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## Have-a-Heart Campaign for The Ronald McDonald House

By R. W. M. Donald Darrohn  
This month we are offering hearts again to the public at local area malls. All money collected will be presented to our local Ronald McDonald House.

### How did this start?

The first Ronald McDonald House was opened in Philadelphia in 1974. This occurred after an Eagles pro-football player family member with leukemia was in treatment in a Philadelphia hospital. There was no comfortable, supportive place nearby for family to be near their loved one. A campaign was established that involved the 'Shamrock Shake' at local McDonald's restaurants to raise initial funds. The rest is history!

There are now 210 Ronald McDonald Homes in 14 countries, the most recent being opened in Japan late last year. In the United States there are 146 Home Away From Home's, as they are known. New York State has 6 Homes located in Buffalo, Syracuse, Albany, Manhattan, Long Island and Rochester. The purpose in each case is to provide shelter and support for families who have children in treatment at a nearby hospital. These "Homes" take significant planning and effort in order to bring one to a community. There must first be three key elements in place even before those steps can begin; 1) a hospital with a need, who would support a Home; 2) a core of volunteers to serve on the Home's Board and who would commit to a capital campaign; and 3) McDonald restaurant owner/operators who will financially support a Home.

### Local Home

Westmoreland Drive, behind Strong Hospital, is the site of our local Ronald McDonald House. Initial work as mentioned above was accomplished in the mid to late 1980's. The capital campaign was begun in 1988 with the owner/operators committing \$250,000 over a 5 year period. (They paid it off in 4 years.) That was the same year the Freemasons of the community kicked off their Have-a-Heart Campaign in support of the Ronald McDonald House. A Masonic Cornerstone Dedication was held, with the picture of that event prominently displayed in the entrance to our Home Away From Home.

The Home opened in 1990 with 20 rooms on two floors. An elevator was added to serve the second floor in the late 90's. There are 3 kitchens all grouped together, allowing preparation of special or ethnic meals for loved ones. Some individual Lodges have taken the time to buy the supplies and use the facilities at the Home to prepare a meal for the residents. It's always welcomed, as long as it's scheduled through the office.

The Home provides a fully stocked pantry, laundry facilities and even some shuttle transportation. Doctors at local hospitals refer families to the Home. The cost to the family is ten dollars per day if they can afford it, otherwise there is no charge. The current average length of stay is one week, and the longest stay at the Westmoreland address is two years. There have been 4000+ families served by the local Ronald McDonald House.

Families from 42 States have stayed there while their child was being treated. Presently the Home is fully utilized, with 40% of the occupants having a child receiving cardiac care, Strong Hospital recently being approved for that type of care. Neonatal babies families make up another 25% of the guests staying at the Home.

### Masonic involvement

Fourteen years ago at a Masters and Wardens meeting, there was agreement to get on board and support the effort to bring a Ronald McDonald House to the Rochester community. That effort has continued every year since then, offering Hearts in the local malls to raise funds to support the Home Away From Home. This year is no exception, we will be in Eastview Mall from Saturday, February 2nd, through Thursday, February 14th; the Mall at Greece Ridge Center and Marketplace Mall from Monday, February 4th to Thursday, February 14th. See you there!

## Service Bureau Thanks Monroe M & W

By Don Brugger  
On Saturday, January 5th, the Masters and Wardens Association of Monroe District sorted surplus equipment for the Masonic Service Bureau. Don Darrohn, Derek VanHouten and Jim Toogood came back on Monday and Tuesday to dismantle and dispose of the surplus equipment culled from the inventory.

The Service Bureau expresses its appreciation for their efforts. It was a task that has needed to be done for some time and has freed up much storage and work space in the Loan Closet area.

## Search Committee Suspended

By R. W. Eugene Brendel  
The Search Committee, appointed to find a new location for the Service Bureau and associated Masonic Bodies, was asked to find property under the following criteria:

1. The land or building must be for sale, not lease.
2. Location should be accessible to an expressway.
3. Minimum size, if 2 story, 6000 sq. ft. with usable walkout lower level; 1 story, 9000 sq. ft.
4. Parking space for a minimum of 50 cars.
5. Purchase and building/rehabilitation cost must be less than \$500,000.

Working through a commercial real estate firm we located a property, just two days after our last report, that seemed to be worth looking at. Vern Goodrich, Charles Roberts and I spent an hour and one half on December 14th examining the property and determined that it warranted further consideration inasmuch as it met all of the above criteria.

In phone conversations with the three committee members who were unable to inspect the property, but were familiar with it, we agreed to recommend that a purchase offer be made "as soon as is practical." We felt it was necessary to do this quickly because of a reported December 19th vote on a proposal by the Grotto to move to Damascus Temple.

The recommendation was presented at a meeting of the Service Bureau Directors on December 21st. The pros and cons were discussed and the recommendation was rejected.

The main reason for the rejection was that the cost of operating would have been \$14,000 per year more than our receipts, and could easily have been as much as \$20,000 as our membership declines.

In addition, the TCC decided not to make its \$500,000 available for the purchase of a building at this time. The TCC also decided to move its functions to the Shrine.

A motion was then made to pursue moving to the Damascus Temple subject to approval of a lease by the Service Bureau. A motion to have the Search Committee follow up on city owned property was tabled and at the Service Bureau meeting on January 9th, the Committee was directed to suspend further activity.

## Service Bureau Scholarships Available

By Erna-Jean T. Walker  
The Masonic Service Bureau is happy to again offer Scholarship Applications for high school seniors or students attending an accredited college. The Scholarships are for \$1,000 on a one time basis only. All applicants must belong to a Masonic related youth organization or be sponsored by a mem-

## Scholarships Available

**Grand Lodge:** 1. Immediate relatives of Masons (children, wives, grandchildren) planning to attend college, trade school, or returning to school for retraining. 2. Letter of recommendation from the current Master of the Lodge. 3. 2.75 GPA or equivalent. Forms available through Lodge Sec., deadline April 30th to Mr. Sullivan, 315 Locust St., Lockport, NY 14094, 716-434-5401. Up to \$1000.

**Totten Essay Contest:** Available to High School Seniors who are children or grandchildren of New York State Masons and are anticipating college attendance in Fall of 2002. Ten awards from \$500 to \$1500. Must be applied for through the Lodge. Details in ESM.

**Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester:** High School Seniors, forms available through the Service Bureau Office in January. Deadline March 31st., must be recommended by a Mason in good standing.

**Grand Chapter, RAM:** Children and Grandchildren of RAM Masons who are high school and college students, available through Chapter Sec., \$500 - 1000.

**Grand Commandery:** Loans available from Grand Commandery through your Commandery Recorder.

**Scottish Rite:** College Students only. Available through your Valley Secretary, deadline March 15th., \$500, 750, 1000.

## Damascus Shrine Circus

Rochester War Memorial, Blue Cross Arena  
Fri., Mar. 22 - 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.  
Sat., Mar. 23 - 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m., 8 p.m./Sun., Mar. 24 - 12 p.m., 5 p.m.

## Save the Date!

Widows Luncheon, March 16th,  
R. W. John Fuller - Featured Speaker.

ber of a Masonic Lodge or related Body.

The deadline is March 31st, 2002 and all applications should be mailed to:

Mrs. Erna-Jean T. Walker  
4580 Dewey Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14612-3951

Applications may be obtained at the Masonic Service Bureau, Secretary of a Lodge, Eastern Star Chapter or youth organization.

The Service Bureau number is 473-4351 or call me at 663-2266.

## Welcome!

## Ontario Seneca/Yates District

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The *Masonic Times* welcomes Ontario/Seneca/Yates District to its family of subscribers.

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Excelsior Chap. No. 164, RAM  
Sagoyewatha  
Comm. No. 17, KT

## Service Bureau Hawaiian Trip Meeting Notice

Damascus Shrine Center  
797 Bay Rd., Webster

January 30th, 7:00 p.m.

This meeting is for two groups:

1. Potential new persons wanting information.
2. Current travelers (those already scheduled) to keep abreast of the latest information.

## Visit a Masonic War Veteran

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## Editor's Corner

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

I have discussed many things in this column over the years and always wondered whether anyone read what I had composed. I have received, from time to time, comments from friends and family about the content of these dissertations, but not too much from our general readership.

My impression is that the hints and submission guidelines to some of our authors are almost totally ignored, as well as honoring deadlines. Which leads to the inexorable conclusion that almost no one reads this column. Since this is the time of the year when resolutions are made (and broken) I thought that I would resolve to not be so critical of those who supposedly are really busy and don't have the time to pen a few words of helpful information to their Brethren. I also thought that I would shed the mantle of Father Confessor for those few who have always contrived ingenious reasons for not communicating, submitting copy late or not proofreading it.

Another resolution that I had thought of adopting was to print all submissions "as is", i.e. not correcting grammar, eliminating ambiguity, changing wrong dates, and questioning nonsensical utterances. But, since I risk the possibility of breaking these resolutions and really feeling badly about it, maybe I'll just forget about that idea.

### One more thing

I would like to dispel the notion that articles for the *Times* can be imported directly from e-mail, FAX, into our format. This is **NOT** the case. No matter what format you compose your copy in, unless it is Pagemaker, it must be reset. It would be really cool if our authors could put their heads on their PC or FAX, visualize their article and push the button. I don't see that happening in the near future. So, we will just have to stick with the old method of resetting copy for now.

### All kidding aside

We really appreciate the cooperation of most of our authors in assisting us in getting the *Times* out in a timely manner. If any of my rantings do hit home, please take them in the manner intended. In fact you could make a resolution to that effect.

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### Year End Review

The Masonic Service Bureau had another busy, yet good, year. Yes, I wish our investments had done better, but considering all things, we can't complain.

Our Camp was busy both in use and maintenance. We replaced the porch of the main lodge with a much larger and greater porch and refinished the outside of one of our sleeping cabins. We also purchased a large mower. On the downside, our new sign at the road was ripped off and will be replaced in the Spring of 2002.

The facilities search was like a yo-yo with several highs and lows. The property on Elmgrove Road had many attributes, but when one of the main organizations removed its support just prior to making an offer, we had to cease work on that place as a western center for Masonry in this area. The Service Bureau then established another Search Committee, chaired by R.W. Eugene Brendel. The group reviewed 93 sites, but were unable to find property that was suitable, affordable, good location and cost effective maintenance, especially under a severe restriction of available funds. Near the end of 2001, the Service Bureau voted to move to the Shrine Center, subject to our approval of a lease and the Temple Civic Center voted to support its member Bodies rental at the Shrine Center. The TCC funds will always be available for future use. The Committee, both on the Elmgrove site and the subsequent search, did a yeoman's job.

The Loan Closet, as usual, was very busy during the year, the *Masonic Times* also was very active during the year keeping all the Lodges and Districts aware of events. We also started getting the Livingston District. We now take care of Monroe, Genesee/Wyoming, OSY and Livingston Districts. Someday, perhaps, Wayne will join us.

Because of our Endowment Funds, the Service Bureau is in sound financial condition. It is, however, readily apparent that with lower Masonic membership, both the United Way receipts and the Service Bureau's yearly appeal are providing the Bureau with fewer operational dollars. In order to avert a financial problem in the future, each contributor must step up to the plate and give more.

When you take into consideration all of the different functions your Masonic Service Bureau does, we are unique in the entire country. Only the Bureau in Seattle comes close (75%) to matching our Bureau.

The Board of Directors had 11 meetings during 2001. Ten for the monthly Luncheon Meetings (except July and August) at the

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Nutcracker Restaurant on Empire Boulevard and a special luncheon meeting in December at the Downtown Temple. Average attendance at the regular monthly meetings, including representatives, was over 25 and 17 Directors were at the special Board meeting in December.

The Bureau gave away \$15,000 in Scholarships and \$15,000 in Grants to soup kitchens, hospice homes, youth groups, etc.  
May God guide us in our future endeavors.

## Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee



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

### New Year resolution

Have you made a resolution for the year 2002? If not, why not contribute to the Wish List? Many items are needed for various VA Medical centers including, Albany, Bath, Canandaigua, Rochester (Westfall Road), Syracuse and Western NY Healthcare System.

Look around your home or place of business. The items would be greatly appreciated and

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you may be able to claim them as a tax deduction. Contact R.W. Lawrence Hood at 585-396-9848, R.W. Harold Bollotin at 585-342-5865 or me at 585-227-2046. If no one answers, kindly leave me a message.

All items must be in good condition, ready to be used. These facilities do not have the manpower or equipment to make repairs.

### Wish List

#### Albany

The Albany VA Medical Center is looking for monetary donations for the following causes:

Fund 1312-to purchase personal comfort items and clothing articles for indigent patients.

Fund 1337-donations earmarked to purchase a portable ultrasound for occupational therapy. \$1,595 is needed.

Fund 1328-to support sending veterans to the Winter Sports Clinic, Golden Age Games and Wheelchair Games.

#### Bath

Fish tank for tropical fish.  
Non-perishable food items.  
New bedding and towels.  
Utensils, silverware.  
Pots and pans.

Small appliances (electric can openers, toasters, irons, etc.)  
Sponsors for off-site events and entertainment for patients.  
Like new or new clothing (jeans, shirts, footwear, coats, and jackets.)  
Lap robes.

Funds are needed for:  
Veteran transportation.  
Televisions for patient rooms and common areas.

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Holiday events and programs.  
National games.  
Women Veteran's Program.  
Monetary donations to the  
General Post Fund are always accepted. Contact Voluntary Service for more information.

### Canandaigua and Rochester

Personal care items (shampoo, shaving cream, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, new socks, and underwear, etc.)  
Tickets to sporting events or for bowling.  
Bingo prizes.  
Donations for the DAV/volunteer transportation program.  
Organization sponsored luncheons/pizza parties.  
Donations for the Planetree Program.  
Pool table.  
Chime clocks.  
Videotapes (old movies.)  
Rototiller.  
50 gallon aquarium.  
Organization sponsored day trips.  
Refrigerator, stove, washer, and dryer for the golf house.

### Syracuse

Patient bedside telephones-\$15.00.  
25" room television-\$289.00.  
TV/VCR with care (patient education)-\$500.00.  
Satellite TV programming-\$5,000.00.  
We are always looking for comfort items (t-shirts, underwear, socks) and items for recreational therapy (paint supplies, etc.)

## Are You Moving?

Print your NEW address below (incl. seasonal chgs.)

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Volunteers are needed for: companion therapy, clerical assistance, assisting with recreational activities, patient escort/transport, golf course and clothing room.

**VA Western New York Healthcare System**

- Door wander guards-Batavia.
- Funding for PTSD Residential Rehabilitation Program-Batavia.
- Nourishment for Diabetes Support Group-Batavia.
- Newspapersubscriptions-Buffalo.
- Social work emergency travel-Buffalo.
- Coffee Cart Program-both sites.
- Fish tank maintenance (volunteers)-both sites.
- National Veterans Games (volunteers)-both sites.

**Electrifying Bloopers**  
Tom Paglia

Thanksgiving Day is supposed to be a day of feasting, a time of good cheer when most people get together to enjoy each other's company. We were invited to an in-law's house to partake of a very scrumptious dinner. The host and hostess really know how to put on a good dinner. Anyway, while sitting at this large island munching on some goodies, I noticed the host was mashing potatoes with a hand held electric mixer. Being the way I am about electricity, I went over and asked him if the cord was plugged into a ground fault protected outlet. He really didn't know. The reason I asked was because he was mixing the potatoes in a stainless steel bowl in a stainless steel sink. Any outlet with ground fault protection should be marked, "this outlet protected by a ground fault", I did not see a label on any of them. I told him it could be very dangerous. He said OK, and pulled the cord, not by the cap but by the wire, (a dangerous habit to get into). He then headed for the electric range and set it on one of the burners, plugged it into the stove outlet and continued.

I told him this wasn't a good idea, either. His reply was, "Oh, well, for now it will do." So I walked away, went back to the island and finished drinking my glass of pop. Guess I made a nuisance of myself, because I told him he should put it on the counter, which he did. I believe he would have liked for me to just disappear. I didn't say any more.

He didn't know it, but I looked in his panel box and there was a ground fault breaker marked counter top outlets. This being a new home, I knew it was right.

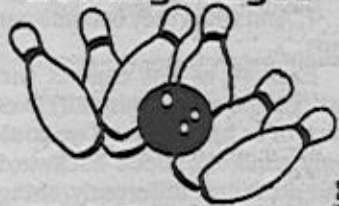
While there, I noticed the kids playing pool. Just so I would not miss out in that big Turkey and Ham Dinner and discretion being the better part of valor (can you believe me saying that?), I joined them. They beat me. At least I knew he was safe. Maybe the next time I visit I'll tell him so.

**We Hate to Nag you....**



But!...return postage is expensive. Please let us know if you move. Tell us in advance!

**Masonic Gothic Bowling League**



John J. Flynn, Secretary  
227-6106

Don Weis earned a Senior Award Patch for his 270 game, that was 79 pins over his average. It was part of a 660 series.

Bud Grape rolled a 647 series with games of 220 and 243. He will receive a Senior Award Patch for his series that was 120 pins over his average.

In the past four weeks, there were 16-600 series and 56-200 games. 600 series were rolled by Don Weis-632 (237) and 609 (219), Brendon Dady-627 (250), 604 (220), 604 (250), and 600 (223), Umberto Carbone-621, Scott Weis-630 (225), Rick Flanagan-614 (224) and 607 (235), Bill Rubert 612 (221), Mitch Wright-600 (219), and John Flynn-600 (225).

Other notable scores included Rick Flanagan-241, Jeremy Fromm-229, Don Weis-226, Chris Masi-224, and Bob Eckman-224.

The league bowls at Maiden Lanes at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday night. If you are interested in bowling as a regular or sub, please contact me.

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

**Jury Service-Part 2**

If the week you are assigned to jury service conflicts with your schedule, then you can obtain a postponement. A postponement of jury service is an adjournment of the date of jury service to a new fixed date.

All jurors are entitled to an initial postponement of their jury service of up to six months. Additional postponements of up to six months may be granted if jury service would result in a documented hardship. Jury service cannot be postponed beyond 18 months measured from the initial request for a postponement.

At one time the law exempted certain individuals, based on their profession, trade or status, from jury service. No more. Everyone, regardless of their station in life, is subject to being called for jury service.

Exemptions from jury service can only be had by application to the local jury commissioner. Exemptions are now referred to as excusals. To obtain an excusal from jury service, you have to submit an application demonstrating any of the following: 1. A mental or physical limitation precludes service on a jury; 2. Jury service would cause undue hardship or extreme inconvenience to yourself, or a person under your care or supervision.

If the application for excusal is granted, and if the ground for the excusal is not of a permanent nature, then the excusal cannot exceed 24 months. After this time period, you would become eligible again to serve on a jury. If the facts supporting excusal are

of a permanent nature, then the excusal will be permanent.

The type of documentation required will depend on the reason given for seeking an excusal from jury service.

If the reason for excusal is based on a physical or mental limitation, then a statement from a health care provider setting forth (i) a diagnosis of your mental or physical condition, (ii) a prognosis of the length of time the mental or physical condition is expected to last, and (iii) a conclusion that you are not capable of performing jury service. In addition, you may be required to describe the physical or mental condition, and why you believe this condition prevents you from sitting on a jury.

An excusal from jury service is available if service would impose an undue hardship or extreme inconvenience to yourself, or a person under your care or supervision. A determination of undue hardship or extreme inconvenience is based upon service as a juror for 5 consecutive court days.

You can obtain a postponement or excusal if you are obligated to care for another person, including a person who is sick, aged, infirm or disabled; a minor child who can't be left alone and no alternative day care arrangements are available without severe financial hardship to you. Required documentation that may have to be submitted with your application for excusal or postponement on these grounds, may include: a copy of the minor child's birth certificate; a statement from a health care provider describing the medical condition of an aged, sick, infirm, or disabled person. In addition, you may have to provide a statement that you are the primary caregiver and setting forth (i) the circumstances requiring your services as a caregiver, (ii) the hours you are required to provide this care, and (iii) the reasons why you can't make alternate arrangements for care to be provided by another during the period of jury service.

You can obtain a postponement or excusal if jury service would impose a significant financial hardship. A significant financial hardship is defined as a hardship that would significantly compromise your ability to support yourself or others who depend upon you. To qualify for a hardship postponement or excusal, you may have to provide a statement setting forth: (i) your source of income; (ii) hours of employment; (iii) the amount of money that would be lost as a result of jury service; and (iv) the impact that this loss will have on (a) your ability to support yourself and any dependents and (b) if self-employed, the ability to maintain your business.

