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Dr. Antzelevitch Presented NASPE Society's **Highest Honor**



Press release by Ronald P. Kamp

Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director and Director of Research of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) was presented the Distinguished Scientist Award at the 23rd Annual Scientific Sessions of the North American Society of Pacing and Electrophysiology (NASPE) held in San Diego, California, on Saturday, May 11th. NASPE is the international leader in science, education, and advocacy for car-

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R.:.W.: Friedman Receives Charles Henry Johnson Medal



By R. .. W. . Maurice Solomon

One of the culminating ceremonies at the recent sessions was the Award by the Grand Master to the outgoing Junior Grand Warden, R. W. Richard Friedman, of the Charles Henry Johnson Medal, one of the top Awards of Grand Lodge. The Charles Johnson Medal was named in memory of a Past Grand Master and is awarded by the Grand Master to members of the Fraternity in good standing in this or any other jurisdiction, irrespective of rank or title, who have rendered distinguished or unusual service in furthering the good name of the Craft, its principles and purposes.

Brother Friedman was raised in Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943 in June, 1985, and served the Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1989 and 1992. Since 1996, he has been Secretary of the newly merged East Rochester's Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943, now ERAC No. 163. He is also a dual member of Webster Lodge No. 538, and has several honorary memberships. He was a Line Officer of the Chapter of Rose Croix within the Valley of Rochester, AASR, is a member of Hiram Chapter, RAM, and Damascus Temple No. 2, Shrine. Other memberships include the Philalethes Society, American Lodge of Re-

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Haggai Chapter Community Awards

By James Ghent

On Friday, June 14th, Haggai Chapter will hold its Second Annual Community Awards Dinner. One of the recipients, and the keynotespeaker, will be the Honorable Roy W. King, Supervising Judge of the Rochester City Court, and an Adjunct Professor in SUNY Brockport's Department of African and Afro-American Studies.



Hon. Roy W. King - Supervising Judge Rochester City Court.



Companion Bing C. Reaves, Sr.

Judge King is a graduate of Drake University and Syracuse University School of Law, and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Theology. He is a veteran of the United States Army.

Active in many civic and community organizations, Judge King is a member of the Board of Directors of the Genesee Center, Inc.; Biracial Partnership for

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By Linda Zahn, Chairperson

We are presently in the process of choosing the recipient for the Distinguished Community Service Award. Eight nominations were received and I thank all who took the time to do this.

Everyone should have this event marked on their calendar and make an effort to attend. Remember, everyone is welcome - membership in a fraternal order is not a requirement for you to be able to attend.

The Grand Master, M.: W .: Carl J. Fitje, is the keynote speaker and the Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, M. Wthy. Neil Laundry, will also be present.

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I have been approached by some Brothers at Masonic meetings with this kind of complaint. Most of the time it's a second or third hand communication; not the most efficient way to handle problems. Don't be shy. If you

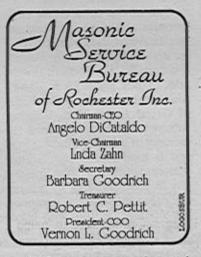
have a problem, tell us about it. Call me (the Editor) at the Masonit Times Office 473-4351. We will work with you and do our best to see that you get your copy of the Times, but we must have your cooperation and patience.

New authors

This is the time of year that many Brothers and Sisters will start writing for our paper for the first time. We have put together a "Hint List" suggesting the format which will make the processing of your article more efficient (save us time and consternation). These were sent to the Lodge Master and supposed heads of Bodies. If you, as a newauthor, have not received one, please let us know and we will send you a copy.

More helpers needed

In my last article I pleaded for more help on the paper. We have at present two Brothers in training for Editor and Associate Editor. This is not to say that we are out of the woods yet. We will still need volunteers to help assemble the paper when retirements and surgery decimate our production staff for the September issue (Published in August). If you can help us out, please call the Office A.S.A.P.



As Summer approaches and most organizations gear down for a relaxing respite, the Service Bureau continues a busy program. Camp DeMolay is again active, the Directory needs to be set and printed, final preparations for the Hawaiian trip will be made, the Loan Closet continues to be busy and, most certainly, preparations for our move will continue. The Service Bureau maintains its brisk pace.

