds.

I thank all for their support throughout the year and for our various projects, especially the contributions for the Muscular Dystrophy Fund.

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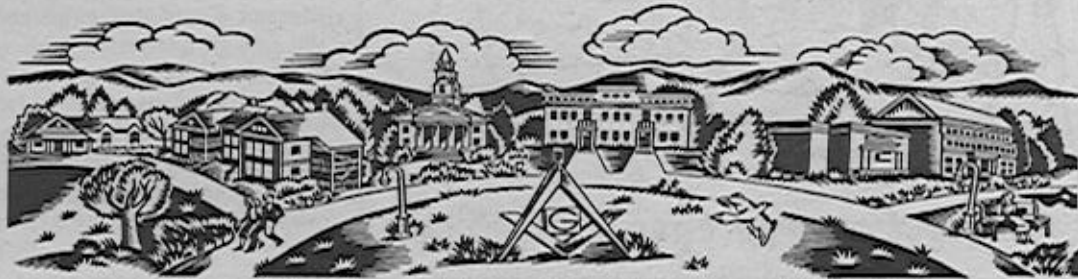
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Alfred Pulcino III Monarch

So sorry for writing my article in invisible ink last month, oh, well, just a few had their private eye kits and were able to figure it out! I just love doing this article stuff so much that I'm the only one running for the position of Monarch for 2003. Just hope I can handle the doctor bills! Never claimed to be bright enough to continue the reporter stuff. Aye, aye, aye!!

The first thing I need to do is to give a great big thank you to all who helped make the Monarch's Ball a very nice evening, especially my Lady, Shirley, and our friend, Joan Birch, for their clever creations for the tables. Behind the scenes there were many more, such as Edna Hutchinson and our Chief Justice, Ken Hutchinson, for the miles in running around, time and work; also to Barb and her man, Past Monarch, Past President of the ESGA, George Abraham, from Zuleika Grotto, Buffalo, for taking on the job of Master of Ceremonies and doing a great job of it. I thank them for their help and advice. I also thank Sally and Past Monarch, Past President, Brad Mangel, of Oran Grotto in Bradford, PA, for their

help and support. I need to stop name-dropping! I know I'm in trouble because I didn't mention you, but honestly, I do thank all of you who helped and attended. If not for each of you all, we would not have had such a good time.

I received some great gifts that I will have to always remember the event. Sure am glad that's over with!

The Monday after, we had our Grotto Board of Governors meeting with a good show of Prophets, some snacks and fellowship. Even two of our newly elected Board members showed up to take part and see what they were in store for. Lou Campaniello and Norm Austin were the two, and I thank them - it's nice to see new members take an interest right off the bat.

Had a meeting Wednesday, November 6th, concerning the 2003 Fall Convention; all went well.

Thursday morning back up to the office to help Bob Smith, Bob Bueg, and Ron Morthorst remove Grotto patches off old uniforms. Job went fast with all the help, thanks. Bob Bueg has been spending lots and lots of time in the back hall packing up the old music to ship off to Texas and we all thank him. Lots of work.

Saturday, Shirley and I were off to Sharif Grotto's Fall Fling in Dunkirk, NY. Had a great meal plus a good time. Most of you missed out! When you don't take part in the goings-on, you do miss out on lots of good times and new friends.

Back in October we had our Fall Ceremonial in short form and brought in four new mem-

bers, plus two re-instatements. Just goes to show ya we can do it. The new Prophets are Vernon Goodrich, Norm Austin, Bruce Horncastle and David Clarke. The re-instatements were Heinz Gunkel and Pierre Dube. We welcome you all and know you will all wonder why you waited so long to do this. We do have room for more. So Prophets, get those petitions out and bring them back completed so your Brethren can join in on all the great times we have in the Grotto.

Brethren, this could be your best Christmas gift ever, so tell the family. They just might think you are worth it. Ladies, this is the gift for that Master Mason in your life, because he thinks he has it all, but not so if he doesn't belong to the Grotto. You also benefit because we do lots of things with our ladies. Call me at 225-8471. The best gift you could ever give.

We all know that December is really an aye, aye, aye month, with shopping, spending money, shopping, spending money, etc. Well, we have a great day planned on December 8th at 2:00 p.m. We will be meeting at the old Ames Plaza on Lyell and Howard Roads to have a tag along trip out to East Shelby for an old time Christmas day from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate in this event. Expect to have a great time!

Please check out the ad right here in the *Times* for all the information, and **there is no cost.**

On December 14th we are having our first annual Children's Christmas Party with Santa for children 10 years old and younger. All this will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the 4th floor in Cathedral Hall. Please round up the grandkids, nieces and nephews, and spend a few hours with them which they will never forget. All you have to do is bring a gift with their name on it so Santa can give it to them. Hope there will be lots going on; don't let the little ones miss out on this fun time. We need help! Be a Santa's helper - get dressed up in your helper outfits and take part. This is also open to all in our Masonic family. There is more information elsewhere in this *Masonic Times* about this event. We can all have much fun with this one, as much as the little ones or more, so please get involved.

Our regular Grotto meeting is on Wednesday, December 18th. Not so regular, we will be having our Elections and a closed Installation of our Officers with our own Past Monarchs doing the work. This is something that has not happened in a long time, to my knowledge. We are having a true Election so, Prophets, you need to make it a must to come out and cast your vote. It's also a free Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings, so be sure you make reservations with our Master of Ceremonies, Gerald Spero at 334-7616. Otherwise you won't be on the dinner list.

Officers

Officers, this is a tuxedo night, so air them out, try them on, see if they still fit. Shirley is always shrinking my stuff, sorry hon!

Don't forget the Board Meeting on December 2nd in the Grotto Office at 7:00 p.m.

Installations

There are lots of installations coming up. Zuleika Grotto, Buffalo, is also a closed one this year on January 16th at 8:00 p.m. Pick up the 2003 trestleboard in the office to stay informed and make your plans.

A Sweetheart Weekend is planned on February 7th and 8th in Niagara Falls, Canada. Ladies, get him on the ball and make your reservations for this fun weekend coming up. There are informational fliers in the Grotto Office with more details on this weekend event.