You can obtain a postponement or excusal from jury service if you, (i) don't have access to a car, and (ii) that there is no bus service available that would permit travel to court in a reasonable time, and (iii) use of any other alternate means of getting to the courthouse (e.g., taxi) would impose a severe financial burden.

You may be required to submit a statement setting forth: (i) the reasons you cannot obtain transportation to the court, (ii) your current employment status and the transportation arrangements used to get to your place of employment, and (iii) the anticipated duration of your inability to obtain the necessary transportation.

As the above illustrates, absent some extreme hardship, jury service is expected of everyone.

**Money Tip\$**  
By Dave Larson

As the recent decline in the stock market proves, to have the best chance of earning returns that can ensure a financially secure future, you need to diversify. When you diversify, you spread your money among different investments to moderate your risk. By owning a variety of investments, you lessen the chance that losses from any single investment will jeopardize your entire portfolio.

While there's no "right" way to diversify your investments, there is a right approach. Make sure you invest in both growth investments, such as stocks and stock mutual funds, and income investments, such as bonds, certificates of deposit, and money market funds. Growth investments offer the potential for higher, inflation-beating returns. Income investments may cushion your losses in the event of a stock market downturn. The proper mix, or asset allocation, between growth and income

has been a subject of previous columns and depends on your investment time horizon, risk tolerance and market environment.

There's another step you should take once you've determined how much of your investment dollar will go into growth investments and how much into income. You need to diversify within each investment type. Owning stock in only a few companies or only in companies from the same economic sector-all service industry or technology stocks, for instance-means you aren't diversified.

While mutual funds provide automatic diversification by holding shares from many different companies, owning five or six mutual funds that all track the same type of company means you still aren't diversified.

Your income investments should be diversified as well. If you're investing only in corporate bonds, you may not be getting the diversification you need.

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## District Deputy Grand Master Ontario/Seneca/Yates District



R. W. Clayton R. Ruggles  
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Greetings from the newest District to become involved with the *Masonic Times*. On Monday, January 7th, Canandaigua Lodge No. 294 had a presentation by Don Brugger, Editor of the *Masonic Times*. We learned that any Lodge could subscribe to this paper by sending a mailing list of all its members to Brother Brugger. With a subscription rate of \$4.00 per member, this is truly a bargain. As of this time, Canandaigua has subscribed. I understand Milnor No. 139 has voted to subscribe and a few other Lodges are considering it.

### Working together

On Wednesday, January 9th, the 3rd Degree was conferred on 4 Brothers from 4 different Lodges; Seneca No. 113, Garoga/Sincerity No. 200, Canandaigua No. 294, and Rushville No. 377, at Seneca Lodge No. 113. There were over 50 Brothers in attendance from 9 Lodges; the 4 mentioned plus Milnor No. 139, Farmersville/Union No. 183, Pocahontas No. 211, Eagle No. 619, and Geneva No. 965. It certainly was impressive to see so many in attendance with direct involvement by Brothers from most of the Lodges there. I'm sure it left a lasting impression on the 4 newly raised Brothers.

I strongly encourage you to inform us of upcoming Degree work for a few reasons. There are Brothers ready and willing to help with Degree work, some Lodges may lack the manpower to confer a Degree, and it is impressive to see many in attendance.

### February meetings

The next meeting of the OSY Charities will be on February 1st at Abigail's in Waterloo at 6:30 p.m. Contact Deke Stanton at 585-394-6829 if you need to make a reservation.

On Saturday, February 9th, the next OSY Association meeting will be held at Rushville Lodge No. 377. Breakfast will be available at 8:00 a.m., with the business meeting and program to follow. Call Jim Rice at 585-554-6032, so they may plan for breakfast. The program will be primarily for secretaries and treasurers. There will be an open discussion of duties, needs, problems, pitfalls, etc. I do request that at least one of these officers be in attendance!

In closing, you are reminded of the Road to the East training for OSY District scheduled for March 2nd, 16th and 30th. Those interested in attending, contact R. W. Kenneth Hall at home, 585-289-3801 or work, 585-422-8466. □

## Canandaigua Lodge No. 294

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Brother James Herrmann was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Jim's dad, Rev. Dave Herrmann, raised his son.

### February

Our first meeting in February will be a program about the Scottish Rite, presented by R. W. Jim Rice. Come and learn something about one of our Concordant Bodies.

The plan for our 2nd meeting this month is a social night out with family at a local restaurant. More on this at our first meeting.

On February 2nd, Milnor Lodge in Victor is having their annual Turkey Dinner. Support our Brothers and their Lodge by attending. □

## District Deputy Grand Master Monroe District



R. W. William Lindsay  
621-3573

I had the opportunity to spend time with Grand Master Carl Smith at the Road to the East Program in January where he made a presentation to the class being readied to accept a leadership role in the Craft. In some general remarks about Grand Lodge projects currently underway, or planned, he described the MSAT (Masonic Student Assistance Team) training which is underway.

Schools can sign up to send a team of teachers to Utica for three days of training on how to positively intervene in the life of "at-risk" students. Once back in the schools, the team can identify potential at-risk students, create a plan for each which utilizes valid strategies drawn from the experience of educators and of health care professionals. Two more sessions are scheduled for this school year, and four are scheduled for next year.

The Grand Master's vision for the program is summed up by his comment, "If we stay with this vital program long enough, and involve enough schools, we can have a huge and positive impact on all our communities throughout the state; the "at-risk" child will become for Grand Lodge what the Crippled Child is for the Shrine."

In a recent column I mentioned some Masonic program efforts as being "wasted resources, whimsically used by well meaning people for feel good and short lived impact". Does this program fit that description? Would the incoming Grand Master be justified in scrapping it and replacing it with something else - too costly, etc? Every Grand Master has to make such judgements as he comes into office. I believe strong arguments can be made for keeping this program for the long haul and I would like to propose some of those reasons (in no particular order of importance).

1. No theme appears more frequently throughout our Ritual than the theme of "education (Light)", we are on common ground.

2. As a Craft we are obligated to practice charity.

3. We are enjoined to "spread our beneficent influence for the benefit of all mankind".

4. The strength of our Craft is largely due to how others see us, not how we see ourselves.

5. "At-risk" youth are truly crippled by the forces of dysfunctionality and get limited benefit from education, family and other institutions designed to nurture them and help them grow academically, emotionally, and spiritually.

6. When "at-risk" youth age into adulthood, they lack the skills and strength required to be a contributing member of soci-

ety; quite often they become societal dependents needing community resources to sustain, or maintain their own lives.

7. And when they become parents.....

Each of us has contact with "at-risk" people in our daily lives; each of us knows that if we could only wind the clock backwards and do things differently, things might be better, but we can't. All we can do is identify the current conditions and commit ourselves to making a difference today. And that is the fundamental reason why MSAT is a powerful program. It has the potential for conserving that most precious resource - our children.

Sometimes a story can make a point and I offer this one as an example of what I would consider to be "living as an 'at-risk' person" (No. 7 above). The setting is a Summer picnic on a beautiful day in a park-like setting consisting of an extended family and friends. One couple shows up with their 2 children, a 3 year old girl and a 6 month old girl. Sometime during the afternoon the couple get into a heated discussion when they reveal that they are taking the 3 year old the following week to get her first tattoo. Father wants a cross on the shoulder, mother wants an ankle bracelet. Pretend you were at the picnic. What would you advise?

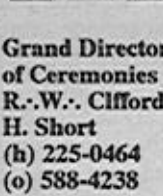
Any Mason can arrange to send a team of teachers from a school. In the Monroe District a

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### RTTE

There were 44 Brothers present for this session in January. As your District Officers, we appreciate the support that the Brothers from western New York have given to this program. It only proves to us that our Fraternity is not dying, we're just re-adjusting our numbers, and the ideals that we all believe in are as true today as they were in ages past.

It was very good to see the Grand Master at the second session of the Road to the East Program. His encouragement and support for the Monroe District programs these past two years has been very gratifying. Grand Master Carl J. Smith is truly a great man and Mason.

### LSOME

The next session should be of interest to all of the Brothers within the District. This is the new addition to the LSOME Programs, "The Walk Around", and one that has never been done in the Monroe District before. The LSOME Team looks forward to bringing this program to you. Please call R. W. Jim De Lorenzo, R. W. Cliff Short or W. Mike Schwartz for reservations, just so we know how many refreshments we will need.

Mason should contact Brother Garry Cranker (594-5305) who will help with making a presentation to the principal of the school on how the team can be identified, and trained at no cost to the school (except for substitutes), or the individual participants.

Another school related program on the horizon which the Deputy Grand Master will unveil in due time is called the "Beacon" project. It, too, will be a reflection of Freemasonry's continuing commitment to education, to our youth, to our families and to our community. Just as Have-a-Heart is in our own.

Our nation just committed \$27 billion to improve education in this country. Whether education will be improved, whether \$27 billion is enough money, whether the plan is adequate, the money figure should tell all of us that education is important. Without it, we are fated to live partially empty lives, dependent on others for our happiness, and in a state of civic impotence. This is neither a condition in which we wish to live nor the inheritance we wish to leave our children. Thomas Jefferson said it best in a letter written in 1816, "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be."

Any way that we, as Freemasons, attach our energy and support to education is putting us on a path to building a better world. So here we are. □

### The Lost Word

Many Masons think of the Lost Word as unique: in the Craft the central thought of the Master's Degree is unique, but in the long history of religion, philosophy and ethics, which has been that of man's progress from savagery and superstition to enlightened thought, it is anything but unique. In one form or another, it has played a part in the lives of most civilizations; it has influenced the thinking of uncounted thousands; it has been both the hope and the despair of more races than can be cataloged.

Apparently inherent in man, and coming into his thought from no one may say what starting point, is the consciousness of a Golden Age; an age when men were happy; when there was no war because there was no dispute; when there was no evil because all were virtuous; when there was no labor because food was to be had for the taking, fruit grew the year around, honey dripped from trees and flocks and herds needed no tending; a time when all on the earth was contentment; an era which somehow disappeared, leaving to men a sad world of toil, trouble, war and struggle.

Many a poet has sung of this Golden Age, perhaps none more dearly than Macauley in his Lays of Ancient Rome, in which, in the tale of brave Horatius, who with two others, were the "dauntless three" who held the bridge against an army, is to be found in this stanza:

Then none was for the party,  
Then all were for the state;  
Then the great man helped the poor,  
And the poor man loved the great;  
Then lands were fairly portioned;  
Then spoils were fairly sold;  
The Roman's were like brothers  
In the brave days of old.

There was once a land called "Arcady" - at least according to the poets! In Arcady was only happiness; it was the land of sun and



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plenty; it was a land of beautiful women and brave men; beauty over which no men fought and bravery which no man need show because there was no danger.

Utopia is another such dream of something lost; a place where everything and everyone is perfect; where no man suffers, where joy and laughter compete never with tears and sobs; where happiness is from sun to sun and trouble has not been known.

And where are Arcady and Utopia: gone with the Golden Age.

There is a tale of a Lost Continent - Atlantis. It, too, was the home of happiness. According to the legend - it is only legend now - it is at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean; a convulsion of nature took it away from man and with it took his contentment.

As children we lived with the fairies in fairyland; a land where there was no age; in which the little people had all power both to please themselves and to work their happy will on human beings. Fairy dogs, fairy horses, fairy flowers and fairy bells were a part of fairyland, into which no trouble ever came or, if it reared its ugly head, the wave of a fairy wand caused it to disappear! Where now is fairy-land? It still exists, for children, but for their elders, it is one with Arcady. In the Great Light is the story of Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden; a place of all quiet joy and happiness. There was no sin, nor evil, nor hunger, nor thirst; the weather was always kind and warm (for the man and woman were naked and yet comfortable in body as well as in minds that know no shame nor fear). It was a place and time of innocence.

Then the serpent of temptation; the eating of the forbidden fruit; the sudden knowledge of good and evil and the terrible judgment of the Most High; to be cast forth from the delightful garden; to bear children in pain; to eat only after toil.

It is again, the story of a Golden Age, a place and time lost to men, a hope denied, a longing unsatisfied, a something lost which can only be hoped for and hunted for and never found. The Wandering Jew was bidden "tarry thou till I come." And ever since, so runs the legend, Ahaseurus has walked the earth. He has visited every country, learned all languages, experienced all evil, had all knowledge except that of how to die.

With the pronouncing of his doom according to the legend, he lost the power to leave this life for another and has suffered and wept over his private hell, the boon of rest denied him, ever since. Curiously enough, he has been reported actually seen and talked to many times in history, even as late as 1868 in this country, in Utah!

Lost words are those which were spoken in the Never-Never Land of Heart's Desire; history is filled with the tales of the great secrets which were in these words. Usually they are lost because of some accident or happening which men could not control. How, for instance, was the pronouncement of the great Word of the Israelites lost? JHVH we have, but no vowels to show us if Jehova is correct or not. To be spoken but once a year and then only by the High Priest in the Holy of Holies, when there was no more a High Priest or a Holy of Holies, there was no more the mighty word of the Jews in which was all power and all ways of com-

munication with the Lord God Almighty.

"Men, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin", written by hand upon a wall seems less than terrible - the syllables are the names of small coins. But to those who saw the dread writing, the words had another meaning. We say they meant, "thou hast been weighed in the balance and found wanting", but was that the real meaning to those who were terrified at the names given to money? Belonging among the myths and legends which recount man's uneasy consciousness of a lost Golden Age, a something gone from life which was once comforting, a secret; no longer known are the tales told of the search for the Holy Grail.

The Holy Grail was the cup Jesus drank from at the Last Supper.

The two most famous and oft told stories of the search for it and its findings are those of Sir Galahad, knight of King Arthur's Round Table, and Parsival, hero of Wagner's tremendous opera of the same name. After many adventures the pure and blameless knight Sir Galahad came finally to Sarras, where he was shown the Holy Grail by Joseph of Arimathy (in the New Testament, Arimathaea), but on taking it into his hands, died and was borne to heaven by a "great multitude of angels."

Parsival, also a pure and blameless knight, grows up untainted and innocent in the depths of a forest, finally goes in quest of the sacred cup, and at long last, finds it and becomes its guardian. Both stories are allegories retelling man's ceaseless quest for something precious, something lost, something necessary to happiness, something close to, if not a part of, God.

Undoubtedly there are many Masons - perhaps even a majority - who believe that the Substitute Word is really a substitute, and that the real word is but a syllable, a password. But the serious student of Freemasonry thinks of the Lost Word as he does of the Garden of Eden, of Arcady, of Atlantis, of Utopia and fairyland - not a name but a place and time; not a syllable, but a truth; not a magic talisman or a password but a symbol of something which man once had a right to know and which has now dropped from his consciousness.

Many a Mason has tried to phrase his thought, his belief, his hope of what Masonry's Lost Word might be. Those who have tried the hardest have been the first to agree that man has not invented the words by which to describe a symphony so another can hear the sounds; to describe a rose so a blind man may see its color; to describe his love of wife and child so another may know his feeling.

By the same token, these who have tried so hard have usually admitted that the Lost Word is unspeakable, even if found, that it represents a something - truth, belief, knowledge, power or glory - which could not be written because the characters to express it have not been invented.

Interpretations of the Lost Word have been as many and as various as the writers. Oliver Day Street, Past Grand Master of Alabama, and the noted author of "Symbolism of the Three Degrees", believed that the simplest interpretation of the Lost Word was that it is Divine Truth. He quoted the familiar "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." This, again, he interprets

as meaning that "The Word" was an expression denoting omnipotence, omnipresence and omniscience; that by it, the Logos, the Great Architect was able to accomplish all of creation. Street makes the point, however, that this conception denies the possibility of man ever finding the complete reality of The Lost Word; if to be found at all in this life, it is only partially.

A.S. MacBride, famous Scotland Freemason, in his "Speculative Masonry", considers the Lost Word as an ideal "symbolizing the throbbing, yearning, seeking of the human heart for something better and happier than the actual world around us." In this he seems to have Arcady and the Golden Age in mind, although he does not mention them by name.

Few, if any, have ever brought a greater degree of spiritual insight and poetic feeling to bear upon Masonic matters than the late, great Dr. Joseph Fort Newton. In his most famous work, "The Builders", he considers that the Lost Word is the "Secret Doctrine".

He believes that this, which Waite wrote of so convincingly to many and so abstrusely as to be difficult for many more to understand, is the endless search for God which Newton conceives as the central motivation of all lives, although they may know it not. It was Newton who quoted and made deathless the curious double thought of the professing atheist, who was yet a good man; "He lives by the faith his lips deny; God knoweth why." But Newton makes it plain that no man knows the Secret Doctrine until it has become the reality of his thought, the inspiration of his acts "the form and color and glory of his life." And he ends his poetic paragraphs with the statement of the Lost Word: "Its glory lies in its openness, and its emphasis upon the realities which are to the human world what light and air are to nature. Its mystery is of so great a kind that it is easily overlooked, its secret almost too simple to be found out."

With twenty-five years between Haywood made two interpretations of the Lost Word: in 1923, that it was the Tetragrammaton - JHVH. In 1948 he developed the thought that the Lost Word is Mastership and in a theme as masterful as its substance discusses the false question, the fact that Masonry asks none, and so to the belief that the Craft does not send its initiates upon a useless quest but one which, at long last, can be successful. He ends this interesting and decidedly different thought with "What the candidate discovered is that he is in search of his own mastership. Once he becomes a Master of the art he is able to take any Brother's place as Master of Masons, wherefore he is that which is found, he is the answer to his own question."

Claudy takes issue with the expression "divine truth" if it means anything but truth about divinity; that truth can be divine or not divine is to him as untrue as that "lump of iron, a river, a space of time" are either divine or not divine. He believes all truth divine as all truth comes from God. He believes also, as set forth in "Foreign Countries" that the Lost Word is "Unutterable, unexplainable, nonunderstandable." But he sets forth his belief in the necessity of the quest and his belief that some have believed they have found the Lost Word, but "only when it is given to man to search intelligently within him-

self may he hope to discover the Lost Word." Of the search he says, "The glory of The Word must be beyond mortal imagination, for the glory of the search after it is more than may be put into words. Surely, He, who knows out stumbling feet and groping hands, our eyes blinded with a world of sins and weariness beyond our strength to bear, will deny to none of us that great discovery, sometime, somewhere."

In one way or another, most if not all of those who have attempted the impossible believe that the Lost Word is the road to yesterday, the way back to the Golden Age; the path that leads to a Garden of Eden and a Tree of Knowledge, the fruit of which shall not be unlawful for man to eat.

With the Lost Word a man might find the harbors on the continent of the Lost Atlantis, or with a magic airplace fly to Utopia, stopping at a fairyland on the way!

It seems at least possible, that some Freemasons have discovered the Lost Word for themselves. If so, it has not been as a word in any language, but as

knowledge strictly private to the discovering heart. Others think no man has ever learned it; in another phrase, the Lost Word can be heard only in "Arcady".

Of this though it has been written (Introduction to Freemasonry).

Never may we find it there. You shall gaze through microscope and telescope and catch no sight of its shadow. You shall travel in many lands and far and see it not. You shall listen to all the words of all the tongues which all men have ever spoken and will speak - the Lost Word is not heard. Were it but a word, how easy to invent another! But it is not a word, but The Word, the great secret, the unknowability which the Great Architect sets before his children, a will o'the wisp to follow, a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. Never here is it to be found, but the search for it is the reason for life.


"The Sublime Degree teaches that in another life it may be found. That is why it is the Sublime Degree".

Source: "Masonic Service Association - Short Talk Bulletin - November 1955."


John and I are always willing to assist any Lodge in preparation for the Degrees, all you have to do is ask for our support. See you in the quarries. □

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By R..W.. Keith Stambach

If you are reading this column before January 29th, be sure to attend the School of Ritual on that date at the Downtown Temple, hosted by Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 at 7:30 p.m.

Speaking of Rituals, as John and I always do, let us remind you that we are not the Ritual Police. Our duty is to encourage the Officers of the Lodges to support their Master by learning the Opening and Closing Ritual and their parts in the Degrees and various lectures. As a matter of fact, now is the time for you to become proficient in the work of your next office so that you are ready to go come September of this year. Pride in your work and your Lodge is noticed by your Brethren and certainly does encourage attendance. In some Lodges, you may have noticed that you don't see much of your newly raised Brethren. Do you think you may have not performed well and they were not impressed with sloppy work? Think about it!

**Membership Retention**

**R..W.. Joseph Privitera**  
**Monroe District**



**Remittance of dues**

In my experience of why some Brothers do not pay their dues, I have found that in some cases they simply can't afford to pay them. I am sure some of you are asking, "What is so hard about paying dues that range between \$35 - \$90?" Well, I have spoken to Brothers who have had to choose between paying medical bills or paying their Lodge dues. Many of these Brothers who find themselves in this situation are too proud and embarrassed to admit it to anyone and allow themselves to be dropped for nonpayment of dues.

