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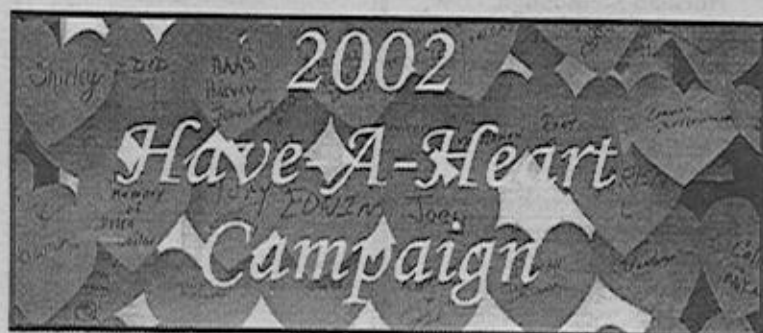
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By R. W. M. Donald Darrohn  
Rochester's Ronald McDonald House is a "Home Away From Home" for families whose children are receiving treatment at area hospitals. The House provides relief from the hospital surroundings while allowing families to remain close to their children. It allows parents to rest and renew their strength at a time when their children need them most.

Next month's Campaign at area malls will be the fourteenth consecutive year that area Brethren, ladies, family and friends will have offered RED hearts for the Ronald McDonald House. This year's Have-a-Heart Booths will be available at Greece Ridge and Market Place Malls from Monday, February 4th through Thursday, February 14th. The Eastview Mall's booth will open Saturday, February 2nd and be staffed each day through Thursday, February 14th. Hours of operation for each

booth will be noon every day through 9:00 p.m., except Sunday, when the malls close at 6:00 p.m. Staffing for each booth is available in three-hour blocks: noon to 3:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Booth operations are best accomplished with three individuals present per each three hour block. This is an opportunity for fellowship in support of a community asset that we can all be very proud of! If you're not signed up for a shift and would like to participate, you may call me at 225-1782 for scheduling.

### The Goal

I believe that we should be able to raise \$10,000 for the Home Away From Home on Westmoreland Drive this year. We came within \$400 of that amount last year. If we were to accomplish this goal, our total contributions to the local Ronald McDonald House would exceed \$150,000!

LET'S DO IT! □

## Scholarships Available

**Grand Lodge:** Immediate relatives of Masons (children, wives, grandchildren) w/letter of recommendation from the current Master of the Lodge. Available through Lodge Sec., 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, available through the Service Bureau Office in January. Deadline March 1st., 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 through Commandery Recorder.

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

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## 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.

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## 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.

## ElderWear Benefit Dinner

By R. W. Cliff Short

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge will be sponsoring a Chili Dinner on January 15th, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., to collect clothes for the Monroe District's ElderWear Program. This is a program designed to provide clothes for nursing home patients who are unable to provide for themselves.

W. Andy Alvarez and I will be working in the kitchen, along with some Brethren from Charlotte/Corinthian. This is a great chance to dine on Charlotte/Corinthian's award winning Chili (first prize at the Charlotte Winter Fest 2 years in a row), and to help out our communities with clothing that is in real need. The types of clothes we are trying to gather are sweatshirts and sweatpants, sweatsocks, and any clothing in large or extra large sizes, that is easy to get on and off. It needs to be new, or in almost new condition to be useful to the program.

Along with the Chili Dinner, W. John Dyer will have camera crews set up to do Child ID video taping in the upstairs Lodge room. So, if you have missed the opportunity to have your children video taped at one of the last 2 sessions, this is your chance. If your Lodge is considering coordinating a Child ID Program, here is an opportunity to get some information and training on how to put a session together.

Whatever the reason, we'd love to see you at Charlotte/Corinthian, to help us support these great District sponsored programs, and to support our communities within the Monroe District area. □

## Happy New Year From the Times Staff

Barb  
Don  
Jean  
Alat  
Vern



## Even as You Read This

By R. W. F. Jay McCullough

Web manager, W. John Dyer, is adding to the Service Bureau web page. It now contains the "History of the Masonic Service Bureau". On the net, just dial [rmasonb.org](http://rmasonb.org) (also listed on the front page of the Masonic Directory of Monroe County) through your server. The history was largely composed by Past President, Edwin Baker, circa 1950, with additions from Bureau minutes published since that time.

You'll also find the several sections referring to the Bureau have been updated. There are some sections under minor revision involving spelling and additions of recent data such as the name and particulars surrounding our latest Distinguished Community Service Award recipient.

Should you discover any errors or omissions, please refer them to Barbara Goodrich at the office (473-4351) and she will relay them to me, as I am charged with the responsibility of keeping the web site current. □

## America: The Good Neighbor

Widespread, but only partial news coverage was given recently to a remarkable editorial broadcast from Toronto by Gordon Sinclair, a Canadian television commentator. What follows is the full text of his trenchant remarks as printed in the Congressional Record:

"This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on earth. Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy, were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts.

None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

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## Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger  
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### How to get noticed

I received a message from a Master saying, "what do I have to do to get the right times and dates for our meetings on the calendar?" My answer is: put it at the end of your article or on a separate sheet. List all dates or information that you would like to convey to us. This calls special attention to that information.

You have to realize that the *Masonic Times* contains an average of over 40,000 words per issue. Each of which, I think, every author would like us to pay attention to. We read every word for editing purposes; not necessarily for content. This is not to say that we don't pick out date and time information. We, however, may not necessarily transfer that information to the "Big Calendar" automatically.

So, you can see that we are kept pretty busy here. Our two part time assistants make the job manageable (they do almost all of the type-setting), however, we do miss something occasionally; we are all fallible.

So, if you have something you want us to pay special attention to or there is a correction or change to be made, please list it separately. If that doesn't work, call me. Don't, however, list Lodge events more than two months ahead. People don't remember and as a matter of policy, we do not print trestleboards.

### Again and again

We have heard from authors again about our not printing their work. They say that on their end of the electronic transmission it says "transmission successful". Well, 'taint so. Ninety-nine percent of the time copy received, after appropriate editorial adjustment, will appear in print. If it is not a regular organizational news article, we may hold it for a later issue, if we are short on space. So, if we don't print it, you can pretty much assume, we didn't get it. I recommend that if you e-mail or fax your copy, call us to see if we have received it. This is the only way you will know if we have it in hand. 'Nuff said!

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The Seabees have a saying, "The difficult jobs we do immediately, the impossible take a little longer!" They don't do their job by each person doing their own thing, they do it together, as a unit. Your Lodge can achieve what only seems to be the impossible dream. Find a spark plug in your Lodge and help him. If you can't find one, become one.

Lodges, unite and work together to create a Masonic Day in each town, county and area. Create a plan, a theme, a goal. The Shrine says it wants to help the Lodges, the York Rite Bodies say they are ready to help the Lodges and the Scottish Rite also say they intend to help. Independently they will all fail, but together the Concordant Bodies and the Lodges united can achieve miracles.

With a few leaders from the Masters and Wardens, together with a couple of representatives from each of the Concordant Bodies, guided by Grand Lodge personnel, they could sit down together and develop a goal and a plan to achieve it. Will it mean a lot of work? You bet! Will it need funding? You bet! Lip service only, will not help. Independent action will not help. Together we can! Together we must! Together we will!

The Service Bureau is a focal point in our community and it, too, stands ready to help.

Membership, membership, membership, it is the only thing! □

### The Search Continues

By R. W. Eugene Brendel

Since the last issue of the *Masonic Times*, the Committee searching for a new West side Masonic Center has reviewed information and/or looked at 8 additional properties (total 33) and scanned a list of 55 land sites in and around Rochester. As of the Service Bureau meeting of December 12th, we must report that none have been found that seem to fit our criteria of price, size and location.

We are presently working with a commercial realtor and expect to gain insight to properties that are not always visible to the general public. These professionals may also be of value in negotiations when an opportunity arises. We are presently considering two buildings and are hopeful that one may hold promise. In addition, we have written a letter to Mayor William Johnson asking for information on city owned properties that might fit our needs.

Jay McCullough and Vern Goodrich called a meeting of the Service Bureau Board of Directors on

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December 21st. The purpose was to review in depth the financial status, physical needs and timetable concerns for a move by those Masonic related Bodies that currently meet at the Downtown Temple under the umbrella of the Temple Civic Center.

We continue our search with the aim of serving the best interests of Freemasonry. □

## Your Legal Rights FYI

By Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

### Jury service-Part 1

You are eligible to be drafted for jury service if you are a U.S. citizen, over 18, and are not a felon!

Each county, (except counties having a population of 1 million or more), has a jury commissioner. This commissioner is responsible for drawing, selecting, summoning, and impaneling jurors. This jury commissioner is supervised by a County Jury Board. This Board is made up of a Supreme Court justice, a County Court judge and a member of the County Legislature who isn't a practicing lawyer.

How does a citizen get picked for jury duty? If inclined, you can volunteer with the jury commissioner for jury service. It happens.

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The jury commissioner is allowed by law to draw names of eligible persons from any list authorized by the Chief Administrator of the Courts. Lists that are used include: utility subscribers, licensed operators of motor vehicles, registered owners of motor vehicles, state and local taxpayers, persons applying for or receiving family assistance, medical assistance or safety net assistance, and person receiving state unemployment benefits. From these lists, names of eligible jurors are to be drawn at random by the jury commissioner.

Once these names are drawn, the jury commissioner will send out questionnaires to those names drawn to further determine their eligibility to serve as jurors. Failure to complete and return this questionnaire can result in being personally summoned to come into court to fill out this questionnaire. Being summoned into court to complete a juror questionnaire is not considered jury service. This means that the individual summoned will not be paid; as opposed to someone reporting for jury service.

Assuming you submit the juror questionnaire, and are not deemed ineligible to serve as a juror, the jury commissioner can thereafter issue a jury summons commanding you to report for jury duty. Once summoned, you have to be placed on a jury panel within 5 days. If you are not picked to sit on a jury panel within 5 days, then you are released from

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jury duty. In Monroe County, a summoned juror is initially placed on standby and will not have to report to the courthouse unless their juror number is picked. To determine if your juror number was picked, you call a certain telephone number maintained by the jury commissioner for that purpose. This means you do not have to physically report to the courthouse, unless you number is picked.

If a summoned juror has to report to the courthouse for jury duty, then the juror is entitled to receive a fee of \$40 per day for each day they have to go to the courthouse. If picked to sit on a jury panel, and jury service exceeds thirty days from the date first summoned, then the juror is entitled to an additional \$6.00 per day for each day of jury service over 30 days.

If you are summoned for jury service, but are not picked to sit on a jury within 5 days of being summoned, then you are not subject to being summoned again as a juror for another four years. This is extended to 8 years if you sat on a jury for more than 10 days.

If you ignore a juror questionnaire or summons, then you can be penalized by the court up to \$250 and ordered to serve as a juror on a specific date. If you chose to ignore that order, you can be subject to criminal contempt and incarceration of up to 1 year in jail, surcharge of \$120.00 and/or a fine of \$1,000.00. □



**Good Neighbor**

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When France was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it.

When earthquakes hit distant cities, it is the United States that hurries in to help. This Spring, 59 American communities were flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped. The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, warmongering Americans.

I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplane. Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tri-Star, or the Douglas DC10?

If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the International lines except Russia fly American planes? Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon? You talk about Japanese technocracy, and you get radios. You talk about German technocracy, and you get automobiles. You talk about American technocracy, and you find men on the moon - not once, but several times - and safely home again.

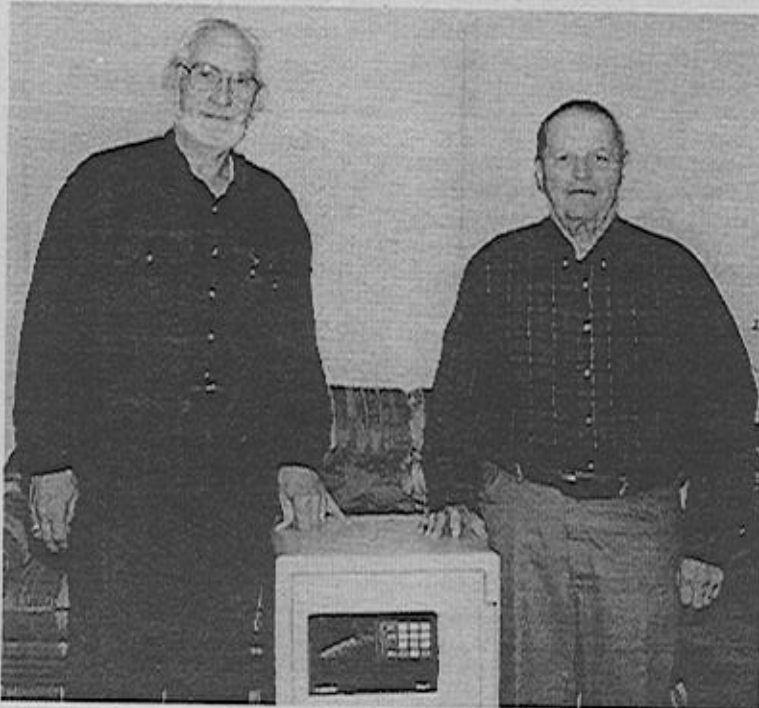
You talk about scandals, and the Americans put their right in the store window for everybody to look at. Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets, and most of them, unless they are breaking Canadian laws, are getting American dollars from ma and pa at home to spend here.

When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke.

I can name you 5000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them get kicked around. They will come out of this thing [of September 11] with their flag High. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles. I hope Canada is not one of those."

**District Golf Tournament Prizes Awarded**



Don Brugger presenting Sentry Safe (donated through Joseph Oelgoetz III, courtesy Sentry Group) "Tournament First Prize", to Richard Topel, Past Monarch, Lalla Rookh Grotto.



Don Brugger presenting "Closest to the Pin Prize" to Chuck Brugger.

*Money Tips*  
By Dave Larson

After forty-eight years of gainful employment, my father will finally retire in a few months. Helping him with this decision, both on an emotional and financial level, reminded me how difficult it can be for many people to plan for retirement. To help those of you with thoughts of retiring someday, here are five questions you should ask yourself.

1. When will you stop working? Do you want to retire at age 55, 65, 75, or somewhere in between? The earlier you retire, the fewer years you'll have to save for your future. Early retirement can mean no or reduced Social Security benefits for a while or withdrawing from a tax-favored retirement plan before age 59 1/2. Knowing when you plan to retire will help you calculate how much you need to save to meet your goal.

2. What will your expenses be? Conventional wisdom says that once you retire, you won't need as much money since you'll no longer have the expenses of commuting to your job and dressing for work. But many retirees find that other costs - pursuing hobbies and traveling, for example - take the place of job-related expenses, so they still need as much money as they did before retirement. Medical expenses and inflation can also add to the amount of money you'll need after you retire. Sooner or later, you'll probably need to replace your car or furnace or roof. On

the other hand, you may no longer have a mortgage to worry about. Consider the life-style you'll want and the expenses - both expected and unexpected - that you're likely to have, and base projections on that.

3. Where's the money coming from? Consider all sources of income you'll have in retirement. These could include pension plans, employer sponsored retirement plan accounts, IRAs, personal investments, company stock, money in trust or from an inheritance, and Social Security benefits.

Once you've determined your income sources, figure out how much money you're likely to have based on the number of years until you retire and a reasonable estimated rate of return on your investments.

4. How many years will you live in retirement? While no one can predict how long you'll live, you should prepare for a retirement that could last 20 or 30 years or even longer. Thus, you'll want to make sure that some of your money remains in investments, such as stock funds, that have the potential to outpace inflation.

5. Will you need more than you're saving now? If your calculations show that you're not going to have enough money to live comfortably in retirement, now is the time to do something about increasing your retirement savings. Start by tracking your expenses and looking for ways to cut back. Once you've identified places to save, put the extra cash in your tax-deferred retirement plan account or in an IRA.

Planning for retirement takes time and effort, but it's well worth it.



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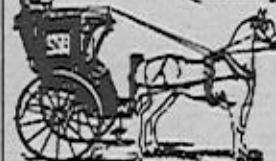
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Keith Stambach 865-7416



### District Deputy Grand Master

Genesee/Wyoming



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

Brothers, R.W. Sheldon Moden is home recovering from surgery. Until such time as he is able to do his duties as Veterans Service Officer, I will be taking over for him. Please call me if you have any questions.

#### Thinking of others

As we are about to come into a new year, I wish all a happy one. While we are celebrating these holidays, keep in mind those families who are missing loved ones, and our service men and women who are serving their country all over the world.

#### Working together

Brothers, there are times in the Lodge or our District when things may not go as you wish. When these times come along, we have to remember we are all Brothers and also remember the charge you took in the Fellowcraft Degree; they are not just words. If we don't work together, you know what the end result will be.

God bless you.

### 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

#### Holidays

Well, the holiday season has come and gone again. I hope all enjoyed themselves as much as I did. Family, friends and other various relatives certainly bring out the best in people.

#### Events

Our last meeting was a joyous event. Brothers Bruce Anderson and Richard Luh took an idea and turned it into reality. At the beginning of the meeting season we thought that the idea of a dinner for the Brethren would be a nice way to end the year.

These two Brothers took that idea and made it even better. Since some of the wives belong to the Eastern Star, wives were invited to the dinner at the Prospector Restaurant in town and the program at the Lodge. I think that inviting the ladies and the excellent program made for a much more enjoyable evening than just men sitting around having a dinner.

#### Breakfast

The Pancake Breakfast season is well under way. I'm sure that

everyone has received the new work schedule from Brother Bruce. Please mark your calendar so you don't miss your turn. And if you are not working, come and eat some famous Attica pancakes.

You may see friends that you haven't spoken to in a while. The 1st Sunday in January is the 6th.

#### Remember

In the months of January, February and March we only meet on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month (weather permitting). Until next time....

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

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



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

Secretary  
David Hossenlopp 496-4417  
Main Street  
Arcade, New York 14009

Due to certain circumstances beyond our control, we had to reschedule our Pancake Breakfasts, starting on January 27th at 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. We also will be serving on February 24th and March 24th. This is a vital fundraiser for our Lodge and to the members of our Lodge we need your help to make this a success. We are serving eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, coffee, orange juice and all you can eat for only \$5.00. These breakfasts are open to the public.

#### Old Glory

Old Glory, this flag which we honor and under which we serve is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thoughts and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give from generation to generation. The choice is ours. It floats in majestic silence above the hosts that execute those choices whether in peace or war. And yet, though silent, it speaks to us - speaks to us of the past, of the men and women who went before us, and of the records they wrote upon it. (By President Woodrow Wilson)

To veterans throughout American history, the stars and stripes has served as a symbol of their service and as a continuing testimony that the service was worthwhile. For more than 200 years "Old Glory" has flown over our country, through strife and peace, in tragedy and triumph. Our flag is the symbol of a nation comprised of people dedicated to freedom and independence.