Unfortunately, the Bureau income has not been keeping up with the financial needs to maintain this busy pace. Won't you please support your Service Bureau with your financial assistance? The favor of your aid is

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strive to improve the image and
foundation of Masonry. "Inch by
inch, anything is a cinch," especially with God's help.

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Of a man, as a man, regardless of birth. Not-"What was his church?", nor

"What was his creed?" But, "Had he befriended those

really in need?"
Not - "What did the sketch in the newspaper say?"

But, "How many were sorry when he passed away?" (Part of the poem, "The measure of

(Part of the poem, "The measure of Man")

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Your Legal Rights FYI By Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Secrets

There is a saying that if you want to keep it a secret, then keep it to yourself. Being human, we all have the need to confide in another person for spiritual, medical or legal reasons. Keeping secrets may do more harm than good. Recognizing this, the law makes certain allowances for keeping secrets. In the next few articles, I'll cover the privileges that are recognized by the courts.

The right to keep quiet

Both the New York and United States Constitutions guarantee us a right to refuse to answer questions put to us by the police. It's that simple. You do not have an obligation to cooperate with the police by telling them what you know. Unless you are under arrest or are told to stop, you have the right to ignore the police and continue on your way.

Now standing on your rights maycome with a price. The police or prosecutor may promise leniency if you cooperate, but, ask yourself, who will hold them to their promise if they break that promise?

Your wife

You tell your wife that you stole the leather coat you gave

her for Mother's Day. The next day, while she is shopping in the mall, a store clerk recognizes the coat as one that was stolen a week before. She knows this because it was the last one in stock with the red collar; and no other retailer in town sells it. Mall security detains your wife while the police are summoned. Your wife loves you, but she "ain't doin no time downstate for no leather coat." She tells the police how she got the coat. Of course you will be arrested. The important question is, will you be convicted?

Presuming that the only evidence the police have is your wife's admission, then, no, you cannot be convicted based on confidential communications shared with your wife. If you didn't give your wife permission to repeat to the police what you told her, then that statement cannot be used to convict you.

Your Priest

You murdered your wife. Your conscience won't leave you alone. You go to Mass the next day. Afterwards, you seek out the priest and tell him what you did. You didn't tell anyone else what you did. The secret will go with you to your grave. If the priest does reveal it later on, the statement still cannot be used to convict you. Your priest cannot reveal your confessions without your permission.

Your children

Let's go back to the leather coat example. This time, your

daughter comes home with a leather coat. You do not believe that she was able to save up enough money to purchase it. Your daughter finally confides in you that she stole it. Before you have a chance to return it, the police come to your door. After some discussion, you repeat what your daughter told you. The police arrest your daughter. Can a child's admission to a parent be used against that child in prosecuting them? I don't know. Here in Rochester, the courts do recognize a parent/child privilege, although whether it will be invoked will depend upon the circumstance. The courts will tend to find a privilege if the child confessed his misdeed to his parent because of remorse or guilt.

To be continued.

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Grand Lodge

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By R..W.. Cliff Short

Attending the Grand Lodge Annual Communication this year was truly an enlightening and enjoyable experience. The Brothers who were lucky enough to attend saw some things that haven't happened in Grand Lodge for many years, and some things that happened for the first time.

There were 7 paper ballots taken this year. One was for allowing 18 year olds to petition a Lodge for membership, and the others were to elect Grand Line Officers. The top Grand Line Officers are:

Grand Master - Carl J. Fitje Dep. GM - Edward R. Trosin, Jr. Grd. Sr. Warden - Al Morgan Grd. Jr. Warden - James Sullivan Treasurer - Neal Bidnick Secretary - Gary Henningsen

For the first time in our history, we were treated to an address by the Grand Master of Prince Hall Masonry in the State of New York, M. . W. . Daniel W. Simmons. He is a very eloquent speaker, with a marvelous attitude about our Craft.