There is a solution to this problem. When a member is notified that he is about to be dropped for nonpayment of dues, it should be done first in a manner that tries to find out if there is a problem. Personal contact should be made by phone to find out if the problem is financial. After the situation is verified, a remittance of dues can be arranged. A remittance of dues should be granted, especially to Brothers who have many years in the Craft.

So, how does the remittance of dues program work? Once it is verified, the Lodge Secretary fills out a form for each Brother having his dues remitted. The form is

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**6 Membership Reten.**

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signed by the District Deputy and forwarded to Grand Lodge.

Let us say, for example, that a Lodge's dues are \$57.50. \$17.50 are Grand Lodge assessment and \$40.00 are Lodge dues. The Lodge dues of \$40.00 are immediately forgiven. The Grand Lodge assessment of \$17.50 goes through a different process. The Lodge sends to Grand Lodge the assessments for all its members, including those remitted. Then, when a Lodge purchases items from Grand Lodge, the Lodge receives a credit for the amount of remitted dues. In other words, if a Lodge remits dues for two Brothers (\$35), then makes purchases amounting to \$60.00, the Lodge receives a credit for \$35 and only owes Grand Lodge \$25.

The bottom line is: we maintain membership the best way we can, but especially by "stretching forth a hand in support of a falling Brother and assisting him on all lawful occasions". These are not just words to be spoken and forgotten, but words to live by. See you in Lodge. □

them the best in their planning. If assistance is needed in program planning, contact me or any of the Grand Lodge Officers.

Watch the Staff Officer's column for information on the next session of the L SOME presentations. This is a good program for new Brothers and Brethren who would like to refresh their knowledge of the Craft. □

**Membership Development**  
 Mark G. Dibelka-Area 15  
 Monroe-Livingston-Wayne

Brothers, we have a problem in the Craft. I could take an entire article and summarize all the perceived symptoms and the effects seen on our Lodges, as well as lament the various reasons it has not been caught or stopped prior to now. Instead, I will summarize everything into one word - APATHY!

On a positive note, the Grand Lodge Committee on Membership Development has instituted some exciting new programs to stimulate our Lodge communities. I will talk about only one at this time, and that would be the Grand Lodge toll free number where men can leave their information and be contacted by Lodges in their area.

The phone number is 1-866-6-MASON-3, or 1-866-662-7663, and when dialed goes directly to a voicemail box where the prospect is requested to leave his name, number, address, and e-mail address. The information is collected once a week (I am proud to say this function occurs entirely in upstate - Livingston and Monroe Masons on the move) and the District Deputies of the various Districts are contacted for follow-up. In areas where more than one District has jurisdiction (i.e. First Erie and Second Erie) the District Deputies are contacted on a rotating basis. Once the DD is contacted, he is to ensure that the Lodge closest (either geographically or in some select cases, demographically) to the prospect is contacted to welcome him into the Craft.

This is a work in progress and the manner of ensuring responsibility of all parties involved is constantly evolving, but I report some successes. I plan on dedicating an article in the future to the actual statistics when it comes to new Brothers gained through this avenue.

The only people we have to blame for the continual decline in membership is us. Only now, after a minimum of 10 years (that's how long I've been a Mason) is there a hard-core, take responsibility effort underway to address the issue of membership. While we on the Grand Lodge level are doing our best to rebuild our Lodges, we are nothing without the support of the Brothers. Recently, I had a nasty situation rise up and smack me in the face because of apathy. We may have lost a potential Brother because of a lack of follow-through after he came to us and asked to be made a Mason (in a portion of the state that could certainly use the help).

Please Brothers, help us out. So far, not one Brother has responded to my request for assistance in the area of Membership Development in his District. Brother, look into your heart, and if your cabletow can bear it, please help. You can contact me via the number and e-mail in this

article header. The world will end with all of us waiting for our Brother to step up. □

**Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.**

President  
 W.. David Zegas  
 334-7202  
 Secretary  
 Karl-Heinz M. Reich  
 426-6836, e-mail: karlh@cbtek.com

As you read this the annual Have-a-Heart Campaign for the Ronald McDonald House is just a few weeks away. Many Lodges have signed up to man the booths at the area malls. I urge everyone to put forth the help that they have pledged. If your Lodge has not volunteered, but you want to, contact R..W.. Donald Darrohn at 225-1782, and he'll get you in.

Speaking from personal experience, nine years ago I had a child hospitalized in the ICU for a month and experienced a gamut of emotions including fear, anxiety and helplessness. Thankfully, we had the support of our extended family, friends and community throughout the ordeal. The families at the McDonald House are away from home and have only themselves, the hospital and the House, which is why this fundraiser is so important.

We will meet at Seneca Lodge in Webster at 10:00 a.m. on February 16th to recap Have-a-Heart and then present the check at the McDonald House on Monday, March 4th, at 7:00 p.m. Watch your e-mail for details.

As always, our meeting are open to all Masons, not just Masters and Wardens. □

**Who Has the Traveling Gavel?**

Reporter  
 Mat Jinsgold

**F A M E**  
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W.. Nelson Bertsch  
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2nd & 4th  
 Tuesdays  
 7:30 P.M.

Loon VanHuben, Secretary  
 647-1391

This is off to a great start! Mother Nature has been very accommodating for those of us who do not like shoveling the driveway.

**February**

Our first meeting in February is on the 12th and will be preceded by a Buffet Dinner at 6:30 p.m. The menu will include chicken parmesan, ziti, vegetable, salad and rolls. The cost per person is \$7.00 and reservations are required. The February 26th meeting will be preceded by a Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Ladies are encouraged to attend.

**Thank you**

Very special thanks to Brothers Glen Campbell and Frank

Churnetski for arranging the excellent demonstration of the Monroe County Sheriff's drug dog. Deputy Mike Rieger and his partner, Argo, were both informative and entertaining.

**Remember**

I remind all the Brothers to feel free to suggest a program you would like to see in Lodge. We will do our best to incorporate them into our meeting schedule.

**Nice to see you!**

I am very pleased with the number of members attending the meetings! Let's keep it up! Happy Birthday to all the Brothers and ladies who will be celebrating birthdays in February. See you in Lodge. □

**FAIRPORT**  
**Lodge No. 476**

W.. G. Michael Morris  
 Master  
 223-2828

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

W.. George R. Bracht, Secretary  
 383-1947  
 87 South Main St.  
 Fairport, N.Y. 14850

**Have-a-Heart Campaign**

The 14th Annual Monroe District Have-a-Heart Campaign for the Ronald McDonald House will run this year from February 2nd to February 14th. The District goal is to raise at least \$10,000. Fairport Lodge is scheduled to man the booth at Eastview Mall on Monday, February 4th. We need to cover three shifts: 12 noon - 3:00 p.m.; 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. For each shift we need to have at least 2 people present, however, having 3 or more people during each shift is highly desirable (family members and friends are also welcome to participate). There are still choice slots available! Seriously, Brothers, this is a worthy cause. If you can help with this year's Campaign, please let me know.

**New Grand Representative**

At our regular meeting on November 26, 2001, our very own R..W.. Dwight Turner was presented an Apron, Plaque and Medal in recognition of his appointment as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Mina Gerais Brazil, near the Grand Lodge of New York. R..W.. Clifford Short and R..W.. James De Lorenzo were on hand to assist in the presentation. It was, indeed, a "Grand" event. Congratulations, Brother Dwight. I know you will serve us well.

**New Grand Rep. from the Grand Lodge of Mina Gerais, Brazil.**



R..W.. Jim DeLorenzo - GS., R..W.. Dwight Turner, W.. Michael Morris - Master and R..W.. Cliff Short - GDC.

At our meeting on Monday, February 11th, the program, entitled "Masonry Online", will feature a discussion and demonstration of Masonic resources that are available on the web. Highlights will be the unveiling and tour of our own Fairport Lodge web site, which is being developed by Brother R.J. Gillen, and a demonstration of the Monroe District site, www.monroe-masonic.com. In addition, a listing of other interesting and informative Masonic sites on the web will be distributed and discussed.

**Concordant Bodies**

On Monday, February 25th, we have invited representatives from six Concordant Bodies to come to our Lodge to tell us about their organizations, programs and charities. This will be a great opportunity to get an overview and better understanding of Concordant Bodies and their relationship with Blue Lodge Masonry. It will be interesting! Hope to see you there.

In closing, as always, if you have any questions, suggestions or comments, or know of a Brother in need of our aid or sympathy, please let me know (phone: 585-223-2828; e-mail: morrisGM@coming.com.). Come join the good fellowship. See you in Lodge! □

**Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109**

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

2nd Tuesday  
 7:30 P.M.

W.. Michael G. Batz, Sec.  
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875 Main Street East  
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**New Year's Resolution: Get news release to editor on time.** That one's easy to break, but easier to keep. How many of us have made resolutions which have been broken already? Well, so much for resolve.

**Assessment/correction**

It's time for mid-year assessment and/or correction. We're about half-way through our Masonic year and it behooves us to take stock of our personal and fraternal progress. The main issue to address in any assessment is the basis for the venture. Are we doing what we said we would? For us, Masonically, 'taking good men and making them better' is the yardstick we have set by which to be measured.



Personally, am I becoming a better person as a result of my Masonic association? I like to think so, but let others be the judge of a better me and what is their assessment? By what standard are they judging me? Am I getting feed-back from them and, if so, what am I doing about it?

Fraternally, are we becoming better men? Is our 'betterment' evident so as to encourage other 'Good Men' to join our ranks? Do we dare ask?

This issue may have been addressed as a mid-year assessment, but Masonically we are being examined every day. We are being tried against standards we have set for ourselves. Surely they have been set as achievable, yet the process continues as does the examination. "Has he made sufficient progress?"

**Birthdays**

"Happy Birthday" to the January birthday Brothers.

**Revisions**

Our Trestleboard is again being revised because of cabletows. The February Sweetheart Night is still on, but the Official Visit had to be rescheduled. There are also some neat Fellowcraft activities in which we are encouraged to participate. Of special note is the need for volunteers to man the booth for the Have-a-Heart Campaign.

**Official Visit**

We look forward to your anticipated Lodge attendance for the District Deputy's Official Visit on Tuesday, February 26th, at 7:30 p.m. Call W.: Mike Batz at 802-9019 or Brother Dave Mura at either 367-8695(h) or 477-0861(w) with your reservation.

**From the West**

By Mike McBride, Senior Warden Greetings to all. I hope you and yours had happy holidays and wish you all a great new year. I haven't done this in a while, but I'll try to be short and sweet.

**Upcoming events**


The Have-a-Heart Fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House for Valley/Simes Lodge will be Tuesday, February 5th, from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. Call me at 663-4636 to volunteer. A good time will be had for a great cause.

Our Lodge's Sweetheart's Night will be on Tuesday, February 12th, 5:30 p.m.-til? We will have a great dinner and a jazz trio. Call Dave Mura at 637-8695 for reservations.

**O-At-Ka**  
Lodge No. 759

W.: Charles W. Crevison  
Master  
594-0231

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



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

Can you believe it is February already? I hope all is well with everyone. As you know, we only had one meeting in December, our annual Christmas Party. It was nice to see families with children in attendance. Much merriment was had by all.

**Degree date change**

In my last communication I reported that we had scheduled the 2nd Degree for January 23rd. This has been postponed to February 13th at 7:30 p.m. Again,

there will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please call 889-6414 if you plan to attend the dinner.

We are very busy at Lodge. Rehearsals for the 2nd Degree are on the off Wednesdays of Lodge meetings, and on Sunday, February 10th. If you are able to make the rehearsals, even if you do not have a part, any support to the officers would be greatly appreciated.

**Dates**

Some dates to keep in mind for the future are: February 3rd-Super Bowl Party at the Lodge at 6:00 p.m. Bring a snack to pass. Beverages are being sold at the Party. February 10th-Sweetheart Brunch. Treat your sweeties to a nice time out and socialize with your Brothers. For more information, call 889-6414. There will be a Pancake Breakfast on February 24th from 7:30 a.m.-noon. We had a good turnout for our December Pancake Breakfast and it was well received by all who attended.

**March**

We have our Lodge Outing on March 9th and 10th at Keith Dustin's hunting camp. We did this two years ago at Brother Fisher's hunting camp and we still laugh and joke as if it just happened yesterday. If you are looking for a good time with your Brothers, come to one of our meetings before March 9th and sign up.

March 16th is our Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance. This has been a tradition for at least 6 years. Each year we have had a lot of fun celebrating. The cost is \$30 per couple, and includes hors d'oeuvres, drinks, dinner and a band to dance the night away. To all the Brothers from the Craft, if you are looking for something fun and entertaining with your wives, come out on March 16th and celebrate with us. For ticket information, call 889-6414.

Until next time, keep safe. ☐

**Flower City**  
Lodge No. 910

W.: Scott D. Pelligrino  
Master  
334-8606

2nd  
Thursday  
7:30 P.M.

R.: W.: Philip Averbach,  
Secretary 458-1817

Fairport Temple  
87 S. Main St.  
Fairport, NY 14450



I hope this article finds each of you in good health. I also hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season.

**Please join us**

The Have-a-Heart Campaign is upon us. We are responsible for working at Marketplace Mall in Henrietta on Monday, February 4th, starting at 6:00 p.m. Please make room on your calendars for this worthwhile program. If everyone could give just an hour, we could keep the booth fully staffed.

**Summoned meeting**


At our February 14th meeting we are going to be voting on paperwork and issues relating to our merger with Fairport Lodge. It is a Summoned Meeting as you already know from your notice, so plan on attending.

**Reservations needed**

Fellowcraft meeting will be at the Olive Garden Restaurant, located on Jefferson Road,

across from Marketplace Mall at 6:30 p.m. on February 7th. As always, significant others are welcome. Please contact Phil or me for reservations. ☐

**ERAC**  
Lodge No. 163  
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(o) 419-7539

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R.: W.: Richard C. Friedman  
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152 Commercial St. West  
East Rochester, N.Y. 14445

ERAC continues its relentless pace as 2002 begins. For starters, we had the King! The guest of honor at our Table Lodge on January 14th was M.: W.: Carl J. Smith, with members of the Grand Line, District Deputies and plenty of other Purple in attendance. I will have a full report, with pictures, next month.

Our 2nd Degree on January 28th, was performed by our Past Masters with one of our first year members reciting the Middle Chamber Lecture. This, too, was an exciting night.

**February**

On Saturday, February 9th, we will be manning the Have-a-Heart booth at Eastview Mall. Contact Brother Rich Greenaway at 527-8802 or richard.greenaway@us.heidelberg.com to volunteer to help raise money for this important cause.

February 11th is a regular Lodge night originally scheduled for Have-a-Heart. Instead, we will be having a Masonic Education Night at the Lodge with presentations by R.: W.: Rich Friedman and our most capable Brother George Nasra. Watch your e-mail for more details.

February 25th is two-fer night. Some of us will be cooking dinner for the guests at the Ronald

McDonald House. Some of us will be cooking dinner at the Lodge as a fundraiser for the East Rochester Food Basket and other worthy charities. The Lodge dinner is open to the public, so please bring your families and friends. Also bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Food Basket. Brother Andre Smith will be organizing this event.

Our Secretary has the Grand Lodge Scholarship forms. The deadline is April. Call R.: W.: Rich Friedman at 377-6175 for details.

**Condolences**

Sadly, we have lost a few more Brothers to the Great Architect. W.: Al Johnson, Brother Robert Bonehill and R.: W.: Arnold Mundy, collectively with 132 years of Masonic membership. Rest peacefully. ☐

**ETOLIAN**  
Lodge No. 479  
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Spencerport, N.Y. 14559



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Master  
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FX 426-8531

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

W.: Michael G. Schwartz  
Secretary  
352-4016



Thanks have to be expressed to all members who participated in the holiday activities. I'm sorry that I could not be part of it all. Medical reasons kept me confined from excess movements.

Appreciations to both of our Santas, home based clowns, and all helpers, for the fine job they performed at the Lodge and nursing home.

It was very nice of Mrs. Judy Gillott, wife of R.: W.: Edward Gillott, to fill in at the last minute and provide the music. I received a lot of positive feedback.



Brothers from Eureka and ERAC Lodges: R.: W.: Terry Wihlen, W.: Dave Zegas, W.: Craig Covert and W.: Eugene Crews.



Ringling the bells for the Salvation Army, John Lindsay, Alyssa Zegas, Brian Isler, Asa Isler and Tom O'Leary.

I have sad news to announce. Brothers Joseph Gross and Douglas G. Sheldon were called by the Great Architect. Etolian Lodge provided the Masonic Services under the leadership of our Chaplain, W.: Thomas E. Michielson.

**Announcement**

Last year our Secretary had a little article in the *Masonic Times* about getting informed on family status. I also mailed you my Trestleboard with all the Officers and activities, so please notify us on any moving, sickness, need of aid, or sympathy, so we can do whatever is necessary.

**Upcoming events**

The Annual Have-a-Heart Campaign is February 4th to the 14th at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center. Etolian Lodge will be attending at least two times. Please turn your name in for volunteering to R.: W.: Donald Darrohn.

On February 16th we will have our Tri-Lodge Valentine Ladies Night (Etolian, Churchville and Hesperus Lodges) at the Viking Valhalla in Bergen. Cocktails are at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. and the cost is \$16.00. There will be door prizes, and a dance band for your pleasure. For tickets, please contact R.: W.: Ruel Lovett at 494-2546 or me at 426-6836. Masons and friends are cordially invited.

**Reminder**

Brethren, please check your dues card, it should read "2002". According to the By-Laws, Article IV, Section III of Etolian Lodge No. 479, F. & A.M., dues and Grand Lodge assessments are payable in advance. "On or before the last communication held by the Lodge in the month of December." For those who paid their dues and also contributed to the Brotherhood Fund, the Secretary and I express grateful appreciation for the Fraternity. ☐

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2nd Mon.  
7:30 P.M.  
Robert Sweeney, Sec.  
(h) 381-5286 (w) 464-6316  
38 Cullens Run, Pittsford, 14534

On Monday, February 25th, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a Special Communication for the purpose of conferring the 3rd Degree. Please take notice thereof and attend this special meeting. The Shrine Past Master's Degree Team will confer this Degree. A dinner will precede the Degree, reservations are required. Please call me at 334-9057 or Joe Cotteleer at 624-1365. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Our regular Lodge meeting on Monday, February 11th, will feature a slide presentation by Brother Rob Sweeney covering our recent visit to the Grand Lodge in New York and his trip to Las Vegas. For those who have not visited the Grand Lodge and/or have been to Las Vegas recently, will for sure enjoy this program.

The 2nd Degree was conferred on three Entered Apprentices on January 28th. Brother Gary Sanford sat in the East, W. Dick Bull was Director of the Ritual.

### Helping others

During the month of December members of our Lodge assisted The School of the Holy Childhood with their craft sale at Eastview Mall. They also helped in the packing of family food boxes for the Henrietta Food Cupboard at the Dome Arena.

### Condolences

Brother Robert Norget, who was in the Crest Manor Nursing Home in Fairport, passed away on January 7, 2002. Brother Norget received his 60 Year Service Award last year. A Masonic Service was held at the Miller Funeral Home. W. Dick Bull conducted the Service.

### Have-a-Heart

The Annual Have-a-Heart Campaign starts this month. Union Star will be covering the booth in Marketplace Mall on Sunday, February 10th. Brother Gary Sanford is our Chairman for the Lodge. He has the sign up sheet for working that day.

### Brotherhood Fund

Brother Kerry Ripley, Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund, reminds all Brothers who have not sent in their donations to please do so. Brothers who may have sent their donations directly to the Grand Lodge are not to worry about our Lodge not receiving credit. Our Lodge will receive it.

### Dues

Our Secretary, Brother Rob Sweeney, reports there are still a few Brothers who are late with their dues. Please check your dues card. If you don't have year 2002, you are late.

### Thanks

Our Audit Committee, Chaired by R. W. Bob Sanford, reviewed all our records and bank accounts on January 5th, and gave our Treasurer, W. Terry Hatch, and Brother Rob Sweeney a "passing grade". Thanks to all for the great work during the past year.

We all owe W. Bud Ripley and his team thanks for their labor and time in decorating the Temple Building during this past Christmas Season. The decorations looked GREAT!

Many thanks to Brother Rob Sweeney for filling in as Organist while R. W. Marty Reitz is in the warm climate.

### Events

The School of Ritual will be meeting at Valley/Simes at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29th at the Downtown Temple. Remember the School of Ritual is not just for officers, but for everyone. It is important that we attend in order to keep up with our Ritual work.