#### Historical note

At the first communication, January 10, 1857, seven were present, namely Brothers Farrington, Wilson, Cook, Rowley, and Seymour Guild of Freedom, and one, A. Rogers. A committee to draft By-Laws and a finance committee were appointed and they agreed to meet ten days later. At the second meeting, W. Tibbits, Master of Mt. Vernon Lodge, was in attendance and the 1st petitions were received from Washington E. Richardson and Thomas J. Cobb. During subsequent communications it was decided the Initiation Fee would be \$10.00. Richardson was the first to be initiated. Meetings were set on the 1st Tuesday after the full moon and then in two weeks alternately at 2:00 p.m.

The first class of candidates were raised May 12, 1857, in order being Reuben, Gideon Bentley, W.E. Richardson and Frederick Parker. To be continued.

#### Brotherhood Fund

Our main concern at this time is the Brotherhood Fund Campaign which is going very slowly. It should be on top of every member's mind to get his contribution in. Please let us not forget our less fortunate Brothers and their spouses at our home in Utica and send in your contribution as soon as possible. Please send your donation to Brother David Frost at 2213 Rte. 39, Arcade, NY 14009. Thank you.

#### Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays in January are: Allan A. Dean, Walter G. Howell, Lewis C. Jones, Arthur F. Reinhardt, and Robert W. Waters (1st), Arthur T. Dolloway and Clinton A. Salmond (2nd), Louis C. Domes (19th), Fred E. Warner (20th) and Arthur D. Cartwright, Jr. (31st).

### 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  
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I trust that all have had an enjoyable and blessed season as we once again celebrated the birth of the Christ Child and renewed our belief in giving and sharing with our family and friends. Now we come to the beginning of a new year and I wonder how many of you are taking the time to consider just what the it has in store for us and our daily routines. Personally, I thank God for my good fortunes in that He has provided us a situation in which we can truly have the freedom to come and go as we please, worship in the place of our choice, have enough food in our pantry and a roof over our heads. It is my hope and prayer that our fellow Americans who are struggling with the events of the past few months and our military and government officials, who are involved with the perpetrators of the unrest in the world, can soon reclaim the peace and serenity which we enjoyed in the past.

#### Good deeds!

Just a note to let you know that the month of December was a busy one for the Brethren in that although we only had one communication, we had the opportunity to participate in the community by supporting the Salvation Army's Annual Red Kettle Campaign, and also in providing an evening of entertainment for our veterans at the Batavia VA Medical Center.

#### Please help

The Activities Committee is gainfully involved in the planning stages of several events for the new year. All will be notified in due time. We will be contacting those who can help in a Clean-up, Spruce-up Day at the Lodge with a tentative date of Saturday, January 5th. Members of the other Bodies who use the facility will also be given the opportunity to

participate. If you can help, let the Secretary know at your earliest convenience.

#### Sickness and distress

W. Bill Genagon continues to recuperate at home, making continued improvement with each day.

It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother Randall N. Cole. Brother Randy was raised on March 2, 1948 and left his earthly home on November 3rd, 2001. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

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

#### Congratulations, John!

On December 6th I had the pleasure of presenting John Cooper with his Past Master's Apron in honor of his year as Master of Hesperus Lodge. Congratulations, John, and thank you for your leadership and hard work.

We had our yearly Official Visit from R.W. Raymond Barber, who filled us in on what is going on at Grand Lodge and around the District.

#### Sickness

We are happy to report that Marilyn Liles is home from the hospital after knee surgery.

#### Brotherhood Fund

Brother Ralph Marsocci is now accepting donations for the Annual Brotherhood Fund Drive. You will be hearing from him in the near future. Please consider increasing your support to help needy Brothers who were affected from the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center.

#### Future events

January 3rd will be a regular meeting at the Lodge at 7:30 p.m.

The 3rd Degree will be conferred on January 17th with J. Chimino in the East. Dinner by the OES will be at 6:30 p.m.

#### Centennial year

2002 makes the 100 year mark for Hesperus Lodge No. 837 and to celebrate the birthday we are planning several events. To start our year off, we will be having a Table Lodge and a re-enactment play with Churchville Lodge on January 9th. It was members of Churchville who formed Bergen's Lodge 100 years ago. Please come, dress in bib overalls or other appropriate clothing, and join the fun.

#### Thoughts for the Holiday Season

As we are into the Holiday Season, let's reflect on our many

blessings in this great country and remember the men and women who are away from their loved ones defending our country. Please take a few moments each day and pray for their safety and speedy return. Take time to enjoy Fraternal friendships with our Brothers and Sisters. I wish you a joyous New Year.

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



W. Neil Parmerter,  
Master  
535-7045  
1st & 3rd  
Mondays

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

2473 Route 20A  
Varysburg, N.Y. 14167

The holiday season has come and gone, as has Summer and Fall. As of yet we have no snow to shovel. I'm sure that by the time you are reading this, we will have some snow and I'm also sure that we will pay dearly for the nice Fall that we enjoyed.

West Star has been busy this Fall and we have raised two new members. Brothers Ronald Sikes and Ian Spencer received their 3rd Degree on December 1st and several Lodges assisted in the work. We had 30 or more Brothers present. We have another petition on the Secretary's desk and the new Brothers say they are ready to help with the next Degrees.

On December 17th Missy Cramer was at West Star and gave a lecture to the Lodge about her trip to Europe. The evening was Widows Night.

With new members coming into Lodge, I'm hoping that we can get an order for some new West Star jackets. We need at least 6 jackets to place an order. If you are interested in a Lodge jacket, give me a call at 535-7874.

R.W. Ray Barber has asked for some extra help at the Vets Hospital to help with the program on January 15th. If you are free that night, meet us at the hospital at 6:30 p.m.

This Fall has been a busy time for me and I've missed some articles, so if you would like to catch up with the news we would be glad to see you at Lodge on any 1st or 3rd Monday. We'll keep a seat warm for you. Hope you had real nice holidays!

### One Liners

From Dilbert's  
"Rules of Order"

I can only please one person per day. Today is not your day. Tomorrow is not looking good either.

I love deadlines. I especially like the whooshing sound as they go flying by.

Tell me what you need, and I'll tell you how to get along without it.

When you do not know what to do, walk fast and look worried.

Following the rules will not get the job done.

When confronted with a difficult problem, you can solve it more easily by reducing it to a question, "How would the Lone Ranger handle this?"



**District Deputy  
Grand Master  
Livingston District**



R.W. Allen J. Roggen

**Editor's Award for  
Non-Lodge Articles**

*The following article has been selected as an outstanding and well written contribution from a local author.*

Here it is, 2002! It doesn't seem possible that the holidays are over and we are starting on another 12 months of Masonic endeavors. December 2002 seems like a long way off right now, but there are some short-term things to think about.

**Road to the East**

For one, the last two sessions of the Road to the East Program, January 5th and February 2nd. This is the kind of educational program in which every Mason should participate, as instructor or student. As a District Deputy Grand Master, I should know it all - right? Well, I learn something every time I go to one of the sessions by preparing for a section of it or just listening in. You can, too.

**Bring-a-Friend**

Has every Lodge in Livingston District held a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night? They aren't that hard to do and they spread the word that we are a friendly Fraternity worth joining. If your Lodge hasn't held one this year, why don't you help your Master out and help organize it?

**Grand Lodge**

Spring is just around the corner and so is the Grand Lodge Annual Communication on May 6th and 7th. All Lodges need to be represented, so Masters, please plan to attend or at least send a Warden or proxy. It is not too early to start planning. I understand that travel plans are already underway. We will be flying down again, but this year we may stay in Manhattan. Plan to take your wives or girlfriends along so we can make the trip a real fun time, as well as doing the Grand Lodge business. More information and discussion will ensue soon.

**Check-up time**

I recently had my annual physical. You know how it goes; tests, a poke here, and a prod there, being hooked up to machines. Everything was going well, good results abounding. Then the Doc cut me down. He said, "You know, you would be much better off if you got rid of some of that fat around your middle." Some bedside manner, huh? But he was really trying to get my attention to the fact that I had been neglecting an area that could affect my future. I ought to do something about it.

Is this what we Brother Masons should be doing? Shouldn't we, as individual Masons, as Lodges, as a Fraternity, be submitting to an annual check-up? We need to test our Masonic

selves. We need to poke and prod and examine everything that makes up the framework of the Lodge, our interaction with each other in the Lodge and out in the world. Do we have the "fat" of complacency in our thoughts and actions regarding the conduct of our relations with the Lodge and our Brothers?

What about such mundane things as the financial well-being of the Lodge and setting up budgets? What about the physical structure of our meeting places? What about our adherence to the tenets of Masonry that are the foundation of why we call ourselves Masons? Let's do at least annual check-ups, discover the areas that could adversely affect our Masonic future and say, "I ought to do something about it", and then do it.

Be brotherly. Practice Masonry every minute of your life. □

7:30 p.m. Our active Star Sisters, OES No. 451, meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.

Three of the last four Livingston District DDGM's arose to that duty from Eunice Lodge, including the current DDGM, R.W. Allen Roggen.

Two years ago we were blessed with two new Brothers who were natural brothers as well, David and Derek Howlett. Last month, David, who is an assistant football coach in Webster, came home with the State Championship honors for his school for the second time in three years. Way to go!

**January activities**

There will be a regular communication on Thursday, January 3rd.

On Monday, January 28th, we will be hosting the Livingston District Association meeting at 7:30 p.m. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m.

I may be reached anytime at 585-768-7336. □

**Eunice Lodge  
No. 830**

1st Thursday - 7:30 p.m.



Master  
W. Melvin  
R. Hussey  
585-768-7336

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

It is an honor to represent my Lodge's first presentation in the *Masonic Times*, Eunice Lodge No. 830 from Caledonia, NY, Livingston District. The Lodge is situated next to the Civil War Monument where State Routes 5 and 36 meet in Caledonia. It enjoys a recent recognition as a National Historic Landmark, as well as a State Historic Landmark.

We are 50 members strong and represent one of nine Lodges in the Livingston District.

Communications are on the first Thursday of each month at

**Livonia Lodge  
No. 778**



Master  
W. Benjamin  
Thorp  
346-6542

1st & 3rd Wed.

Secretary  
R.W. Richard Brown  
346-3618

65 Big Tree Street  
Livonia, NY 14487

I hope everyone had a happy holiday season.

**3rd Degree**

We will be conferring the 3rd Degree at our 2nd meeting on January 16th. Our JW, V.W. Mark Dibelka will confer the Degree. As you all know, Mark is also the AGL for Livingston District. I can't think of a better person to confer the Degree. Mark will be contacting people to fill the various parts. If you would like to do a particular part, please notify him. We need everyone to pitch in, so please, even if you

don't want an active part, we need you on the sidelines.

**Rededication and  
125th Anniversary Celebration**  
We will be having a Rededication of the Lodge and the Celebration of our 125th Anniversary on Sunday, February 24th.

It has been three years since our fire, and I for one, thought it would have taken us a lot longer to be back where we are, but, thanks to the hard work and dedication of lots of people, we have arrived.

The festivities will start at 3:00 p.m., followed by a dinner at approximately 4:00 p.m. The dinner is being catered by the Livonia Inn. As of this writing a firm price has not been set. However, we are trying to keep it to \$12.00 or less. All are welcome. Please call me at 585-346-6542 if you plan to attend.

I hope that our Brethren from the surrounding Districts will join us for this joyous occasion. □

**The Litany of the Flag**

By Dr. Nicholas F. Sallase

Betsy Ross stretched the flag across her lap as she sewed on the stars of the thirteen colonies. General Washington carried it in his boat as he crossed the Delaware. The colors waved majestically in dawn's early light as the smoke of the cannon cleared over Fort Mchenry. Valiant Union Soldiers unfurled the nation's colors in battle with their rebel kin. It flew over Abraham Lincoln as he read the Gettysburg Address. General Custer's lead horsemen carried it in the Battle of Little Big Horn. Teddy Roosevelt charged up San Juan Hill with our glorious colors and Admiral Dewey sailed them into Manila's Harbor. It waved from the observation car of General Pershing's Troop train of soldiers that chased Pancho Villa across the Mexican border. It flew from the mast of troopships as the doughboys and G.I.s climbed the gangplanks accompanied by the strains of "Over There" and "Yankee Doodle Dandy." It flew mournfully over our martyred doughboys buried in Flanders Field.

It flew over the dunes of the Sahara as American soldiers breathed sand through their nostrils. It was painted on their gliders as the Screaming Eagles parachuted over Nijmegen and Arnhem. They carried it up the rocky cliffs as they scaled the monastery walls of Monte Cassino. The flag was clearly evident on each of the landing barges that hit the Normandy beaches. The red of its colors matched the red blood in the snow of Bastogne in the Battle of the Bulge, and in spite of overwhelming odds, it was never surrendered to the enemy. It replaced the Nazi swastika over Eagles' Nest by order of General Eisenhower.

It was painted on the fuselage of Flying Fortresses, Liberators, Lightnings, Mustangs, Marauders and the C46s and 47s that flew over the China, Burma, India Theatre. It was emblazoned on

the side of General Patton's tanks and jeeps as he crushed the Siegfried line. Battlewagons, destroyers and P.T. boats flew it over the ocean's waves. It was raised on Mt. Surbachi in Iwo Jima. General MacArthur carried it back to the Philippines. As the smoke of battle cleared, captured small atolls and faraway islands flew the American flag from the highest coconut palm. It was painted on the bulldozers and tanks of the Seabees as they constructed air strips on Pacific Islands. It was painted on the bombs of the B29 Superfortresses that were carried to the Empire of the Rising Sun. It waved proudly over Pork Chop Hill, Inchon, and Panmunjon and still does. It flew over the rice paddies of Vietnam, and the steaming jungles of Laos and Cambodia.

The American Flag was greeted by the residents of Lebanon, Grenada and Panama. Our nation's colors flew over the Sands of Arabia and the Persian Gulf. It greeted waves of immigrants who sailed past the Statue of Liberty to Ellis Island. It gracefully adorns the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington. It flies over the Capitol, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial and Grant's Tomb. It reminds us of the sacrifice of our youth on the altars of war. It waves over the names on the Vietnam Memorial. It flies over all public buildings, post offices and public schools. Astronauts Edwin Aldrin, Jr., and Neil Armstrong firmly planted it on the surface of the moon. It was painted on the side of the Challenger and all the Rockets that are sent into space.

Veterans place it on the graves of their fallen buddies on Memorial Day. Color guards and children carry it in parades. Families fly it in front of their domiciles. It adorns the casket of our deceased servicemen. Widows accept it after the veteran receives his last salute. It flies over state capitols and governor's executive mansions. The flag is not just a piece of cloth with stars and stripes, but the symbol of our freedom and the American way of life. When it is tattered and torn, like sacramental palms of the church, it is reverently consumed in fire and converted to ashes. □



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## District Deputy Grand Master

Monroe District



R.W. William Lindsay  
621-3573

I taped the TV show, "Mr. Dreyfuss Goes to Washington" and later had the chance to watch it, as it was purported to contain a number of references to Freemasonry. The show featured Richard Dreyfuss as narrator and historical guide and focused on the events surrounding the creation of the Capital City and the actual development of the plans and subsequent building that has gone on since. Dreyfuss continually emphasized that this city is (even 200+ years later) a work in progress.

Unlike similar shows, Dreyfuss did not ignore the role that Freemasons played in the formative period of the nation and there were several vignettes showing Masons in traditional garb laying cornerstones in the new city. In explaining whom the Masons were (are) he got it right - a Fraternal order whose principles and values were an outgrowth of the Enlightenment and through whom the new nation took shape and form. It was a pleasure to watch a show where you didn't have to cringe at misinformation or ignorance when the topic of Masonry was being presented.

Just a day or two prior to the showing of "Mr. Dreyfuss", a lengthy article by Peter Carlsen appeared in the "Washington Post" entitled, "Fezzes, Sphinxes, and Secret Handshakes," the full text of which can be found at Washingtonpost.com. The author does an admirable job (especially for a non-Mason) in creating a brief history of the Craft in America, citing in particular the revolutionary period and contribution, the impact of the Morgan affair, the great rise in fraternalism up through the '50s, and the steady and slow decline in membership ever since. Part of his research is based on interviews with Richard Fletcher of the MSA, and S. Brent Morris of the Scottish Rite.

In addition, he personally visited the Southern Jurisdiction Bicentennial Celebration, also the installation of Lodge officers. Nothing in the article led me to believe that he was in any way hostile to the Craft.

Nonetheless, when he reported about rite, ritual, "the penalties", and the interrelationship of various Masonic Bodies, it was clear that his understanding of the Craft lacked depth. His confusion was evident in his writing. I think he knew it, and so he fastened onto a portion of his discussion with Morris, which was about the decline in membership numbers all branches of Freemasonry are experiencing. The usual attributes for the decline were discussed; changes in society, competition with TV, too much "mumbo-jumbo", and aging out.

The article concluded with a silly dialog with Morris on how the Craft might attract younger members by developing more contemporary rites with an emphasis on "body piercing."

While the first media event mentioned above had this viewer in a "feel good" mood, the second media mentioned above put me in a "feel uncomfortable" frame of mind. It would be easy to celebrate the first for its virtues, and reject the second for its shortcomings. A thoughtful response to both could push anyone of us in a more productive direction. Consider both as the first two parts of the timeless paradigm - past, present, and future; the past when things were working well, the present when all the indicators suggest that things are not working well, and the unknown future.

What can we do about the unknown future? This much we know for sure about the future - we will shape it, or we will be shaped by it. Given that the external shapers of our present are not working too well for us, it would seem obvious that we must internally develop and implement plans, which apply our considerable resources in leveraging a useful and significant role in the life of the community.

We do have "considerable" resources at our disposal, largely wasted through lack of use, or used whimsically by well meaning people for "feel good" and short lived impact.

"If I were king" I'd put together a plan-development team at every level of our Grand Jurisdiction (including Concordant Bodies) that would create an encompassing mission and vision statement, identify our individual and collective assets and deficits, identify and classify our needs according to their critical nature, and fold all this information into an implementation plan that would serve as a guide to Grand Lodge and its constituent Lodges. This plan would be constantly monitored for its positive impact and adjustments made as required. At periodical intervals (every 5 years?) the plan would be projected and updated.

There are those who would argue that "we don't need another damn plan" - just a waste of time. The truth is, nothing of enduring worth was ever developed without planning. We want to endure because we have worth. For our Craft, we can honestly say, now, here, in this time - the Barbarian is truly at the Gate.

So here we are.

## Grand Lodge Staff Officers

Monroe District

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We hope you all enjoyed a safe and happy holiday season.

### Obligations or enjoyable events

Is there a difference between these two? Sometimes yes, sometimes no. Your Monroe District Leadership Team followed a busy October (11 obligations) with an even busier November; five Official Visits, two 1st Degrees, one 3rd Degree, one Leadership Team meeting, one L SOME session, and one School of Ritual. Though we consider them obliga-

tions, we also assure you that we are truly enjoying every minute of every meeting or event. The brotherhood that we have experienced is overwhelming. We are extremely proud to be your representatives, not only in the Monroe District, but in Western New York, as well.