M.·.W.·. Daniel W. Simmons GrandMaster, Prince Hall

There is a new Grand Lodge Standard. For those who don't know what a Standard is, it is the banner which is displayed at any Grand Lodge meeting or event. Next time you attend one of these events, be sure to take notice of this unique banner.



R.:.W.: Steven S. Grant-Grand Lodge Tour Director.

R..W.. Rich Friedman was kind enough to set up a personalized tour of the Grand Lodge Rooms and Temple. R..W.. Steven S. Grant led 16 Brothers and family members through each Lodge room, and even included a little bit of his own history with each and every one of them. I believe every one of us who tagged along on this tour came away with more of an understanding of our Masonic heritage.

R..W.: Grant is the Chairman of the Masonic Hall Tour Committee for Grand Lodge. According to Steve, tours can be arranged any time. All one need do is contact him for setting up a time and date. The tour itself takes about 1 1/2-2 hours; call Steve at his Grand Lodge Office, 1-800-3MASON4."

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search, Quatour Coronati Research Lodge of London, England, and the Society of the Blue Forget-Me-Not.

In 1991, he was the solo Ritual Contest winner for the Western Region, and served as District Brotherhood Fund Chairmanduring the LEAF Campaign. He also served as the Secretary of the Masters and Wardens Association.

At the Grand Lodge level, Brother Friedman was appointed Assistant Grand Lecturer in 1990 and held the office for four years. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the First Monroe District by M. . W .. Gary A. Henningsen in 1994 and served until 1996. His other duties included being Area Chairman for the Leadership Service Committee from 1991-1994, membership on the Long Range Planning Committee from 1992-1995, membership in and then becoming Vice Chairman of the Grand Master's Education Task Force from 1992 until 1996. He served on the Grand Master's Advisory Committee from 1993 through 1996, again in 1999, and is currently serving on the Committee. As part of the Grand Master's Task Force, he initiated and developed the Road to the East Program.

Brother Friedman has been appointed the Chairman of the new Grand Lodge Committee on Technology and has also been appointed to serve with the Custodians of the Work.

Brother Friedman has published two Short Talk Bulletins including "Brother Bring-a-Friend Night". He has been pub-lished several times in the "Philalethes Magazine" and once in the "Northern Light". In 1991 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal from the Philalethes Society and in 1993 was awarded the Chancellor Livingston Medal, which ranks with the Charles Henry Johnson Medal as the two top awards from Grand Lodge. He is a Past President of the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Philalethes Society and currently is President of the Purple Club of the Monroe District. This formidable record of service was recognized by the Grand Master in presenting Brother Friedman with the Charles Henry Johnson

In private life, Brother Friedman was born and raised in the New York metropolitan area. He graduated with honors from the State University of New York at Geneseo and the Columbia University Graduate School of Social Work. He resides in Fairport, NY, with his wife, Leslie, and sons, Samuel, 11, and Jacob, 8, and is a psychotherapist in private practice.

You can go anywhere you want if you look serious and carry a clipboard.

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Community Progress; a mentor with the Minority Achiever's Program of the YMCA of Greater Rochester; Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Progressive Church of God in Christ, and a former member of Eureka Lodge No. 36, PHA.

A second Award recipient is Bing C. Reaves, Sr. Companion Reaves is a member of Haggai Chapter No. 41, RAM, and Eureka Lodge No. 36, Prince Hall Affiliated. He has served as an active member of the United States Army and is currently in the Army Reserves. He is the Commander of a VFW Post and participates in the Color Guard and numerous veteran activities involving visits to hospitalized military personnel. He also travels, providing instructions on the history of the Buffalo Soldier.

For tickets and information, contact me at (585) 889-7119. ¤

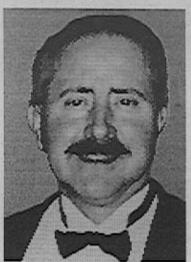
Grand Lodge Area Appointments

District Deputy Grand Master G. / W.



R.·.W.. Robert Strang, Jr., DDGM, Genesee/Wyoming.

Grand Sword Bearer, G. / W.



R.·.W.·. Norman P. Austin, Grand Sword Bearer.



District Deputy **Grand Master** Liv.