The Masters and Wardens will be meeting on Saturday, February 16th, at the Webster Lodge at 10:00 a.m. This is open to all Masons.

## Churchville Lodge No. 667

20 South Main St.  
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W. George R. Burke,  
Secretary 293-1629

### Good news!

To all the Brothers who are having problems climbing up and down stairs, we have our new chairlift installed.

### Sickness and distress

R. W. Charlie Daycock is out of the hospital and doing very well. I talked with R. W. Roderick Meier and he is feeling somewhat better. W. John Hennessey's father is at home and doing very well.

### Good time!

We had a nice turnout for the dinner and play put on by Hesperus Lodge. The food was excellent. To all the Brothers at Hesperus Lodge, thank you for giving us a wonderful evening.

To all the snowbirds, a special hello and enjoy the good weather.

## Craftsman/ Robertson Lodge No. 969

W. Derek E.  
VanHouten  
Master  
247-2920



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

W. Thomas W. Kendig  
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Rochester, N.Y. 14605

### From the East

A big thank you to the talented Damascus Temple Past Masters Degree Team. They conferred a fine Degree and we now have one more Master Mason in our midst. The evening was preceded by a delicious meal prepared by our culinary artists, Hilde DiJames and Joy Woodley. R. W. Bill Lindsay, DDGM, was also in attendance.

At our February dinner with our ladies, John Zabel will speak on the "History of Masonry in

Monroe County." This promises to be a very interesting evening.

### Christmas cheer

By Robert Ogden

W. Bill Hook and I delivered several poinsettias to the Masons who are unable to make it to Lodge. W. Derek delivered flowers to our faithful "Chefs", Hilde and Joy.

### In memoriam

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Brother Maurice Clark on December 8th. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Brother Clark's family and friends.

### Florida, here they come!

W. Bill Hook and Helen plan to depart toward Florida near the end of January. They will be visiting friends, the Moore's, in Virginia, then on to Lakeland, Florida to say hello to W. Chuck Strickland and Karen. Their final destination is Key West to see their newly-wed grandson, David and Renee. Bill and Helen, have a safe trip down and back driving 55 feet of rolling equipment (van in tandem).

### Have-a-Heart

Craftsman/Robertson will participate in this campaign at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center on February 7th. Please contact Brother Ken Schumacher or W. Derek VanHouten.

### Brotherhood Fund

The Masonic Brotherhood Fund seems to be doing quite well with a total of \$2,675.00 from 65 donors. Last year at this time we had received \$2377.00 from 66 donors. Again, many thanks, Brothers.

### February birthdays

Happy birthday to the Brothers who were born in February: Bob Burns, Roy Cluff, Ken Goodrich, Ron Hibbard, Hal Impson, Abdul Jalil, Fred Seuffert and John Walker.

### February meetings

There will be a dinner meeting with the ladies on February 5th. Fellowcraft Club will meet on February 12th.

There will be a regular meeting on February 19th.

## WEBSTER Lodge No. 538

30 Orchard St.  
Webster, N.Y. 14580



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Master  
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(o) 771-3218

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

W. Paul Sobtzick, Sec.  
671-8980

### Past events

On January 17th we held our 2nd Degree with Brad Lewis in the East conferring the Degree on our Brothers. Bill Edwards performed the Middle Chamber Lecture and did an excellent job.

Last meeting we voted to give the Webster Police Department \$250.00 towards a new police dog. They are in need of a new dog and asking for donations.

### Upcoming events

February 8th the Have-a-Heart Campaign will be held at Eastview Mall.

A Square Dance will be held on Saturday, February 9th at Webster Lodge. It should be a fun event for all. We are looking forward to a great turnout and a

wonderful time. If you are interested in attending, please contact Nick Haldoupis at 872-3910 for reservations. The cost will be \$10.00 per couple. Please call and make your reservations early. We are looking forward to this event. We hope you will join us.

An Officers' meeting will be held on February 21st at 7:30 p.m. Past Masters are invited to attend. I'm sorry to say we lost Dennis Gellach from line for next year. He will finish this year as Junior Deacon. Dave Sylvester is also leaving the line. He is currently Senior Deacon and cannot continue this year as other commitments have occurred. Next year, we will be in need of a new Secretary as this position will also be open. There are a lot of items to discuss. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

Has any Brother seen Tyler Wood?

One final note, Brothers, please remember the Brotherhood Fund. Send your donations to our Chairman, Brad Lewis.

Each day is a gift. Stay healthy and keep smiling. Carry the flag.

## Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088

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



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

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

### School of Ritual

By R. W. Joseph Privitera

Just a reminder that the next School of Ritual is scheduled for Tuesday, January 29th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Downtown Masonic Temple. It should be interesting, for sure it will be different.

The agenda for the evening will be a 'round robin'. When someone makes a mistake, the person making note of the error will take the position of the one who made the error. It will be your chance for five seconds of fame and an undetermined time of infamy. I am sure it will be fun and enlightening. I am hoping to see many of the Brothers out that evening!

## NORTHFIELD

Lodge  
No. 426  
Instituted  
March 1857



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

W. James  
Knapp  
Master  
(h) 256-9979  
(w) 422-2142

R. W. William D. Spillane  
Secretary 334-6596

17 Church Street  
Pittsford, N.Y.  
14534

Jim Weick once again stepped up and volunteered his time and skills. Friday, December 14th, saw Chef Jim performing his culinary magic to delight our pallet and to increase our Building Fund. This dinner was for men only and was attended by Walter Weick, John Dudley, Jack Thibaut, Bill Spillane, Pierre Dube, Jim Weick and myself.

Card games, cocktails, and good conversation rounded out the evening.

Officer Move Up Night was held at our January 3rd meeting. The chairs were filled as follows: Dean Smith as Master; Pedro Ugalde, Senior Warden; Russ Van DeGriff, Junior Warden; John Dudley Chaplain; Pierre Dube, Senior Deacon; Bill Milton, Junior Deacon; Walter Weick, Senior Master of Ceremonies; Jim Weick, Marshal; Bill Spillane, Secretary, and Jack Thibaut as Tiler. Dick Trolley, R.J. Muto, and Dan Walker called in sick. Get well real soon!

Brother Steven Busky was reinstated. Welcome back, Steve.

At our Officer Move Up Night W. Derek VanHouten, Master of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969, paid us a visit.

Happy birthday, Russ! Russ VanDeGriff informed those present that he turned 88 on January 2nd.

There have been some real intense card games after the meetings as of late. It's great fun. If you haven't been to Lodge for a spell, come and join in the competition!

## Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154

W. Steve O.  
Maynard  
Master  
482-5847



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

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

### Communications

Our February 11th meeting will be an Eastern Star Appreciation Dinner. Please make every effort to attend and thank our ladies who have been so kind to cook and serve our dinners throughout the year. The 1st Degree will be conferred on February 25th. At this writing we do not have a candidate, but will proceed with the Degree as practice for our officers and the pleasure of the Brethren.

There will be an officers meeting and rehearsal on Saturday, February 23rd, at the Lodge hall commencing at 9:00 a.m. All officers are expected to attend. If you have a problem and will not be there, please call me.

Our sincere thanks to V. W. John Zabel and his crew for organizing the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night which was a huge success. We also extend our thanks to R. W. Don Brugger, W. Michael Adamus, and V. W. John Zabel for their Concordant Body presentations at our last meeting in January.

### Sickness and distress


R. W. Charles Spiegel is progressing quite well from his knee operation. Brother Art Johnson is doing well after his heart problem.

Brother Roy Williams is home recovering from a broken arm and complications. His wife, Carol, is recovering from a heart condition. Our good wishes go out for their speedy recoveries.

Brother Irwin Gordon writes that his wife of 60 years passed away in July. He has relocated to an independent living center and is doing quite well in his 92nd year. He sends his best wishes to all the Brothers in Wakan/Hubbard Lodge.



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



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

tell you, 9 hours is a long time to spend in a mall!

**Come find out!**  
Our February 12th meeting will feature R.W. Stephen Whittaker, presenting the Lantern Lecture for our new Brothers. If it has been a while since you have witnessed this Lecture, please come to Lodge, as this is a beautiful and informative passage. R.W. Fred Belluscio will have a presentation on the significance of the Bible passage on which the Square and Compasses are placed on the 3rd Degree. Do you know what passage this is? If not, come and find out. If you do know, come and find out why.

**District Deputy  
Grand Master**  
Genesee/Wyoming



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

It's time to start thinking about the Grand Lodge Communication on May 6th and 7th. All the Lodges in the District should be represented. As far as I know, we will be going by bus again with Allegany District. Contact Staff Officer Drew, as he should have the information soon.

**Color Guard**  
The Masonic War Vets meeting will be January 29th at West Star Lodge, Varysburg. They will dress in uniform to serve as Color Guards for whatever activity is at your Lodge. If you have need of them, contact R.W. Dennis Turton, Sr., or me.

**Communicate**  
We all keep saying we need more new Masons, and we do. What about those Brothers who don't attend Lodge any more? Maybe a visit or a phone call would get some of them to come back or at least let them know that we miss them and need them. If they have a problem, help to solve it. It may be that some of the older Brothers don't want to drive at night. Make arrangements to pick them up. There are Brothers out there who are just waiting to be asked to come back to Lodge. This month let's each of us ask one Brother.  
God bless you.

to Grand Lodge as dues, and \$4.00 is paid to the *Masonic Times* for your newspaper. If you have a change of address and don't let me know, we get billed for 60 cents per member from the *Masonic Times* for returned and remailed papers. Please keep me informed.

At this point in time we are now down to 63 members. At our hey day we were 149 strong. You know guys, as I handle all of your checks, and fill in all of your information into the rolls, I realize, more than ever, how sad it is that I've never met so many of you. You who live so close, Holland, Strykersville, North Java, I could go on and on. I would love to have the opportunity to look you in the eye and grasp your hand, rather than just deposit your money to the treasurer.

As I've written before, information wise, I'm lucky enough to be renting from our DDGM, R.W. Ray Barber, and I have his ear, (or he has mine, usually between his thumb and forefinger!), anyway, Grand Lodge has all the facts and figures on various Lodges throughout the State, and with our declining membership, most of the Lodges in the State will be defunct within the next 10 years.

Let me give you some quick numbers that I've worked up this morning. Last year I was a Trustee, along with R.W. Mark Hopkins and R.W. Ray Barber. We accomplished the following for your Lodge:

1. The back fire escape was repaired and brought up to code.
2. The front steps were repaired and re-mortared.
3. Landscaping was done in the front of the building with timbers and some bushes put in.
4. All of the carpets in the Lodge were professionally cleaned.
5. A new electric service was installed with a regular circuit breaker box, replacing the old screw-in type fuse.
6. Three new electric outlets were installed in the dining room and two in the kitchen.

The work that the three of us did, was of course, gratis, but the rest of the expenses came to \$1200.00.

OK, here's where you all get to do the math. 63 members share of dues is only \$1260.00. Out of that we have budgeted \$300.00 for the Master to make his trip to Grand Lodge; \$300.00 for the Secretary's fee, and the Custodian's fee of \$300.00. Our electric and gas bills are running about \$100.00 a month now. We also have insurance to pay and taxes, which amount to another \$1500.00. While we are working at becoming tax exempt, we are, at this point, where we can't cut expenses any more.

My Brothers, the reality is, that it just isn't enough for you to send in your annual dues anymore if you want to call Mt. Vernon your home Lodge. The well is going to run dry as you can see by the numbers that I've outlined above.

You all have special talents and ideas, and that's what we need for programs to put money into our coffers. There's a solid cadre of 20% of the roster who work to keep the Lodge operational, and we could really use some reinforcements! Please!

Grand Lodge dues are being adjusted to just over \$1100.00, (I'm working on that now.) That bill is due shortly.

Unfortunately, we unaffiliated five members recently for non-payment of dues. This was a hard thing to do for the Lodge, and every Brother present hated hav-

ing to vote on it, but it also cost the Lodge close to \$1,000.00 to keep them on the rolls as an active member. This just can't be tolerated if we wish to remain a solvent Lodge.

I hope that those of you closer to home will take the time to come to Lodge, or bring your gal for a Pancake Breakfast. (We've got the best flippers in the county!), and say Hi to our Master. He looks a lot like Barry Bostwick from 'Spin City' and controls the dining room, or me, I'm the bacon cooker in the corner. I'd be honored to meet you and shake hands.

Best regards, my Brothers. ☐

Greetings, Brethren! I extend my greetings, especially to our newest Master Masons, Robert Belmont, Brian DiSanto, Earl Gardner and Carl Preddy. Congratulations, gentlemen, on your successful journey from the West to the East.

**Have-a-Heart**  
It's time once again for the Have-a-Heart Campaign that benefits the Ronald McDonald House here in Rochester. Seneca's day is Sunday, February 10th at Eastview Mall in Victor. If you haven't signed up yet, please call Brother Dick Shellman and volunteer for a 2 hour shift. If you have signed up, please show up! Last year, although several Brothers signed up, only two other Brothers showed up. Is it any wonder that they are DSA recipients? Let me


**Mark your calendars**  
Ladies Night is fast approaching. It will be Saturday, March 2nd at the Daisy Flour Mill. This is always a great evening, so mark your calendars now and call Brother Dick Shellman for reservations. This is our opportunity to honor our ladies for indulging us our Masonic evenings and events.

My year is quickly coming to an end. Time certainly flies when you are having fun. Brother Stuart Walthour is waiting in the wings, and we are trying for a seamless transfer of the hat and gavel. If you have any ideas or comments for this year, call me. If you have any ideas for next year, call Stu. We want to ensure that this is your Lodge, not the Master's Lodge. We can only guess what you want, unless you tell us.



Newest Brothers of Seneca Lodge: Robert Belmont, Earl Gardner, Michael Ferguson - Master, Brian DiSanto, and Carl Preddy.

**CLIO**  
LODGE No. 779



Master  
W. Gordon F. Smith  
392-9261

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

Secretary  
W. Sean Noonan  
392-8156

287 East Ave.  
Hilton, N.Y. 14468  
www.mastermason.com/clio779


February 9th and the Mall at Greece Ridge Center from noon 'til 9:00 p.m.

February 2nd is the Road to the East.  
On Saturday, February 16th, at 10:00 a.m., Masters and Wardens will be at Seneca Lodge in Webster.

**Have you moved?**  
Please call Sean Noonan at 392-8156 as to your new address and phone number.

**Closing**  
Brothers, if you need a ride to meetings, please call me at 392-9261. We will be more than glad to arrange transportation.

**Mount Vernon  
Lodge No. 263**



Master  
W. Bernard Whaley  
457-9905

2nd & 4th  
Mondays

Secretary  
W. Jim Allan  
457-3079  
Main Street  
Java Village, NY

By J.P. Allan, Secretary  
The best of the New Year to you and yours.

My Brothers, your Worshipful Master, Bernard Whaley, and I meet frequently, and one of our discussions was on the financial and future health, if you will, of your Lodge.

You've received your dues notices from me and second notices will be sent again at the end of this month for any Brother whom I haven't heard from.

The Worshipful Master has asked me for a report on the declining income to the Lodge. I thought that I might share a few important facts with you about that.


You might not know that only \$20.00 out of your dues goes into the Lodge's treasury. \$17.50 is paid



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Dear son:  
We have just celebrated our first year at Acacia Village and never thought we would be so happy to share our life with such wonderful people. We spend a lot of time in the library, swimming in the pool, golfing, and walking the grounds of this beautiful community. We're just learning how to get on the internet and do that 'surfing' thing the younger generation is talking about.  
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**Eagle Valley  
Lodge No. 1161**  
2nd & 4th  
Thurs. 8:00 p.m.



Master  
W. Edwin C. Law  
322-7221

R.W. Sheldon Moden  
Secretary 322-7343  
Liberty St.  
Bliss, NY 14024

**Editor's Award for  
Lodge Articles**

*This article was selected for its concise, straight-forward style and economy of language.*

Eagle Valley Lodge lives! Brothers, be assured that the "status quo" prevails.

After nine months of literary dormancy, I have been in combat against the general state of depression that had besieged me early in 2001, and I feel I have won yet another battle against my long time adversary. Hence comes forth the "news" you are reading.

May, 2001, saw another marvelous Chicken Bar-B-Que come to pass at Eagle Valley Lodge. November was the month in which Eagle Valley Lodge held its annual fundraiser. Belated, but nevertheless sincere, thanks to all who in anyway contributed to the success of these events. Even as you read these words, plans are being made for the 2002 Bar-B-Que.

In December, Eagle Valley Brothers distributed more than sixty holiday poinsettias to deserving ladies and gents in the Southern Wyoming County area. Holiday poinsettia distribution is another annual activity of Eagle Valley Lodge.

The events of September 11th were traumatic to Americans everywhere. Eagle Valley Lodge was quick to respond to New York's need as were Brothers individually. Well done, Eagle Valley!

As we stride into the uncharted future, let each of us recall when first he "knelt where Hiram knelt", and bring to mind that statement engraved on American coins, "In God We Trust".

Neither he who writes this column nor those who read it, should begin or end a day without offering up invocation and devotion to Deity. Neither should we neglect the study of and meditation upon the Great Light that has been our guide in times past and stands ready to illuminate our present and future pathways. May the blessings of Heaven rest upon us. Amen.

**February birthdays**  
Happy birthday to: Bill Hess, John Burgess, Dave Goodrich, Roy Spry, Nick Panarites, Clyde Rathbun, Jeffrey B. Ross, Scott J. Brickman, Gus William Neidrich III, and Joseph Gresko.

**Upcoming events**  
Spaghetti Dinners are February 13th and 27th. Come out, Brothers, and give us a hand. It makes lighter work for all.

**Engraving presentation**  
On February 5th, Brother David L. Benoit will have a presentation downstairs after Lodge. You will step through the history of monument engraving from the 1890's to present day techniques.

**Join us**  
Brothers, join us for the Have-a-Heart Campaign on Saturday,



**Batavia**  
**Lodge No. 475**  
**F. & A.M.**  
 200 E. Main Street,  
 Batavia, NY 14020

**2nd & 4th**  
**Tuesdays**

Master  
 W.. Lawrence F.  
 Belluscio  
 548-9958

Secretary  
 R..W.. Robert F. Dagen  
 Sec. (716)548-7148  
 rdagen@rochester.rr.com

Just think, Spring is just around the corner! Doesn't that give cause for a brighter outlook on life? Actually, reminiscing over the past, a good deal has transpired within the Lodge and in my personal life, as well. As for our Lodge, we have been the recipients of growth, maybe not in large numbers, but in due time I feel this is just the beginning. It has been evident that there is a willingness to have interlodge fellowship, with the willingness to assist in the performance of Ritual and practicing the true meaning of what our Fraternity stands for. Reminiscing further, we have once again just been through the season of celebrating the birth of the Christ Child and with the events of nine-eleven embedded in our minds, I find myself realizing what many of us have taken for granted has really been missing, that being a growth in our spiritual lives and being the recipient of many material things we had come to take for granted. What a wake-up call for all Americans.

During the past, I have had the opportunity to perform a very pleasant duty. Annually during the Christmas season, we take this opportunity to deliver flowers and to visit with several of the ladies of our recently departed Brothers. What a delightful experience it was for me, just talking and reminiscing. It reminded me that we should never forget those gals who for many years were sitting in the background for our Brothers as they participated in Lodge functions.

Looking forward to the future, the Activities Committee, chaired by Brother Ralph Goodberlet, has been busy putting together an interesting program of events for the Brethren of the Lodge. Once again, a Masonic Night at the Ballpark, Chicken Bar-B-Que/Steak Roast/Clam Bake event, with the benefits to assist in supporting the Crossroads House in Batavia, participating in local parades, a Child ID Program, just to mention a few.

Another idea is how about your own shirt, jacket or some other wearing apparel with logo and identification of your Lodge? There are many other ideas listed which I won't go into at this time. The fact is, this will open the door as a means of getting life back into the organization.

#### Wanted

Charles L. Carter Chapter of DeMolay is in need of adult help. Could you spare a few hours/minutes as an advisor? The tasks are small, but the rewards are tremendous! Over the next few weeks we will be conferring the Degrees of DeMolay for several young men here in Batavia. We have the young men, but it continues to be a task in finding the adult Brethren to support them. Won't you help?

The Secretary is in the process of compiling a new membership roster. Watch your mail, it should be published during the next few weeks. Also, the Secretary has in his possession the applications for the 2002 Educational Assistance. Do you have a child or grandchild who may be pursuing an undergraduate/graduate degree, going to a trade school or for those returning to school for retraining? If you do, this is a program that is out there for their use. Don't miss it!