Well, to conclude, Shirley and I truly wish you all a Merry Christmas and a great New Year. Most of all, have a healthy and safe one. God bless America. ❏

Historian's Corner

By Ken Hutchinson

Continued from the November issue:

Supreme Council indicates Charles M. Colton, PGM, served as Grand Chief Justice in 1904, and Deputy Grand Monarch in 1905. He was elected Grand Monarch in 1906. He died on January 17, 1949 and because of his long service to the Supreme Council, many came from out-of-town to pay their respects.

Grand Monarch Matthew G. Merrill, Grand Secretary Otto F. Hildebrandt, and the new Grand Treasurer, Harold M. Harter, were in attendance on January 19th for Lalla Rookh's Installation of J. Robinson Smith as Monarch.

Among those attending the Funeral Service on January 20th were Deputy Grand Monarch Frank B. Jones, Grand Chief Justice Robert J. Espis, as well as the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.

In 1948 the Grand Treasurer's salary was \$1600.00. Colton was paid \$1139.76, and the Grand Treasurer Harter earned \$466.66. Records show Colton dropped out because of health problems and old age in 1948.

There was no one in Lalla Rookh Grotto to take his place. Donald C. Pillsbury, PM, became acting Secretary until April.

To be continued. ❏

Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

Now that Thanksgiving and Hanukkah have passed, our next holiday is Christmas, so here's wishing everyone Happy Holidays. A good present would be talking with a Brother Mason about Lalla Rookh Grotto and



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Lalla Rookh Grotto

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"The Smells and Treats of Christmas Past"

Sunday, December 8, 2002 from 3-7 p.m.
(West of Rt. 98 Albion, NY)

Caroling, Holiday Foods, Country Dancing, Sleigh Rides, Santa Claus, Hot Chocolate

All this is happening in East Shelby at West Jackson Corners located across from the Shelby Community Bible Church.

We will rendezvous at the old Ames Plaza located at Howard Road and Lyell Avenue between 2:00 & 2:15 p.m. We will have handout maps to make the trip a snap, one left hand turn! All are Welcome!

Lalla Rookh Grotto

Presents
First Annual All Masonic Bodies
Children's Christmas Party With Santa

Saturday, December 14, 2002

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Cathedral Hall, 4th Floor
For Children 10 and younger

Note
Please Bring a gift for each child you bring, with their name on it, to be given to them by Santa (me). There will be Clowns and lots of Santa's Helper. I could use your help! But, most of all we need children.

See you there,
Santa

Make reservations with Al Pucino at (585) 225-8471

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ALL AREA CLOWNS - WE NEED YOU!

inviting him to join our Fraternity. We have many programs planned for the coming year and it would be a great opportunity to encourage them to become a Prophet of Lalla Rookh. If you need any information about the Grotto to pass out to a prospective member, please call me at 334-4753 or Ron Morthorst at 334-4196 and we will be happy to provide all that is needed. □

The Secretary's Corner

By Kenneth R. Milner

At the October meeting, nominations of Officers for 2003 were held. The following Prophets were nominated:

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| Monarch | Alfred Pulcino III |
| Chief Justice | Gerald Spero |
| MC | Kenneth Ratliff |
| Secretary | Leon VanHuben |
| Treasurer | Kenneth Milner |
| | Brian Bills |
| Ven. Prophet | Kenneth Rhodes |
| Marshal | Donald Freeman |
| Trustees | |
| Three years | Ken Hutchinson |
| One year | Robert Smith, Jr. |
| Board of Governors | |
| Three years | Greg Ludwig |
| | George Knierim |
| | Luigi Campaniello |
| Two years | Robert Bueg |
| One Year | Norman Austin |

The remainder of the Officers will be appointed by the Monarch after Elections at our December meeting. Installation of Officers will follow the Elections.

Remember to attend this Summoned Meeting. The dinner before is free, but reservations are a must. Call the Master of Ceremonies, Gerald Spero, at 334-7616. A reservation is required to have dinner; no reservation, no dinner. A reservation made is a reservation you must pay for. □

**ATTENTION
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Clowns

By Uncle Al

Help! Help! I need all the clowns we can get for our Children's Christmas Party on December 14th, in Cathedral Hall on the 4th floor. The time is from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Can't be a better reason than for our own. This is not just for our clowns, but all you clowns, magic men and women. Just get into your elf suits and have a great time seeing the smiles on the kid's faces. No money can buy it, believe me. Lodges, Shrine, all Concordant Bodies, we need ya!

Please come early to help set up, etc. Plan on having some refreshments, coloring and whatever we come up with. I do know Santa will be there with bells on! I hope to see ya there! No better place than the USA. Have a great Holiday Season.

Til next year! □

Chief Justice

By Ken Hutchinson

October's out-of-town activities included Zuleika Monarch's Ball on October 12th. Zafar Grotto's afternoon Ceremonial initiated 18 new Prophets. Their Monarch's Ball in the evening was very well attended.

November 9th found some of us traveling to Sharif Grotto's Fall Fling at the Days Inn in Dunkirk, NY.

Here at home on November 2nd was Lalla Rookh Grotto's turn to play host. That we certainly did, with 103 people attending to honor our Monarch,

Alfred Pulcino III, and his Lady, Shirley. No one realizes how much behind the scenes work this couple does throughout the year, how much they did to make this event the success it was. Also a special thanks to George Abraham, PM, who was the Master of Ceremonies. Thanks to my Lady Edna, Dick and Arlene Topel, and Ken and Doreen Rhodes for their ticket help.

It was an evening that will long be remembered by all. It certainly will always be remembered by our Monarch and his Lady. We will be looking forward to seeing some of the photos Al will be taking with his new camera! □

Master of Ceremonies

By Jerry Spero

Wow! It's December and our last meeting this year. We will be electing the new slate of officers for the year 2003. This will be followed by a closed Installation. The meeting is so important that every Grotto member gets a free Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. Dinner requires a reservation one week in advance. Remember that the social hour starts at 5:00 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Please phone me at 334-7616. No reservations on the answering machine, just leave a name and a phone number. See you all there.

Special reminder

The Grotto is hosting a Christmas Party for children on Saturday, December 14th, in Cathedral Hall from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This will be open to children and grandchildren of all Masons, not just Grotto members. See Monarch Al Pulcino's article for further details on the Children's Christmas Party. □

Legion of Honor

By Ron Morthorst, Commander
December is here and a new year is upon us; the Holiday Season is here.