R.·.W.·. Robert Fisher. R.·.W.·. Eugene Hill, Staff Officer. (no pictures available).

District Deputy Grand Master O. S. Y.

R.·.W.·. Clayton R. Ruggles, reappointed. R.·.W.·. William Colin, Grand Sword Bearer (no pictures available).

District Deputy Grand Master Mon.



R.·.W.·. John E. Zabel, DDGM Monroe.

By R. . W. . M. Donald Darrohn R..W.. John E. Zabel was born in Rochester, NY, and was raised in Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 in 1987. He has served as Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund, Masonic Education and Finance Committees, to name just a few of the positions Brother Zabel has held in his Lodge.

He has been an active proponent for Masonic Education at District and State levels, and has participated in the Monroe Bureau of Masonic Education since 1992. He has helped present the Grand Lodge Leadership Devel-

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Grand Sword Bearer, Mon.



R..W.. Derek E. VanHouten, Grand Sword Bearer.

By R...W.. Derek VanHouten

It is an honor to have been selected the Grand Sword Bearer for the Monroe District. I am a Rochesterian by birth and was brought into this world in April of 1943, graduated in 1962 from Brighton High School and, after 2 years of college in Idaho, returned to Rochester to work. In 1966 I started work at Eastman Kodak, and 32 years later retired from the Construction Division.

Finding the Great Light in Masonry in 1981, I was raised in Seneca Lodge No. 797, where I served until 1999. I then moved to Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969, serving as Senior Warden and then as Master in 2001-2002.

Concordant Bodies

I am a 32° Scottish Rite Mason and have been a Shriner since 1984, serving as Editor of the "Damascus News", and Novelty Chairman. In 1995-96 I served as Potentate of Damascus Temple and currently serve on the Imperial Endowment, Wills and Gifts Committee.

Personal life

In civil life I am a 23 year member of the Rochester Section of

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R.·.W.·. Clayton R. Ruggles

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The 221st Grand Communication will be long remembered. Let me start by first announcing the appointment of R...W.. William Colin as Staff Officer. (Grand Sword Bearer), and my re-appointment as District Deputy for 2002-04. We look forward to serving the District and assisting Lodges in any way we can. I thank the ten Brothers who represented Lodges in our District. It was one of the better turnouts in recent years.

For the Brothers who attended this year's Grand Lodge, it was certainly an experience. I related to your Lodge representatives how, in the past, most voting was

done by voice vote and single nominees for offices was the standard. A pledge of giving Brothers a more active role in the business of Grand Lodge was very evident. A ballot was taken on the proposal to lower the age of a petitioner to 18. That ballot was defeated. There were contested ballots for Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and Grand Treasurer. Although the voting process was time consuming, the desires of the Brethren were fulfilled.

On a related note, I discovered the voting power you have in Grand Lodge. Briefly explained, each Lodge has 3 votes plus 1 vote for every 50 members beyond 50. Comparatively, each Grand Lodge officer, representative, and committee member has only 1 vote. Additionally, the Lodges in Upstate New York have 2/3 of the votes available. It is imperative that we work to increase Lodge attendance at Grand Lodge and make those Lodge votes count.

In closing, I will be meeting with Masters this Summer to share District goals and objectives. See you in September. "

corn vendors generated \$200+, which was added to the events' proceeds. The Benefit raised a total of \$10,000.

Election of Officers

The following Officers were elected/appointed May 9th for the 2002-03 year:

Master Eldon White Sr. Warden Steve Harwood Jr. Warden Robert Roys Treasurer Robert Mueller Secretary Ken Hall John Purdy, DSA Tiler Sr. Deacon Randy Henry Jr. Deacon Norm Smith Lawrence Mahoney SMC **JMC** Nathan Dolcie Marshal Gary Bennett Stewards Glen Thon **Garth Thon** Trustees Jim VanWyk Tom Ewing John Newvine

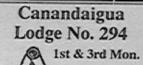
Installation of Officers was May 23rd.

Music, I hear music

Much to the delight of the assembled Brothers, W.:. Chuck White, our musician pro-tem, has returned from his Wintersojourn to Florida and played for us. Welcome back!