The Secretary has been informed that Brother Jerry Sawdey is presently a patient at our local hospital. Brother Jerry had been a resident at the New York State Veterans Home in Batavia for the past few years. Other than those of us who may be suffering from the Winter blahs, I do not know of any other Brother who is presently under the weather. If you know of anyone, please advise the Secretary.

I ask all to continue to pray for our leaders of these United States and other governments throughout the world as they make commitments to re-establishing a normalcy to our lives and the freedoms we enjoy in this great country we know as America.

God bless America and may God bless us all.

**HESPERUS**  
**Lodge No. 837**  
 1st and 3rd Thursday



Master  
 W.. Marshall B.  
 Krause  
 494-2147

Secretary  
 W.. John Specht, 548-2694  
 12 South Lake Ave.  
 Bergen, N.Y. 14416

On December 3rd, Hesperus Lodge was honored by the presentation of Fervency and Zeal, by the Royal Arch. The presenters were James MacConnell, Donald Read, John Cooper, Harry Tyson, and Ruel Lovett. We also had a Memorial Service for our Brothers who have passed away during the past three years. I thank the Royal Arch and Bob Seils for the respective programs.

#### Sickness

Don Hargrave is home from the hospital and doing fine. Marilyn Liles is up and around after knee surgery, but will be going back for more surgery in a few weeks.

#### Brotherhood Fund

Brother Ralph Marsocci is chairing the annual Brotherhood Fund Drive. As of this writing, he has only received about 10% of Hesperus Lodge's goal. Please consider increasing your support to this fund.

#### Coming events

February 6th is Brother Bring-a-Friend Open House at 7:30 p.m.

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

February 16th is Ladies Night Out with dinner/dancing at the Rose Garden at 6:00 p.m.

February 20th is a regular meeting.

On March 7th we will confer the 1st Degree with dinner by the OES at 6:30 p.m.

#### Brother Bring-a-Friend


Please think about your friends and associates. Many of them would make excellent Masons. Some do not have knowl-

edge of our Fraternity. If you get names to Ralph Marsocci or me, we will make sure an invitation be sent for our Open House on February 6th. I would like to see at least five 1st Degree candidates for our next class.

#### Ladies Night Out

Shake the Winter blues! We are planning a fun night out on February 16th for Masons and wives from Churchville, Spencerport, and Bergen Lodges. We are hoping for a turnout of 80 to 100 for dinner at the Rose Garden. Festivities start at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$16.00 per person from Harry Tyson, 494-1137, or me at 494-2147. Reservations by February 7th, please.

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



W.. Paul E.  
 McCullough  
 Master  
 762-8539

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

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

#### Party

The excellent food and company were enjoyed by all at the Lodge Christmas Party on December 19th at the Prospector Restaurant. Our thanks to Bruce Anderson for an enjoyable evening and Harold Aldrich for the great Alaska slide show.

#### Breakfast

The new breakfast schedule is working very well so far. Our thanks to everyone for taking their turn and all the others who came to eat pancakes! The first Sunday in February is the 3rd, so mark your calendars again.

#### Scholarships

It's Scholarship time again and applications are available for the Education Assistance Program for the 2002 school year. Please be sure to contact the Secretary for the details and requirements. Children, grandchildren and widows of Master Masons are eligible. Do not delay, as April 30th is the deadline.

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



W.. Neil  
 Parmeter,  
 Master  
 535-7045

1st & 3rd  
 Mondays

R..W.. Kenneth E. Kohlhaugen,  
 Secretary 591-9598

2473 Route 20A  
 Varysburg, N.Y. 14167

The holidays were really nice at our house this year. All the kids and grandchildren were home for a week. There were lots of gifts, food and lots of games. I hope your holidays were as nice as ours.

#### A great night

On December 17th Missy Cramer was at West Star to give a lecture about her trip to Europe. The evening was also Widows Night. There were several widows and guests present. Missy did a fantastic job. It was very interesting and everyone enjoyed the evening. She had many pictures and several souvenirs. Very

few young adults are lucky enough to tour Europe. We are glad that she was able to be one of the lucky ones.

#### Degree

The Lodge has duly elected another candidate to become a member of West Star No. 413. The 1st Degree is tentatively set for February 16th at 4:00 p.m. Any and all help would be appreciated. Phone calls will be made as soon as the date is secured.

#### Toothache


Rumor has it that W.. Doc Benn missed a Lodge meeting recently because of a bad toothache. The Tooth Fairy sent a get well card and a couple of bucks to put under his pillow. I'm glad to report that he is back to Lodge and feeling much better. If you know of any Brothers who are not feeling well, please give us a call.

#### January meeting

At our January 7th meeting we had 10 Brothers present. It was a short meeting and we had a nice visit in the dining room afterwards. Sometimes more is learned at the discussions after the meeting.

Well, I will close for now. Don't forget our meeting nights are the 1st and 3rd Mondays. We would be glad to see you.

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



1st & 3rd  
 Wed.

W.. Nevin  
 Brick  
 Master  
 768-6473

W.. Douglas Poole, Sec.  
 584-3601  
 8 West Main Street  
 LeRoy, N. Y. 14482

Hope, Joy and Peace. We heard a lot about these as we celebrated the Holidays. These still remain our wish for the new year.

#### Hope

Our Hope is in the future, and with that in mind, Olive Branch is entering the year with an eye toward growth. The growth that comes from increased light in Masonry for us and for our Brothers. A Brother Bring-a-Friend Night is scheduled for March 23rd.

#### Joy

Our Joy is in sharing our vision and knowledge with each other. Your friends should hear about the possibilities for sharing and personal growth in Masonry. This is your opportunity to invite them to learn about the things that Masons stand for and the things that attracted you to join. We have been enjoying a good year and we can make it even better. Call Bob Nicoll at 768-7922 with your reservations for dinner.

#### Peace

Peace comes from knowing that you have done what is needed and walking upright.

### District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District



R..W.. Allen J. Roggen  
 538-6264

What a busy time! Degree work, Schools of Ritual, Road to the East Program, Masonic funerals, dinners, and planning get-togethers. It never ends, does it? Well, we hope it's never going to end (except for the funerals).

#### Degrees

Phoenix Lodge in Dansville had a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night in December. The Master, Jim Nichols, thought they had three possible candidates, but they ended up with one. The 1st Degree was conferred on January 15th. Too bad about the other two, but they at least got to know a little about Masonry and may reconsider in the future. However, we now have another Brother who can enjoy our fellowship.

The effort was well worth doing it. Livonia Lodge is planning a 3rd Degree in the near future. Nunda Station Lodge is planning a 2nd Degree on February 5th for four Brothers and a DeWitt Clinton Award special presentation ceremony is being planned. Union Lodge in Lima is planning a 1st Degree in March for one candidate. This is great activity. Keep it going!

#### Possible suspensions

This is the time of year when we unfortunately lose a few members for nonpayment of dues. It does not benefit the Brother or the Lodge to carry a Brother on your rolls indefinitely. If all efforts are exhausted to retain them, your By-Laws must be adhered to. But, before dropping them, try to make personal contact with these Brothers to determine what the problem might be. A registered letter, a phone call from the Master, or a visit by a Retention Committee may be all that is needed to rekindle a Brother's interest.

#### Schools of Ritual

Mark DiBelka, AGL, has scheduled some Schools of Ritual, as well as visits to the individual Lodges. These are valuable refresher courses for the improvement of Ritual and Masonic Etiquette. Our Livingston Masonic Association meets once a month at the various Lodges. These meetings are vital for the dissemination of information about the activities of the nine Lodges in the District. The Masters and Wardens are the primary attendees, along with the committee chairmen. Others interested in District activities are welcome to attend.

As District Deputy of the Livingston District, I hereby authorize any and all Brothers the option of attending the aforementioned meetings. The only provision is that those who opt not to attend the AGL meetings know all there is to know about the Ritual and that the Masters and Wardens who opt not to attend the Association meetings are fully knowledgeable about all of the District and Grand Lodge activi-



**God Bless  
 America**



ties and have informed all other Lodges about their activities.

**Wisdom**

We have all heard the philosophical question, "If a tree falls in a remote forest, does it make a sound if no one is there to hear it?" Certainly the sound is there; it only needs some ears (a receptor) to be heard. The same is true for all the effort put into programs and meetings to try to transmit falling tree noises to you. If you are not there to hear it, the tree has fallen for naught. Hear the tree, don't let the tree fall on you.

Exercise Brotherly love. Live Masonry every minute of your life.

**Assistant Grand Lecturer Livingston District**



V. W. Mark G. Dibelka  
230-0355

P-R-O-C-R-A-S-T-I-N-A-T-I-O-N. The evil that plagues us all, and especially me, over the last month or so. Sometimes it feels like there is just so much to do that I don't feel like doing any of it at all. This is exactly what happened with January's article - I simply put it off and put it off until amazingly, it went away.

This is exactly what will happen if we don't strive for a beautiful and accurate presentation of Ritual in our Lodges. Our Lodges will go away. We can procrastinate and say that we will work on our Ritual so when the AGL shows up, we are good to go. I say that it shouldn't matter when I show up, because you never know when a visitor is going to come to your Lodge. Would you be proud of your Ritual today?

I have recently made visits to Livonia, Mt. Morris, Union, and Geneseo Lodges. Overall, I was pleased and congratulate the Lodges for their fine work. Of course, there were rough spots (sometimes they were mine), but we laughed through it and got on with the business. Look out, Avon Springs (2/7), I plan on bringing a friend with me and we are looking forward to some of that fine venison sausage after the communication.

On January 14th we held a School of Ritual in Mt. Morris which examined the floor work of the Degrees. While we commonly work on our spoken and gesticulated Ritual, rarely do we work on our floor work. This is unfortunate, as we tell our candidates to follow their conductors - it would certainly help if the conductor knew where he was going!

Degree work is a set of gears that when put in motion should mesh and carry the candidate through as smooth as glass, and an unfortunate turn on the floor or the, "No! No! Back up!", stage whispered from a well meaning sideliners could throw a kink in an otherwise astounding Ritual. As always, we had many laughs, a few difficult questions and a lot of good fellowship. Speaking of which, will I see you at the next School of Ritual on March 11th in Geneseo at 7:30 p.m.? Livonia will be presenting a talk on Lodge room etiquette, as well as a quick overview of the new "Walkabout" Program.

Now, allow me to back up a little to the first School of the Masonic year. On November 12, 2001, we met in Keshequa Lodge and examined the Masonic Memorial Service. A very serious question

arose that I promised to talk about in this forum once I found the answer. We looked at the appropriate action to take upon ending the Service - we are to simply address the deceased Brother, exit the room and retire to where we prepared. We are to then divest ourselves of any Masonic garments (aprons and gloves) and return to the room and greet the widow and next of kin.

There are two reasons for this:

1. We are the Brothers of the deceased and address him as our Brother. We are gentlemen to the other family members and should address them as gentlemen.

2. The sense of decorum and solemnity which was carefully established during the Services should not be disturbed by a break from dignity to personal comforting. By no means am I saying to ignore the family, I am simply asking that we allow ourselves to fulfill our many roles before the Grand Architect and man.

I think that's all for now. Until next time, please contact me with any questions or invite me to any events (I really enjoy the events) and I will answer as best I can.

**Eunice Lodge No. 830**

1st Thursday - 7:30 p.m.



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I must comment that at our January communication, we were pleased to host R. W. M. Don Darrohn as guest speaker in support of the Ronald McDonald House. His details on its history and scope drew many questions from enthusiastic Brothers. I believe you will find good representation from Eunice Lodge in support of the upcoming Have-a-Heart Campaign.

**Fundraiser**

The next communication is February 7th, at which time organizing will begin for the Old Fashioned Days where Eunice Lodge

works a food booth. This is the largest income activity for the year in Scottsville. This event is the last Sunday in April.

**Looking ahead**

For the March communication we are pleased to host representatives from York Rite and what it is about.

I might remind you that the Livingston District Association meeting for February is on the last Monday, 7:30 p.m., at Mt. Morris. The dinner is at 6:30 p.m. See you there.

**Livonia Lodge No. 778**



Master  
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346-6542

1st & 3rd Wed.

Secretary  
R. W. Richard Brown  
346-3618

65 Big Tree Street  
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**Dedication and**

**125th Anniversary**

The plans are set for our upcoming Dedication and Anniversary Celebration on February 24th. The Grand Master is scheduled to be there to officiate the proceedings. The program will start promptly at 3:00 p.m., followed by dinner in our dining room. The Livonia Inn is catering the event. It will be buffet style with a good selection of entrees.

The price is \$15.00 per person. Please call Dick Brown or me with your head count as soon as possible. We need to have all monies and head counts in by February 8th. All checks should be made out to Livonia Lodge and sent to: Livonia Lodge, PO Box 49, Livonia, NY 14487-0049.

I hope our Brethren and friends will join us for this joyous occasion.

**3rd Degree in March**

We had to cancel our 3rd Degree in January due to scheduling conflicts. We will be conferring the Degree together with Phoenix Lodge, as they have a candidate also. The Degree will be held at Phoenix Lodge at one of their March meetings. I know I can count on our Brothers to assist them with the Degree. This is a good example of mutual assis-

tance to each other. We need to do more of this in this District. The DDGM has given his wholehearted approval for this and also says it is great to see our Lodges helping each other.

There will be a dinner beforehand. I will have all the particulars soon.

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Necessity has required that we recycle our officers once again. Hopefully there will shortly be an increase in our membership that will allow some new saplings to grow into Tall Cedars.

The officers elect for 2002 are:

GTC Don Brugger  
SDGTC John Zabel  
JDGTC Angelo DiCataldo  
Scribe Don Bell  
Treasurer Paul Kober

This coming year will be one of rebuilding (as the Buffalo Bills would say). Let's hope we will be a little more successful.

The new Officers were installed at the January 23rd meet-

ing. I would encourage all members to put forth every effort to increase membership this year. Hopefully you have been contacted by our e-mail/Calling Committee. If you have not, please contact me and let me know how you are doing and if we can be of service to you. If you need a ride to the monthly meetings, that can be arranged. Let's resolve to make the new year one that we can be proud of.

**Acacia Village**

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Our health is wonderful. We seem to be getting younger every day! The staff is very professional and takes good care of us. Did I mention the food? We are treated to an exquisite dinner each evening in the elegant dining room. We enjoy meeting friends in the cafe for a snack where we all take turns sharing stories of our younger days.

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# Scottish Rite NEWS

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## Commander-in-Chief



Charles O. Hancock, 33<sup>rd</sup>

The early 20th Century was a time when many Masonic Temples were constructed for the use of large groups of Symbolic Lodges, Scottish Rite Bodies, Concordant Bodies and appendant groups. The decrease in Masonic membership in the past 40 years, has changed that need for these large facilities. Meeting rooms that once seated 75, 150, or 250 members are now only serving 10, 20, or 40 at a meeting. As a result, many great Masonic edifices have become white elephants.

As you know, our Rochester Downtown Masonic Temple was sold and the TCC has been leasing the facilities we use. That lease will expire at the end of 2002 and the TCC does not intend to renew. For the past several years the leadership of the Valley has been assessing our needs and the options available to us. This is the beginning of a series of articles explaining our thinking as we move forward in providing for the needs of the Valley.

Symbolic Lodges, Scottish Rite Bodies and other Concordant Bodies can no longer afford to operate their temples as they did in the past. It just doesn't make sense to own and operate a building that will be used two

nights a month. Most Masonic Bodies really have two membership numbers to support.

First is the total membership consisting of all members whether they pay dues or not, whether they attend meetings or not and whether they need a meeting place or not. The second number represents those who can be relied upon to attend meetings. The leadership is obligated to serve the best interests of both groups. What best serves the second group may not be in the best interest of the first group. But, it is the second group that can be counted on to fund the meeting place. The cost of such a meeting place should really be justified based on the per capita cost of providing that meeting place for those, the second group, who will use it.

As we move into the 21st Century all Masonic Bodies are facing declining membership. Lodges are merging or surrendering their charters. Attendance at a meeting is static or diminishing. Expenses escalate. Dues may be increased. We must change the way we do things! We in Freemasonry have a tendency to avoid change because we have been taught that our Fraternity should never be changed, but we are learning that there is a difference between changing the fundamentals of Freemasonry and changing the way we have done things in the past.

Lodge meeting rooms of the new century will be selected to seat no more than those attending an average stated meeting. For those Bodies like the Scottish Rite that have one or two large Reunions (or those Bodies conducting public installations) each year, other more appropriate space can be rented perhaps even in another building. To dedicate a Lodge room large enough for one or two such functions a year is not intelligent planning.

One factor that must be considered in the future is the access to Masonic facilities for elderly and handicapped members. This has already been recognized by most Lodges and is mandated by federal law. Parking is also related to access and is usually regulated by community ordinance. Access via public roadways is also a major consideration. Safety inside and outside the building is a factor and will also be an important consideration.

Acoustics, the science of sound, is extremely important and will be addressed. Acoustics of a Lodge room strongly affect the quality of the Ritual. Amplification may be required, but is seldom necessary in rooms that seat fewer than 100 people.

The aesthetics of Masonic buildings is still very important to its members and to the community. We will strive to provide a facility of which the Fraternity can be proud.

The 21st Century Masonic buildings will be identified with a highly visible sign that boldly uses the word "Masonic" and not only a square and compasses emblem that few of the general public seem to recognize.

Our Facilities Planning Committee recognizes five separate areas the Valley of Rochester has relating to our needs. We must provide a regular meeting place for the Bodies of the Valley. We must provide an appropriate building to house the 32<sup>nd</sup> Masonic Learning Center for Children. We must provide office support for our membership. We must provide a theatrical site or setting for our unique Scottish Rite Reunions. We must provide environmentally safe storage for our costumes and properties.

In the coming months we will further examine these needs and how they will be served.

### The Degrees

This next set of Degrees we will examine consists of the 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The 28<sup>th</sup> is referred to as the "Knight of the Sun". Using the symbolism of the tools and implements of architecture, this Degree teaches that by building high moral character among its adherents, Masonry may advance man's quest for the achievement of unity and good will throughout the world. This Degree teaches the lessons that nature reveals a power and wisdom and continually points to God. The visible is the manifestation of the invisible. In the universe two opposite forces provide balance.

There is no death, only change. Philosophy is a kind of journey, ever learning, but never arriving at the ideal of truth. The moral code of Masonry is more extensive than that of philosophy. We are taught that it is our duty to be a lover of wisdom. We learn also to be faithful to the promises we made within Masonry.

The 29<sup>th</sup>, "Knight of St. Andrew" teaches that ideas and institutions wax and wane in the great cycle of time which is but change. The duties inculcated in this Degree include Reverence and Obedience to Deity, to serve Truth, to protect Virtue and Innocence, and to Defend the people against tyranny. This Degree emphasizes the Masonic teachings of equality and toleration. We are reminded that no one man, no one church, no one reli-

gion, has a monopoly on the truth, that while we must be true and faithful to our own convictions, we must respect the opinions of others.

The 30<sup>th</sup>, "Grand Elect Knight Kadosh" or "Knight of the Black and White Eagle" establishes the tests and ceremonies that symbolize the experiences we must undergo in the building of excellence of character. We are taught to arm ourselves with faith in God, love toward our fellow men and knowledge. Great examples are the best legacies of the past, they enrich a nation more than wealth or power.

We assume the duty that labor is unceasingly for the good of mankind. We should perhaps ask ourselves if knightly virtues are obsolete in this modern world. The word, Kadosh, is said to mean holy, hence Knight Kadosh means Holy Knight. The good and true Knight Kadosh is armed outwardly with steel, but inwardly with faith in God, love toward his fellow man and knowledge.

### 32<sup>nd</sup> Masonic Learning Center for Children Golf Tournament July 29th

Our Planning Committee needs your assistance now! We have need of workers to help make this event a success for our kids at the Center. Right now we have openings in the following areas: Hospitality, Administration, Sponsorship, Public Relations, Food and Beverage, Gift Bag, Auction, and Marshals. If you have the interest and ability to assist in one or more of these areas, please call the office and sign up as soon as possible. We are enlisting all Valleys in the State to participate. Let's show them that we can produce an event of which we can all be proud.

### Membership

Now is the time to sign up candidates for our Spring Reunion on April 18th and 20th. We will be exemplifying the 8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup>. We have a Brother Bring-a-Brother Night scheduled for March 1st. Details will follow. We also have an excellent brochure entitled "Ten Most Frequently Asked Questions with Answers" about the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Petitions and brochures are available from the office. Care enough to share the experience. Sign up a Brother today!