Dine A Mate 2003

We're selling them!! Yes!! Save big \$\$\$ all year long. Your Legion of Honor is the place to get yours, and for your friends and all your family, too. This is a fundraiser for your Legion and \$22.00 is the price. Get them now and save money on food, restaurants, sports, hotels, etc. Take orders and call PC Al Pulcino III at 225-8471 or me at 334-4196.

Election of Officers

The Legion of Honor meets the 3rd Monday of each month (this month on December 16th). The Social hour is from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. at Bosdyk's Restaurant, Long Pond and Lyell Roads. We order off the menu with individual checks. Reservations are made by calling me by December 11th so we can give the restaurant a count to set up for our meeting. At our December meeting we will be electing our Officers for next year. You will be voting and your vote counts. This is your Legion of Honor, so join us for food and good fellowship that night.

Installation

At our November meeting it was decided to have our Holiday Party in conjunction with our Installation Dinner. Keep this date open - Saturday, January 25th, in your date book. As always, this is an affair that includes your lady, or you may bring a guest. Watch for more details in your January Masonic Times.

Great job!

Our Lalla Rookh Grotto Color Guard and members participated in the Veterans' Day Services at the War Memorial. With a great turnout, we made our mark again when we entered with our Fez's which were noticed. A great job, Prophets!

Open to any Grotto member

We welcome our new members to our Legion and hope they will come to enjoy the Legion of Honor fellowship as much as I have over the years. It is open to any Grotto member. We are interested in building up our membership. If you are a Mason and a veteran, please feel free to call me at 334-4196 and let's talk about it. You'll be glad you did! There are many new benefits available to all veterans. Call me or Monarch, Al Pulcino III, at 225-8471.

The Color Guard is in great shape and represents your Legion and Grotto very well. If you would like to join the Honor Guard, you are more than welcome. Contact Bill Fredenburg today. Thank you, Prophets, for a job well done. I'm looking forward to seeing you at all our functions.

I wish all Prophets and their families a happy holiday full of good food and cheer! □

Caldron News

By Beverly Murray, MCO
Once again the pen has switched hands,
On these - Lalla Rookh Caldron sands,
For with Installation the Officers have moved upon the lands.

Installation has now come and gone,
With Lalla Rookh Grotto in attendance how can we go wrong,
We are glad that all who attended came along.

Our thanks to the Grotto for taking the time,
For making an honor guard line,
Dressed in the "Lt. Purple" jackets and looking just fine.

Our new Jr. Past MCO attended to business like her garden - don't you know,
And the Caldron, like her flowers shown bright and were all in a row,
Her officers and the members are proud of a year without any weeds or complaints to hoe.

Installation was a very special night,
For we presented Jean Wood with her "Charter Member" Pin - which was a delight,
And Pearl Smith was presented her "50-Year Member" Pin - which was a golden sight.

For all the Officers who said yes and took an office - I thank each of you,
Along with all the members who are special - each and every one - even though we are few,
We will do the very best that we can do.

My thanks to the Daughters who attended the Monarch's Ball with me,
A good time was had by all - as far as I could see,
To the "Boss" we add our congratulations to thee.

Al, we are looking forward to working with you in 2003, And please save the date of April 10 (7:00 p.m.) - for an open meeting for all to see,
Ladies and Prophets and Star and Masons are welcome - yes to all of thee.

A very special thank you to all the Daughters who helped in any way,
On the Chicken and Biscuit Dinner on November 30th - that very busy day,
When we raged and looked forward until the last dinner was served - "Thank God" - I'll say.

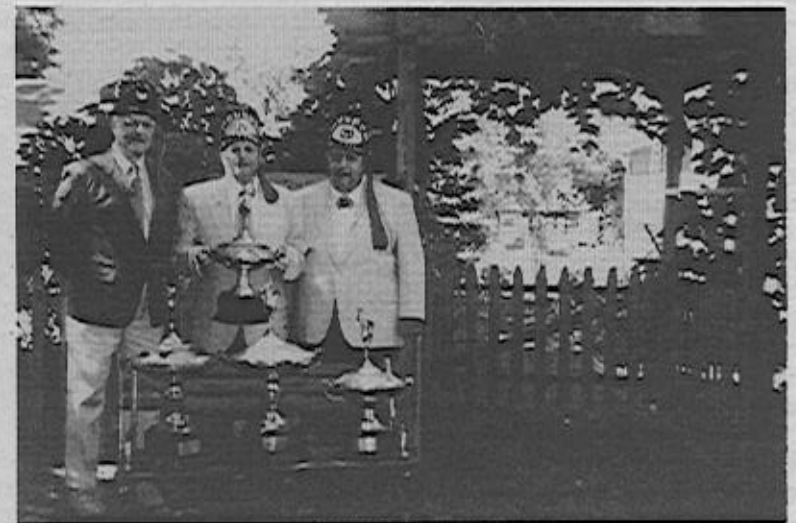
Dates to jot down

December 12th - Our Christmas meeting (7:30 p.m.) with music that cannot be mistook,
December 14th - Grotto sponsored - Children's Christmas - with that excited sound and look,
Al is looking for cookies and

treats for the kids. Santa needs your help for each of the children you bring.
December 19th - Executive Council Meeting (Officers) it might already be in your book.

Merry Christmas to each of you, May you find happiness in what ever you do.
And may "Faith, Hope and Love" see you through.

The New Year is fast approaching on it's way,
So I guess it is time to say,
Happy New and the very best to come to stay. □



Our Trophy Committee, Prophets Charles White, Dick Topel, PM, and Ken Hutchinson, PM, selected the Summer Garden Awards winners. The top trophy went to our Monarch for the dedication and constant care of his Italian Grape Arbor and Gardens. Sadly, he was out of the country at the time of the award.



Grotto Legion of Honor at Congress Avenue Cemetery to pay tribute to deceased Civil War Nurse and other War Dead.



Monarch Alfred Pulcino III with new Prophets Vern Goodrich, Norm Austin, Pierre Devua and Heinz Gunkel, at the Grotto Ceremonial on October 16th. Also pictured are Secretary, Ken Milner, PM, and ESGA President, Michael Bell. (Photos courtesy of Ken Hutchinson)

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Damascus Shrine Center No. 2 Shrine News

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Potentate

Looking at the calendar and all the holiday parties that are planned is certainly a reminder that the year 2002 is coming to an end. It has been great to have seen so many of our Nobles during the Summer months who are now returning to warmer climates for the Winter months. I wish them a happy and safe trip to their destinations and look forward to seeing them next Spring. Hopefully, I can join them for part of the Winter.