### L SOME update

Our first District-wide Lodge system of Masonic Education was very well attended on December 3rd. Of the 26 Brothers who were there, 18 were either Entered Apprentices of Fellowcrafts, with the rest being Shepherds, instructors, or interested Brothers who wanted to learn more about the program and Masonry, as a whole. We would like to especially thank those who took part in the program that evening: W. Mike Schwartz, L SOME Chairman, W. John Dyer, Brother George Nasra, and R.W. Cliff Short. Along with the program of the evening, Cliff Short gave a personalized tour of the different Lodge rooms. Also, John Dyer and Cliff Short performed the Q & A from the 1st Degree.

The next session will be held on Monday, January 21st, 7:00 p.m., in the 3rd floor dining room

at the Downtown Temple. The subjects for the evening are: the meaning of Fellowcraft and the interpretation of the 2nd Degree, the teachings of Masonry, the Masonic belief, the Masonic teaching, and the literature of Masonry and the Grand Lodge Library.

All Masons are welcome; especially those who have advanced to at least the Degree of Fellowcraft, and those 1st and 2nd year Masons. Please call us to let us know that you are coming, so we know how many to expect.

### Conclusion

With our official duties easing up a bit, we hope to be out visiting your Lodges on a more casual basis. Please, keep us informed of what is happening in your Lodge. If you have any special events, presentations, Degrees, or just programs of interest, drop us a line, and we will do our best to be there.

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#### The meaning of "Fellowcraft" and interpretation of the 2nd Degree Ritual

"Fellowcraft" is one of the many terms with a technical meaning peculiar to Freemasonry, and seldom found elsewhere. A "craft" is an organization of skilled workmen in some trade: masons, carpenters, painters, sculptors, barbers, etc. Originally "fellow" was one who held membership in a craft, obligated to the same duties and allowed the same privileges. But the word is no longer used in its original sense.

Freemasonry gives the term Fellowcraft two separate meanings - one Operative and the other Speculative.

In the Operative period of Masonry, Freemasons were skilled workmen in some branch of the building trade or art of architecture. Like other skilled workmen, they had an organized craft or guild of their own. A Lodge was a local organization, usually temporary, within the guild, with two membership grades - Apprentices and Fellows. The guild had officers, laws, regulations and customs

of its own, which were binding on all members.

During his long period of apprenticeship, the Apprentice was virtually a bondservant with many duties, few rights, and little freedom. At the end of his apprenticeship, after passing his test and receiving a favorable vote of the members, he was released from his bonds and made a full member of the Craft with all rights and privileges. In the sense that he had become a full member, he was called a "Fellow of the Craft". In the sense that he had mastered the art to the extent that he no longer required a teacher, he was called a "Master Mason." In the Operative era, both titles meant the same thing.

Now that Freemasonry is no longer Operative, the term Craft has a very different meaning, yet it is still used in its original sense in certain parts of the Ritual. The term Fellowcraft is now used as the name of the 2nd Degree, as the title of a Mason holding that Degree, and as the name of a Lodge when opened on that Degree.

A very important point to remember is that the Masonry presented in the 1st or 2nd Degrees is no less important, or less binding, than that presented in the 3rd Degree, so far as its nature or teachings are concerned. Everything taught in the 1st and 2nd Degrees is equally complete, equally important, and has a definite purpose in the overall philosophy of Masonry.

The Fellowcraft Degree presents many outstanding concepts or ideas, which, if fully understood, lead to the understanding of still others. One of these is the idea of adulthood. The Entered Apprentice represents youth standing at the gateway of life, his eyes on the rising sun. The Master Mason is the man on the down slope of the hill with the setting sun in his eyes. The Fellowcraft is a man in the prime of life - experienced, strong, resourceful, and able to bear the heat and burden of the day. Adulthood is a condition, a state of life, a station obligated to duties.

The many responsibilities of adulthood lead us to the question



W.Dave Zegas addressing Masters & Wardens, 12/8/01



1st Road to the East Session at Phoenix Lodge, Dansville, NY



Masters & Wardens Meeting, Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge 12/8/01



New Brothers listening intently to L SOME presentation





of the need for preparation. The 2nd Degree offers at least three ideas.

The first idea is that the Fellowcraft must gain direct experience from contact with the realities of existence. You will recall what was said about the five senses. Needless to say, that portion of the Middle Chamber Lecture wasn't intended as a lesson in either physiology or psychology. It was symbolism, and represents what we learn through seeing, touching, tasting, hearing and smelling; in short, immediate experience. We gain such experiences only with time. Each day we come into contact with facts, and what we learn one day must be added to the next until eventually understand the world and how to deal with it.

The second idea is on preparation for adulthood through education. If all we learn of life were only that knowledge obtained by our own experience, then we would be poorly equipped to deal with its complexities and responsibilities! To our store of hard-won experience, we add the experience of others, thereby supplementing our knowledge by that of countless men.

We have an example of this in Masonry. In the days of the Operatives, the new Apprentice was just a boy, hardly knowing one tool from another and ignorant of the secrets and arts of the Craft. Yet, after only seven years, he was able to produce his master's piece and perform any task the Worshipful Master might assign. This great achievement was accomplished not by his unaided efforts, but by guidance of his yet unskilled hands, and by passing on to him the skills and knowledge the Master Masons had spent years acquiring.

Education is symbolized in the 2nd Degree by the Liberal Arts and sciences. You were probably somewhat confused, during the Middle Chamber Lecture, by what was said about grammar, rhetoric, logic, arithmetic, geometry, astronomy and music; and wondered what such schoolroom topics had to do with Masonry. The explanation of these subjects was not intended as an academic lecture. Rather, like so much else in the Degree, they are symbols signifying all that is meant by education - our training by others both in skill and knowledge to do or understand certain tasks.

A fellowcraft of life then, must be equipped with both experience and knowledge. But the third concept of preparation for adulthood, the need for wisdom, is more important than the other two.

Experience gives us awareness of the world at points of immediate contact. Education and knowledge enable our competence for special tasks in the arts, professions and vocations. But a man's life isn't confined to his own immediate experience; nor is he always engaged in the same task. Life is richer than that! It comes to us in many ways, in a great variety of experiences, in a constant succession of situations, in a never-ending list of new problems. It is full of people with reactions, emotions, and varied character and behavior. The world is far greater than that which each of us now sees, hears, or feels; it's much more complex than our daily tasks. Education and knowledge tempered with wisdom will enable us to handle those complexities.


To summarize then: the Middle Chamber Lecture teaches us that by the experience of the five senses, through the knowledge gained by

the Liberal Arts and Sciences, we can advance to that balanced wisdom of life in which the senses, emotions, intellect, character, work, actions, habits and soul of a man are knit together in unity and balance. If so equipped, the Fellowcraft will be well prepared for his toil beneath the heat and burden of the day.


(Source: "The Lodge System of Masonic Education" by the Committee on Masonic Education - September, 1987).

Remember the Brotherhood Fund. □

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By V..W.. John E. Zabel  
School of Ritual

The next School of Ritual is scheduled for Tuesday, January 29th at the Downtown Temple with Valley/Simes Lodge as our host. The School will start at the usual, 7:30 p.m.

Now that the mundane stuff has been stated, let's talk about what we will be doing that evening. Keith and I have decided that the work for the evening will be the 1st part of the 2nd Degree. Instead of asking a couple of Lodges to exemplify the work, we are going to have a "Round Robin". That is, we will ask for volunteers of those Brethren present to take the various chairs.

When an error is discovered by anyone present, that person will take the chair where the error occurred. The Brother will stay in the chair until someone notices an error he makes. We will not keep track of who does what, but hope that everyone will have a fun time. The last time this was done, R..W.. Bill Russell and R..W.. A. John Tijou were AGLs. We do not expect anyone to stay in one of the speaking part chairs for the whole exemplification.

**Ritual matters**

The Opening and Closing of a Lodge is as serious a matter as the conferring of a Degree. We have notices that attention to detail in the Opening and Closing of a Lodge is somewhat lacking in the District. It is the responsibility of the Master to know the full and proper Ritual for the Opening and Closing of the Lodge.

Why should strict attention be given to the ceremony of Opening and Closing? The whole tone of a meeting, or a Lodge year for that matter, can be directly related to good Ritual. The attention to detail that the Master and officers give to Opening and Closing can determine whether the sideliners will enjoy coming to Lodge or not. Believe it or not, such things as dress, attention to detail and welcoming the Brethren can make or break a Master's year.

History of our Craft demonstrates that the Lodge's that grow and are successful are those that pay attention to detail, i.e., do good Ritual. How can you deter-

mine how well your Lodge is doing? First, look around at the attendees of any Lodge communication. Do the newest members attend every meeting? Do the Past Masters attend every meeting? What percentage of the local membership is at every meeting?

Second, listen to the Ritual for Opening, Closing and the Degrees. Do you enjoy watching and listening to the Ritual as presented by the officers of your Lodge. Would you encourage members of other Lodges to visit your Lodge? If you are an officer, are you proud of your own work?

If you do not like your answers to these questions, do something. If you are an officer, work to improve yourself. Talk to the Master and officers and encourage them to improve and congratulate them for good work, as appropriate.

When it comes to Ritual, Keith and I are always ready to lend our assistance. We are dedicated to helping Lodges improve their Ritual work. There are many other areas that help define a Lodge, but Ritual is the foundation stone on which to build.

**In closing**

The new book of Standard Work is excellent. This new edition has been judged the best since Grand Lodge started issuing a book on the Standard Work. The directions and explanations are better than ever. We encourage every Lodge officer to obtain a copy of this book.

From Keith Stambach

Thank you to all the Brethren for the expressions of sympathy on the passing of my mother, Myrtle Stambach. Your support has meant a great deal to me and my family. □

**Membership  
Retention**

R..W.. Joseph Privitera  
Monroe District



**A Lodge in crisis**

A Lodge can amble along through good years and not so good years. Usually the leadership sets the tone of the type of year a Lodge has. A Lodge can have a string of good years and once in a while hit a snag from which it can quickly recover. Then a rare occurrence of a serious problem occurs that effects the leadership of the Lodge. Things begin to unravel. The carefully constructed trestleboard falls apart. Uncertainties about the future run amuck. Well intentioned Brothers run around with all kinds of solutions. Some Brothers solve the situation by running away from it.

**Solution**

After the initial reactions, the time comes around to finding solutions, getting the ducks back in a row, as we sometimes like to say. The Lodge leadership, the current line with a contingent of knowledgeable Past Masters and Brothers, get together to find ways to resolve the problem. You may want the District Deputy involved. Stick to the problem. Avoid the war stories. Some of the dullest discussions begin with the words, "I remember when..."

It is the time for the membership to band together to remedy the situation. You want to be part of the solution, not part of the problem. It is okay to go through the reactions; surprise, feeling bad, running around with impossible answers. However, get over it quickly. The membership is looking for achievable solutions,

both short range and long range. It is a time for a helping hand and wise counsel.

**Widows Luncheon**

The District Widows Luncheon is scheduled for March 16th at Logan's Party House. You know how I feel about this event, so I don't have to go into the why we do this activity. What I will say is that every Lodge widow should be contacted. If a letter is written inviting the lady of a departed Brother, then that letter should be followed up. You should not wait for the widow to call you. Remember, it is part of your obligation.

**Remittance of dues**

There seems to be some confusion of the effect of a Lodge remitting of dues for a Brother. I hope to have more information in next month's article.

If you have any questions, please call. Phone numbers are on page 2 of this publication under "Hot Numbers". I look forward to seeing you in Lodge. □

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As I indicated in the December issue of the *Masonic Times*, we will have a meeting in January, 2002. It is my pleasure to announce that it will be January 31st, 8:00 p.m., at the Downtown Temple, 3rd floor.

Preceding the meeting there will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m., prepared by Hildegard DiJames and Joy Woodley. You have a choice of Beef or Chicken at a cost of \$5.00.

All Secretaries, Masters and Wardens, are cordially invited. We welcome Masonic members of other Districts to visit us.


The agenda for that night will be Election of Officers for the year 2002.

The main program will feature R..W.. Richard C. Friedman, Lecturer on the Masonic Lodge Secretary System. He will introduce the new edition to that computer program.

Make your dinner reservation with Phil Averbach at 458-1817 or with me at 426-6836 or fax at 426-8531. □

**Monroe  
Brotherhood  
Fund**

Philip Hurwitz, Chairman



Brothers, on behalf of R..W.. William Spillane and myself, thank you for your contributions to the Brotherhood Fund. We appreciate your thoughtfulness, especially when you have competing demands upon your resources.

It has been brought to my attention that the adhesive used on the envelope flaps does not seal satisfactorily. Consequently, your envelope may open up while in transit back to your Lodge chairman. I recommend that you tape your envelope shut before you mail it. Be assured that this matter has been brought to the atten-

tion of Grand Lodge. My apologies if this inconveniences any Brothers who are donating.

You may have received duplicate Brotherhood Fund donation envelopes. One is addressed to the Brotherhood Fund in New York City and the other to your Lodge Chairman. Please do not take offense at this duplication. Grand Lodge sends out its own solicitation statewide. Why you may ask? My Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairman already sent me a donation envelope.

The reason for this duplication is that not every District in the state has an active Brotherhood Fund Chairman. In order to reach out to those Brothers who reside in those particular Districts, Grand Lodge sends out its own solicitation for the Brotherhood Fund.

If you have sent your donation directly to Grand Lodge, be assured that you and your Lodge are receiving credit for this donation. In addition, your Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairman receives a printout showing those Brothers who have sent their Brotherhood Fund donations directly to New York City. □

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**Monroe District**

President:  
V..W.. John Zabel

It has been almost six years since George was introduced. The adventures and trials of George has covered many aspects of the Fraternity over the years and will continue in the near future. However, there have been many Masons made since George appeared who do not know George's origin.

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## Masonic Education

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Therefore, I re-introduce George. What follows is the original introduction from 1994.

### George

George is a regular guy. He has a good job and works hard. He has a wife and several children. In all, George is just the type of man that would make a good Mason.

For years he had seen Masonic symbols on buildings, cars, lapel pins and rings, but he had no idea what they were. One day, while eating lunch with his friend and work mate, Harry, George notices Harry's Masonic tie tack.

"What is the symbol on your tie tack, and why the letter G?" asked George.

"It's a Masonic symbol," answered Harry without saying anything more.

George thought that to be strange, but he didn't say anything more. George pondered what Harry said for several weeks. He finally concluded that Harry must build chimneys or such in his spare time, though he did not know how he had the time. He decided to ask Harry at lunch.

"Harry, do you really build chimneys or barbecues in your spare time?"

Harry looked surprised and said, "No, I don't."

"Then why do you wear a Masonic pin?" asked George.

Harry answered, "It stands for Freemasonry which is a fraternal organization... We confer Degrees and do charitable deeds."

"Oh," said George. He didn't know what more to ask so he let the topic drop.

### What's happening

The Lodge System of Masonic Education program, hosted by our District Grand Lodge Staff Officers, was presented on December 3rd. As R. W. Cliff and R. W. Jim will attest, the attendance was excellent. There will be two more sessions, one for new Fellowcraft Masons and one for new Master Masons. Watch the *Times* for more information.

We are looking forward to being a pilot District for the new Master Mason Course being developed by the Grand Lodge Leadership and Educational Services Committee. This Course is nearing completion. It will be presented to the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master for their approval. After the approval, we will start preparation for a pilot presentation. The Course is intended to supplement the LSOME Program, but not replace it. We will keep you informed of its progress.

## Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.



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### December

Our December meeting, held at Charlotte/Corinthian, was a huge success. The District Purple provided breakfast for over 40 people. The main event consisted of two items. Gary Burke and his entourage gave a multimedia presentation on DeMolay and asked that the Lodges help support the local Chapter with adult volun-

teers. Representatives from WXXI and Time Warner Communications were on hand to discuss how we might broadcast a Masonic commercial to help attract new members. A first draft TV commercial was played, much to the delight of everyone. We have the opportunity to advertise on radio, TV, the internet and print media. W. Bob Hill is forming a committee to investigate further.

### January

Craftsman Robertson is having the Past Masters Degree Team on January 8th at 7:30 p.m. Any Lodge that would care to join them for the Degree will be welcome. They have one Brother who will be advancing to Master Mason and would like to have others join him that evening. Call 247-2920 or Hooter95@webtv.net if you are planning to be there.

We will meet on January 12th at the Downtown Masonic Temple where Craftsman/Robertson will be the host. The Masonic Service Bureau has asked for help cleaning the medical equipment they have available for loan. Everyone should bring rubber gloves, paper towels, and a spray bottle of cleaning solution.

### Party time

Webster Lodge is hosting a Children's Christmas Party on Thursday, December 20th, at 6:30 p.m. All children will receive presents from Santa. Contact W. John Merz at johnkmerz@aol.com for more information and to make reservations.

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

## 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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### Reflections

As I stood in awe of watching the heavenly display of our recent meteor shower on a cool November morning, along with several hundreds of others who braved that early hour. I thought how fortunate we are to be able to enjoy unique opportunities such as this during these times.

Someone once said, "and this too will pass," and as we look to the future and to what the New Year will bring us, we shall all find comfort in these words. These few words have helped me through many situations and have tempered the good experiences as well. It reminds me that fame, wealth and moments of glory are really only shimmering threads of life's tapestry and even our greatest joys are temporary at best.

Watching the split second life of the meteors as they streaked through the heavens reminded me of these words.

I find that my tenure is about half gone and as my mind wanders around and becomes more disciplined there is much to be grateful for with respect to No. 969. We have an excellent base of support for each other. The cement of brotherly love and fel-

lowship is strong within the walls of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge. I often think of our 70 plus widows and how we can better serve them. We extend a warm welcome to them to join us at any time. Many good Brothers have shared their lives with us as they worked in the quarries of Masonry during their time with us.

As we face the uncertainties of 2002, let us do so with the challenge, the excitement and promise that as a Lodge we still face them together.

### Happy anniversary

By Robert Ogden

Following our recent dinner of December 4th, W. Derek presented his lovely wife, Judy, with a beautiful wrist watch in celebration of their 25th year of marriage. Many happy returns.

### In memoriam

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Brother Earl Vincent on November 26th in the Presbyterian Home on Thurston Road. Brother Earl participated in the Normandy Invasion and spent 5 years in the military service. Brother Derek read a prayer and alluded to the group from Craftsman/Robertson Lodge in attendance. We express our condolences to his family and friends.

### 3rd Degree

The Past Masters' Degree Team will confer a 3rd Degree on January 8th. There will be a dinner. Brothers, Let's have a big turn out. Men only, sorry ladies.

### January birthdays

Greetings to the Brothers born in January: Jim Clark, Roy Guess, Jasper Kennedy, Franklyn Morse, Bob Ogden, Dirk Dukes, John Sanna, Bill Wimberley and Chuck Zicari.

### January meetings

There will be a 3rd Degree, with a dinner, on January 8th.

The Fellowcraft Club will meet on January 15th.

There will be a regular meeting on January 22nd.