### News and Views

By Stephen R. Whittaker, 33<sup>rd</sup>

Most businesses attempting to survive in today's changing economy have adapted a "Strategic Planning Process". We are no different in that we do have a defined set of goals, objectives and strategies that represent our future vision. They deal with things that are "known".

In a recent review of the "Strategic Plan" for the Council of Deliberation, the game plan for our state-wide organization is clearly set forth.

There are however, some things that are not clear. As we move forward, it is clear that we need to make more use of the resources that represent our critical mass. It's nice to reminisce about the "old days" (perhaps when our organization had two or three times as many members), but let us remember that it is still our responsibility to reach out

and secure the services of our members to assemble the critical mass required to present the Degrees that represent our reason for being (in part). The progress in our Valley over the last two years has been very positive; let us continue with that positive momentum. At the same time, if one of you has a desire to become involved in the administration of our programs, please call the Office and let us know. More about this important issue will be covered at our upcoming "Academy" Training Session.

Managing the way that we do business is also another changing factor. It is a positive sign that your top three officers have been so dedicated in working together to ensure that positive change is instituted as we learn and grow.

As Michael Hammer says in "Who Has the Next Big Idea?"... "Process management is a way of life. Good process can be liberating...indeed, good processes might be the only way to unshackle the innovation and creativity in everyone". Discipline, structure and repeatability should be the guiding principles that are practiced.

You know that reference is also made to "Reaching Out and Saying Hello" here...only two of ten Lodge Brothers are members of the Scottish Rite. Can you reach out during 2002 and ask one of these eight Brothers to join our great Scottish Rite? ☐

### News from the Thrice Potent Master

By Norman Austin

#### Training session

Saturday, January 26th was the date of the Council of Deliberation Leadership Officer Training Program, presented at the Downtown Temple by Brother Bob Pedersen, Most Wise Master of Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix, and has been certified to conduct this training. This program, also known as the "Academy", is now a requirement for both current and prospective officers and General Committee members of the Valley of Rochester. Every Brother to be installed in an elected office for the Scottish Rite Year, 2002-2003, is required to have completed this training.

This is a wonderful program, and covers a wide range of topics relevant to serving as an officer in the Valley. All officers who attended will attest to the benefits derived from taking advantage of this opportunity to garner valuable knowledge and insight which will assist them, as well as the Body of which they are an officer, in becoming an asset to the Valley throughout the coming Masonic year and beyond. Brother Bob is to be commended for his dedication and efforts in contributing to the improvement of the leadership abilities of the Valley's officers.

#### Come and get acquainted

On Friday, February 8th, the New Member "Get Acquainted" Dinner will take place at Rick's Prime Rib House at 7:00 p.m. Dinner choices include: Prime Rib, Stuffed Chicken, or Broiled Salmon. This event is open to all new members of the Spring and Fall Classes of 2001, their sponsors, mentors, and spouses or sig-

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nificant others. This will be a social event, with no presentations or speeches, just a few introductions to familiarize attendees with officers and other members. Also in attendance will be the top three officers of each Body and the Deputy's Representative.

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, this is the perfect opportunity for you and your lady to experience a wonderful evening and to socialize with new (and not so new) friends and Brothers in the Scottish Rite. This evening also affords an excellent opportunity to pose any questions you may have and to learn more regarding the Scottish Rite and what lies ahead in the Craft. Please call the Scottish Rite Office at 271-0715 no later than Wednesday morning, February 6th, with your dinner choices. I hope to see you there!

**Scottish Rite Club**

Plans for the introductory "get-together" in preparation for the formation of the Genesee/Wyoming Scottish Rite Club are underway. This event will take place in Batavia, tentatively on Thursday, January 31st. This particular date was selected as it is the 5th Thursday in the month, and as such, will hopefully avoid conflicts with other events normally taking place on Thursdays.

**Road to the East**

Attendance at the 2nd session of the Road to the East Program at Phoenix Lodge in Dansville was larger than the initial meeting. More Brethren are taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity to prepare for their year in the East. The Scottish Rite was represented at this event by members of the Craft, and a brief presentation was made informing attendees of the assistance the Scottish Rite can offer in a myriad of areas to make the Master's tenure a successful one. The final session of this most informative program will take place on Saturday, February 2nd, and the Scottish Rite will again be represented.

**Join in**

We have an exciting year ahead in Scottish Rite, and if you would like to be a part of this excitement, we would love to have you join us. On Friday, March 1st, a Brother Bring-a-Brother Night has been scheduled at The Party House on Beahan Road, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This would be an excellent opportunity to meet members of the Valley of Rochester and to learn more about the wonderful advantages inherent in membership in this great organization. For more details, see any member of the Scottish Rite, he will be more than happy to assist you. □

**Mark Your Calendar**

By Robert Pedersen, Most Wise Master

**Get acquainted dinner**

This dinner on February 8th is open for all new members of the Spring and Fall Classes, 2001, their sponsors, mentors, and spouses/significant other. Please join us for this social event at Rick's Prime Rib, 898 Buffalo Road, at 7:00 p.m. Call the Scottish Rite Office no later than February 6th with your reservation.

**Bring-a-Brother Night**

Our Bring-a-Brother Dinner will be held on March 1st at The Party House on Beahan Road. Call and reserve a place for dinner with your prospective candidate(s) and spouses.

**Paschal Lamb Ceremony**

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, April 4th, in Cathedral Hall of the Downtown Masonic Temple. The guest speaker for the evening is M. W. Gary Henningsen, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of the State of New York. More information will be in the March issue of this publication.

**Membership and our future**

It is the responsibility of all the members of the Valley of Rochester to "Reach Out And Say Hello" (ROASH) to all the Blue Lodges in our area. One can't, and shouldn't, sit still and watch the world go by.

If you care about Freemasonry, and its life's fundamentals: love, integrity, fidelity, loyalty, caring, duty, citizenship, impartiality, and honor, it is your duty to contact a fellow Master Mason, invite him/them to advance his/their knowledge in Freemasonry. The Ambassadors alone cannot secure growth for our future. It is the Ambassadors' responsibility to assist the Master in providing assistance for the activities of the Blue Lodge. □

**Hospitaler's Report**

By Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MSA

**Dean Marsaw** is recuperating at home after prostate surgery. He says he is doing well and plans to go to Florida in February.

**Benjamin Silver** is now residing in St. John's Home.

**Roger McCaughey** is in good spirits, but is unable to walk long distances. His wife will have surgery in February.

**Donald E. Freeman, 32° MSA**, had a heart attack, angioplasty, and balloons inserted to open up a blockage.

**Alfred K. Miller** has been having heart problems. His wife, Wilma Jean, is in the Fairport Baptist Home for therapy.

Who said our police officers are not tough? Two of the above are retired police officers, one was in government law, and one was a Marine.

All of these Brethren would appreciate hearing from you. □

**Abbott Scholarships**

By William R. Lindsay

Scottish Rite Abbott Scholarship application forms for 2002 are available in the Scottish Rite Office (271-0715). Children and grandchildren of Scottish Rite members, as well as current and past members of Masonic youth groups may apply, if they have completed a full year of post high school education. The forms must be used to apply, and they must be returned to the Scottish Rite Office by March 15, 2002. The scholarships are given on an annual basis and previous recipients must reapply. □

**Golf Charity to Support The Learning Center for Children**

By Joseph Oelgoetz III

The Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R. will sponsor a golf charity on Monday, July 29th. The event will be held at the Blue Heron Hills Country Club. The event will support The Frank & Bette Paul Learning Center for Children, located at the Downtown Masonic Temple, 875 Main St., Rochester, NY.

**The work of the Center**

The mission of the Learning Center is to provide appropriate instruction - free of charge - for children suffering from dyslexia. Dyslexia is estimated to affect some 2 million school-aged children in the United States. These children are typically of average or above average intelligence. However, these children have difficulties, not only in reading, writing and spelling, but also with listening, talking and arithmetic. These problems can lead to emotional and self esteem problems.

The Center utilizes specially trained teachers and tutors that teach with a one-on-one, multi-sensory approach, that takes two years for a child to finish the program. The approach has been proven successful, as the average improvement a child can expect is an increase of two grade levels. Currently the Center has an enrollment of 19 children with a long waiting list.

The cost of training one child is approximately \$5,000 per year. Since the training is free of charge, fundraising is critical to the success of the Center. This is why the Valley of Rochester wants to establish and hold a golf charity.

**Volunteers needed**

Planning is underway. We are in need of volunteers to sit on (and chair) key committees. The following committees are in need of your support:

1. Public Relations Committee - tasked with the objective of generating golfer interest.
2. Sponsorship Committee - tasked with developing and executing the sales plan to generate sponsorship within and without Masonry.
3. Gift Bag/Auction Committee - responsible for gaining and distributing (at day of event) items that would be given as free premiums in a gift bag to each golfer. Examples of items would be golf balls, tees, hats, etc. Additionally, this Committee would be responsible for gaining items to be auctioned off for the purpose of generating additional funds for the Center.

If you have an interest in serving this very worthwhile venture by participating on one of the committees mentioned above, please contact me at (585) 425-9969.

As we establish more of the specifics of the golf charity, we will communicate them to you. Our first objective is to gain volunteers that will serve on committees and develop the specifics and help to make this fundraising event successful. Thank you for your consideration. □

**Free Teacher Training Offered by the Masonic Learning Center**


By Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°

The Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children offers an opportunity for free training in the Orton-Gillingham approach to reading. Interested individuals require a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree. Both practicing and retired teachers are encouraged to apply. Candidates must have dedication and compassion for children and the ability to participate in practicum on Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday evenings.

New this year is the opportunity to obtain graduate credit from the State University of New York at Fredonia by participating in this program.

The Center, located in the Downtown Masonic Temple, 875 Main St. E., Rochester, provides quality state-of-the-art remedial education to children with disabilities in reading, writing, and related scholastic skills, diagnosed as "dyslexic". In this setting, children with dyslexia are provided with individual instruction, twice each week, either by teachers in training in the Orton-Gillingham approach or by already certified tutors.

Information regarding free training and graduate credit may be obtained by contacting the Center's Director, Ann L. Kaczka, M.S. at 585-442-7290. An information session will be held on Thursday, February 7th from 6 - 8 p.m. on the 3rd floor. Please call Ms. Kaczka to register for this session. □



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The parking garage became available for employees to use on Monday, December 24th. The steel structure is completely in place, and staff are parking on the ground level. When weather becomes suitable for outside construction, the second and third levels will be completed. The structure will be two covered levels and the top area will be open air.

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(Courtesy Masonic News Network Article, February, 2002). □

**Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R.**

**Brother-Bring-a-Brother Night**

**Friday, March 1, 2002**



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**7:00 Buffet Dinner**  
(Roast Beef or Chicken)

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If you do not bring a potential Candidate, the cost for the dinner will be \$10.00

Please contact the Scottish Rite Office 271-0715 and leave your name and the name and address of your guest by Feb. 21st

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Katherine Jefferis making her first visit to Santa at the Scottish Rite "Toys for Tots" Party in December. She appears to be advising the good fellow how to improve his delivery service. (Photo Bill Lindsay)

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R.E. Richard C. Anderson

### Trestleboards

It is time to get back to our labors. Congratulations to the new High Priests. This will be your year of leadership and contributions to the Craft. An excellent start for you, with the help of your officers, to formulate a Trestleboard to guide your Chapter. It is very important to put your plans on paper and distribute them to your Companions. This will enable them to come together and give you their support. With no goals or plans to follow, usually no action will re-

sult. I expect to receive a Trestleboard from each Chapter in the District and will be collecting them at my Official Visits.

### Transfer

In the last edition of this publication, I announced the assignment of 3X3 Chapter to the 27th Capitular District. R.E. Paul Josephson, DDGHP of that District, and myself are meeting on February 12th at 3X3 Chapter for a formal transfer of jurisdiction to the 27th.

### Degrees

Western Star Chapter No. 35 conferred the MMM and Past Master Degrees on a new candidate. Arcade Chapter No. 322 in Pike has scheduled the MEM Degree for February 12th at 7:30 p.m. Each Chapter needs to put forth extra effort to follow Western Star Chapter No. 35 to acquire new candidates. This is one of our required duties as Royal Arch Masons. The AGL, V.E., Leonard Mason, is promoting the Fervency and Zeal Program to help this situation.

### Grand Chapter

Grand Chapter will again convene in Albany at the Holiday Inn on Wolfe Road. I am happy to say there is great participation from the Companions and their ladies from the 29th District. Anyone else that would like to attend, please call me. Thanks.

### Best wishes

Our prayers go out to R.E. Karl-Heinz Reich as he visited the hospital for the second time in the last couple of weeks. The chain gang that the doctor hired to break up those stones apparently missed some. Hope Karl has a speedy recovery and that we see him in the quarries soon.

### District change

As you may have heard, Three Times Three Chapter will be transferred from the 29th Capitular District into the 27th District by order of the Grand High Priest, M.E. Donald Lounsberry, constitutionally effective as of the Grand Convocation on March 1st. In order to facilitate this transfer, I have asked that the District Deputy Grand High Priests, R.E. Richard C. Anderson and R.E. Paul B. Josephson of the 29th and 27th Districts respectively, be in attendance at our February 12th convocation to assist in formulating a smooth transition. If any Companions are in need of transportation to this event, weather permitting, please contact me at (585) 247-3557.

The last time that you looked into your wallet and found moths, did the moths say thank you for your new 2002 dues card for them to dine upon? If not, please feed them your past due 2002 Chapter dues. When making your dues payment, please remember those less fortunate by including something for the Royal Arch Charities and Scholarship Funds.

God's speed and keep smiling.



## LeRoy Chapter No. 183 RAM

8 West Main St., LeRoy



High Priest  
E. Donald R. Read  
494-1565  
Secretary  
E. Norman P. Austin  
494-2223

By E. Norman Austin, Sec.  
Greetings, Companions! Here we are, already in the second month of the new year—doesn't time fly? Apologies are in order for the lack of an article in the last issue of this chronicle, but during the transition of officers, that task somehow got overlooked. Suffice it to say, we are now back on track and will be here to keep you informed for the balance of the Masonic year.

The new Officers of the Chapter are:  
High Priest Donald R. Read  
King Cordyn C. Durney  
Scribe Garry R. Hutchurson  
Treasurer Karl-Heinz Reich  
Secretary Norman P. Austin  
Capt. Host. Craig Mollon  
Prin. Soj. James R. MacConnell  
Royal Arch Capt. John Cooper  
Mas. 3rd Veil Harry L. Tyson  
2nd Veil John H. Hennesey, Jr.  
1st Veil Ruel R. Lovett  
Sentinel James J. Powell

We anticipate a great year ahead with such a stellar slate of officers.

Our best wishes to our Treasurer, R.E. Karl-Heinz Reich as he recovers from surgery. Hopefully he will be out and about before long. We look forward to him joining us this month in Chapter.

Companions, please check your dues card; it should read 2002. We extend our sincere thanks to all of you who have remitted already, and remind those of you who have yet to do so that the time is here. While you are filling out your check, you may also wish to consider the Scholarship Fund; it will be most appreciated.

A Fervency and Zeal Program was held at Hesperus Lodge in Bergen on January 5th, with approximately 20 Brethren in attendance. V.E. Jim MacConnell served as Monitor; E. Donald Read, Mark Master; Companion John Cooper, Past Master; Companion Harry Tyson, Most Excellent Master; and R.E. Ruel Lovett, High Priest.

The program was quite well received by all present. It is hoped that this program will be carried out throughout the District and beyond, over the coming year. Also anticipated in the near future is a "Widow's Degree", which is always a great deal of fun and is enjoyed by the ladies.

If anyone is interested in participating in either of these endeavors, call me at the number in the heading of this article.

In closing, a thought to ponder: "Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."

## Hiram Chapter No. 62



No. 62



2nd & 4th  
Thursdays

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

### Relocation steps

Our new year began with a special convocation for the purpose of approving a "Letter of Intent" be sent to a potential landlord for the year 2003 and beyond.

The primary motion to approve the move was carried and a formal letter will be drafted and sent to the Shrine Center (potential landlord).

A motion for further investigation by a Committee, yet to be established on the matter, was tabled.

Note: The immediate resolution of the location issue was necessary at this time. As a member of the TCC our rental costs will be underwritten at the new location. More to follow on specifics of our arrangements.

### Installation

On January 10th we installed our new Officers. Thanks are extended to the Installing Team of R.E. Raymond Beardsley - High Priest, R.E. Thomas Paglia - Marshal, and R.E. and Rev. Charles Roberts - Chaplain, for their fine work.

The evening work was accompanied by our Chapter Organist, John A. Walker, and refreshments were served by Barbara C. Weaver.

## New Officers of Hiram Chapter with the Installing Team



Hiram Chapter Installation Celebration Cake. (Photos J. Dudley)

### Bible Dedication

Hiram Chapter was honored on January 24th to have the Grand High Priest, M.E. Donald Lounsberry, his Staff Officers and their spouses as our guests. Most Excellent Lounsberry performed the work of dedicating our new Harold Miller Memorial Bible for Hiram Chapter. It is a welcome event to retire a Bible which has served us in our work in the quarries of Royal Arch Masonry. We respect the fact that the physical manifestation of the written word may not endure and in time may require replacement. This was one of those special events. An excellent attendance gave witness to our feelings.



R.E. Raymond Beardsley-Inst. HP and R.E. and Rev. Charles Roberts-Inst. Chaplain.



R.E. Thomas Paglia - Installing Marshal.



We have scheduled the MMM and the PM Degrees for March 14th. The Director for the MMM Degree is R.E. Lawrence Dunn and R.E. William Zufall is directing the PM Degree. They will be contacting Companions to take part. Look over the work and be prepared for your usual excellent performance.

**Annual Convocation**


At the end of February our Chapter representatives, Linda and Bob Zahn, travel to Albany in advance of the officers and fellow Companions for the Annual Convocation. They set up and host the 27th Capitular District's Hospitality Suite. We hope to see you all there and especially at the Friday luncheon or dinner meetings. As of this writing, R.E. Paul Josephson advised me that we have a strong showing of Companions scheduled to go. However, he still has tickets for the Friday events. Call him at 334-7353 today!

**Grand Lecturer's Convention**

Our Chapter will host the Grand Lecturer's Convention for our District on April 25th in Cathedral Hall. As the old Gillette Razor ad stated, "To look sharp and be sharp and stay on the ball". Well, anyways, let's be sharp for this special Grand Lecturer. □

**Excelsior  
Chapter No. 164  
RAM**

Shortsville, NY  
2nd Mon.



High Priest  
E.L. Ronald  
Edwards  
289-3205

Secretary  
R.E. Cullen O. Henry  
394-4250

Welcome to Winter, a little late for the holidays, but we must get some snow when you live in New York. My plans are to spend most of February and some of March in Florida, so my next newsletter will come from the sunny South and I will not be at Grand Chapter, but will get the hot skinny to you some way.

**Round Table**

January 4th there was a Royal Arch Round Table held in Palmyra Masonic Temple with all three Chapters of Wayne County and Excelsior Chapter to talk about the future of our Chapters and what we can do to help ourselves to survive. Presently only one of the four Chapters can open regularly without help from another Chapter and that one is fast on its way to the same situation. The general consensus was consolidation or merger depending on which word you prefer. R.E. George Stanton, Jr., DDGHP, is setting up a similar Round Table for this the 25th Capitular District, to get a feel as to what this District would like to do. The next Round Table is scheduled for Palmyra on Tuesday, January 29th, at 7:30 p.m.

**Future dates**

The Order of High Priesthood will be held at the Rochester Masonic Temple on Saturday, February 9th, at 3:00 p.m.

February 11th is our next Stated Convocation at 7:30 p.m. in Shortsville.

March 1st and 2nd is the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, R.A.M., in Albany.

**Reach out**

Donald Dudley is in the Pines at Thompson Hospital and says it is lonely and would love to have some of you stop in to see him. Stay well and God bless you.

The squeaky wheel may get the most grease, but it's also the first one to be replaced. Cheerio! □

**Second Annual  
Haggai  
Fellowship  
Reception**

By R.W. F. Jay McCullough

E. James Ghent, Jr., High Priest of Haggai Chapter No. 41 of Most Excellent Prince Hall, Royal Arch Masons of NY, has extended an invitation from the Officers and Companions of the Chapter to gather with them at the Sibley Home on East Avenue.

The Social will be held on Thursday, March 7th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Brothers, Companions and their spouses from throughout the readership area of the *Masonic Times* are encouraged to make reservations to attend.


Those who attended last year found the Reception to be engaging and stimulating. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served and music will be provided.

Dress is informal. Haggai Chapter officers will be dressed in a more formal fashion since they are from the host Masonic group.