I thank our Recorder, Erwin Newell, PP, for the October 19th Harvest Dinner Dance. It was enjoyed by all. The food and music were great. How many times do you go out for dinner and have a whole turkey put on the table and you carve it yourself? Sure hope there will be another one like it next year. It was nice to have some of our Canadian Nobles join us for this affair. They enjoyed themselves very much.

The 2003 Calendars have been distributed to all the Clubs and Units. Please get out and sell as many as possible, as this is a good money maker for the Shrine Center. They make great gifts!

Please note that there are By-Laws changes. They will be voted on at our December Stated Meeting. Please read them carefully so you are aware of what changes have been proposed. A reminder, this meeting is also our Ceremo-

nial (Cold Sands). It is not too late to have a candidate turn in his petition. Remember, we are trying to get back to the 1000 mark; also the first-line signer will receive his 2003 dues paid.

Dues

Remember this is the time of year when your dues notices are mailed out. Please remit to the office as soon as possible. The January meeting is a \$1.00 Steak Dinner if you have your dues paid. If you do not, the dinner will cost you \$8.00.

Lady Nancy and I wish all in our Masonic family a very happy, healthy and safe Holiday Season and a prosperous 2003.

"My fellow citizens, no people on earth have more cause to be thankful than ours, and this is said reverently, in no spirit of boastfulness in our own strength, but with gratitude to the Giver of Good who has blessed us with the conditions which have enabled us to achieve so large a measure of well-being and of happiness."

Theodore Roosevelt

From the Recorder's Desk

By Erwin M. Newell, PP

It isn't even Thanksgiving yet, and here I am thinking of the December Holiday Season. Before we spend the whole month of December getting ready to usher in a new year, there is a little business that has to be attended to. The December 4th meeting will be an extremely busy night. Once again, our meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Oh, yes, we will have a Cold Sands Ceremonial. Immediately following the Ceremony, the meeting, in its entirety, will begin so that our newly created Nobles will have the opportunity to see our Shrine in action.

By-Laws changes

Some of the changes we will be voting on is to officially change the hour of our meeting, have the Election of Officers for the ensuing year at our December meeting and also the name change from Damascus Temple to Damascus Shriners, as was voted on at the Imperial Session in 2002. Please take the time to read the By-Laws in its entirety. If any Noble has a question concerning the By-Laws changes, feel free to call me at any time and I will try to answer your questions. There will be time for discussion at our meeting before a vote is taken. The By-Laws being passed, we will then hold an Election of Officers, Trustees, and Representatives for the ensuing year. The Annual Meeting will be held in January, when a full report of Temple affairs will be given and the Installation of the new Temple Officers will be held.

Now that our labors have been completed, let's talk about parties and good times! Support your Club and Unit Holiday Parties.

Here's wishing you and yours a joyous Holiday Season and may God bless all of us and our families, the Shrine of North America, and all of the children and their care-givers in our hospitals.

On behalf of Brenda and myself, have a cool Yule from the cool Newells!

Chief Rabban's Corner

By Kenneth E. Buckland

Wow! Again, the Holidays are flying by fast, cold weather is here, and we have had our first snow. Looking on the bright side of it, you're not mowing the grass now! So, if you don't know what to do with yourself this Winter, we can use your help. MEMBERSHIP.

MASONRY. SHRINEDOM. There are three main stages to our membership program: 1) Recruitment. 2) Retention; and 3) Restoration. Do you know of just one person you would like to recruit to be a Mason or Shriner? We need their name or application.

What do you like at our meetings, what don't you like, what would you like to see happen, and what can we do for you to retain your membership? You must know a member who asked to be removed from our roles or was dropped from our roles who you would like to see join us again. Ask him to join us and what we can do to help. Your help is needed now!

March 29th

Remember, the March 29th Grand Master's Class is almost upon us and the Lodges need time for their investigations.

Go-Carts

Are you interested in joining a motorized group? There has been some interest in purchasing go-carts and forming a Unit. Basic carts are available in the \$660 - \$900 price range. Please let Jim Kahn or any member of the Divan know if you are interested. We should be able to buy better with quantity. Wouldn't it be nice to see more Units in our parades and we would be having more fun, too.

Currently we have the Mini-Cars, Wheelers, Antique Cars, Fire Trucks, and soon the return of the Trolley. There have been discussions on other motorized Units too, such as the Hillbilly's vehicle or a Yacht Club Boat or Duffers Golf Carts. We need a Band and the Pipers.

We need your participation and help

As you have read, MEMBERSHIP and FUN is a theme you

will hear often.

In closing, Lady Mary and I sincerely wish you and your family a warm, safe, and Happy Holiday and happy New Year to you all.



By Jean R. Friedrich, P.Q.

The holidays are upon us! The festivities begin with our Annual Holiday Tea on Sunday, December 1st, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Damascus Shrine Center will be gaily decorated and the tables spread with delectable treats - fit for a "Queen!" Members and their escorts are invited along with all Shriners and their ladies. Come and spend some quality time with friends, old and new, in the celebration of an old-fashioned Christmas.

Be sure to attend the Stated Session of December 14th. A festive luncheon will be provided by the Past Queens and we will again be collecting goods for the children in the Erie Hospital. In the spirit of the season, we will have our Annual Contribution to the Christmas Convalescent Relief Fund, which goes directly to the children in the Shriner's Hospitals. There may also be some holiday surprises!

We wish you all joy, health and happiness, not only for the Holiday Season, but for the entire new year!

Note

Claxton Fruitcakes are back again, both light and dark, at \$4.00 each. They are available from Eleanor Canfield, P.Q., at 315-524-8729. They make great gifts!

Scottish Rite

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sponsor a child for one year. Potential runners are not limited to Masons. It can be anyone in the community at large.

The Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children

This is the second in a series of short talks on the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children. Today's discussion is to provide some history and current status of Rochester's own Center, The Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children.

The Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children is the only Center of its kind in the State of New York. It was dedicated at the Downtown Masonic Temple on July 12, 1997 to a crowd of almost 300 people. The ceremony followed the format of the dedication of a Lodge building. The Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York at that time, M. W. and Ill. Earle J. Hino, Jr., 33°, officiated with the Grand Line. The event was well attended by local dignitaries. Both the County Executive of Monroe County and the Mayor of Rochester read a joint Proclamation designating July 12, 1997, The Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children Day.