## 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  
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Scottsville, N.Y. 14546

I apologize for my tardiness in previous newsletters. A Brother at Lodge pointed out to me the importance of writing these letters. I wish all the Brothers and their families a most Happy New Year that brings joy and riches to all.

### Past meetings

November and December are quiet months at Oatka Lodge No. 759. We had a card night at our November meeting. Those who attended had a great time. Laughter and fun was experienced by all. In December we had a family Christmas Party on our only meeting. Merriment, good cheer, and laughter were the guests of the night. On December 16th we had an "all you can eat" pancake breakfast. Thanks go out to Mark Arlaikus and Tim White for co-chairing this event.

### 2nd Degree

Brother Richard Fimbel asked that I remind everyone that the

2nd Degree is on January 23rd and not on January 9th. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please call me for reservations. A reminder to all who are involved in the 2nd Degree that making the practices are very important. If you are not sure of the times and dates, please contact SW Richard Fimbel.

### Looking ahead

Some upcoming dates that you might want to post are the Superbowl Party on January 27th, time to be announced, and the Sweetheart Dinner on February 10th. Details will be forthcoming.

## 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  
37 South Main St.  
Fairport, N.Y. 14450

### Shrine Degree Team 3rd Degree

Our last meeting of 2001, December 10th, was indeed a memorable one. The evening started with what is rapidly becoming a legend in its own time! W. Tom Goodrich's and DSA Kel Kelsey's Steak Dinner feast. There were over 50 Brothers attending the dinner and the conferring the 3rd Degree. This included 25 members from the Shrine Past Masters Degree Team. They did a wonderful job conferring the Degree. Special thanks to all the members of the team. It was truly impressive.

### Christmas Poinsettias

To bring a little more cheer to the Christmas holidays, we sent cards to all our widows, and on December 15th members of the Lodge met and delivered over 30 poinsettia plants to our widows living in the Rochester area. Thanks to all who participated in the distribution of the plants. There was good fellowship and our thoughts, words and actions for these special ladies were well received and greatly appreciated.

### Table Lodge

On Monday, January 14th, our 1st meeting of 2002, we will hold a Table Lodge. For this program we will open Lodge at 6:30 p.m., have dinner, then proceed with business beginning at 7:30 p.m. W. Tommie Richenderfer is taking a leading role in the planning of the event. Thank you, Brother Tommie. It has been a while since we had a Table Lodge, and those of you who have been to one know they are a lot of fun. If you haven't attended one before, this is a great opportunity to do so. I know you will enjoy it. Hope to see you there!

### A walk about the Lodge

At our meeting on Monday, January 28th, we will conduct "A walk about the Lodge" for our newly raised Brothers, David Green and Patrick Hillis. This program, created through Grand Lodge, is designed to familiarize our new Brothers with the organization and protocols of the Lodge. It is an interesting program.

### Consolidation

At our meeting on January 28th, we will be holding a Summation Meeting in which we vote to ratify the Agreement of Consolidation of Fairport Lodge No.

476 and Flower City Lodge No. 910. You will receive a formal notice for this meeting by first class mail. Ratification, adoption and approval of the Agreement of Consolidation requires an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members present and voting the Summation Meeting. My Brothers, I encourage you to make every effort to attend and participate in this important and historic meeting of our Lodge.

### Have-a-Heart Campaign

The 14th Annual Monroe District Have-a-Heart Campaign for the Ronald McDonald House will run from February 2 - 14. The District goal is to raise at least \$10,000. This year booths will be set up in Eastview, Marketplace, and Greece-Ridge Malls. Fairport Lodge scheduled to man the booth at Eastview Mall on Monday, February 4th. On that day we need to cover three shifts: 12 noon - 3 p.m., 3 - 6 p.m., and 6 - 9 p.m. For each shift we need to have at least two people present, however having at least three people during each shift is highly desirable (family members and friends are also welcome to participate).

My Brothers, this is a worthy cause and your support would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can put the booth schedule together.

Brethren, I hope 2002 brings good health, happiness and prosperity to you and your families.

Finally, as always, if you have any questions, suggestions, or comments, or know of a Brother in need of our aid or sympathy, please let me know. My phone no. is 223-2828; e-mail, morrisGM@corning.com. Come join the good fellowship, see you in Lodge!

## Union Star Lodge No. 320

3 N. Main St.  
Honeoye Falls, NY

W. James E. Nersinger,  
Master  
334-9057

2nd Mon.  
7:30 P.M.



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

### Notice

On Monday, January 28, 2002, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a Special Communication for the purpose of conferring the Ritual of the 2nd Degree. Please take notice thereof and attend this special meeting. A dinner will precede the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Please call 334-9057 or 381-5286 for reservations. There will be two rehearsals preceding the above mentioned Degree. The first was on December 17th and the second will be Friday, January 25th, at the Lodge at 7:30 p.m.

The 3rd Degree is scheduled for February 25th. Details to be in the February issue of the *Masonic Times*.

Our meeting on January 14th will be our Annual Meeting, covering all officers and committee reports.

I am pleased to report that our 3 newly raised Entered Apprentices and I attended the first of the LSOME sessions on December 3rd at the Downtown Temple. We were all very pleased with the program.

### Condolences

I am sad to report the death of Brother Ralph P. Wrightman,



who passed away on September 23, 2001. Brother Wrightman was a Mason for 51 years and most recently resided in San Clemente, California.

On November 20th, a Masonic Service was held for Brother Winfield Miller, who passed away on November 17th. The Services were held at the Kays Funeral Home in Honeoye Falls. W.: Richard Bull conducted the Service.

**Schools**

The second session of the Road to the East is scheduled for January 5th. This will be at the Dansville Lodge.

The School of Ritual meets next on January 29th at Valley/Simes Lodge 109, at 7:30 p.m. It should be noted that the School of Ritual is not just for the current Lodge officers, but everyone who wants to improve themselves or keep current with the Ritual.

Thanks to W.: John Williams for filling in the Junior Deacon's position at recent Lodge meetings.

Brother Rob Sweeney, our Secretary, wishes to remind all Brothers who have not paid their dues, to please do so.

In closing, our Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund, Brother Kerry Ripley, has asked everyone to send in their donations to him

Just remembered, a sign up sheet will be out regarding the Have-a-Heart Campaign, which takes place in February.

See you in Lodge.

**Wakan/Hubbard**  
**Lodge No. 154**

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

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As we enter into the new year, I extend my best wishes to all for a happy and prosperous 2002.

**Meetings**

The first meeting will be on January 14th. Officers, please take note that it will be Move-up Night. You should be prepared with the work for your next station or place. Refreshments will follow the meeting. Our 2nd meeting, on January 28th, will be a presentation by the various Concordant Bodies. We hope to hear from the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Tall Cedars and the Grotto. This is your opportunity to find out what goes on in these organizations.

**Sadness**

It is with distress that we report the passing of W.: Don Calkins after a long illness.

**Illness**

R.: W.: Charles Spiegel is home recovering from surgery. We understand he is doing quite well. We have heard from the family of Brother Charles Conrad who is confined to a nursing facility in Florida with several maladies.

**Work being done**

As of this writing the work on the exterior wall of the Lodge building is underway. Hopefully it will be finished when you read this article.

Again, as we enter the new year we draw your attention to the fact that dues are due. Please make every effort to remit your dues as soon as possible so we can meet our obligations to Grand Lodge.

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**Lodge No. 426**  
Instituted March 1857

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Thursdays  
7:30 P.M.

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Master  
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(w)422-2142

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

17 Church Street  
Pittsford, N.Y.  
14534

**Service Awards**

Congratulations to Brothers. Andrew Campbell, Leon Behnke, and Russ VanDeGriff who were recognized with Long Service Awards at our December 6th meeting. Andy and Russ both celebrated 55 years of Masonic membership. Leo had 40 years. Each of these Brothers encouraged us with a few words on their Masonic experiences.

Also recognized for long service, but could not attend were (55 years) W.: George R. Morris, and Brothers Leroy P. Wilson and George W. Moore: (50 years) Brothers Robert E. Wilder, Frederick J. Halik, Curtis Fox, Edward F. Biswanger and W.: Donald J. Phelps; (40 years) Brothers Ralph S. Matthews and Richard L. Kurtz; (25 years) Brothers Lawrence G. Cooper, Leland D. Aldrich and Fred J. Pfeffer.

Also attending that meeting were Bill Lindsay, DDGM, Dean Smith, Jim Weick, R.J. Muto, Don Smith, Bill Milton, Walter Weick, Pierre Dube, John Dudley, Richard Trolley, Jack Thibaut, Bill Frazier, Bill Spillane, and Kim Knapp.

**Sad news**

It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of Brother Louis Pfromer. He was born February 7, 1906, initiated November 2, 1944, passed November 16, 1944, raised on December 7, 1944, and passed away on November 9, 2001, at the age of 95 years. He was a faithful Brother for 57 years.

**A gentle reminder**

Those Brothers that have Entertainment Books checked out, please contact R.J. Muto with any unsold books and/or the money. Any Brother that has not had the opportunity to buy one of these coupon books may do so by contacting R.J. at 249-0699. They cost \$22.00 each and a portion of that goes back to the Lodge.

**Illness**

Hey Ed, our prayers are for your speedy recovery. I express our gratitude for the recovery of Brothers Russ VanDeGriff and Jack Thibaut. Russ was in the hospital for a few days last week. At last Thursday's meeting we couldn't even tell he had been ill.



Russell VanDeGriff 55 Year Service Award.



R.: W.: William Lindsay - DDGM presenting 55 year Service Award to Andrew Campbell. (Photos courtesy John Dudley)

**Wakan/Hubbard Past Master's Night**



W.: Gene Brown, R.: W.: Fred Nielsen, W.: Gordon Oaks, R.: W.: A. John Tijou, W.: Rich Brockmann, Sr., R.: W.: Don Brugger, Ws.: John Rees, DSA, Mike Adamus, Angelo DiCataldo, DSA, Ansel Schubert, Don Bell, R.: W.: Bob Zabel, and W.: Sherwin Isaacs.

He was his same old self...kicking butt and taking names.

Brother Jack was a worry to us for a while, but now he too appears to be in great shape. Sick or well, he is always a class act.

**Happy New Year**

I wish all a Happy New Year and may the blessings of heaven rest upon us and may God Bless us all.

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

W.: Karl-Heinz Reich  
Master  
426-6836  
FX 426-8531

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

W.: Michael G. Schwartz  
Secretary  
352-4016

Now, after we get over all the holiday season and all the feasts, we have to look at ourselves and get back to our usual routine. Maybe some of us now need exercise to get relieved from all the added pounds!

**Past events**

In November, R.: W.: James Powell, master planter, and I, cleaned the flowerbeds on High-



R.: W.: William Lindsay presenting a 40 Year Service Award to Leon Behnke.

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way 531. We also planted new tulips of different colors. Brother James Powell will reward the members of Etolian Lodge who, in the Spring, discover the first flower and name its color.

**Congratulations, John**

R.: W.: William Lindsay, DDGM, and I, presented W.: John Dyer with his Past Master's Apron. This now gives him the right to sit in the Lodge with all the dignitaries! Congratulations, John!

**1st Degree**

On December 10th, Brother Patrick Schwartz conferred the 1st Degree on 3 candidates. One was from ERAC Lodge, one from Charlotte/Corinthian and one from Etolian Lodge. Thanks to Patrick and his Degree Team. Everything was performed excellently.

**Brotherhood Fund**

Congratulations to W.: William Mason for the fine job he is doing with the Brotherhood Fund. Please, Brethren, give him the fullest support in the upcoming year.

**Events**

On the third Thursday of each month, Masonic members and friends come together for a social lunch at the High Twelve Club at Etolian Lodge. The cost is only \$3.50. Please come and socialize with us. No reservation is required.

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**Upcoming events**

Please put January 17th on your calendar. We will have our annual Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Brethren, please call all your non-Masonic friends and bring them to the Lodge. Refreshments will be served after the functions.

**Charlotte/Corinthian**  
**Lodge No. 1088**

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

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

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

By Charles Harwell, Senior Warden

The Christmas holiday is past and the New Year is here. Therefore, I wish each of you a safe and happy New Year. For this year I request that each of you make, and more importantly keep, a resolution to bring one candidate into Masonry during 2002. Please help me and do your part to obtain this goal.

**November**

On November 27th we held our Annual Spaghetti Dinner to support the Open Door Mission, which was a success due to the efforts of Junior Warden, Keith Freeman, W.: Thomas Grape, W.: Kenneth Ratliff and W.: Bill Samar. Thank you, Brothers!

**January**

January 8th will be an open meeting with Ms. Lila Bleustone as our guest speaker. She will discuss wellness and nourishment for those 40 and over. This will be very informative and I encourage all to attend.

**Official Visit**

The Official Visit previously scheduled for December 4th has been rescheduled for January 22nd. Officers will be in tuxedos or a dark suit. Please support our Lodge with your attendance.

**Petitions**

If any Brother has petitions for membership, please get them in as soon as possible and for those who need a petition, call me at 230-5862 and I will insure that you receive one. Our Lodge will be conferring the 1st Degree on February 19th with Junior Warden, Keith Freeman, in the East.

**Monthly quiz questions**

**Masonic history**

1. What Lodge erected the first Masonic Lodge building in America?
2. George Washington was raised a Master Mason in what Lodge?

**US Flag**

1. When was the Flag of the United States adopted?
2. Who wrote "The Star Spangled Banner?"

**Extra credit**

Name the date and place of birth of the United States Marine Corps.

To obtain the answers for these and future questions, attend the second communication of our Lodge each month.

By R.:W.: Joseph Privitera

**School of Ritual**

Just a reminder, the School of Ritual is scheduled for January 29th at 7:30 p.m. at the Downtown Masonic Temple. This School will be a little different in that it will be in a round robin format. When a mistake is made, the person is replaced in that chair by the person noting the error. It should be interesting, so come out and have some fun.

**ElderWear Program**

The ElderWear Program is scheduled for January 15th at the Charlotte Masonic Temple. A Chili Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. The cost will be a new donatable item such as sweat suits, cotton socks, sweaters, etc. These items will be donated to residents of nursing homes. At the same time, a Child ID Program will also be in progress in the upstairs Lodge room. For details, call R.:W.: Cliff Short at 225-0464. See the ad in this publication for more information.

**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

**Sorry**

Brothers, my apologies for not getting out a newsletter for December. I found out real quick how many Brothers read the *Masonic Times*. It was nice to know they were that interested.

**Birthdays**

December birthdays were: Ray Burke, Ross Wayne, Howard Garbutt, Tom Hauss, Jerry Jones, Basil VanCamp, Leland Hendershot, Dave Upham, and Scott B. Keir.

January birthdays are: Walter Garret, Gary Wahl, John Lewis, Robert Pedersen, Ralph Shaw, and Gerald Webster. Congratulations to everyone.

**Thank you**

I thank the Brothers for a fine conferral of the 2nd Degree in November and the 3rd Degree in December.

**Upcoming events**

Our first and only meeting in January will be on the 15th. Spaghetti dinners will be on January 9th and 23rd. Come out Brothers and give us a hand. It makes lighter work for everyone.

The Road to the East is on January 5th in Dansville. Masters and

Wardens will meet at the Downtown Masonic Temple on January 12th at 10 a.m. Valley/Simes is sponsoring the School of Ritual on January 29th at 7:30 p.m.

**Have you moved?**

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

**In closing**

Brothers, if you need a ride to meetings, please call me at 392-9261. I am more than glad to arrange transportation for you.

**Who Has the Trabeling Gabel?**

Reporter  
Mat Gingold

**FAME**  
**Lodge No. 722**

4275 Culver Rd.  
ROCHESTER, N.Y. 14622

W.: Nelson Bertch  
671-4792

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

Loon VanHuben, Secretary  
647-1391

I hope you all had a merry Christmas and I wish a joyous New Year to everyone! May the world find peace and Fame Lodge the ability to grow and be a leader in the Monroe District.

At our last meeting we had the distinct pleasure of presenting David Walter Drake, a visiting Brother, with the 60 Year Pin. R.:W.: William R. Lindsay made the presentation. It was a pleasure having him and his wife join us and we look forward to seeing them in Lodge again.

**Special thanks**

Brothers Al Pulcino and Ken Rhodes did a fine job presenting the Flag for the Veterans Recognition Ceremony. Brother Al was also instrumental in arranging for our guest speaker for the evening. Marine Sergeant Major Jim Divas gave an excellent talk on veteran appreciation, recruiting and our present state of readiness.

**Have-a-Heart**

Fame Lodge will be manning the Have-a-Heart Booth on February 3rd, at Eastview Mall from noon 'til 6:00 p.m. Please contact me to schedule your time slot. Your participation in this event is greatly appreciated. Friends and family members are encouraged to participate, as this has always been a great deal of fun!

Our next meeting is on January 8th, and will be preceded by a

buffet dinner. The menu will consist of Pork Tenderloin with Bernaise Sauce and all the trimmings. The cost per person is \$7.50. Reservations are required.

Happy birthday to all the Brothers and their ladies who will celebrate their birthdays in January!

See you in Lodge.

**Churchville**  
**Lodge No. 667**

20 South Main St.  
Churchville, N.Y. 14428  
2nd & 4th Weds. 7:30 p.m.

W.: Larry Bright  
Master  
359-2257

www.geocities.com/churchvilleglodge667/  
W.: George R. Burke,  
Secretary 293-1629

Brothers, at our January meeting we will be entertained by Hesperus Lodge. That's going to be a big night, so please try to attend.

W.: Lou Perna visited Churchville Lodge on December 12th and gave us information on ElderWear, the senior citizen's clothing drive.

**Degree**

On January 23rd we will confer the 2nd Degree. Brother Frank Higgins will be in the East.

**Holidays**

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas, and a Happy New Year to all.

**ERAC**  
**Lodge No. 163**

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

W.: David Zegas,  
Master  
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(o) 419-7539

www.erac.org

R.: W.: Richard C. Friedman  
Sec. (h) 377-6175 (w) 271-2775  
152 Commercial St. West  
East Rochester, N.Y. 14445

**November**

ERAC stayed busy in November with a few firsts. We held the first tiled meeting with a Prince Hall Lodge in the Monroe District with our Brothers from Eureka Lodge No. 36. All present were treated to a truly historic event.

We had a 1st Degree where we initiated six of our own Entered Apprentices and one from Union Star. Two of our first year members, Brothers Sam Sumelong and Jim Jenerson, performed the Historical Lecture and Working Tools, respectively, with precision and feeling.

We continued our tradition of ringing the bells for the Salvation Army for an entire day outside of Barnes & Noble. Some of us brought our children to help perform a needed community service.

**December**

In December we were treated to a presentation by R.:W.: Paul Gleason at our meeting on the 10th. We held our Annual Holiday Visitation on the 15th.

**January**

January starts with our Table Lodge on the 14th. The 2nd Degree will be conferred on the 28th.

**Dues**

All members should have received their dues notices. Paying

your dues on time is critical to the Lodge. We still have the lowest dues in the District, making us a bargain in Masonry. If you have a financial issue and cannot pay, we need to know. Please contact me or the Secretary to discuss it.