Call the Ghent's at 889-7119, the Young's at 328-9901, or the Crews' at 482-2615 by the 1st of March so they can plan on your attendance. □

**District Deputy  
Grand Master**

**8th Cryptic District**



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

My wife and I had a very nice Christmas and a joyous start to the New Year. It was our adopted grandchildren who invited us for Christmas dinner, knowing that our children are spread all over the Mid-West. Being lucky that the snow had not reached the Southern Tier as yet, a few days later we had about a foot that quarantined us to the house (snowed in).

**Resolutions**

New Year resolutions for the year 2002 should include the following:

**Table Councils**

The Grand Illustrious Master wishes that all Councils in New York State hold Table Councils this year, as this will help retain members. I am proud of my District, as most Councils are having this event. I've been invited to several, but having other Masonic meetings, I'll have to send my best wishes and regretfully decline some invitations. It was last year that I was invited to attend Doric Council. They conducted a very well planned Table Council. Again this year, I will be able to attend.

**Membership**

As yet no information has been forthcoming from the Councils of the 8th Cryptic District as to the new members taken into the Craft. I'm hoping that membership in all the 8th Cryptic District have at least one. Councils at this time should be working very hard on two points, holding the older members and getting them out to meetings, and also beating the bushes for new members!

**Charities**


More support is needed in our Charity contributions. The Councils of the 8th Cryptic District who have donated can be proud that a cure for Parkinson's is now within reach.

**Communications**

I have received trestleboards from several Councils this year. It helps keep me abreast of the happenings and news of these Councils. I'm hoping that all Councils of the 8th Cryptic District will have a trestleboard to send to their members and myself to let everyone know just what is going on. □

**Doric Council  
No. 19  
Cryptic Masons**

(Chartered in 1861)



3rd  
Wednesdays

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


875 Main St. East  
Rochester, N.Y. 14805

Current discussions regarding each organization's move from the Downtown Temple have created commotions with emotions running high. The TCC has decided to move its functions to the Shrine facility and like the Rochester Consistory, has decided not, at this time, to utilize its funds for the purchase of a building.

We meet the same night as Lalla Rookh Grotto, and have for some time jointly had dinners together. This has worked out very well, however, for it to continue, one of us would have to utilize the Shrine dining hall (where the Shrine has always held its meetings) and would also require putting movable dividers in to use when needed, to make the dining hall into two areas when the dinner is over.

It is also necessary for us to select dates as other organizations will be moving their meeting nights. Thus timely decision making is necessary. □

**Nundawaga  
Council  
No. 92**



4th Monday  
West Main Street  
LeRoy, NY 14482

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

Does it seem possible that we can be in the 2nd month of the New Year already? Our Official Visit of DDGM Dan Evans last month went very well, and we hope he enjoyed the time he spent with us. We also conferred the Select Master Degree, which

made this a very busy evening for all involved. Kudos to all who participated; it appears that a very favorable impression was made upon each of the candidates. We extend also, our heartfelt thanks to Miss Linda and Kathy Tyson for all their efforts to ensure we had an enjoyable repast that evening - it was delicious!

As the year progresses, we hope to have more new candidates upon which to confer the Degrees.

**Table Council**

On the 25th of this month, in lieu of a regular conclave, we will be having our Table Council, commencing at 6:30 p.m. We anticipate a great turnout, and look forward to hosting Companions from other Councils to share in this enjoyable tradition. For reservations, call our Recorder, Vern Rupert, at 585-343-8429.

**We are lucky**

Although we have thus far not experienced an extremely harsh Winter, some among you may become bored having to stay inside, rather than doing many of the things you may like to do in nicer weather. Take heart - make the most of each day - and recall this anonymous adage: "Time is our most precious asset; once it is gone, it can never be replaced". □

**Batavia Commandery  
No. 34  
Knights Templar**

Meets  
2nd & 4th  
Thursdays  
Attica



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

Luckily, the Alexander and Attica area did not receive the snow that the Buffalo area received during the end of December. We did receive some snow, but managed to cope with it. As I am writing, the temperature is 40 degrees and most of the snow has disappeared and the grass is beginning to show for the first time since before Christmas.

At the February conclaves, we will be working on the Tactics, preparing for the Inspection on March 14th. Our Inspecting Officer will be SK David Lathers, Eminent Grand Warden of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New York.

Plans are being made to have a Roast Pork Dinner prior to the Inspection. □

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**Cyrene Monroe Commandery No. 12**

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3rd Monday



SK Vernon Goodrich  
Commander 377-0367

SK Lawrence W. Dunn  
Recorder 594-8033

Civic Center has decided to move to the Shrine facilities as of January 1, 2003. Any member organization that wants to remain a member of the TCC needs to do the same.

One of the reasons for the need to act promptly is that two or three organizations may have to move their meeting nights as there are currently more than one organization meeting on the same night and I understand the Nile also wants to move to the Shrine.

This article was, of course, written prior to our January 21st meeting.

**Schicker Club News**

By Barbara Goodrich

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 18th at 6:30 p.m. After dinner we will finish up our kits for the needy women. Comments of approval for this project that I have received have been much appreciated.

All wives/significant others of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery Sir Knights are welcome to join us. We have a brief meeting, work on a project, play cards, or just have a good visit!

The Inspection for Cyrene/Monroe Commandery will be on Monday, April 15th. The only rehearsals will be on Mondays, February 18th and March 18th. There will be NO rehearsals on the 1st Monday of the month during February, March and April.

Sir Knights, it is a given fact that the TCC will not be renewing our leases here at the Downtown Temple. The current lease expires on 12/31/02. The Temple

**Cyrene/Monroe's Christmas Toast**



Sagoyewatha visitors SK L. Ronald Edwards and Shirley Wells.



Batavia Visitors SKs Norman Austin and Jim McConnell.




Sagoyewatha visitors, SK Cy White and Ted Powley.



New SKs Pedro Ugalde and R. J. Muto.

**Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17**

Phelps, NY  
3rd Sat., 9 a.m.



Commander SK L. Ronald Edwards 289-3205

Recorder SK David Taber 388-0629

February 16th will find your Commander in Florida if all goes as planned, and I hope it will find you in Phelps Masonic Temple at 9:00 a.m. for more practice for our March 16th Inspection. To start the morning off right, plan to meet at the Blue Ribbon about 8:00 a.m. for breakfast with the Sir Knights. Dutch Treat is the way we do it. I will be with you for our Inspection in March.

Looking to the future we have two Honor Guards needed. The O.S.Y. District Memorial Service on May 19th at 2:00 p.m. and the Wayne District Memorial Service on June 2nd. Plan to hold these dates open as you will be greatly missed if you are not at these Services.

Donald Dudley is in the Pines at Canandaigua Thompson Hospital and would love to have you come visit him.

God bless each and everyone of you. Cheerio!

The secret of happiness is to make others believe they are the cause of it.



Canandaigua, NY  
Harold Bollotin - Reporter

**Holiday Gift Distribution**

On Tuesday afternoon, December 23, 2001, this annual event was held, starting in the Auditorium. The six regular volunteers were: Tom and Cora Paglia, June Moon, Tina Wahl, my wife, Sylvia, and myself.

It was a very busy, hectic, but rewarding endeavor. A goodly number of volunteers representing various veteran and fraternal

organizations were also present, but somewhat less in number compared to prior years.

I was pleased to greet, for the third year in a row, Worshipful Wayne Smith, a five time Master of his Lodge in Rushville. He was accompanied by his wife, Rt. Wthy. Leslie Smith, OES Chapter No. 326, Canandaigua.

From the Auditorium the various groups were dispensed to their respective Ward assignments. Our Masonic group, under the direction of Tom Paglia, went to our usual Ward in Building 8, where we were joined by the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary.

It was a very joyous and rewarding afternoon. Entertainment was provided by an accordionist playing Christmas songs, Carols were sung; egg nog, ice cream and cookies were served, and the gifts were distributed to all the patients. It was very much enjoyed by the patients as well as the volunteers and the VAMC Ward Staff.

**Regular Ward visits**

I was unable to attend the Ward visit on Sunday, January 6th. Tom Paglia provided me with the following information: the volunteers present were: Tom and Cora Paglia, Larry and Marge Hood, June Moon and Tina Wahl.

Tom arranged to have a complete dinner of Rigatoni and Meatballs for the Ward patients, provided by Red Fedele, proprietor of the Brook House Restaurant in Greece. This included desserts of ice cream, strawberries, and bananas. All this at no cost! Tom said that the event was very much enjoyed by everyone. They all had a great time.

The Ward visits for the balance of the current season are Sunday, February 10th when entertainment will be presented by a USO Troupe in commemoration of Valentine's Day. The other visits are for Sunday, March 10th and Sunday, April 7th.

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



Ward Recreational Director, Jane Heath, with residents.



Activity in the Ward during the Gift Distribution.



Monroe Volunteers Harold and Sylvia Bollotin, Cora and Tom Paglia. (back) Tina Wahl and June Moon. (Photos Harold Bollotin)



New SK Richard Horton and his Lady.



Wthy. Leslie Smith-Canandaigua Chp. and her husband, W.: Wayne Smith, of Rushville.





# Lalla Rookh GROTTO

## News

Legion  
Clowns  
Caldron



Alfred Pulcino III, Monarch

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



Alfred Pulcino III

Oh, boy! Top dog "job", it was not an easy campaign running unopposed, but all of you Prophets voted me in as your Monarch! Thank you, I think. I do promise ya all I will do everything I can to do this job to the best of my ability! I sincerely thank all for your confidences in making me your Monarch. Oh, boy!

Overwhelming thanks to our ESGA President, Wilmont R. Raymond, and his State Line Officers, Past Presidents, who installed our 2002 Officers on January 19th. Thanks to William Kuehne, who provided our organ music, our Legion of Honor Color Guard presented the Colors, my cousin Diane Lynd for her voice in singing "The Star Spangled Banner", "O Canada", and "God Bless America". She did a great job. A big thank you to all the out of town Monarchs, Prophets and Ladies, Brothers, friends and their ladies, to my family, most of all, Shirley, for sharing the brunt of it, Tom and Kris Daniels for lots of work behind the scenes and to my sister, Cindy, for all of her work on the programs, etc. Love you. Also to Douglas Spencer and his lady, Sharon, for their help. It would

be a lot easier to just say, "thank you all", and I do.

We had some fun entertainment, the excellent dinner, oh, ya! Thank you ever so much, Hilde and Joy for your great feast, and making it the night it was. The good fellowship that prevailed through the evening was an indication of what the Grotto stands for.

#### Have-a-Heart Campaign

On Thursday, February 14th, the Grotto will be at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center to help out the Ronald McDonald House. This event is open to ladies, family and friends. So, don't sit home, round up some help and come join us. This is always a fun time. To volunteer, call me at 225-8471, or Douglas Spencer at 723-8703.

#### New Commander

We are planning lots of things, but first of all, the Open Installation of the Grotto Legion of Honor's new Commander, Ronald Morthorst, P.M., and his officers at the Dutch Mill on February 9th at 5:30 p.m. It is always a good time and most of all, a time to show your support for your fellow Prophets and Brothers.

Our February meeting is being planned with entertainment, so make sure you have your nitro pills with you and tell Mom you might be late. Besides, it is a free dinner with your paid 2002 dues card.

#### Happy birthday, Caldron

Our ladies of Lalla Rookh Caldron are having their Birthday Banquet on February 16th. This event will be held at the Golden Ponds Restaurant on Long Pond Road. Sure hope to see "a lot" of black fezzes there. This is a must to show our support.

#### Maple Tree Inn bus trip

This event will be Thursday, March 14th, for a family style, all you can eat Pancake Breakfast,

along with one sausage, one piece of ham and coffee or tea. There may also be a side trip, which is in the planning stage. I have to confirm the cost of the bus before a price can be established. More information will be published in the next issue of the *Masonic Times*.

The March meeting will be a Ladies Night, along with entertainment. So, make plans to attend this event!

Till we see one another again, God Bless America. □

**Attend Grotto Meetings**

Mon., February 4th-Board of Governor's Meeting  
Grotto Office 7:00 p.m.

Sat., February 9th-Legion of Honor Installation Dinner and Meeting Dutch Mill Restaurant 6:00 p.m.

Mon., February 14th-Caldron Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Mon., February 18th-Legion of Honor Dinner 6:00 p.m.  
Dutch Mill Restaurant

Wed., February 20th-Lalla Rookh Grotto meeting 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**Enjoy the Fellowship**

#### Master of Ceremonies

By Jerry Spero

The weather may be cold outside, but we are attempting to heat things up at our Grotto meetings this year. First off, to warm you up, beverages and snacks will be available starting at 5:00 p.m., followed by a hot Meatloaf Dinner at 6:30 p.m. This will be FREE for all who have paid their dues for this year. You will be able to get your meal for \$7.50 and pay your dues later. Chicken can always be requested for any of the dinners before our Grotto meetings.

The entertainment following our meeting will be a female dancer. That will really heat things up! To top it off, this will be Al's first meeting as Monarch and I wouldn't miss it for the world. Sounds like a meeting you shouldn't miss either, so come on down. Those planning to join us for dinner, please call me for reservations by February 16th at 334-7616.

#### What's on for March

The Wednesday, March 20th meeting is a Ladies Night with Corned Beef and Cabbage on the menu. Music will be supplied by the Treble Cleff Singers. □

### Masons Help

In keeping with the Grand Master's slogan, "Masons = Help," the *Masonic Times* will feature stories of instances where Masons have given help to people in need. Any instance that you have knowledge of or have participated in, would be worth sharing with our readers. You can call the Service Bureau Office at 473-4351, 9:00 a.m. - noon or 458-6125, after 3:00 p.m.

### Legion of Honor

By Ron Morthorst, P.M.

The Legion of Honor congratulates our newly elected and installed Monarch, Alfred Pulcino III, and his officers, and wish them a great year in 2002. At the same time, we thank P.M. Ken Hutchinson and his officers and all the Prophets for the support they gave the Legion of Honor in 2001, which made this a great Grotto year.

#### New Officers

The following officers were elected at the December Legion meeting: Commander, Ron Morthorst, P.M.; Executive Officer, Jerry Spero; Personnel Officer, Leon VanHuben, P.M.; Quartermaster, Howard Topel; Finance Officer, Frank Murrer; Chaplain, Michael Bell, P.M. They invite you all to their installation.

#### Installation

This event will be held on Saturday, February 9th, at the Dutch Mill Party House, Dewey Avenue and Stone Road. Cocktails are at 6:00 p.m., Deluxe Buffet Dinner at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 per person. This is open to all Prophets, Brothers and their ladies. Yes! You may bring a friend if you wish. The only requirement is that reservations for dinner must be made by February 1st. Your reservation is your check to Commander Ernie Swan, 140 Camille Drive, Rochester, NY, 14612, by February 1st.

#### February meeting

We will have our regular monthly meeting on the 3rd Monday, February 18th. The agenda will consist of our program for this coming year. Reservations are a must. Call me at 334-4196 by February 11th. □

### Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

Prophets, our new Monarch, Alfred Pulcino III, has placed membership as a high priority for his year. The Membership Committee needs your help in the retention of existing Prophets and bringing new members into our Grotto. We will be making visits to Blue Lodges to get the message out about Lalla Rookh Grotto and what Grotto membership means to our Brother Masons. We challenge each Grotto member to bring one Brother into our fraternity. If you need petitions or literature, please call Ron Morthorst at 334-4196 or me at 334-4753. Together We Can! □

### Caldron News

By Cecil Losinger, MCO

We are now into the year 2002 and have much to do. I hope your holidays were happy and healthy ones.

My thanks to all who worked with the "cook", Prophet Michael Bell, to prepare and serve the Grotto Christmas Dinner.

The Caldron meeting on January 10th was concerned mostly with our preparations necessary for moving from the Temple by year end. We also discussed meeting dates to prepare for our Supreme Session in 2006.

The January 17th Executive Council will again be at Daughter Ethel Hazzard's, with Mary Topel as co-hostess. Please call.

I will be attending the Installation of Monarch-elect, Alfred Pulcino III, on January 19th. Care to join me?

#### Birthday Banquet

We will celebrate Caldron's 54th birthday on February 16th with a party at Golden Ponds Restaurant, 500 Long Pond Road. Reservations must be made by February 9th with Daughter Jean Wood at 288-4451. Choices are Chicken French, Broiled Had-dock or Roast Sirloin of Beef, each \$18.00, which includes tax and gratuity. We will meet at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Come and join us to celebrate this happy event with good food and entertainment!

#### February meetings

The Caldron will meet on February 14th.

The Birthday Banquet is February 16th.

The Executive Council is February 21st at 7:30 p.m. at my home.

I hope to see you at these meetings.

Keep warm, keep well, keep happy and love one another. □

### GROTTO HUMOR



"Prophets....Name four things the Chief Justice did Wrong." K. H.

### Grotto Humor

By Ken Hutchinson

The Monarch asked me to continue the "Grotto Humor" cartoons. Many times I would forget to sign them, so there was a bit of mystery as to who was drawing them. I am told they have attracted the attention of many non-Grotto members and ladies to our Grotto section of the paper.

All you need to be a cartoonist is a sheet of paper and a felt tip

pen. A sense of humor is especially important.

The cartoons evolved into drawings of men with belly bulges, the nose is protuberant and the back is sometimes hunched. The image of a middle aged, balding, and bespectacled gentleman, with a fez, is unmistakable.

While Alfred Pulcino III took the brunt of most of it, it could be any one of us. The bottom line is: "If we can't laugh at ourselves, who can we laugh at?" □

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# Damascus Temple No. 2 Shrine News

Potentate - Harry E. Dainty



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## From the Potentate



**Harold E. Dainty**  
657-8068  
Shrine Office  
(585) 671-77801

I thank the Nobles who were in attendance at the January 2nd meeting for electing me Potentate for 2002. I will do my best to uphold the high standards of the Shrine.

### Events

We have many Damascus Shrine Center events planned for 2002. A number of them will be on Saturdays, to allow our working Nobles a chance to attend. Our first event will be Saturday, February 23rd, at the Maple Tree Inn in Angelica for a Pancake Breakfast. There will be a bus leaving the Shrine Center for the first 50 people who make reservations with the office. The bus will leave the Shrine Center at 9:30 a.m. sharp. Those who wish to drive need to call the office so we have a count for the Maple Tree to set up.

### March

The Circus dates are March 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. The Circus Workers Party will be held March

30th. I hope to see as many of you as possible working at the Circus. There are a variety of jobs, something for everyone, and that includes the ladies. Many good memories come from working at the Circus.

### April

My Reception is at the Marriott Airport on Ridge Road on April 27th. I look forward to seeing you there. We will have good music and good food.

### Dinners

Our Steward's Staff is retiring. This means in order to have dinners before the meetings, they will have to be catered. This means an increase in price. We will still have good menus and therefore a good start to our evening. Reservations must be called in on the Monday before our meeting.

### Summer time

June 15th to the 22nd is our Royal Caribbean's Radiance of the Seas Alaska Hubbard Glacier Cruise. We will stop in Juneau, then on to Skagway and Ketchikan. It isn't too late to sign up for this, but please contact Ken Buckland or myself as soon as possible. Following the Cruise is the Imperial Session in Vancouver, starting on June 23rd. There will be free time, plus optional tours and a train ride with a dinner.

At least this gives you an idea of some of the activities for the beginning of the year. I look forward to working with you this year and having your support.

Our membership is slowly dwindling, so we have a big job to get new Nobles. I urge you to have a petition with you when you go to your Lodge meeting. Talk to your Brothers. Let them know what Shrine is about, the good we do, and the fun we have.

Each time we ask more of ourselves than we think we are able to give, and we manage to give it, we grow. Bert Decker □

## Shrine Circus

By Erwin Newell

This is our 77th Circus! The dates are March 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. The countdown has started. There is less than 2 months until Circus time!

Nobles, we again need your help to make the Circus a success. Come join the Circus and have a good time.

Remember, this is an event you can invite your Lady to. She can see friends and make new ones and, of course, get the Circus in her blood.

Ill.: Joe Bourcy, Assistant Rabban Bruce Chilton, and Noble Larry Thibault, are heading up Peoplepower. They will be attending Club and Unit meetings asking for your help. If for some reason they miss you at a meeting, please call the Shrine Office and let them know that you would like to work at this year's Circus. Remember, your ladies are welcome to help. When the Circus starts and the arena fills up with people wanting to buy programs, food, and novelties, we need you and your lady to help.

### Most important part

At the February 6th meeting at our Shrine Center, we will be selling advance tickets to the Circus. This will be the only time that you can purchase them. Remember, if you decide to use a Circus Daddy Coupon, you cannot be listed as a Circus Daddy in the "Damascus News". There will not be any other discounts because of our reduction in ticket prices.