Currently, the Center is lo-

cated on the 3rd floor of the Downtown Masonic Temple. This facility has been home to the Center since its dedication. There are currently 23 students at the Center. Prior to this Fall, 85 students have been served by the Center since its opening in 1997. With the current class of 23, that makes a total of 108 students who have been helped.

The teaching staff consists of 14 teachers. Our teachers have professional backgrounds in Elementary Education, Special Education, Speech Therapy, and School Psychology. We are fortunate to have such a professional and very dedicated staff, which is lead by the very capable Director of the Center, Ann L. Kaczka.

Teachers go through a one-year training program on the Orton-Gillingham method. The Orton-Gillingham system is based on sound symbol associations employing all of the learning pathways of auditory, visual, kinesthetic and tactile - hearing, seeing, feeling and touching. This method is very effective in the remediation of reading, spelling, and writing of dyslexic students. Average improvement is in excess of two grade levels in reading, writing, spelling and other cognitive skills.

There is no cost for this service to the children (or their families). The average cost per child is approximately \$10,000 for a two-

year program. The cost of training is 100% paid for by donations. Operating costs of the Center, such as rent, utilities, and supplies, are provided by the Valley of Rochester.

The current size of the Center (approximately 1,800 square feet) cannot handle more than the current student count of 23. In fact, recently it would not be unusual to see teachers with their students doing their work in the 3rd floor dining room. Therefore, the upcoming move is not happening too soon.

The Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children's new home will be: The Lauer Building, 3rd floor, Pittsford Place Mall, 3300 Monroe Avenue, Suite 330 in Pittsford. The telephone number will be: 442-7290 and the Fax: 442-3173.

The Center will be sharing this space with the Valley of Rochester's administrative office. Actual space for the Center has increased to a little over 2,000 square feet, as well as an increase to eight training rooms from the current five training rooms in the Downtown Masonic Temple location. Additionally, there will be a large conference room to be shared by the Center and the Valley office, which is a benefit for holding teacher training sessions.

In my next short talk, I will discuss Dyslexia and the method that is used by the 32° Masonic

Learning Centers for Children to combat it - the Orton-Gillingham method. Until then, may the Great Architect of the Universe bless you and yours.

Hospitaler's Report

By Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MSA
Larry Dunn - had biopsy on his tongue. Everything is fine.

Please remember all of our Brothers who could use a phone call, visit and/or cards.

Ask Cindy

About Acacia Village



Q. I feel that I am healthy, active and fairly young. Why should I move? A retirement community means being "trapped" with old people for the rest of my life; I don't want to see wheelchairs and walkers.

A. I do hear this statement more often. However, old is a relative term. If by "older" people you mean responsible, mature adults, then you will be living with "older" people - with people your own age. These people come from a wide variety of professions and occupations. They have led active, prosperous lives and continue to do so when they move to a retirement community. There will be some people here who are older than you, and there will be

people here younger than you, but the overall mix will be extremely compatible with the friends you currently have.

There is still a constant interaction between young and old at a retirement community - the younger staff, resident's families who visit regularly, and the intergenerational activities with children at our Day Care Center. More importantly, you are never "trapped" with anyone, or in any place at a retirement community. One of the benefits is freedom. Freedom to do as you please, see who you please. Many tedious household chores are done for you; you are free to travel, play, relax and just enjoy life.



The final visit to Ward 8A for the current year was postponed from November 10th to the 24th, due to an outbreak of the flu.

The Annual Holiday Gift Wrap Session will be Tuesday, December 10th. The Holiday Gift Distribution will be on Sunday, December 22nd.

**Monroe District
HiLights, O.E.S.**

DDGM Rt. Wthy. Debra Leibold 647-3550
DGL Rt. Wthy. William Mattern 594-4449

Since my last report...we survived Grand Chapter Sessions - it was awesome. Nothing renews enthusiasm and pride in membership like that special time spent with Sisters and Brothers from all over the State. We were all bursting with pride when "our Neil" was installed as Most Worthy Grand Patron. There will be no more "in the event of." Neil did it! Another moment that put the whipped cream and cherry on top of the week was when the Monroe District Amigos presented \$17,000.00 to the Grand Matron's and Grand Patron's combined projects. A huge thank you to each and every one of you who supported the various Amigo fundraisers. It is just another example of the great things we can do when we work together, not to mention all the fun we had! We are not done yet. Don't miss out on any of the fun. There are more plans in the works to raise more funds for the July presentation.

Most Worthy Neil's Reception was a fabulous evening, even though we were all a bit weary from our return trip from Syracuse. Be sure to ask Most Worthy Neil about his pet burro if you were not there.

On October 19th many of us journeyed to Queens for Most Worthy Phyllis Spahn's Reception. Thanks to Rt. Wthy. Beverly VanHuben, we had a fabulous bus trip and plan to do it again in June.

The Monroe District Banquet was a magical evening. Rt. Wthy. Barbara Bossert must be very proud. It was announced at this time that the District Community Service Project for 2003 is the National AIDS Alliance in memory of Rt. Wthy. Faythe and Rt. Wthy. Bill Mattern's grandson, Austin. Watch here for information on fundraisers for this project.

To all members: please be proud of your Eastern Star heritage; get out and enjoy the many benefits of your membership.

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Chapter No. 320**

Order of the Eastern Star
1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.
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What a wonderful job of cleaning of the Lodge rooms was performed last month by the Masons under Master Frank Higgins. We were overwhelmed. The recreation area looks better than it has in years. A special "thank you" to all the Masons who were responsible for that transformation.

Meetings

At our Election Day meeting, November 5th, we discussed the overwhelming task of addressing our annual inventory. With the merging of two Chapters, back in 2000, we have duplicates and triplicates of many Ritual items, and the already overloaded kitchen cupboards are bursting. A committee consisting of two of the present Trustees, Rt. Wthy. Sue Goossens and Wthy. Maryanne Sovocool, as well as Rt. Wthy.

Diane Maltese, Sister Jane LePree, and I, will compile an entirely new inventory. We will be looking for appropriate ways to reduce our inventory, especially the multiples of Ritual items and Buffalo china plates, cups and saucers. We also have odds and ends of plates, which we suspect may have been left by donors at our various past functions. Please ask to see them at the next meeting. You might find one of your own!