Happy New Year to all.

**Valley/Simes**  
**Lodge**  
**No. 109**

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

2nd Tuesday  
7:30 P.M.

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

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

The frost is on the windshield and the sound of the scraper is heard throughout the land. Not only that, the sound of motors running to heat up the iron steed adds a hum of anticipation to our day. The inconvenience of cold, inclement weather is a natural scourge to which we are subject, UNLESS, you happen to be in the land of the balmy breeze.

Again, due to September 11th events, the Official Visit by our District Deputy Grand Master will be at our January 8th meeting. We're sure there will be some very encouraging news from the Grand East at that time. It is incumbent that you be in attendance. If you need transportation or other assistance in this regard, please call and we will make the necessary arrangements.

**Good news!**

At a recent officer's meeting, we were briefed on the upcoming Purple appointment of one of our Brothers. He is worthy of such consideration. Come and be surprised with us!

**Changes**

We have made some changes in our trestleboard designations because of a tax season cable tow limitation. The Secretary is in receipt of those changes and will be glad to share them with you when you call.

We had our Fellowcraft Holiday Meeting at Glenn Stahl's in Fairport on December 18th.

Remember to start using your 585 area code.

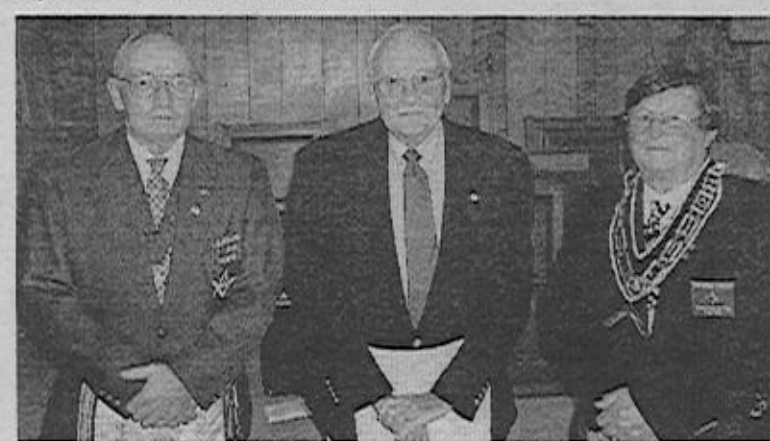
I hope your holidays were happy and wish you a Happy New Year.

**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

I hope the season has brought you all that you wanted, and the new year looks promising for you and your family. We are gearing up for a great year for Seneca. Our January 8th meeting will feature the 3rd Degree conferred upon our four new Brothers. Please come to Lodge and sup-



W.: Gordon Smith - Master of Clio Lodge (r) presenting 50 Year Service Award to Charles P. Mitchell, with the assistance of R.:W.: William Lindsay - DDGM (l).



port the Degree Team. Let's have a few Brothers on the sidelines.

**Looking ahead**

Looking forward to February, we still need volunteers for our stint for the Have-a-Heart, Buy-a-Heart Campaign. Seneca will be at Eastview Mall on Sunday, February 10th, from noon until closing. If you have not signed up already, give Dick Shellman a call and sign up for a 2 hour shift. The proceeds of this Campaign go to the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester. This is a very worthwhile cause. I expect a big turnout.

Our February 12th meeting will feature R.W.: Steve Whittaker presenting the Lantern Lecture for our new Brothers. If it's been a while since you have seen this Lecture, come to Lodge and hear this beautiful Ritual. R.W.: Fred Belluscio will also give a presentation on the significance of the Bible passage on which the Square and Compasses rest when on the 3rd Degree. Do you know what passage this is? If not, you need to come to Lodge and find out.

**Socially speaking**

Mark your calendars for our Annual Ladies Night on Saturday, March 2nd, at the Daisy Flour Mill. Brother Dick Shellman and his wife, Wendy, will be our hosts.

As always, my mailbox stands ready, and my phone is available. If you have a question, comment or idea, don't hesitate to write or call me.

**WEBSTER**  
**Lodge No. 538**

30 Orchard St.  
WEBSTER, N.Y. 14580

W.: John Merz  
Master  
(h) 381-4116  
(o) 771-3218

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

W.: Paul Sobtziak, Sec.  
671-8980

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season.

**Past events**

On December 6th, V.W.: John Zabel spoke about the meaning of the ancient ritual of the Entered Apprentice Degree. He explained where the words originated. It was a very interesting and enlightening talk. The next School of Ritual will be on January 29th.

**Party time**

A children's Christmas Party was held on December 20th. Santa made an appearance and everyone had a good time.

**Visitations**

On December 24th we visited our Brothers who are unable to attend Lodge, as well as the widows of our deceased Brothers. We delivered poinsettias to all. Bruce Chilton chaired this event. The Fellowcraft Club, headed by Mark Fenton and Jim Pray, made breakfast for everyone. It was a great day and a lot of fun.

**Remembering**

On January 3rd the Lodge of Remembrance will be held at Webster Lodge.

**Have-a-Heart Campaign**

We need help at Eastview Mall for the Have-a-Heart Campaign for the Ronald McDonald House. Our date is Friday, February 8th, from noon to 9:00 p.m. Three people are needed for each three hour shift. Please contact Mo Schirano

at 265-3932 or John Merz at 381-4116 if you can assist.

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

**Grand Lodge  
Veterans Service  
Committee**



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

The Masonic Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee expresses heartfelt thanks to all who helped with their generous donations of gifts distributed to all VA patients of Medical Centers throughout New York State.

**Brotherhood Fund**

A special thank you to those who contribute to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, and direct part of their donation to the Veterans Fund, your donations are greatly appreciated. Those funds help defray the cost of purchasing many of the Christmas gifts and other items distributed over the holidays. From this Fund, Grand Lodge paid more than \$7,000 for comfort kits, socks, canteen books and other items. Our own Masonic Service Bureau donates between \$400 - \$500 every year to offset the cost of the ice cream and cookie parties. Without your generous donations and those of other concordant organizations, our Committee could not function.

**Medical Centers**

There are eleven New York VA and two New York State Medical Centers that the Masonic Veterans Service Committee helps in purchasing Christmas gifts and other items as needed throughout the year.

**Our area**

To all of our local Masonic Brethren and all Concordant Bodies, this Committee thanks you very much for your generous donations. Our local Canandaigua VA Medical Center received a great outpouring of donations. This helped to strengthen the account.

**Accounts**

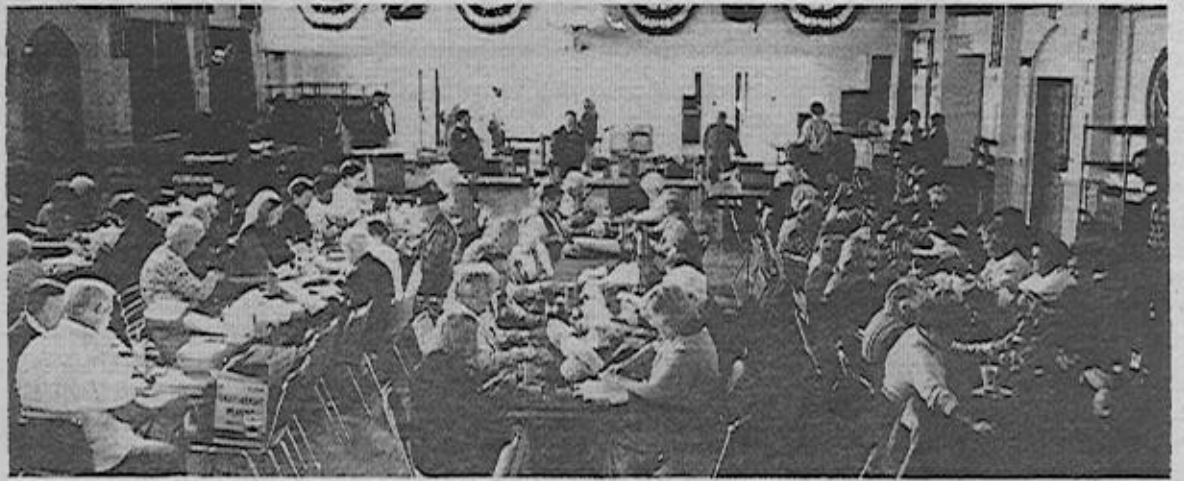
Some people ask why two accounts, Christmas and Executive. Only Christmas expenses can be charged against the Christmas account, the same for the Executive account. The Executive account purchases items for other activities during the year.

The Christmas Fund for the Canandaigua VA Medical Center spends anywhere from \$15,000 - \$20,000 on gifts to be distributed at Christmas time and the Executive Committee spends between \$5,000 - \$6,000 every year on various programs. As you can see, we depend on your generous donations.

I hope you had a very happy holiday season. ☐



**VAMC Annual Gift Wrap Session**



**Annual Holiday Gift Wrap**

On Tuesday afternoon, December 11th, this annual event was held in the VAMC Building 5 Auditorium. As usual, it was a fun-filled, hectic, and rewarding occasion. Our participating volunteers were: Tom and Cora Paglia, June Moon, Tina Wahl, my wife, Sylvia, and myself. The Auditorium was filled with a goodly number of volunteers.

We were pleased to meet and greet E. William Whittaker, the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, State of New York. He is a Past Master of Seneca Lake Lodge No. 308, and has served as presiding officer for many of the various Concordant Bodies, too numerous to mention herein. Also, he is presently serving as Deputy Representative of Veterans Service for the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

**Coming events**

On Sunday afternoon, December 23rd, the Annual Holiday Gift Distribution of the wrapped gifts was held. A great many of the gifts were distributed by other volunteers to patients housed elsewhere in nursing homes and other domiciliary locations.

Our schedule of Sunday afternoon Ward visits for the Winter and Spring are: January 6th, February 10th, March 10th and April 7th.

For more information, telephone Tom Paglia at 227-2046. ☐

**Did You Know?**

**Just a few words**

**Honeymoon**

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4000 years ago for the father of the bride to supply to his son-in-law, one month after the nuptial, all of the Mead he could drink ( an alcoholic beverage made from fermented honey). Since their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month or what we know today as the "honeymoon."

**Mind your Ps & Qs**

In English "Pubs", ale was ordered in pints or quarts. So, in old England, when customers got un-



Tom Paglia and Harold Bollotin with another well known volunteer, E. William Whittaker - Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons for the State.



The Monroe contingent of volunteers: June Moon, Tina Wahl, Cora Paglia and Sylvia Bollotin. Tom Paglia standing.



Rear view of the Auditorium at the VAMC Gift Wrap Session.

ruly, the bartender would yell out to them, to mind their pints and quarts. This is where we got the phrase, "mind your P's & Q's".

**Wet your whistle**

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had whistles baked into the handles of their ceramic beer mugs. When they wanted a refill they used the whistle to get service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

**Mayday**

The word "mayday" comes from the French word m'aidez--meaning "help me" and is pronounced med-ay. Thus the use of "mayday" as a call for help.

**Golf**

In Scotland, when a new game was invented, that of knocking around a stone with a long club, it was intended for gentlemen only. The game was initially called, "Gentlemen Only Ladies Forbidden." This is how the word GOLF entered the English language.

**Little Shavers**

The U.S. Mint puts notches in the edge of half dollars, quarters, and dimes, coins actually made of precious metals, to ensure that some of the metal has not been shaved off by unscrupulous persons. Pennies and nickels are not notched because the metals they contain were not valuable enough to shave. ☐





# Scottish Rite NEWS

Consistory  
Chapter of Rose Croix  
Council of Princes of Jerusalem  
Lodge of Perfection



## Commander-in-Chief



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

January is the month named for Janus, the two faced God that looks in two directions at the same time, back at the year completed and forward to the year ahead. For us in the Scottish Rite, January is a time to review our accomplishments of the past year and to plan for the coming year. We started a series of articles containing a brief discussion of the duties and responsibilities taught in the lessons or Degrees of the Scottish Rite that will continue into the new year. The feedback from readers of this column each month encourages us to look for ways to build upon these articles as a means of serving the Valley by providing continuing opportunity to learn more about our Craft in general and the Scottish Rite in particular. We will attempt to provide an ongoing series of informative articles as time goes on.

At our Spring Reunion Banquet for the Frank T. Jansson, 32<sup>nd</sup> MSA, Class, we recognized our new S.P.R.S.'s and did an assessment of the performances of the members of the cast and crew of the Degrees for the Reunion. We had a lot of fun with that one. Everyone should participate in that celebration honoring both the new Princes and those who worked so hard to make the Re-

union a success and recognizing the Class Sponsor.

During the Summer we had several notable events sponsored by the Valley. We, for the 2nd year, sponsored a kick-off meeting for the Masters and Secretaries of Craft Lodges in the Monroe District by DDGM, Bill Lindsay, DDGMs, Al Roggen (Livingston) and Bill Jones (Wayne) were in attendance with some of their District Lodges representatives.

This type of meeting is precisely the kind of support we intend to provide the DDGMs so they can promote their Blue Lodges. We followed that with our Annual Family Picnic which was enthusiastically attended. The next event of great interest to our membership was the Annual Stag Outing where we put on an old fashioned Clambake, complete with lobsters. We had to relearn a few skills, but next year we'll do it again to prove that we've got it right.

We carried on in support of our government by not allowing the terrorists to divert us from our goals. The Valley sponsored our Annual Symbolic Lodge Awards Night where we recognized the individuals within the Blue Lodge who have contributed freely to the Lodge in support of its objectives. Thirty-seven regional Symbolic Lodges participated in the program in 2001. We hope to have even greater outreach in this support in the years to come as we go forth in helping Blue Lodges in the Western New York Districts.

Our look forward to the new calendar year sees us encouraging individual Masons throughout Western New York to take part in supporting their Symbolic Lodge. We intend to establish Scottish Rite Clubs geographically so as to better serve the needs of the various Lodges in the Region. In that respect, we expect the Valley of Rochester to assume a greater role in support

of Symbolic Masonry throughout the area.

### The Degrees

The next set of Degrees we will examine consist of the 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The 25<sup>th</sup> is referred to as the "Knight of the Brazen Serpent". This Degree charges us with the duty to fulfill our destiny and re-create ourselves by reformation, repentance and enlarging our knowledge. While it teaches the necessity of reformation, as well as repentance as a means of obtaining forgiveness, it is also devoted to an explanation of the symbols of Masonry. Especially those which are connected with the ancient and universal legend representing a murder or death, and a restoration to life teaching that the rule of Evil and Darkness is but temporary, and that of Light and Good will be eternal. Among the ancient Egyptians the Serpent was a symbol of Divine Wisdom, when extended at length, and, with its tail in its mouth, of Eternity.

The 26<sup>th</sup>, Prince of Mercy, teaches the quality of mercy. That is a spirit of compassion and a tenderness of heart which dispose us to overlook injuries and to treat an offender better than he deserves. We are taught to practice mercy (forgiveness) and to be tolerant of other beliefs. We learn to be devoted to the teachings and diffusion of the true principles of Masonry. We learn that the truths of Masonry are contained within the religions of the world.

The 27<sup>th</sup>, Knight Commander of the Temple, establishes our duty to truth, honor, loyalty, justice and humanity. It teaches that Scottish Rite Masonry believes in the concept of free church in a free state, each supreme in its own sphere, neither seeking to dominate the other, but cooperating for the common good. We learn that Masonry is practical and requires its members to be actively involved in life.

Virtue and duty have been the same in all times. Times change, and circumstances, but virtue and duty remain the same. The Mason is not only a moralist and philosopher, but a soldier, the successor to those knights of the middleages, who, while they wore the cross, also wielded the sword, and were the Soldiers of Honor, Loyalty and Duty.

### World Trade Center Disaster Fund

The Supreme Councils of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the A.A.S.R. have established a WTC Disaster Relief Fund for 2.3 million dollars of aid to the victims and survivors of the September 11th tragedy. The Valley of Rochester has contributed \$25,000 to the New York State Grand Master's WTC Relief Fund. Your individual contributions are requested for the support of the Scottish Rite Fund. Following is an accounting of the contributions being made by the Supreme Council Group 1 Contributions to qualified charities supporting the principles supported by the Scottish Rite:

The Hero's Fund (established by Mayor Guiliani)

Robin Hood Foundation (for low income victims)

New York Woman's Foundation (for low income women)

Families of Freedom Scholarship Fund (undergraduate college support for families)

New York City Central Labor Council Fund (new skills development for survivors)

9/11 Children's Fund (promote child psychiatric health)

Port Authority Police WTC Relief Fund

New York Firefighters Disaster Relief Fund

New York State WTC Relief Fund

Catholic Charities of New York (WTC Fund)

United Jewish Community Fund

Church World Service (a 36 denomination counseling effort)

World Vision (current life needs of families)

Approximately \$750,000 is being contributed by the Supreme Council, NMJ, to the above. Group 2 contributions, in the amount of \$250,000 will be contributed as direct support to families of victims and survivors and as general distribution to the Grand Master's Fund. Any surplus funds will be proportionately distributed to the Group 1 Charities if qualified Masonic recipients cannot be identified.

### Scottish Rite Masons

Your assistance is needed. The Valley of Rochester is planning a fundraising golf tournament in support of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Masonic Learning Center for Children. Our Learning Center in the downtown Masonic Temple needs our help. One of the ways we, as Scottish Rite Masons, can assist is to provide sponsorships for students.

The great work being done by our Learning Center in assisting children to manage the condition known as dyslexia is expensive. The process involves qualified tutors providing the student one on one coaching to learn how to deal with the condition on a day to day basis. Our Learning Centers have two tasks, one is to teach students, the other is to teach teachers how to communicate with those students. These are both formidable tasks. They cost money. We can help by providing the sponsorship support needed to assist each child. On an annual basis it costs about \$5,000 to provide this service to each student.

We want to promote and conduct a golf tournament as a means of raising sponsorship dollars. To do so we need each and every member of the Valley of Rochester to pitch in and help out with this effort. Joe Oelgoetz, III is the Chairman of this event and he needs you to volunteer in whatever way you can to make this program a reality. You may contact him at 425-9969.

### Plans for the future

We in the Valley of Rochester are looking to the future. We are not using a crystal ball. We are looking very carefully at where we have been, where we are, and where we want to be. Our approach is not emotional. Rather, we are trying to realistically assess the cold, hard facts and move forward with confidence that the Valley has a vision for the future that we can support and achieve.

It is no secret that Masonry, in general, has seen a decline in influence in recent years. As a matter of fact, studies conducted in the early 1990s predicted this general decline. If those studies had been accurate, the situation we see today might be even worse

than it is now. Symbolic Lodges are being consolidated or closed. Masonic Temples abandoned. Membership diverted in attempts to salvage the building itself. Concordant Bodies are likewise experiencing reduced circumstances. Every Masonic organization must carefully look at the commitments they make to the future given uncertain membership and financial projections. We in the Scottish Rite are no different.