Summer recess

Our next communication will be September 12th. Mark the date. Special meetings of the officers will be called during the Summer recess as necessary. Also, remember our fundraising activity at the car show, Sunday, June 24th and Hang Around Visitor Day. Enjoy the Summer. "



Master W. . Ed Hall 289-3395

Secretary R.·.W.·. George N. Stanton, Jr. 394-6829 Shortsville, NY

Congratulations to Brother David Mason on being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Brother Dave was raised by his long-time friend, Brother Jack Rodney, at Milnor Lodge on April 25th.

Awards

On April 19th we presented DeWitt Clinton Awards to Helen Gladwyn, Ed Dwyer and Ralph Kahle, volunteers at the VA Hospital in Canandaigua. These and two 50 Year Pins, one each to Brother Frank Gorgonzia, Jr., and Brother Philip Thomas, Jr., were presented by M..W.. Carl J. Smith, Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York.

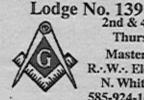
We also presented 40 Year Pins to Brother Joseph Nye II, and Brother Stewart North. The York Rite Gold Honor Award was given to Brother Mike Taylor by the GYRC No. 25.

I thank all who were involved in making this a special night:

DDGM, R...W... Clayton R. Ruggles; Staff Officer, R..W.. Ken Hall; R..W.: Eldon White, R..W.. Don Dill, R..W.. George Stanton, Jr., Brothers Henry Funk and Fred Schutz.

Next year's officers will remain the same except for the Junior and Senior Wardens, who will be switching places.

Milnor



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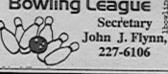
3rd Degree Conferred

Brothers Nathan Dolcie and Lawrence Mahoney were raised to Master Mason on April 25th at Milnor Lodge. Welcome, Brothers.

Benefit

Some of the Brothers fired up the Lodge's popcorn machine and participated in "Angels Helping Angels Hillary Frawley Memorial Benefit" on April 27th at Papa Jack's Ice Cream Parlor, West Main St., Victor. All proceeds were donated to Camp Good Days and Special Times. The pop-

Masonic Gothic Bowling League



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Dudes	137 - 103
Chumps	133 - 107
Big Balls	118 - 122
Alley Gators	114 - 126
Hubbard	110 - 130
Northfield	108 - 132
Edwards Electric	90 - 150
High average, Rick	Flanagan -
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This is the second consecutive year Brendon Dady was the most improved bowler. Both years he raised his average by 16 pins.

Rick Flanagan's 300 was his second. He is believed to be the only Masonic Gothic League bowler to have a 300 game in the

Next season we will again be returning to Maiden Lanes on Wednesday nights. Any individuals or teams interested in any openings we may have should contact me at the above telephone number. The league is open to both Masons and non-Masons. This is a good opportunity to introduce your non-Ma-

sonic friends to other Masons. I thank all the Masonic Bowling League members for their cooperation again this season. I especially thank my fellow league officers for their help; President, Harold Reynolds and Vice-President, Rob Goodyear. It takes more than a Secretary to make a bowling league run smoothly and for it to be enjoyable for everyone.

District Deputy Grand Master



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

Musings

It is my honor to have been recommended by the District and appointed by the Grand Master to be his District Deputy for the Monroe District. I hope to serve the District well and meet the standards set by my predecessors over the years. You will see both continuity and change over the next two years. There are a few new programs that the Grand Master is championing and R...W.. Derek VanHouten and I will be working to exceed the Grand Master's expectations for

Derek and I cannot succeed and the District cannot grow and prosper without the help, aid and assistance of all the Brethren. We will be looking for as many Brethren as possible to support programs that will assist the community, the Brethren and themselves. Full details for the coming year are still being developed. We have put together a core team of Brethren to assist us. Here is a list of Grand Lodge programs that we have started to staff listing the Program Chairman.