The Draping of the Altar Ceremony was performed at our November 17th meeting. In this Ceremony, we honor our Sisters and Brothers who have passed on during the year.

December 3rd - Annual Reports are due, and we shall have Election of Officers. Rt. Wthy. Diane Maltese will occupy the East. I will be in the New York City area, joining my brother and his wife, to see Broadway plays and the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Program.

Our Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, December 17th, at the Johnson House in Churchville. Reservations are limited to 25, so hopefully, you have made them with Rt. Wthy. Diane Maltese by now.

Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings will be compiling a new directory which will include e-mail addresses. Please forward this information to her by December 15th.

Sunshine

We missed Wthy. Doris Ray at our November 5th meeting. She had fallen and has a hairline fracture of her wrist. Meanwhile, Rt. Wthy. Carol Lang is recovering from a rotator cuff problem. Sister Kathleen Skelton was having swallowing problems, and Sister Joyce Hooker's brother's health is a concern. Sister Linton Warner is doing better. Our hopes are for speedy recoveries for our Sisters, and prayers for all of those concerned.

Thanks and a challenge

Our appreciation to Wthy. Cathy Thompson, who sent yet another bundle of stamps and labels from Florida. We know that many of you are collecting used postage stamps, Campbell's soup labels, Boxtops for Education, etc., for our Chapter, but they do no good in a drawer or in a plastic bag. Please forward those to Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings this month, and let's see if I can credit at least five other people with donations in our next report.

Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays in December will be Sisters Patricia Cork, Barbara Heeg, Kathleen Skelton, Rt. Wthy. Carol Lang and Wthy. Mary Jane Parry.

Committee

The December Refreshment Committee, also responsible for cleaning, is chaired by Wthy. Cindy Neilson. Her Committee consists of Wthy. Lee VanGrol, Rt. Wthy. Sue Huff, Sister Barbara Heeg, Wthy. Avis Theis, and Rt. Wthy. Martha Loomis.

P.S.

I am writing this article in LaJolla, California, (San Diego area) as I am visiting my brother's family. Note to Matrons: Even if your writer for the *Masonic Times* travels, she can still do the job. Once, no computer being available, I hand wrote the article and faxed it in from Florida. It usually requires at least one phone call to check details, but with free minutes on your cell phone...

**Rochester
Chapter No. 314**

Order of the Eastern Star
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"Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."

Sir James Barrie

I thank all of the Sisters and Brothers who have helped my family since the fire in our home. Your kindness, generosity and prayers, have helped more than I can express. God bless you. Thank you all, Wthy. Dianne.

Annual Meeting

December 7th is our Annual Meeting, Reports and Election of Officers. It will start at 7:00 p.m.

Installation

The year is winding down and Installation is less than 2 months away. It will be January 2nd at 8:00 p.m., and will be an Open Installation, so bring your friends and family.

I thank all my Officers and Committees for their support and hard work this past year. I also wish everyone a joyous Holiday Season.

**Canandaigua/
Fenogowone
Chap. No. 326 O.E.S.**

2nd & 4th Weds.

Mat: Wthy. Leslie Smith
554-6715

Sec: Wthy. Shirley Wells
394-2778

Shortsville Temple

The holidays are upon us, with Christmas and the New Year just down the road. Speaking of holidays, our Chapter Christmas Party will be the 12th of December at Schooners. I hope many of you can join us. We always have a great time. Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. Come early for an attitude adjustment. A great time will be had by all. Please call either Shirley Wells or me to make reservations.

I hope that many of you can come to the meeting on December 11th, as we have a lot to vote on at our Annual Meeting.

I am proud to announce that we now have a new member in our Chapter. Her name is Carol Morales. She joined on October 22nd in Phelps, along with their new member. We did this initiation at Royal/Garoga. It worked out real well and was a fun evening. So now we have two new members in our District.

I wish each and every one a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope all of your dreams come true in 2003.

**Webster
Chapter No. 171**

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

Matron
Wthy. Linda Zahn,
381-4241
Sec. Wthy. Faythe Mattern
594-4449
30 Orchard Street
Webster, New York

Merry Christmas to all and to a good night!

Yes, it's that time of year already, which means one meeting

in December. The Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 3rd. At 6:00 p.m., punch and munchies will be served, followed by a Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

On Sunday, December 15th, there will be an Open Installation, followed by refreshments. The time is 2:00 p.m. Hope to see many of you there.

Our New Year wish for you

While bells are ringing midnight clear

Three gifts we ask for you all this New Year.

Faith is the pilgrim staff we crave
To keep you strong, to keep you brave.

Hope is the candle's pinpoint star
To lead you on the path afar.

Love is the mantle we would wear
Heart-warming garments lined with prayer.

Father God, with these priceless three

Enrich the days Thou sendest to all.

Adaptation from a poem by Marie Barton.

**Queen
Christina**

Court No. 13
Order of Amaranth
3rd Saturday - 2 p.m.

Royal Matron
Mary Burgess
315-789-1264
Secretary
Donna Stalker,
(315) 986-1570

Palmyra Masonic Hall
161 East Main Street

Queen Christina Court No. 13 is happy to come aboard as subscribers to the *Masonic Times*. The Court has been activated from two Courts that were no longer able to exist individually. Our membership is small, but dedicated. We meet in the Palmyra Masonic Hall at 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd Saturday of March through December.

Four new members were initiated in October with the aid of Honored Ladies and Sir Knights in neighboring Districts. Honored Ladies Dana Stalker-Jones and Shirley Wells and Sir Knights L. Ronald Edwards and Cyril R. White became members.

There are many in the Rochester area who belonged to Courts that have gone dark. Anyone wishing to affiliate or join can receive a petition by contacting the Secretary.

The December 21st meeting will be a planning time for the ensuing year. There will be no meetings during January or February.

Season's Greetings to one and all.

**Tri-Star
Chapter
No. 209 O.E.S.**

1st & 3rd Tues. 7:30 p.m.

Matron
Rt. Wthy. Mildred DePew
(315) 597-4532
Patron
Rt. Wthy. Bruce DePew
Secretary
Rt. Wthy. Helga Haak
(315) 597-4105
Palmyra Masonic Hall
161 East Main Street

I can't believe it's almost December! Where has the year gone? I guess when you are busy, time flies.