We do have an advantage. We anticipated the trend and began to develop programs to do something about the situation. We continue to be the leaders in New York State in dealing with these issues. We firmly believe that our investment in people and leadership skills along with the Scottish Rite emphasis on family values and personal ethics and morality can be the backbone needed to re-establish Masonic principles as a way of life for all good men in supporting their families, their countries and their personal satisfaction. If we, as good men seeking to improve ourselves so as to better serve those we value in this life, can demonstrate that we live our lives as we profess, then we will attract other good men to join us.

Ladies, and I know many of you read this column, if you value those principles of honesty, integrity, duty and faithfulness in your man, encourage him to participate in the work of Masonry to better fortify himself against the trials of our times. I'm not talking about buildings of mortar and stone, I'm talking about those structures of support that men develop within their hearts and minds that serve them in times of stress guiding them to do what is right and honorable in all circumstances. We, in Masonry, the Scottish Rite in particular, is an affair of the heart and mind rather than of things and places. There is only one number that we are concerned with and that number is one. Each and every Mason living so as to exemplify our teachings every day is our goal. We have no better example. The one that we impact is the one who realizes his own limitations and seeks to improve himself to better serve his loved ones.

We are not tied to a time or place. We will serve our members at their point of need, wherever that might be. As we examine alternative sites for our meetings, for our Reunions, for our member services, and for our continued growth, we will provide the same level of accessibility and support to our candidates and members that we always have and in addition we will strive to reach out and bring the Scottish Rite to those who have not had the advantage of our lessons and Degrees in the past. □

### Hospitaler's Report

By Thomas M. Paglia, 32<sup>nd</sup> MSA  
Franklin Ghysel - is up and about following surgery.

Earl DeSmith, 32<sup>nd</sup> MSA - now resides in a nursing home.

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

Roger McCaughey - not feeling well at this time.

Please remember these Brothers with cards and calls. Ask them if you can help in anyway by shopping for them, taking them to the doctor, etc. □

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**From the  
1st Lt. Commander**

By Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°

**What is this new Academy?**

After touring the state last Fall and Winter to visit each of the Area Meetings, it became evident that there were some primary things that needed to be developed. Several "common threads" appeared from the results of the five area meetings.

The New York Council of Deliberation developed a six member team to establish this Academy for the purpose of training and education.

This program was conducted in Syracuse on Friday evening, November 30th, and Saturday, December 1st. The Valley of Rochester was represented by Robert Pedersen, Most Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix, and Ill. Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, Deputy's Representative. Bob will be scheduling training sessions to ensure that all Valley Officers are trained by March 1st.

There were five one hour presentations:

- How to Organize a Valley and Make it Run (including protocol).
- How to Organize and run an Event.
- The Leadership Challenge.
- Effective use of the Critical Mass.
- "Reach Out and Say Hello" (Membership Development Efforts).

These management tools are intended to provide some structure for future operations. You will find them to be a good "refresher" as we continue to seek continuous improvement in our operations for the benefit of our members.

**The Fall 2001,**

**Ill. Fred Nielsen, 33° Class**

A special congratulations and welcome to the members of this Class: James DeMarco, Henry E. Goebel, Miles F. Hoerle, Charles T. Johnson, John W. Lindsay, Gordon S. Sprague, Robert W. Sweeney, and Harry L. Tyson. We extend special thanks as well to their sponsors and the Class Committee for their special efforts in providing an understanding and comfort zone to these new Sublime Princes.

At the same time, we extend a special thank you to all of our members who assisted in Degree participation: Degree Directors, Degree participants, Degree Assistants, Stage Crew, Sound Crew, Class Committee, Office Staff, Presiding Officers, Officers, MSAs, Wardrobe Staff, and finally to those who were brave enough to volunteer when asked to step in and fill a part for a last minute cancellation.

**What else is new?**

There are number of Sublime Princes involved in organizing a "Scottish Rite Club" in the Batavia area...stay tuned.

Have you "Reached Out to Say Hello" to a Brother Mason and asked him to join the Scottish Rite?

**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 14, 2002. The scholarships are given on an annual basis and previous recipients must reapply.

**News and Views**

By Norman Austin, TPM

Happy New Year! It is the hope of the Valley of Rochester, its Officers and its team of Ambassadors that each of you and your families had a festive and most enjoyable Holiday Season.

**Holiday Party**

The Annual Holiday Party was a great success, and all who attended, both young, and those not quite so young, enjoyed the gala event. Each attendee brought an unwrapped toy for distribution through the Marine Corps. Reserves Program for needy children. There were delicious refreshments, Santa supplied a gift for each child in attendance, a magician entertained all, and we listened to an informative talk given by a representative of the U.S. Marine Corps. on their "Toys for Tots Program". This was truly a wonderful evening.

**Great happenings**

With the advent of a new year upon us, the Scottish Rite has a number of exciting events scheduled! To keep you apprised, among them are:

The New Member Orientation Dinner, scheduled at Rick's Prime Rib House on Friday, March 8th. It is for the new members of the Paul W. Spillane Spring Class and the Ill. Fred Nielsen, 33°, Fall Class, who were created Sovereign Princes at the Reunions in April and November.

For the first time in this Valley the newly created Princes will each be assigned a mentor, whose responsibility will be to ensure that any questions, concerns, or needed explanations are readily addressed. In addition, the mentor will keep his newly assigned Brother informed of the happenings within the Valley, and strive to keep him active within the Rite.

With this assistance and guidance, the new Brothers will have at their disposal, all the tools and resources necessary to enable them to derive the maximum benefit from their membership.

Various Family Life Programs, at which family members can take part in are always the favorite of many, as they afford families the opportunity to spend time together engaging in activities they can all enjoy.

Plans are underway for an informational get-together in preparation for the formation of the new Scottish Rite Club in the Genesee/Wyoming District. This should prove to be a most interesting meeting.

Also in the planning stages, is a really first-rate Golf Tournament Fundraiser to support the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children. Anyone who enjoys golf is sure to want to learn more about this. It promises to be a wonderful opportunity to not only enjoy a day of camaraderie, but to concurrently support a truly worthwhile cause.

Thursday, April 4th, is the date of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb, in which the Chapter of Rose Croix observes this beautiful and symbolic celebration as a memorial service, honoring our Brethren who have passed to their eternal reward during the preceding year. This is the only rite which is open to members of the general

public, and it is a truly touching ceremony. If you have not attended this event before, don't miss the opportunity to do so.

The Spring Reunion will take place on Thursday, April 18th, and Saturday, April 20th. A set of Degrees will be presented for new candidates on each of these dates. Anyone who would like to participate, either on stage, in a speaking or non-speaking part, or behind the scenes, as part of the wonderful and most capable stage crew, is certainly welcome!

The Annual Banquet, which always proves to be an enjoyable time is set for May 11th.

St. John's Day at the Masonic Campus in Utica is also an activity filled time which is enjoyed by many.

July 11th - 13th are the dates of the New York Council of Deliberation at the Masonic Campus in Utica. A great deal takes place during this three day period. It is certainly a worthwhile trip to take part in the many varied activities and meetings.

The Annual Family Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 20th, at the Shrine Mosque in Webster. This is an excellent opportunity to get together with friends and their families and to have an enjoyable day of food, fun, and festivity.

On Friday, August 23rd, the Annual Stag Outing/Clam Bake takes place. It is a tradition enjoyed by many...don't miss it!

As you can see, the members of the Valley have a busy year ahead. If these activities sound like fun, and you are not yet a member of the Scottish Rite, why not consider completing and returning a petition for the next Class in April. I can assure you, you will be glad you did!!!

**Learning Center News**

By Beryl Frear

Nineteen children completed the first semester of the '01-'02 academic year at the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children in Rochester, Director, Anne L. Kaczka, announced. The children were guided by intensive tutoring of the Center's teaching staff.

Children who have been diagnosed as dyslexic are tutored twice a week "one on one" at the Rochester based Center. These children typically have average or above-average intelligence, however, their dyslexia can create difficulties not only with reading, writing and spelling, but also with listening, thinking, talking and arithmetic.

Results from the first semester mirror the success of students who participated in the '00-'01 academic year program. Significant increases have been noted in spelling, word identification, word attack and comprehension. The heartwarming bonus to date is the enthusiasm of the students as they experience their own progress. This builds confidence as they enter the Winter semester.

In creating the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, the mission has been to provide professional tutoring, free of charge, to children with dyslexia regardless of race, creed or Masonic affiliation.

All costs are covered by Scottish Rite Masons. A recently launched Scottish Rite effort "Sponsor a Child Program" will give individuals, organizations, Scottish Rite Valleys and other Masonic Bodies the opportunity to cover the costs of tutoring for individual children. Further information may be obtained by contacting Ann Kaczka at the Center, 585-442-7290.

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# York Rite NEWS

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Judas Maccabeus

**District Deputy  
Grand  
High Priest**

Royal Arch Masons  
29th Capitular District



R.E. Richard C. Anderson

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas in sharing time with your family and friends. Let's start the New Year with a continuation of fellowship and friendship.

**New addition**

3X3 Chapter No. 35 of Spencerport has been assigned to the 27th Capitular District. The 29th is sorry to lose this Chapter and Companions, but this was to help balance and strengthen Districts in Royal Arch Masonry.

**Degree**

Western Star Chapter No. 35 has scheduled the Mark Master Mason Degree for January 17th. If any other Chapter has candidates, please contact V.E.: Leonard Mason, AGL, to get them included. There is some activity of the Fervency and Zeal Program in the District that may help acquire some more candidates. Make an effort to search for more possible Royal Arch Masons.

**Grand Chapter**

Grand Chapter Convocation is scheduled for March 1st and 2nd in Albany, NY. It is fast coming up on us. Grand Chapter has detailed me to canvass the 29th District for the needed room reservations and meal tickets. Please contact me by January 10th with your requests.

**District Deputy  
Grand  
High Priest**

Royal Arch Masons  
27th Capitular District



R.E. Paul B. Josephson  
334-1353

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. I congratulate E.: William Lindsay on his year as High Priest of Hiram

Chapter and E.: Benjamin Thorp on his year as High Priest of Dansville Chapter. Both Chapters had a year of fine leadership and good programming. I know that each incoming High Priest will continue to provide this leadership in the ensuing year.

On December 11th Dansville Chapter started two Brothers on the road to becoming Royal Arch Masons. They did a very good job on the Ritual with only a little help from Hiram Chapter. Thank you, V.E.: William Zufall and E.: Bruce Horncastle, for your help. I know that it was greatly appreciated. Dansville is planning to confer the Most Excellent Master Degree in February. They will try to do most of the parts, but if they need help I know Hiram will be there for them.

Grand Chapter's Annual Convocation will be on March 1st and 2nd at the Holiday Turf Inn in Albany. As most of you know, this is a wonderful weekend of fellowship and Masonic education. I will be taking reservations for rooms, Luncheons and Friday Banquet. The rooms will be \$89.00 per night, Luncheons are \$15.00 and the Banquet is \$30.00. Tickets for the Luncheons and Banquet must be purchased in advance through me, there will be no tickets sold at Grand Chapter. Please let me know if you are planning to attend Grand Chapter so that I will be able to get our rooms as close to the Hospitality Room as possible. Robert and Linda Zahn will once again be running the Hospitality Room for the 27th Capitular District.

The Grand High Priest has informed me that 3x3 Chapter will be joining the 27th District after the Grand Convocation. Let us all welcome them into the 27th District with open arms and Masonic Brotherhood.

On January 24th the Grand High Priest will be at Hiram Chapter to dedicate the Hal Miller Memorial Bible. I would like to have a large turnout for this Dedication.

The Order of High Priest will be held in Rochester on Saturday, February 9th, at 1:00 p.m.

**Hiram Chapter**  
No. 62  
2nd & 4th Thursdays  
E.: William R. Lindsay, High Priest  
621-3573  
E.: Larry Dunn, Secretary  
594-8033  
875 Main Street East  
Rochester, N.Y. 14805

By Dennis Gellasch, High Priest elect

A new year is upon us with a joyous beginning and opportunity for renewal. As we closed out the old year with all the official reports and an examination of accomplishments, a warm feeling spilled over the Craft. Many skilled Companions shared their work and set a measure for workers in the Royal Arch quarries during 2002.

Our next meeting is January 10th at 7:30 p.m. The only business of the evening will be the

Open Installation of our new Officers:

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| High Priest        | Dennis Gellasch     |
| King               | Thomas Kendig       |
| Scribe             | Douglas Koenig      |
| Secretary          | John Dudley         |
| Treasurer          | Michael Adamus      |
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| Master 2nd Veil    | Sean Noonan         |
| Mast. 1st Veil     | R. Keith Stambach   |
| Sentinal           | Pedro Ugalde        |
| Chaplain           | Ernest Stelianou    |
| Organist           | John Walker         |

Following the Installation, refreshments will be served. Remember to bring your family and friends as this is an Open Installation.

**Travelers**

Our thanks are extended to the four traveling Companions visiting Dansville Chapter and working with their new candidates on December 11th.

**Relocation**

We are addressing Chapter relocation as the events actively unfold. Many man hours have been expended in balancing various interests from our East to our West. As of this writing, meetings and votes have been scheduled that will sort out pending choices. No public word is available yet. In fact, a potential exists for a special Convocation of the Chapter early in this new year. Our authorized representatives continue to earn our respect and gratitude. Stand by for further immediate advisement!

**Annual Convocation**

Paul Josephson is coordinating Chapter reservations for the Grand Chapter Convocation on Friday, March 1st, at the Holiday Turf Inn, Wolf Road, Albany. Call Paul at 334-7353 for the dinner and luncheon reservations and tickets. With your early commitment we may be housed in a block grouping near the Hospitality Room.

Linda and Bob Zahn will be graciously at their traditional work in the 27th Capitular District's hospitality suite. With the redistricting we welcome 3x3 Chapter to the District and will see you at the hospitality suite for comfortable respite.

**Dedication**

On January 24th, Hiram Chapter has the pleasure of the Grand Line visitation for the Dedication of a new Chapter Bible. Our meeting starts with a 6:30 p.m. dinner, followed by the Dedication at 7:30 p.m. If any Companion needs transportation for this exciting event, contact me at 265-3993. Barring any snow emergency, we will have an excellent turnout and a warm Grand Masonic gathering!

**Remember**  
  
**The Royal Arch Charities and Scholarship Funds**

**District Deputy  
Grand Master**  
8th Cryptic District



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

As I begin to write this article, outside my window the snow is lazily falling. Winter is upon us. Let us not forget our commitments to the Craft. Let us try to make as many meetings as possible in this New Year. It is very easy to sit at home and say let someone else carry the load, but the load becomes lighter with each helping hand.

**Visits**

Having visited five Councils so far, I've found them to be solvent. Yes, some are going to have to make changes in the future, our big, old beautiful Lodge buildings are becoming too costly for our shrinking membership to afford. Blue Lodges, Chapters and Councils are feeling the pinch. It is now time to be talking about making changes, let us begin to develop long-range plans to suit our needs.

On the Visitation Evaluation Form, there is a place for current programs other than the District Deputy's visit and visiting Grand Line Officers. On many of these forms a Table Lodge was mentioned.

Another point that was covered on my Visit was communication. So far I have not received any news of, or invitation to, a Table Lodge. Should you be having trouble in setting one up, please notify me. I am very willing to help in any way possible.

My next Official Visit will be to Nundawaga Council on January 28th at LeRoy. Along with my Visit, the conferral of the Select Masters Degree will take place.

I am hoping you all had a very Merry Christmas and will have a Happy New Year.

**Area code change**

On November 11th, some of us in the 716 area code district were changed to the 585 area code. If you want to contact me by phone, my new exchange will be 585. I am not on the Internet, so I have to be contacted by phone at 585-492-2807. Please note this change and thank you.

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

Greetings, Companions! Happy New Year, and welcome back to the quarries. Hopefully, each of you and your families enjoyed a wonderful Holiday Season.

**So sorry**

It would appear that I have been remiss in not including more detailed information in my articles. Rather than attempt to offer explanations which might be misconstrued as excuses, I will "bite the bullet", figuratively speaking, and endeavor henceforth to be both more descriptive and complete in conveying the information I have at my disposal at the time I compose this article.

I am always open to and appreciative of constructive criticism, and I encourage any input you might wish to share with me. Please feel free to contact me with any information you would like communicated in this article prior to the deadline printed in the calendar on the last page of this publication. After all, this is in essence, YOUR column, and as such, you have every right to expect and to receive complete and detailed information in a timely manner.

**November**

At our last meeting, (as of this writing) on Monday, November 26th, we had the pleasure of hosting a visit of R.I.: Victor S. Versace, Grand Marshal. He gave a brief talk on the importance of being tested for cancer, and how doing so may save one's life through early diagnosis.

We also conferred the Mark Master Degree on one candidate and enjoyed tasty sandwiches and snacks, complements of Miss Linda, following the Degree.

**Looking ahead**

On Monday, January 28th, we will be conferring the Select Master Degree, under the direction of R.I.: Steven Wing, on three candidates, including the Companion who received the MM Degree at the preceding meeting. Parts for this Degree have been assigned and we anticipate a stellar performance our candidates will long remember. A dinner preceding the events will be prepared by Miss Linda. At the time of this writing, the menu is hearty goulash, which should be welcomed on a cold evening. Bring your appetite!

**Official Visit**

This will also be the evening of the Official Visit of our DDGM, Dan Evans. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with the opening at 7:30 p.m. We look forward to a good turnout to support our candidates.

**February**

Our February 25th meeting will be our Table Council. We welcome all to join us for this enjoyable event. Notices have been sent to other Councils and we encourage their participation in this festive event. More details will follow in my February article.


**In closing**

I leave you with some words to ponder: "Learn from the mistakes of others, you can't live long enough to make them all yourself!"

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**No. 19**  
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Doric Council conferred the Select Master Degree in December on two new members. We also have a new affiliation.

Our Official Visit in December went well. We had what I think is an historical occasion at our meeting. Our Sentinel was the M.L. E. William Whitaker, Grand Master of the Grand Council, State of New York.

Our January meeting will be on the 16th.

We need members!

**Cyrene-Monroe**  
**Commandery**  
**No. 12**



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On Monday, December 17th, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery held its Christmas Toast. The program was great and included a barbershop quartet who added their voices to some great Christmas songs. The attendance was also very good. My thanks to the Schicker Club ladies for the refreshments afterwards.

On Monday, January 7th, we will start our rehearsals for the upcoming Inspection on April 15th. We need to do a lot of work on our Ritual. It is great seeing Sir Knights from the Commanderies visiting and working together.

On Saturday, December 1st, Zones 10, 11 and 12 jointly conferred the Orders for 8 candidates (four from Cyrene/Monroe). While it was a long day, I thought the Degree work was superb. I thank Linda Zahn, Chrystal Dudley, Sharon McCumber, June Stelianou and my wife, Barbara, for the morning coffee and donuts and the lunch at noon.

**Schicker Club News**

By Barbara Goodrich

January 21st is the date for our first meeting of the new year. A turkey casserole is on the menu, along with the delicious goodies the ladies bring to go with it.