### Show times

Friday, March 22 - 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 23rd - 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 24th - 12 noon, 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. □

## Lunch Club

By John Lindsay, President

The Lunch Club is looking for new members, and all Shriners, Masons and Guests are invited to attend. Lunch is served each Monday at 12 noon, social hour at 11:00 a.m., and the ladies are invited to join us every 3rd Monday. The price is right and there are no yearly dues. The speaker for the Ladies Luncheon on February 18th will be Peter Blind, Vice President of the Work Force Development and Human Resources at Veterans Outreach Center Inc., and the subject will be "New Initiatives in Veteran's Assistants," So please join us.

### Christmas Party

The Party was held at the Damascus Temple on December 3rd, 2001. Richard Henderson gave the blessing and told a few stories which are always funny. The meal was provided by MBG Catering. The poinsettias came to us from Frank Bodine, owner of Agway on Empire Blvd. Everybody enjoyed the magician who was our entertainer.

The Representative of the Potentate, Ken Buckland, gave us greetings and a wish for a successful new year.

It was voted on and passed that the Lunch Club donate \$100.00 to the Salvation Army in memory of the September 11th attack. We also gave \$200 to the Transportation Fund and \$600 to the Shrine Children's Hospitals. Vance Collom is to be complimented on his year as Lunch Club President. Many thanks to all who participated in all the activities throughout the year.

You people are the best! Happy New Year to all, see you at the Lunch Club. □

## Director's Staff

By Carl Mason, Secretary

The year 2001 was closed out with a wonderful Christmas Party at Club 86 in Geneva. It was a tremendous success with the combined efforts of Geneva, Auburn, and Penn Yan Shrine Clubs. Many thanks from all of us to Jim and Jeff VanHouten for all their work.

As well, we all enjoyed a great year under the leadership of the Potentate, Ill.: Dayne Tharrett with his Lady, Kathi.

2002 will be another outstanding year with our newly elected Potentate, Ill.: Harry Dainty and his First Lady, Nancy.

### Membership

Ill.: Harry has stated that our membership was down to 975 members at the end of the year 2001. We must get back in the four digits, as we are only allowed 3 votes at the Imperial Session in Vancouver in June. With membership over 1,000, we are allowed 4 votes. It is going to require a big effort by all members to make this happen.

### Join us

Our first meeting of the year 2002 was held on January 24th at DiPacific's Restaurant in Farmington. Elections for 2002 officers will be conducted at that time. Dues notices will be mailed shortly.

Until next time, God bless you all. □

## Past Masters Degree Team

By Joe Minas, President

I thank all the Nobles who participated in the mandatory rehearsal. The reason we are having these rehearsals is we are getting a little rusty in our performance and in our speaking parts. We are taking too much for granted. As Past Masters, we should do a better job portraying the 3rd Degree. Everybody should get their books out and look over the parts that they said they know. We are having a mandatory rehearsal on February 14th at 7:00 p.m. We would appreciate it if everyone attends so that we can assign the different parts after the rehearsal.

Our next Degree will be at Union Star Lodge in Honeoye Falls on February 25th. Dinner at 6:00 p.m., Degree at 7:30 p.m.

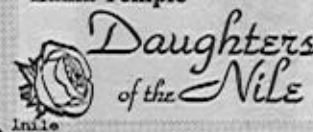
We thank all the Past Masters and Nobles who participated in Craftsman/Robertson Lodge on January 8th.

As I stated before, if you enjoy Ritual work and would like to join, call Tom Grapeat (585) 621-5282 or me at (585) 671-1917. If there are any Lodges that want us to confer both sections of the 3rd Degree, call the office.

"Anyone who looks for a friend without faults will be without friends."

"It is easy enough to be pleasant when life flows like a song, but the man worthwhile is the man who will smile when everything goes dead wrong." □

## Zama Temple



By Jean R. Friedrich, P.Q.

Zama Temple has had an interesting and eventful year under the leadership of Queen Garda Houston. We look ahead to our Winter Sessions with her and with you in attendance. Many of our snowbird members have departed, so we need those of you still here to join us and support our Officers at each Session. Your input and ideas are valuable and necessary to make this year a success.

At our next Session on Saturday, February 9th, we will hold our Winter Ceremonial. Details will be forthcoming. Be sure to come and enjoy the afternoon. You'll have a warm welcome to chase away those snowy doldrums!

Another way to survive one of our famous Great Lakes Winters is to join one of our Clubs or Units. You will get to meet more of our Nile members, as well as support our Temple's projects. Participation is the name of the game.

Do you like to dance? Paganry Dancers are for you! They meet the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Fairport Lodge. President, Princess Clara Moore, (585-872-1094), will be happy to have you join them.

Does performing precision marching drills appeal to you? The Patrol is the right place for you to be. These ladies do as much socializing as drilling—they meet the 2nd Saturday at 11:30 a.m. before the Stated Session. Princess Helen Barry is President and can be reached at 585-663-4947, or call Director, Princess Pattie Lovett at 585-494-2546.

Are you a card player? Zama Temple has a Cardama Group meeting the 4th Tuesday of each month. We meet at different Clubs around town at 10:30 a.m., break for lunch, and adjourn at 3:30 p.m. Various card games are played, Bridge, Euchre, Crazy Rummy—you name it! If you'd like to substitute or join the group, call Chairman, Princess Mary Fox at 585-385-1576.

There is something here for everyone—no need to sit home and hibernate. See you at Nile! □

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By Rt. Wthy. Barbara Spano  
Some reminders for the coming month. Line Officers meet February 2nd at 10:00 a.m. The School of Instruction is February 16th from 10:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Official Visits begin this month with Irondequoit Chapter on February 18th at 8:00 p.m. and Nolatka Chapter on February 19th at 7:30 p.m.

As you all know, we have a Associate Grand Patron in this District and it is our duty to raise funds for the year he will be Grand Patron. What you may not know is what merchandise we have to sell to raise these funds. They are:

T-shirts, sizes M, L, XL, XXL, and XXXL - Gail Stone - 385-1112.

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Barbara Spano - 244-1503.  
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Calendars 2002-2003 - Susan Duff - 638-5713.  
Debbies projects (various) - call her to see what she has 647-3550.

Flyswatters (various patterns) Beverly Murray - 865-8507.  
Pens - Evy Ann Heller - 621-5737.

Mugs - Barbara Spano - 244-1503.

There is a "Cabin Fever Reliever" trip to Turning Stone on February 23rd. Call Beverly VanHuben - 647-1391 if interested.

A reminder to the Chapters - the Squares for the wall hanging need to be turned in to Donna Laundry by February 1st.

On February 20th at 6:00 p.m. at Webster Lodge there will be another "Quarter-a-Dip Dinner". Everyone brings a dish to pass and pays 25 cents for each dip of food, beverage, etc. We will also have the Mini-Share Booth again. Donations are needed, at a value of at least \$10. If you can donate, please call me. Bring a friend or neighbor with you, we had a great time at the first dinner. If there is a meeting, it will be short. I will be sending more information to each Chapter.

I guess that is all the information I have at this time. A big hello to Rt. Wthy. Wanda and Rt. Wthy. Dave in sunny Florida.

Until next time, I wish you peace. □

vote on our Budget. Since the Long Form requires a short speech from each officer, please have your parts memorized. I intend to emphasize health and safety during my term of office, so at this meeting we will have a fire drill discussion and will examine safety issues. I have invited a member of the Churchville Fire Department to speak with us at 7:30 p.m. At 8:00 p.m. we will open our meeting in Ample Form.

### Improvements

We note that a new railing has been installed on the left side of the stairway, where there was no railing before. Speaking of the stairway, the Corporation has installed a chairlift and rail on the right side. Our older or physically challenged members and guests appreciate this addition. This chairlift is a much needed improvement. We thank the Masonic Corporation for their action.

### Official Visit

Please write on your calendars that we will practice for Official Visit on Sunday, February 17th, from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Official Visit is the following Tuesday, February 19th. Please be early so we can greet our guests and have time to socialize before the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

### Sunshine

Sister Kathleen Skelton's husband, Jim, (Rt. Wthy. Susan Huff's father) has been hospitalized for tests. Our prayers are with the family and hope he will be home soon.

### Birthdays

The following members will celebrate birthdays in February: Sister June Hagen, Wthy. Kim Morici, Sister Nancy Murphy, and Wthy. Cathy Thompson.

### Committee

The Refreshment Committee for February consists of Vickie Gross, Chairman, 293-3237; Dean Hiler, Bill Baxter, Sue Whalen and Linton Warner. □

## Rochester Chapter No. 314

Order of the Eastern Star  
First Saturday 7:30 P.M.

Matron  
Rt. Wthy. DIANNE JOHNSON  
352-8092  
Secretary  
Rt. Wthy. BARBARA MERTENS  
482-0994

875 East Main Street  
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By Barbara Spano

We have a first time, brand new Matron. We wish the best to Wthy. Dianne, she has many things planned for the year. The Installation was very nice, all went well and the luncheon after was super. Our thanks to Monroe Chapter for their help.



Rochester Chapter Line Officers: Wthy. George Bundoc - AP, Sue Duff - Cond., Wthy. William Zufall - Pat., Wthy. Dianne Johnson - Matron, Wthy. Evelyn Heller - AM, Deavera Bundoc - AC.

### Official Visit

We will be having a rehearsal at the February meeting for our Official Visit in March. I suggest we all get our Rituals out and renew and refresh our minds for this event.

### Condolences

We are all mourning the loss of our dear Brother, Wthy. Charles Simpson. He will be missed. Wthy. Chuck brightened our Chapter room and was a dedicated member of this Chapter. Our thoughts and prayers are with Wthy. Effie and her family.

### Sickness

Sisters Norma and Nancy Ginkgold have been under the weather for quite some time now. We hope they will get well soon. Our best to Rt. Wthy. Sue Huff and her family, they have been having a rough time healthwise. Let's keep all of our Sisters and Brothers in our prayers.

A big Hello to all the Sisters and Brothers who are out of town. I hope you are all doing well and staying healthy. Please keep in touch with us, we love to hear from you.

Well, folks, that is all I have right now. Stay well, be happy.

Until next time, I wish you peace. □

## Fenogowone Chapter No. 326

Order of the Eastern Star  
2nd & 4th Weds.

Matron  
Wthy. LESLIE SMITH  
554-6715  
Secretary  
Wthy. SKIRLEY WELLS  
396-2778

Sho. tsville Temple

Happy New Year! This is the first letter to go into our new paper with other Districts. I thank Monroe for having us. I hope that you find this very interesting, as it will have a lot more news and information. By the time you get this we will all be installed. I am looking forward to another year.

I am using the colors of red, white and blue this year, with the flag being my symbol. I have gone along with the Grand Matron and Grand Patron before, but wanted to do this in honor of the people who lost their lives on September 11th.

I hope that we can show our colors this year at meetings, and please try to be with us. I hope to have some interesting programs, so come out and join us.

Our February meetings will be on the 13th and the 27th.

Eliza Custin, a 70 year member, passed away. □

## In Memoriam

### December

#### Sheldon, Douglas G.

December 14th was the date that Douglas met his Maker. He was a member of Etolian Lodge No. 479 and leaves his wife, June, his mother, 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 2 great-granddaughters.

#### Lavery, Phillip J.

Phillip went to his Final Reward on December 30th. He was a 55 year member of Fame Lodge No. 722 and is survived by his 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

#### Heuer, Carl Herman

A member of Rochester Consistory, Carl passed away on December 31st. Survivors include his 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

#### Simpson, Charles W.

Charles was embraced by the loving arms of his Lord on December 31st. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, Rochester Consistory, Damascus Shrine, and Rochester Chapter No. 314, OES. Charles leaves his wife, Effie, 1 son and 2 grandchildren.

### January, 2002

#### Auld, Thomas

Thomas entered Eternal Rest on January 5th. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 and is survived by his wife, Barbara, 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

#### Bonehill, Robert O.

Death claimed Robert at the age of 83 years at his home in Florida. He was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163 and is survived by his wife, Betty, 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

#### Norget, Robert D.

The Supreme Architect claimed Robert on January 7th. He was a member of Union Star Lodge No. 320, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. Survivors include his wife, Mary, 2 daughters, 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson.

#### Tobin, Donald E.

Donald passed away on January 9th at his home in Florida at the age of 89 years. He was a member of Rochester Consistory and leaves his 5 sons, 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

#### Belcher, Robert B.

The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Robert on January 10th at the age of 86 years. He was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163 and leaves his wife, Norma, 3 children, 9 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

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

#### Mundy, Arnold

A member of ERAC Lodge No. 163, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine, Arnold passed away at his home in Florida.

#### Eastep, Calvin W.

Calvin was a member of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12, and died at his home in Texas. □

## Webster Chapter No. 171

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

Wthy. Linda Zahn,  
Matron  
381-4241  
Wthy. Faythe Mattern Sec.  
594-4449

30 Orchard Street  
Webster, New York

A New Year is upon us and we continue to make new and different plans for it. We still need 3 officers-Associate Conductress, Electa and Historian. If you can help us out, give me a call.

### February doings

February 1st is the Spaghetti Dinner with Webster Lodge, the monthly fundraiser.

February 5th is a regular meetings with entertainment to follow.

February 19th is a regular meeting with a President's Day Program.

The 20th is an AMIGOS meeting at Webster with a quarter per dip supper. This is a supper where you bring a dish to pass and then pay 25 cents for every dip of something you take. Bring a take home dish as we always have leftovers and then for more quarters you can get more dips. It's lots of fun. While we would also encourage you to stay for the meeting, it's not required. Please bring your own dishes. Thanks, and hope to see many of you there.

The Worthy Patron and I will be leaving town on February 27th and won't be returning until April 17th or 18th. Please contact the Secretary if you need to be in touch with Chapter.

### Looking ahead

Please mark April 23rd on your calendar. That is the date of

our Official Visit. May 13th is the Spring Card Party. There will be more information on these in your Chapter newsletter.

### Thought for the month

"Kindness in words creates confidence,  
Kindness in thinking creates profoundness,  
Kindness in giving creates love."  
Lao-Tse □

## NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

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

Matron  
Wthy. Alice Hassert  
889-4353  
Patron  
Wthy. John M. Lenzi  
586-7492

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

Our Installation of Officers was a most enjoyable evening. Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings and Wthy. Vickie Gross were re-elected and installed as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Appointed Star Points are as follows: Adah - Wthy. Felicia (Bo) Clark; Ruth - Rt. Wthy. Susan Huff; Esther - Wthy. Jean Stewart; Martha - Sister Carol Pickworth; and Electa - Sister Joan Bright. Other appointed officers include Chaplain - Sister Jane LaPree; Marshal - Rt. Wthy. Martha Loomis, Asst. Marshal - Rt. Wthy. Judy Lenzi; and Historian - Wthy. Kim Morici. Color Bearer, Sister Florence Smith, continued in that position, while Wthy. Robert Crystal and Wthy. Dean Hiler were installed as Warder and Sentinel, respectively, Wthy. Betty Reissinger (Corinthian/Fellowship) will continue as our Musician. Thank you to all of these dedicated Sisters and Brothers.

Our February 5th meeting will be in Ample Form, and we will



# Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

- 2002
- Mar. 1, 2 Grand Chapter, Albany
  - Mar. 7 Haggai Chapter, PH - Fellowship Reception at the Sibley Home, East Ave.
  - Mar. 16 Widows' Luncheon, Logan's
  - Mar. 23 Grand Lodge Publications Committee Meeting, Open to all New York State Masons interested. 8:00 a.m. 'til Noon, Utica Campus, Admin. Bldg.
  - Apr. 4 Feast of the Paschal Lamb, AASR - DTT
  - Apr. 13 Grand Master's Testimonial, Amherst, NY
  - Apr. 17 L.S.O.M.E. - DTT
  - May 6, 7 Grand Lodge Annual Communication, NYC.
  - Aug. 16-17 Grand Council, Marriott Thruway, Henrietta, NY
  - Nov. 3 Interfaith Service and Brunch, Logan's

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Tom Richenderfer 377-7782, Greg Ludwig-388-1241, David Taber-388-0629

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Thomas McCulloch, 288-4865

Northfield Lodge, 17 Church St., Pittsford - Cap. 80  
Dan Walker - 429-6572, Bill Spillane - 436-0264, John Dudley - 586-8426

Webster Lodge, 30 Orchard St., Webster - Cap. 200  
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## Secret Scroll Found

A secret scroll which has been hanging in a Masonic Lodge in the Orkney Islands for almost three centuries is thought to be one of the most significant recent finds in Britain. The Kirkwall Scroll, depicting secrets of the Knights Templar, has been carbon-dated to the 15th century. The Masonic Lodge in Orkney was previously unaware that it possessed such an ancient and valuable artifact, thinking it was from the 18th century. Andrew Sinclair, a Cambridge history don, claims that the little known Kirkwall Scroll could be worth 8 million pounds (12 million dollars). Mr. Sinclair, who heard about the scroll while researching the history of the St. Clair Earls of Orkney, said, "Its significance is immense. This will demand the rewriting of Scots medieval history." The 18 foot sail-cloth hanging is said to contain ancient Templar and Freemason

symbols of great significance, including clues for the trail of the Holy Grail.

According to an article in the Daily Telegraph dated July 22, 2000, and reprinted in "The Highlander" of July/August, 2001.

Submitted by J. Edward Gillott.

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\*x = months missed.  
The Deadline for March Friday, Feb. 11, 2002

### Auditorium CENTER

Sun. Feb. 3  
RTOS  
8:00 p.m.

Tues. Feb. 5 - Sun. Feb. 10  
Saturday Night Fever  
Tues. - Thurs. 7:30 p.m.  
Fri. - 8:00 p.m.  
Sat. - 2:00, 8:00 p.m.  
Sun. - 2:00, 7:00 p.m.

### All Secretaries, Masters and Wardens and Guest's are invited to the Monroe Masonic Secretaries Association Meeting

Thursday, January 31, 2002 - 8:00 PM  
At the Down Town Temple, 875 Main Street East.

At 6:30 PM, a Dinner of Beef or Chicken will be served  
Cost \$ 5.00 Dollars. Please make your Reservations by: Karl-H. Reich, 426-6836 or Phil. Averbach-458-1817  
Last Day for Reservations, Tuesday, January 29, 2002

Program: R. W. Richard C. Friedman; on the Masonic Lodge Secretary System. (MLSS)

### The Masonic Service Bureau Loan Closet


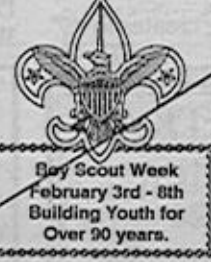
The Loan Closet, supported by area Masons, makes available items for home care to the Community at no cost. Open 9:00 a.m. to noon, Monday thru Friday, items must be picked up and returned.

Equip. Type	On loan
Bathtub equip.	138
Bed (Access.)	2
Canes	115
Commodos	78
Crutches	230
Walkers	184
Wheelchairs	112
Miscellaneous	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>867</b>

February Flower - Violet  
February Gem - Amethyst

## Big Calendar February 2002

Deadline for the Masonic Times

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																						
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<p>10 Mt. Vernon Lodge Pancake Breakfast Java Village 7 - 10 a.m. Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinners Feb. 13 &amp; 27 East Ave., Hilton</p>	<p>11 ERAC - East Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Seneca Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Excelsior, Shortsville OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>12 Batavia Craftsman/Robertson, F Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes RAM - 3x3, Dansville, Wyoming OES - Leah Lincoln's Birthday</p>	<p>13 Churchville Oakta - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon meeting. Lilac City Cedarettos OES - Batavia, Corinthian/ Fellowship, Fenogowone, Shortsville Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>14 Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City - Fairport Milnor - Victor Lalla Rookh Caldron RAM - Hiram Valentines Day</p>	<p>15 16 Sagoyewatha Comm., Phelps 9 a.m. O.E.S. School of Instruction, DTT</p>																																																																							
<p>17 Triluminar Lodge Pancake Breakfast Pike 8 - 11 a.m. Leah Chapter No. 183 Breakfast Buffet 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., \$5 Hilton Temple, East Ave.</p>	<p>18 West Star - Varysburg Canandaigua - Shortsville KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Rehearsal L.S.O.M.E., DTT OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club President's Day</p>	<p>19 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson Oakland - Castile Warsaw O.E.S. - Fairport, Monroe, Nolarka, Perry</p>	<p>20 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Livonia Lalla Rookh Grotto RSM - Doric</p>	<p>21 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite RAM - Western Star, Wyoming</p>	<p>22 23 Washington's Birthday</p>																																																																							
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