In October we attended the Grand Chapter Session in Syracuse, our very own member, Rt. Wthy. David Taber, was installed as District Grand Lecturer and Rt. Wthy. Joan Sewert of Richards Chapter, Marion, as District Deputy Grand Matron.

In October, Rt. Wthy. Betty Lou Fehr and Sister Arline Collins received their 50-Year Pins. Rt. Wthy. Betty was able to be here from Florida.

On November 19th we had two more Sisters receive their 50-Year Pins; Wthy. Lois Daniels and Rt. Wthy. Louise Dippo.

Our last meeting of 2002 will be on December 3rd. Remember to bring donations for the Food Pantry. If you can't attend the meeting, monetary gifts may be given to the Food Pantries.

Our Christmas Party will be on December 7th. For details contact Donna Hiler or Kay Wharmby. Please try to attend and remember your gift for your Secret Pal. This is the night we all find out who our Pals are.

This is my first note to all of you. In January you will hear from your new Matron, Wthy. Eleanor VanDerlinder.

Thank you to all my 2002 Officers for your support. The Wthy. Patron and I had a wonderful year.

In Memoriam

October

Risk, John C.

John was 88 years old when he passed away on October 23rd. He was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538 and Rochester Consistory.

Zander, William R.

The Lord called Bill Home suddenly on October 24th, while he was doing volunteer work at Highland Hospital. He was a member of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 and leaves his wife, Elaine, one son, four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Angold, Ellen "Nell"

Nell was a 68 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a Past Matron of Webster Chapter, No. 171. Death claimed her on October 25th. Survivors include her two children, and four grandchildren.

Conrad, Charles A.

The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Charles on October 25th at the age of 87 years. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 and is survived by his wife, Dorothy, two children, seven grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

Pfengle, Gerald C.

Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 lost a member with the passing of Gerald on October 25th. He leaves four children and two grandchildren.

Schneider, Russell N.

Russell met his Maker on October 25th at the age of 79 years. He was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538 and leaves his wife, Anne, three children, ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Lansing, Robert J.

Robert was embraced by the loving arms of the Lord after a long illness. He was a member of Fame Lodge No. 722. Six children and four grandchildren survive him.

November

Buckman, B. Clarke

The Peace of the Lord embraced Clarke on November 12th. He was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, one son, one granddaughter and one great-grandson.

Your Legal Rights

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The other important concept related to the 5th Amendment right to remain silent is the Miranda warning. The Miranda warnings are warnings that the Supreme Court requires all law enforcement officers to advise persons of, prior to questioning them. Note: they don't apply to private citizens, thus store security personnel have no obligation to Mirandize suspected shoplifters.

Functional equivalent

These Miranda warnings advise a person that they have the right to remain silent, and to the assistance of counsel. As outlined above, these warnings aren't required unless a person is in custody, or its functional equivalent. What is a functional equivalent? An initial stop by an officer to find out who you are and where you are going isn't considered accusatory in nature. It may relate to crowd control or other public safety concerns; such as, you can't go that way because a building is on fire. Sometimes what starts out as a friendly encounter with the police can escalate into a hostile one. The officer may mistakenly take you for someone who has been wanted for a string of robberies. His questioning, if it becomes accusatory, would require he Mirandize you first before proceeding with further questioning. Because the officer now considers you a suspect in a crime, you are for all intents and purposes being interrogated, and thus entitled to be reminded of your right to remain silent.

How do Miranda warnings protect? To be continued...

**Grand Lodge
Veterans Service
Committee**



R..W..
**THOMAS M.
PAFLIA**

CHAIRMAN, VETERAN'S SERVICE

As Chairman of the Grand Lodge Veterans Committee, it becomes my sad duty to inform everyone of the passing of two great Masonic volunteers for the VA Medical Centers.

R..W.. Austin Keith, Emeritus

R..W.. Austin Keith was a Mason's Mason. He was full of wonderful sayings, full of joy, and a pleasure to be with. Austin started his volunteering about 25 years ago. He and his beautiful wife were at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center at least twice a week. They would spend at least six or eight hours visiting the veterans. They were very proud of what they were doing.

His favorite time of the year was Christmas. What a great feeling he would have when presenting the gifts and sometimes helping the veterans unwrap them. A smile a mile wide would appear on his face and a small teardrop would roll down his cheek.

Austin became a very close friend of mine. He was always there to do whatever needed to be done, and sometimes a little extra. He would purchase extra items to give to the veterans and never ask for anything in return.

His main purpose in life was to see that the veterans received good care. Near the end, he would try to visit the veterans, but was limited by his illness.

R..W.. Donald Strait

R..W.. Donald Strait was a volunteer at the Bath VA Medical Center. He had put in at least 20 years of visitations. Don always had a pleasant smile, a kind word for everyone and never was one to take a back seat to anyone when it pertained to the veterans. He was called "Mr. Ambassador." I don't believe there was anyone on the Medical Center staff who did not know him. It seems he was all over the campus; always moving around.

Don contributed much to the Bath VA Medical Center, such as organizing the Memorial Day Parade. Memorial Day was a day of celebration at Bath, with the usual speeches, flag waving and get-togethers, but it was Don who thought up the idea of having a parade march around the grounds.

Anticipating the Memorial Day Parade, everyone would get into the spirit of it and hang out American flags; tents would be erected for speeches; programs printed; all of the necessary things needed to make it a day of remembrance. One hour before the parade, the veterans would line along the curb with their families; some with their uniforms (if they could still fit into them); many with their children

and grandchildren, all with a small American flag in their hands ready to wave as the parade went by. Many would salute as the Colors went by and if you were in a car, they would give a high ball as you passed by. Those in wheelchairs would be up in the balcony doing the same thing. To this day I can still recall many of those scenes. You could feel the pride that these veterans had inside of them. Don gave them something of which they could be proud - their self-esteem and integrity - because they gave their all for their beloved country - America!

Lest we forget

Austin and Don will always be part of me. Two finer Masons you could not find anywhere else. Their life was dedicated to the betterment of life for the veterans. They will leave a big void in our Masonic Veterans Service Committee. The Masonic Veterans Service Committee is a close family...they will be missed.

Association

When you are associated with such wonderful Masons as the Masonic Veterans Service Committee and the Masonic War Veterans, you become one. Anything that affects one, affects all.