We will work more on the kits for the needy women. We need items such as combs, toothpaste, toothbrushes, small note pads, pencils, etc. Come join us and enjoy the good feeling that comes with doing something for others. Happy New Year to all.

**Batavia Commandery**  
**No. 34**  
**Knights Templar**



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The holiday season will be nearly over by the time this issue is received and it is hoped that everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a happy and prosperous New Year.


The Christmas Observance was held on December 13th with about 40 Sir Knights, their ladies and guests taking part. The program this year was new for the Commandery. SK and Rev. Charles Lee researched and composed an entirely new observance. The program took place at tables placed in the form of a cross diagonally across the Lodge Room.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of an Honorary Membership in Batavia Commandery to SK Gordon Reeves by the Eminent Commander.

Following the program, refreshments were served in the downstairs dining room, decorated by my wife, Anne. Snacks, cookies and a birthday cake were furnished by the ladies.

At the January conclaves we will be polishing up on the requirements for our Inspection, to be held on March 14th. The Annual Reports will be presented at the January 24th Conclave.

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A Happy Holiday Season to all and a wish that the coming year brings you good fortune and peace.

**Flags**

Our Flag Project has provided for one flag for the Genesee Country Museum. This flag is to be flown over the Town Square. Things have changed, however. At our December meeting the project was reported on and further information about the Museum's plans were shared with the members. In rather swift fashion it was moved, seconded and passed that Genesee York Rite College No. 25 donate the funds to purchase all the flags that the Museum wanted to include in its display, a sum of over \$800.

It was further suggested, by CK Dave Taber, that the Museum include the Naval flags of Scotland (Flag of St. Andrew, a blue cross corner to corner on a blue field) and the Naval Flag of England (Flag of St. George, a red cross, on a white field). It was the super imposition of these two flags that was the origin of the "Union Jack". Naval flags on early sailing ships were attached to the topsail jack stays, thus the term "Jack".

The entire project for the Museum is estimated at around \$5000. Our contribution would be recognized with appropriate plaques and possibly participation in the Dedication Ceremonies.

**Degree project**

We have in hand the responses of eleven Companion Knights for participation in the Super Excellent Master Degree Team. Our Recorder, CK Charles Roberts, will be assigning parts and hopefully we can have our first rehearsals next Spring.

**Knight of York**

At our March meeting we will be conferring the Order on at least three Companions who were proposed at our last meeting. CK Dave Taber will be contacting those involved. If you would like to participate, there are parts available that will fit anyone; wardrobe assistance, walk-ons and set up assistance. Come out and join the fun.

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**No. 133**  
**Tall Cedars**  
**of Lebanon**



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 Penfield, New York 14526

Donald C. Bell, Scribe

By Don Brugger

We hope that all had a happy holiday and that good fortune will be your lot in the coming year.

The Annual Tall Cedars' Holiday Party went well on December 14th. Lots of good fellowship and good food at Valicia's. Twenty-eight were in attendance including our convalescing Chuck Spiegel with his new knee. We just about filled up the room with a lot of the old gang and four of our widows.

**Membership**

Membership is a critical subject these days. Ours is dwindling. We need new blood and there is no better time than this new year to resolve to replace yourself with

a new member. We have two petitions outstanding right now, but I would like to see a dozen more. The Tall Cedars is a great organization. We have a fine Ritual and are part of a National Organization, but mostly we are a group that highlights fellowship. We have our Annual Holiday Party, a Sausage Roast in the Summer and Steak Roast in the Fall, all with our ladies. The dues are ridiculously low and we meet the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Penfield Lodge Hall. The meetings are usually preceded by a dutch treat dinner at a local restaurant. Anyone interested in joining this great group contact me at 458-6125 or 473-4351.

**Lilac City Cedarettes**

By Jean Brugger

We had our Annual Holiday Party at the Harbor House Cafe in December. There were 16 of us there and a good time was had by all. We look forward to our first meeting of 2002, in April. You will be notified of the location. The new officers are now in place and Joy Woodley is your President. Come on out to meetings and give her your support. A happy and healthy new year to all.

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Legion  
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Caldron



Kenneth Hutchinson, Monarch

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



Kenneth Hutchinson

## Editor's Award for Non-Lodge Articles

This article has been selected as an outstanding and well written contribution from a local author.

Having reached the end of my term as Monarch, and looking back over the past twelve months, I find many pleasant memories, new friends, and old friendships made stronger. It is indeed gratifying to have had such wholehearted support from so many of you.

Thanks to my officers who have given a full measure of their time and energy for which I am exceedingly grateful.

To Chief Justice, Alfred Pulcino III, I owe a great deal, both for the manner in which the duties of that office were carried out and for the personal and able assistance he rendered during my term as Monarch.

To the Legion of Honor, and the Color Guard, my sincere thanks are extended to all. I trust they will continue to grow and assist the officers in the future as they have done in the past. The Legion is the very backbone of our Grotto.

Also, my sincere thanks are extended to all the Prophets and

various committee members who have served so well to make the affairs of the Grotto successful.

To my lady, Edna, who was always there for me as we traveled the past three years representing Lalla Rookh Grotto at the many out of town events and established many friendships among the Prophets and ladies in New York, Pennsylvania and Canada.

Next year is sure to be another banner year for our Grotto with Alfred Pulcino III as our new Monarch. I can think of few who have his dedication, spirit, and popularity. We all look forward to 2002.

In closing, I thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve as your Monarch in 2001. It has been an honor and one year I will always remember.

## Chief Justice

By Al Pulcino III

Happy New Year to all! I hope Santa was good to you and that 2002 is a great year for all. Most of all, I hope it's a healthy one for all of us.

## Note

Our Secretary, Kenneth Milner and his lady, Elaine, have moved to high ground, with a brand new home on it. Guess Ken couldn't take too many more head to pavement experiences on his old 45 degree driveway. All that to give ya all his new home address is: 125 Long View Blvd., Livonia, NY 14487. His phone number is 585-346-6018.

Well, a few of us were in Bradford, PA, for the Orak Grotto Monarch's Ball on November 17th. All who were there had a very nice time. I haven't been to a bad one yet! If you haven't made a trip with your lady to one, you need to get on the ball and do it. You don't know what you're missing (a real good time). The Monarch, Dennis Weinberg, took a few of us over to see their new Grotto home. Nice job, great looking bar and meeting room. Nice trip down and back.

The next big rush on trips are the Installations. The first open

one was Kharram Grotto on December 16th in Jamestown. Coming up are Farrah Grotto in Warren, Pa., on January 6th, Zuleika Grotto in Buffalo is January 12th, ours on January 19th and Zafar Grotto in South Williamsport on January 26th. All of these are great to attend, so if the snow isn't too bad, you should give it a try. I know you and your lady will have fun.

With my new job as Monarch-elect, oh, boy! Aye, aye, aye, God help us all! I need to keep you informed of the upcoming events. I think the first one is the audit at the Grotto office. On the 16th of January the Grotto Board of Governor's dinner meeting at Valicias Restorante, 2155 Long Pond Road, near the corner of the Lyell/Spencerport Road, starting at 5:30 p.m. On Friday, January 18th, we will have Installation rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. in Cathedral Hall, with pizza to follow. Open Installation is in Cathedral Hall in January 19th.

For the story on the Installation of Lalla Rookh officers, it will start at 5:00 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, Antipasto and dinner at 6:00 p.m. The menu is Wedding soup, Lasagna or Chicken Breast, with the Ceremonial to follow at 7:30 p.m. sharp. There will be more partying with entertainment and more food after. All this for \$15.00 each. No better deal in town, and it's open to all. Don't even think about it, just go get your checkbook and pen and make a check payable to Douglas Spencer, with your menu choice on it. Send it to 662 Harvest Drive, Rochester, 14626, no later than January 12th. Bibs will be provided!

The hospitality room, and rooms are at the Strathallan, 550 East Avenue. Accommodations can be made by calling 461-5010 and ask for the Grotto rate

(\$79.00). All are welcome to the hospitality room after the Installation festivities (11:00 p.m.?).

Not for nothing do you want to miss this, because it is probably the last Grotto Installation in this great room, Cathedral Hall. You don't have to be a member to attend, but you should be, because you don't know what you are missing. There will be petitions on hand for ya! Sure hope to see ya all there. Can't wait. No, I'm the Monarch, it's going to be like this. I'm gonna be the boss! Oh, ya!

Good health to all! More Prophets for 2002!

## Master of Ceremonies

By Douglas C. Spencer

Greetings, Prophets! I hope everyone had a joyous and happy holiday season. There will be no regular meeting in January due to our Installation, which will be held on Saturday, January 19th.

Reservations for dinner are to be made through me, but please DO NOT call. You may make a reservation by sending a check for \$15.00 per person to me, 662

## Attend Grotto Meetings

- Mon., January 7th-Board of Governor's Meeting Grotto Office 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., January 10th-Lalla Rookh Caldron Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, January 19th-Grotto Installation 8:00 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- Mon., January 21st-Legion of Honor Dinner and Meeting Dutch Mill Restaurant 6:30 p.m.

## Enjoy the Fellowship

Harvest Drive, Rochester, NY 14626. Reservations by check are due to me no later than January 16th and will guarantee your reservation. Without a check in advance, I will not be able to hold a reservation for you.



Supreme Council Key Award for 5 or more petitions presented to Jan Lughart-PM, by DDGM Richard Topel.



Prophet of the Year awarded to Frank J. Murrer-center. (rt. to left.) Ken Hutchinson - Monarch, past Award recipients: Howard Topel, Mike Bell-PM, Bob Bueg, and George Knierim (Photos G. Knierim)



Veteran's Day at the War Memorial, Legion of Honor members, Ken Hutchinson - Monarch, Gary Ludwig, Brian Bills, Wm. Fredenburg - Capt, Dick Topel, Ron Morthorst, and Ernie Swan - Commander.

## Lalla Rookh Grotto

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Good Fellowship

## Open Installation of Alfred Pulcino III



Saturday, January 19, 2002

Cathedral Hall - Masonic Temple  
875 Main Street East, Rochester N.Y.  
Social Hour with hors d'oeuvres - 5:00 p.m.  
Dinner - 6:00 p.m. by H&J Catering  
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Installation Ceremony - 7:30 p.m.  
Entertainment to follow

Please have your reservations and payment in by Jan. 12, 2002 to: Douglas Spencer, 662 Harvest Dr. 14626  
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Look forward to seeing you all at our Installation.

By Jerry Spero

The year 2002 is here. Let's look upon it as a new opportunity to assist one another in creating an enjoyable and interesting year. In future articles (hopefully) you will find information regarding dinners and programs of our next meetings. You are all welcome to contact me for dinner reservations. Those with reservations will have a meal waiting for you. The rest will be welcome to join us once we finish dessert.

**Membership**

By Bill Fredenburg

Happy New Year, Prophets! Now that all the activities of the holiday season are behind us, it is time to put our efforts into membership programs for the year 2002. Plans are underway for Master Mason Night and other programs to give each Prophet the opportunity to invite a Brother Mason for our Spring Ceremonial. Let's all get behind our Monarch and get the word out on the "best kept secret in Masonry", the Grotto.

Information about our Grotto and petitions are available to everyone. Please have a petition available to give to a Lodge Brother. Together we can keep Lalla Rookh Grotto strong. Call Ron Morthorst at 334-4196 or me at 334-4753 for any information that you may need. 2001 was a good year, let's make 2002 even better.

**Legion of Honor**

By Ron Morthorst

Our Legion of Honor Holiday Party was well attended, good food, good old fashioned conversation, with no speeches. If you missed it, you missed a great evening out. Watch for it in December, 2002.

**Installation**

This event will be held on February 9th at the Dutch Mill Party House, Dewey Avenue and Stone Road. Cocktails 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 and their ladies and all Brothers and their ladies. Yes! You may bring a friend if you wish. The only requirement is that a reservation for dinner is a must, to be made by calling Commander Ernie Swan at 621-7162 or me at 334-4196 before February 1st. Therefore, a reservation made is a reservations paid and must be honored. Your reservation is your check to Commander Ernie Swan, 140 Camille Drive, Rochester, NY 14612, by February 2, 2002.

**Clowns**

By Uncle Al

Happy New Year. May it be a good year for all. I've heard that this group is going to be upstaged at our Installation on January 19th, for there is going to be a full house of clowns there! I will believe it when I see it.

I do know that our next job will be in February, to join in with the Have-a-Heart Campaign. More information on this in the February issue of the *Masonic Times*. A good cause, but a good time to strut our stuff for all Grotto Prophets! So, hope we have more help than we can handle. Ladies are welcome to help!

We need more clowns, please think about it. I hate just bossing myself around. Call me at 225-8471.

See ya all on Saturday, January 19th. 'Til then, God bless America.

**Caldron News**

Thank you, Daughter Ethel Hazzard, for your lovely party at the Spring House with 22 attending. (Enjoyed the cookies.)

Christmas again was enjoyed by the Executive Council on December 6th. It was held at my home with good fellowship enjoyed by all.

The Caldron served the Grotto Christmas Dinner, with Prophet Michael's help, on December 19th.

Lalla Rookh Caldron will be celebrating its 54th birthday on February 16th. Please note the date change. No location at this time.

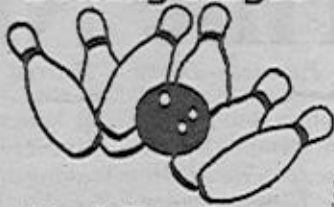
The Executive Council met at Daughter Ethel Hazzard's home on the 17th of December.

Daughter Rose Hartwig could use a little tender loving care as she is not feeling well. Please stay well, Daughters!

I hope all had a merry Christmas and will have a happy, healthy, New Year.

Until next time-brain cells come and brain cells go, but fat cells live forever!

**Masonic Gothic Bowling League**



John J. Flynn, Secretary  
227-6106

Chris Masi received two awards for his recent bowling. His 663 series was 171 pins over his average and earned him a patch for a series 150 pins over his average. This series included a 207 game that was 123 pins over his average, for which he received a Century Award watch. In addition, he received a 250 game key ring.

Richard Mosher rolled his first over 500 series which included a 256 game. The 256 game was 111 pins over his average and earned him a Century Award watch. He also received a 250 game key ring.

In the past four weeks, there were 4-600 series and 33-200 games. 600 series were rolled by Jeremy Fromm, 666 (246), Rick Flanagan - 663 (247, 224) and Don

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**GROTTO HUMOR**

"HE'S JUST TRYING TO MAKE US LOOK RIDICULOUS!"

Weis - 604 (233, 223). Other notable scores included Mike Trafficante - 238, Bill Rubert - 230, Dave Hoerth - 236, Jeremy Fromm - 283 and 221, Gary Bonisteel - 232, Jack Thibaut - 223,

and Derek Masi - 204. The league bowls at Maiden Lanes at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights. If you are interested in bowling as a regular or sub, please contact me.

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# Damascus Temple No. 2 Shrine News

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## FROM THE POTENTATE



**DAYNE A. THARRETT**  
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As they say in the song, "This is my final curtain". I have been reflecting a tremendous amount on what I wanted to say in this last article while I am Potentate. There are so many people I want to thank and remember that if I try I will surely miss someone and therefore I can only say a heartfelt thanks to ALL of you.

As I look back on my year as Potentate of Damascus, I feel a smile come to my face as I reflect on all the events and good times that Kathi and I had with you. It started out with all the ribbing that I got when I dressed the Divan like Al Capone!

We went to the Annual Florida Picnic.

I was fortunate to have the Springfield trip and see the Hospital, which was a first for me.

The trip to Las Vegas was a success for all who went.

The parties, the parades.

We held an historic event with the Grand Lodge of the State of New York in the Dedication of the Monument in front of the Statue.

The Circus and the momentous trip up the high wire on the motorcycle; the start of the addition, and Kathi's diamonds! For those of you who do not know, it is a tradition that if the Potentate doesn't introduce his wife when he speaks at a function, he owes her a dress. Kathi outgrew the desire for dresses a long time ago and graduated to diamonds and therefore I should be nicknamed Bugs Bunny for all the "carats" I have to provide her with!

I would be remiss at this point if I didn't thank one very special person. My wife, Kathi, who put up with a whole lot for me and the Shrine and was always with me in good times and bad. She is my best friend and I thank her. "Thanks, and I love you."

I have worked hard for the Temple over the past 7 years and it has been a labor of love. I do love the Shrine of North America and what it does for the children of our world. I also love the fellowship and sense of family that we all share with one another. We are all in it for the same reasons and we have all traveled the same road to get here. This is the reason that so many of us share life-long friendships with each other. This Temple, as the Shrine as a whole, will continue to be the great organization where we can bring our children and grandchildren to as long as we remember our Masonic teachings of friendship, morality and brotherly love.

As my final pledge, I want you all to know that I will wear my title as Past Potentate in the manner which I feel it should be worn, and that is as an active Noble who will be there when called upon. I pledge my support to the Potentate-elect, Harry Dainty, and the rest of the Divan and I will be there if I am asked to help. I will support the Divan and offer advice only if asked. I now know what it is like to be at the top and therefore I will endeavor to make this experience as rewarding for all who are fortunate to be elected to it as is within my power.

To the Nobility: I again thank you for making 2001 a prosperous and eventful year for Damascus Temple. I will continue to be among you for the benefit of the Shrine of North America.

Thank you and God bless you all.

## Damascus Shrine Circus is Just Two Months Away

By Erwin Newell,

Close your eyes and smell the popcorn, hot dogs, and cotton candy. Of course we can't forget all the other wonderful aromas of the Circus. Nobles and ladies, this gets the circus blood flowing in my veins. It tells me that MARCH 22, 23, 24, is almost here. There is a lot of work to be done. This year, more than ever, we need your help in making the Circus a success.

Ill. Joe Bourcy, Assistant Rabban Bruce Chilton, and Noble Larry Thibault are our Man/Woman Power Chairmen. They will be trying to contact one and all. However, do not be angry if they have not contacted you as yet. Help them by calling the Temple Office and leaving a message to let them know that you would like to join the Circus Team. This goes not only for you

Nobles, but also for our ladies. We certainly have a job for everyone. To save you from looking up the Temple's phone number, it is 585-671-7701.

I have been working with the War Memorial, TV, radio stations and newspapers, placing our advertising for our all new Circus presented by George Cardin. Novelties will be under the direction of Ill. Dayne Tharrett. He will be assisted by Noble Don McDill, and Assistant Rabban, Ken Buckland.

The Commissary will be under the direction of Nobles Dick Lippincott, and Bill Hook. Earl Pearce will be in charge of boxing popcorn for our stands, as well as for the vendors. The vendors will be selling snow cones, cotton candy, and popcorn, in the arena area only.

The Ad Book is being put together by Noble George Bracht. He will need help in selling the Program Books at the Circus. The clowns promise to support this project, however, they cannot handle money because of their costumes. Your support is needed. By the way, thank you to all the ad salesmen for a job well done.