These two fine Masons will surely be missed. We hope as they entered that House not made with hands, the Great Architect of the Universe greeted them with "well done, good and faithful," enter. □

**Masonic Gothic
Bowling League**



Secretary
John J. Flynn
585-227-6106

The Masonic Gothic Bowling League has completed the first nine weeks of its schedule. We have two new teams and six teams returning from last season. The league bowls on Wednesday evenings at Maiden Lanes at 8:30 p.m. We usually have a need for one or more substitute bowlers, so stop by some time.

Two long-time league bowlers were unable to start the season due to illness. We hope that Jack Thibaut and Harold Reynolds will be able to join us before the season is over.

There were 27 600 plus series and 146 200 games rolled in the first nine weeks. 600 series were rolled by Brendan Dady - 688 (214, 231, 243) and 664 (248, 225), David Horeth - 674 (258, 227), 616 (225), and 609 (221), Ken Masi - 665 (244), 659 (226, 230), 623 (246), and 605 (215), Rick Flanagan - 647 (233), 626 (216), 612 (229), 608 (223), and 603, Tom Ayers - 625 (222), 603 (231), and 600, Don Weis - 624, (216), 616 (221), and 611 (218), Scott Weis - 621 (220), Norm Messerschmid - 619 (224), Phil Schultz - 610 (219), Lee Olyer - 609 (221, 223), 606, and 601 (218), and Rob Goodyear - 601 (238).

Other notable scores included Don Weis - 245 and 224, Lee Olyer - 245, Phil Schultz - 244 and 223, Tom Ayers - 242, Dave Achenbach - 240, Chris Masi - 237, Norm Messerschmid - 236, Brendan Dady - 234, Jeremy Fromm - 230 and 220, Jeff Dangler - 227, Roosevelt Williams - 226, Lee Olyer - 226, Rudy Meyris - 225, Rick Flanagan - 224, Ken Masi - 223, Derek Masi - 212, Scott Kozlowski - 201, and Matt Dwyer - 200. □

**Masonic Activities
Looking Ahead**

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

2003

Jan. 25 Monroe District-Wide Brother Bring-a-Friend Night at Webster Lodge

Jan. 29 School of Ritual at Northfield Lodge, Pittsford

Feb. 1-14 Have-a-Heart Campaign

Mar. 29 New York State One-Day Masonic Festival

Apr. 26-27, May 3-4, 10-11 NYS Masonic Bowling Tournament at Lake George

May 31- Jun. 4 Prince Hall OES Grand Sessions, Rochester

Jun. 5-6 Prince Hall Grand Sessions, Rochester

Classified Services

KRD Painting: Interior & exterior. Quality work guaranteed. Free estimates. Keith Dustin, 585-458-9328. Member Oatka Lodge.

Wanted: Toy Trains & accessories, (O & O27) any condition. Prices per Greenberg Book & condition. D. Brugger, 585-473-4351, 585-458-6125.





Wanted: Old style "sew-on" buttons, especially Masonic and Eastern Star buttons. Alice Hassett, 585-889-4357.

Employment

Wanted: Archangel has just released a new web portal system and is looking for full and part time Account Managers. No experience needed for this product. If interested please contact R.J. Muto, 585-264-0221 or rj@archangelinc.com

December Gem - Turquoise
December Flower - Neroleasus

Big Calendar December 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Nile - Holiday Tea, 2-5 p.m. Winter Fest - Masonic Home Campus, Utica	2 Canandaigua - Shortsville, OV West Star - Varysburg RAM - Palmyra/Eagle OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club	3 Charlotte/Corinthian, OV Cilo - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson Oakland - Castile Warsaw OES - Fairport, Monroe, Nolatka, Perry, Tri-Star - Palmyra, Webster	4 Attica Drumlin Square - Palmyra Olive Branch - LeRoy Livonia Damascus Shrine, Cold Sards OES - Henrietta	5 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen, OV Northfield - Pittsford, OV Webster, 1* Eunice - Caledonia RSM - 4th Cryptic District, Grand Lecturer's Convention - Palmyra	6 Hanukka Ends at Sundown	7 Auditions for 1*, 9 a.m., Charlotte/Corinthian OES - Rochester Chapter - East Rochester Pearl Harbor Day
8 Mt. Vernon Lodge Pancake Breakfast Java Village OES District Christmas Party - DTT Cilo Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Wednesday, Dec 11th East Avenue, Hilton	9 ERAC - East Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport/Flower City, 2* Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeyoy Falls, OV Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Escalior - Shortsville, 1 OES - Mary Jane Holmes, Charlotte Shrine Lunch Club	10 Arcadia Batavia, 4,000th Communication Craftsman/Robertson Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Genoa - Webster, OV Valley/Times RAM - 3x3, Denville, Wyoming OES - Leah - Hilton	11 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminal - Pike Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting Lalla Rookh Caldron OES - Batavia, Corinthian/ Fellowship, Canandaigua Penogowone - Shortsville	12 Eagle Valley - Biles Milnor - Victor RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandary	13	14 Auditions for 2*, 9 a.m., Charlotte/Corinthian Grotto District Christmas Party, 11 p.m., DTT
15 OES - Webster Chapter - Installation, 2 p.m.	16 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrena/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club	17 Charlotte/Corinthian Cilo - Hilton Oakland - Castile Warsaw OES - Fairport, Monroe, Nolatka, Perry	18 Attica Drumlin Square - Palmyra Olive Branch - LeRoy Livonia Lalla Rookh Grotto, 1 RSM - Doric Council OES - Henrietta	19 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Gothic Rite, Tabeth RAM - Western Star	20	21 Amaranth - Queen Christina Court - Palmyra KT - Gogoyewatha Comm. - Phelps
22	23 ERAC - East Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeyoy Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield OES - Mary Jane Holmes, Charlotte Shrine Lunch Club	24  Christmas Eve	25 <i>Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men</i>  Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day First Day of Kwanzaa	27	28  Aurora Center Sun. - Sun. Dec. 1 - Dec. 8 Mamma Mia, Regular times Wed. Dec. 18 Trans Siberian Orch. 7:30 p.m. Sat. Dec. 14 RICO - Rich Lewis, 8 p.m. Sun. Dec. 22 Yamptons 7:30 p.m.
29 	30 Genoa/Wyoming - InterLodge Euchre Tournament	31 New Year's Eve	Holiday Greetings * From the Times Staff Barb, Dave, Don, Mat, Norm, Skip, Vern			

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