For those who enjoyed the delicious meals that we have had the last few years, they will again be prepared by our own Lady Kathi Tharrett, and her very capable committee.

Finances will be under the direction of Robert Anderson II, Bill Anderson, and Glenn Stahl.

The Provost will be under the direction of Noble Bud Dox. Guess who is coming back from Florida? You are right, Ed Bastian. He tells me his life would not be complete if he missed a circus and couldn't bug the boys!

Circus Daddies and Mommies are headed up by Assistant Rabban, Ken Buckland, Oriental Guide, Vern Goodrich, and Noble Pete Yendell. Nobles and ladies, if you have not sent your check in for this important program, please do it soon. Your support is important. Don't forget we invite and host over 20,000 children and guests at the Circus. This money helps underwrite this endeavor.

February 6th will be the only time you can purchase tickets for the Circus. If you would like to buy your tickets and be assured of good seats, bring your checkbook. Due to the slow economy, we have decided to reduce our prices to this year's Circus. Ticket prices are: \$12.00, \$10.00 and \$5.00.

Before I forget, the times for the performances are as follows:

Friday, March 23 - 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 25 - 10:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 26 - 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**We need you in the building at least one and one half hours before the performance begins. The times listed are when the shows start.**

Thank you for your support. □

## 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 the 3rd Monday of every month. Relax, and join the card games afterwards. The price is right and there are no yearly dues.

## Herbal presentation

The next Ladies Day will be January 21, 2002. The guest speaker will be Dr. Steven T. Sadlon.

We are witnessing a phenomenal rise in the popularity of herbal medicine in America, but do you know how to use them properly?

Dr. Steven T. Sadlon will be hosting a 1/2 hour presentation concerning the common problems of the digestive system and the herbal remedies you can use to correct them. This will be a presentation aimed at educating the public on how they can use the many benefits of herbal remedies for the well being of their own families. Come, sit down, and learn a little bit about the herbal revolution. Dr. Sadlon will be available after the lecture for questions. □

## Wayne County Shrine Club

By Roy Merritt

Our Holiday Party was held at the Farm Restaurant with 36 members and guests present. Everyone enjoyed the social time with hors d'oeuvres, punch, and lots of pleasant conversation. Background music was played during the entire evening for our enjoyment. Our musician at the keyboard was Bill and Ginny Guinup's daughter-in-law.

President Bill Guinup welcomed everyone and said how glad he was to have such a nice turnout. He then asked Gerry Rohr to give the blessing before the dinner. What a delicious dinner it was, too: Lobster, Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu.

While we were finishing our dessert, President Bill started the meeting by introducing the Past Presidents of the Club and the present officers. The new officers for 2002 will be me as President; Vice-President, Lee Collier; and Secretary/Treasurer, Pete Adams.

Juanita Gorton won the 50/50 raffle and Vern Goodrich, Lois Ludwig, Henry Funk, Earl Gorton, Nancy Dainty and Rita Day each won Door Prizes. Each lady present was given a beautiful Poinsettia plant.

Divan Rep., Vern Goodrich, was introduced and spoke on the Calendars and the Circus. He also introduced the Divan and their ladies.

Ill. Sir, Dayne Tharrett, spoke on his year as Potentate and was counting the days until he could wear his "green jacket".

After all the speeches were concluded, our musician played Christmas carols for a group singing-a-long. □

## Zama Temple

Daughters  
of the Nile

By Jean R. Friedrich, P.O.

We had a wonderful time at our gala Holiday Tea at the Shrine Center on Sunday, December 9th. Thanks to Princess Tirezah, Joan Bright and Princess Badoura, Sharon Spencer, the decorations were most festive and the food delicious. We were happy to see so many of you there.

There was a beautiful display of toys and clothing donated to the Erie Shriners Hospital at our December 8th Session. Thanks to all of you who were so generous. These items are always needed to care for the children in the hospital.

Your response to the Christmas Convalescent and Endowment Funds was most gratifying. The Convalescent Fund is used directly for the care of Shriners Hospital patients, while only the interest from the Endowment Fund is used for this purpose. Our thanks to you on behalf of the children in all the Shriners hospitals.

Don't forget that the first Session of the new year will be held on Saturday, January 12th at 1:00 p.m. at Fairport Lodge. Make a new year's resolution to attend Nile Sessions in 2002. We look forward to seeing you there.

We wish all of you good health, much happiness and a bountiful life for the coming New Year. □

## Poetry Niche

Contributions welcome

### Alone in the Woods

Thinking about Henry David  
Thoreau  
Wishing that I had known him  
Listening to a freight train in the  
distance  
The ground is trembling  
What was Henry David like?  
Oh, that I could have shared  
supper with him  
Or have watched him as he wrote  
in his journal

He had wonderful hypnotic eyes  
Had I a son  
He surely would have been  
named Henry David  
My thoughts are interrupted  
As goose dive-bomb North Ponds  
Park

Nothing like Walden Pond, I am  
sure

Where Ralph Waldo Emerson  
and Henry David  
Studied together  
The geese have flown away  
But the spirit of Henry David  
hovers (M. Cathy Helmes)

### A Toast to the Flag

Here's to the red of it -  
There's not a thread of it,

No, not a shred of it  
In all the spread of it  
From foot to head,  
But heroes bled for it,  
Faced steel and lead for it,  
Precious blood shed for it,  
Bathing it Red!

Here's to the white of it -  
Thrilled by the sight of it,  
Who knows the right of it  
But feels the might of it  
Through day and night?  
Womanhood's care for it  
Made manhood dare for it,  
Purity's prayer for it  
Keeps it so White!

Here's to the blue of it -  
Beauteous view of it,  
Heavenly hue of it,  
Star spangled dew of it  
Constant and true;  
Diadems gleam for it,  
States stand supreme for it,  
Liberty's beam for it  
Brightens the Blue!

Here's to the whole of it -  
Stars, stripes and pole of it,  
Body and Soul of it,  
O, and the roll of it,  
Sun shining through;  
Hearts in accord for it,  
Swear by the sword for it,  
Thanking the Lord for it,  
Red, White and Blue!  
(John Daly-1917)

### To the Colors

Some regiments, when on dress  
parade,  
Adorn their flags with strips of  
braid,  
Edges encased in a fringe of gold,  
Tarnished to yellow as the day  
grows old;  
Certainly no way to elicit a cheer-  
Yellow, the symbol of a coward's  
fear.

No place for intrusion such as  
this; forlorn.  
Cling close to the colors in which  
it was born:  
Thirteen stripes-the Red and the  
White,



Lord, O Lord, what a beautiful sight.  
Fifty stars on a field of Blue  
Shed their light on a precious view.

Rejoice in our duty  
Of guarding its beauty.  
This is Old Glory, the flag of flags,  
Upholding your spirit whenever it sags.  
This is the emblem of liberty.  
This is the soul of a nation free.  
This is the guideline that carries us through,  
Flying it always as Red, White and Blue.

L'Envoy: The point not to miss is this:  
These are the colors of the U.S.A.-  
To be kept that way  
No yellow,  
Fellow! (John Daly-1971)

These poems were presented to National Sojourners by Brother John Jay Daly long before he was called to eternal rest, December 16, 1978, in Washington, D.C. They are the property of National Sojourners, Inc., 8301 E. Boulevard Drive, Alexandria, VA 22308.  
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**Words**

A facade, in untold volumes writ,  
A testimony of guile, for ages unfit.

Deception, savagery, persecution hid,  
to progeny this civility is bid.

History records the words,  
deceivers the sole recourse,  
Simplicity compounds the crime,  
and yet,  
Wordless communion transcends  
all, when eternity is met.

Don Brugger

**Silent Majority**

Doubt not patriotism; faith in the Republic will make you patriotic.

Doubt not bravery; faith in human nature will make you brave.

Doubt not peace; faith in humanity will give you lasting peace.

Doubt not freedom; the truth will make you free.

Doubt not your eternal home; faith in God unites you with the eternal.

Doubt not the committed; the Silent Majority is with you.

Don Brugger

**NOLATKA**  
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**No. 320**  
*Order of the Eastern Star*  
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**7:30 p.m.**  
Wthy. MaryAnne Sovocool  
Matron  
Rt. Wthy. William Baxter  
Patron  
Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings  
Secretary, 594-4692  
20 South Main Street  
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By Sister Alice Hassett

Our December 11th Christmas Party at the Viking Valhalla Room in Bergen featured a fabulous buffet, Christmas Carols, and warm fellowship among friends. Wthy. MaryAnne Sovocool and Rt. Wthy. William Baxter, outgoing Matron and Patron, were honored that evening. They thanked the Chapter for making their year such a success.

**Installation**

Practice for Installation of new officers will take place on Sunday afternoon, January 13th, at the Chapter rooms from 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Then, at an open meeting on Tuesday evening, January 15th, I will be installed as Matron. Rt. Wthy. John M. Lenzi will be Patron, Rt. Wthy. Diane Maltese will take her place as Associate Matron and Rt. Wthy. William Baxter will be Associate Patron. Rt. Wthy. Cynthia Nielson will be installed as Conductress and Wthy. Antoinette Jeerings as Associate Conductress. Female members of the Chapter will wear long white gowns and males will wear tuxes. I have selected "Buttons and

Bows" as my theme. The yellow rose, with white baby's breath, is my flower.

Looking ahead, our February 5th meeting will be in long form, so new officers, in particular, should check those Rituals for your roles. During that meeting, we will also vote on the budget.

We will practice for Official Visit on Sunday afternoon, February 17th, with the event taking place on Tuesday, February 19th. Please mark your calendars.

**Birthdays**

January birthdays: Wthy. Cheryl Scipioni, Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings, Sister Doris Daycock, Sister Alice Hassett, Rt. Wthy. Martha Loomis and Sister Linton Warner.

**Committee**

The Refreshment Committee for January will be as follows: I am the Chairman and my Committee is Jerri Fimbel, Leroy Lester and Bob Crystal.

**Webster**  
**Chapter No. 171**  
*Order of the Eastern Star*  
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**7:30 p.m.**  
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Wthy. Linda Zahn,  
Matron  
381-4241  
Wthy. Faythe Mattern Sec.  
594-4449  
30 Orchard Street  
Webster, New York

**January news**

January 18th will be a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will follow the meeting.

We wish you all a safe and Happy New Year. To all our "Snowbirds", drive carefully. We will miss you, but have a good time and come back to us ready to work and play.

**Looking ahead**

Save some time the first couple of weeks in February to help with the Have-a-Heart Campaign. This is a very worthwhile few hours spent to help others. You hear some very interesting stories from the contributors. I will be calling you. This doesn't require physical effort so anyone with an hour or so to spare can be of great help. Thank you in advance.

**Words to remember**

The greatest undeveloped territory in the world lies under your hat. *Author unknown.*

**In Memoriam**  
**Former Editor**  
**Passes**

By William Zufall

W. Albert Johnson was raised in Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943 in 1974. Within just a few years, he and his wife, Virginia, began traveling to the Canandaigua Veteran's Hospital each month with the Masonic contingent to visit with and entertain the patients, an activity they continued for about 10 years.

As Master of Ancient Craft Lodge in the late 1970's, Al, of course, wrote a monthly column for the newspaper then known as the "Monroe Masonic News." His articles were always literate and entertaining to read, and they covered subjects beyond the usual rehashing of the Lodge calendar. In fact, they were so well written that they caught the eye of the then over-worked editor, who promptly started arm twisting, until Al agreed to become the editor of the "Masonic News", which position he very ably filled from 1981 to 1985. During this period he found time to serve two more terms as Master of Ancient Craft. The Lodge eventually merged with East Rochester Lodge, and subsequently with Towpath Lodge, to become today's ERAC Lodge No. 163.

Al made one major innovation in the "Masonic News" that is still in use. While proof-reading the articles from the various Lodges and other Bodies, each of which would contain dates of upcoming meetings and other events, it occurred to Al that it would be very convenient to have this information in one place. This gave birth to the monthly calendar which appears on the back page of every issue, and which I'm sure has proved of great help to each of us.

Al Johnson was called to the Celestial Lodge on December 8th, but we will remember him, and his quirky sense of humor, for a long, long time. Thanks for everything, Al!

**November**

**Pfomer, Louis N.**

Louis was 95 years old and lived in Florida when he was called Home by the Supreme Architect of the Universe on November 9th. He was a member of Northfield Lodge No. 426 and is survived by his wife, Gladys, daughter, and stepson.

**Thompson, Marion H.**

Webster Chapter No. 171 lost a member with the passing of Marion on November 18th at the age of 88 years. She leaves her husband, W. Gordon, 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

**Boillat, James B.**

November 19th was the day that James met his Maker at the age of 81 years. His wife Dorothy, and daughter survive him. James was a member of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine.

**Cummings, Walter J., Sr.**

A member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine, Walter passed away November 25th at the age of 95. He is survived by 2 sons, 4 granddaughters, and 13 great-grandchildren.

**Mittlesteadt, J. Robert**

Robert entered into Eternal Rest on November 25th. He was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. He leaves his 2 daughters, 11 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

**Vincent, Earl R.**

The Supreme Architect claimed Earl on November 26th at the age of 86 years. He was a member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969.

**December**

**Calkins, Donald E.**

Donald went to be with his Lord on December 5th at the age of 75 years. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 and Lalla Rookh Grotto. Survivors include his wife, Joyce, 2 children, and 4 grandchildren.

**Tuschong, Wallace G.**

ERAC Lodge No. 163 lost a member with the passing of Wallace on December 7th. He leaves his wife, Fro, 3 children and 1 grandson.

**Clark, Maurice E.**

The Supreme Architect claimed Maurice on December 8th. He was a member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969 and leaves his wife, Elizabeth.

**Johnson, Albert R.**

Albert was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163 and a past Editor of the *Masonic Times*. He leaves his wife, Virginia, 6 children, 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandsons. Albert was the father-in-law of Arnold Palmer.

**Gross, Joseph**

Joseph was a member of Etolian Lodge No. 479 at the time of his passing on December 9th. He is survived by his wife, June, 13 children and many grandchildren.

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

**Cole, Randall N.**

Randall was a member of Batavia Lodge No. 475 and passed away at his home in Florida on November 3rd.

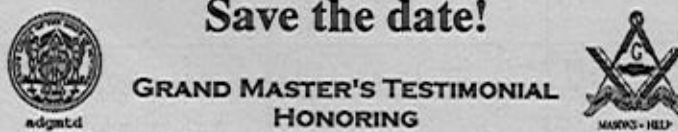
**Asp, Harold W.**

A member of Rochester Consistory, word reached us that Harold died on December 7th.

**Cross, Walter**

Walter was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163 when death claimed him on December 11th.

**Save the date!**



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2002	
Feb. 2	Road to the East - Part 3, Dansville
Feb. 16	O.E.S. School of Instruction - DTT
Feb. 18	L.S.O.M.E. - DTT
Mar. 1, 2	Grand Chapter, Albany
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. 'till 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
Aug. 16-17	Grand Council, Rochester Marriott Thruway Henrietta, NY
Nov. 3	Interfaith Service and Brunch, Logan's

## Kids

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them.

Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed between the pages.

"Mamma, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it is Adam's suit!"

Six year old Angie and her 4 year old brother, Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

A father was reading bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt."

His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

A 3 year old boy went with his dad to see a litter of kittens. On returning home, he breathlessly informed his mother, "There were two boy kittens and 2 girl kittens."

"How did you know?" his mother asked.

"Daddy picked them up and looked underneath," he replied. "I think it's printed on the bottom."

## Lodge Rentals Available

<b>ERAC Lodge, 152 W. Commercial Street, East Rochester - Cap. 75, 1st Floor Dining Rm. and Rest Rooms - Richard Schmanke 477-8191 (w) or 271-4473 (h).</b>
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<b>Webster Lodge, 30 Orchard St., Webster - Cap. 200</b> Frederic Cornell, Sr. 671-3102

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Eagle Valley	9x
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Oakland	x
Olive Branch	2x
Triluminar	6x
West Star	4x
Seneca	12/12
Webster	12/12

"x" = months missed.  
**The Deadline for February Friday, Jan. 11, 2002**

Two may talk and one may hear, but three cannot take part in a conversation of the most sincere and searching sort.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Real happiness is cheap enough, yet how dearly we pay for its counterfeit.

Hosea Ballou

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us.

The Book of Common Prayer

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Diligence is the mother of good fortune, and idleness, its opposite, never brought a man to the goal of any of his best wishes.

Miguel De Cervantes

Inferiors revolt that they may be equal, and equals that they may be superior. Such is the state of mind which creates revolutions.

Aristotle

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January Flower - Carnation  
January Gem - Garnet

# Big Calendar January 2002

Deadline for the Masonic Times

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2001</p> <p>DECEMBER</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>2002</p> <p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Happy New Year</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Eunice - Caledonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Livonia</p> <p>Damascus Shrine</p> <p>OES - Henrietta</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>OES - Rochester Chapter</p> <p>O.E.S. District Meeting - DTT</p> <p>R.T.T.E. - Part II Dansville</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Attica Pancake Breakfast 7 - 11 a.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>West Star - Varysburg</p> <p>OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Batavia Craftsman/Robertson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes</p> <p>RAM - 3x3, Dansville, Wyoming OES - Leah</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Churchville, Table Lodge Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike</p> <p>Service Bureau Luncheon</p> <p>OES - Batavia, Corinthian/ Fellowship</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City - Fairport</p> <p>Lalla Rookh Caldron</p> <p>RAM - Hiram</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Monroe Masters &amp; Wardens DTT</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Mt Vernon Pancake Breakfast 7 - 10 a.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield</p> <p>OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes, Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Charlotte/Corinthian Craftsman/Robertson - F Clio - Hilton Germania Oakland - Castile Valley/Simes Warsaw</p> <p>OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Perry</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Livonia</p> <p>RMS - Doric</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster</p> <p>RAM - Western Star - Wyoming</p> <p>Scottish Rite</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Grotto Installation DTT</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Triluminar Pancake Breakfast 8 - 11 a.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>West Star - Varysburg</p> <p>KT - Cyrene/Monroe</p> <p>L.S.O.M.E. - DTT</p> <p>OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club Ladies Day - Speaker</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Arcade Batavia Craftsman/Robertson Fame - Irondequoit Valley/Simes</p> <p>RAM - LeRoy Chapter</p> <p>OES - Monroe</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Churchville, 2<sup>nd</sup> Triluminar - Pike Oatka - Scottsville, 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>OES - Batavia, Corinthian/ Fellowship</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Eagle Valley - Bliss</p> <p>RAM - Hiram</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Scottish Rite Academy Training Session</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Arcade Pancake Breakfast 8 - 11 a.m.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>ERAC - E. Rochester, 2<sup>nd</sup> Etolian - Spencerport Mt Vernon - Java Village Union Star-Honeoye Falls, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield</p> <p>RMS - Nundawaga</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>29</p> <p>School of Ritual DTT</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Monroe Secretary's Assoc. DTT</p>	 <p>Best Wishes for a Happy and Peaceful New Year</p> <p>The Masonic Service Bureau &amp; The Masonic Times</p>	