· Public Involvement and Awareness - R.J. Muto

·Fellowship and Family Involvement - Raymond Glegg

·New Member - W.: Emil Schirano

·Lodges and Buildings -R. .. W. . Joe Privitera

· Member Development -

R.·.W.. Joe Privitera Drug and Alcohol Aware-

ness - W.:. Gabe Milonni ·Brotherhood Fund - W ... Allen Fowler

We will have more information about the District programs in the next issue of the Times and are planning a meeting with the Masters, Wardens and Secretaries of the Lodges in the District on Wednesday, August 28th. More information will be sent this Summer; keep the date open.

Lastly, do not hesitate to call or e-mail me with any concerns, questions or problems needing my assistance. As District Deputy, I am charged with carrying out the Grand Master's Program and serving you, the Brethren of Monroe District, I am looking forward to seeing the Monroe District prosver the next two years.

Grand Sword Bearer



R...W .. Derek E. VanHouten (585)247-2920

hoofer95@webtv.net

I am the Grand Lodge Staff Officer for the Monroe District and will serve the Brethren at the pleasure, and under the direct supervision, of our Grand Master, M...W.. Carl J. Fitje.

I will also serve on the various committees and project teams of the Monroe District Leadership Team.

June 2002

My term of office will be for two years, which started in May, 2002 at Grand Lodge in NYC, and will continue until the first week in May, 2004.

My main commission from the Grand Master is promoting and improving the Masonic education of the Brethren within the 16 Lodges of the Monroe District. The LSOME (Lodge System of Masonic Education) and the RTTE (Road to the East) are some of the programs that we sponsor.

The LSOME Program is designed to provide Brethren who are new to Masonry, and Brothers who wish a deeper understanding of Masonic beliefs and ideals, the opportunity to learn and interact with Brothers who are committed to upholding the principles of our great Fraternity.

The RTTE Program is designed to help prepare a Brother who desires to enter his Lodge's line of officers, with the anticipation of becoming the Master of the Lodge. It covers topics ranging from correct Ritual work to the duties of the Junior officers, and to the responsibilities and prerogatives of the Worshipful

I will also serve as Moderator of the Monroe District Education Committee. Our three Schools of Ritual, and Grand Lecturer's Convention, are programs coordinated by the Monroe District Assistant Grand Lecturers, who are members of the Education Committee.

The Monroe District Leadership Team also has many other programs that provide services to our communities in the Western New York area. The DARE and Child ID Programs try to protect children, the Elder Wear Program provides needed clothing for the elderly living in nursing homes, our widows programs assist the families of our departed Brethren, fund drives to assist the Ronald McDonald House, and the new BEACON Project which will assist children in elementary schools, are just some of the many projects we offer throughout our community.

For more information on these, or any other programs in the Monroe District, please contact me at anytime.

The tradition continues. The Masonic Fraternity, as witnessed by the pages of the Masonic Times, continues to be an active part of the community. There are so many facets of our great Craft from which to grow and learn and assist one another. I am deeply humbled by the opportunity to serve the Craft as your Representative for Grand Lodge.

As this is my introduction to of you. I thank my predece sors, R...W.. Cliff Short and R..W.. James De Lorenzo, for their guidance and leadership during these last two years. I can only hope to reflect their success.

Both R. . W . . John Zabel and I will be there for you, during these next two years. We look forward to meeting and assisting you and your Lodges. There are many of you I want to meet; I guess we'll have to invent another day to get to see all of you.

I have always considered myself a people person, whether it's one on one or in a group. I will make the time to address any problems or concerns you may have. You will also find that I like to get the Brethren involved and/ or participate in the activities of the District.

In closing, let me quote from a passage that I recently saw while flying the friendly skies: "This is



the beginning of a new day, you have been given this day to use as you will. You can waste it or use it for good. What you do today is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, in its place is something that you left behind, let it be something good."

Thankyou for the opportunity to serve you and hope to see you in the future.

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS



R. .. W. . Keirle V.-.W.-. John Dyen 585-733-1743 585-865-7416

Congratulations to V.: W .: John Dyer, who has been appointed Assistant Grand Lecturer of the Monroe District to replace R...W.. John Zabel, who is our new DDGM. John has been very active in the District and is well versed in the Ritual work. He hopes to bring some fresh ideas for the Schools of Ritual.

John and I hope to innovate some new ways of doing things at the Schools to make them more interesting and improve attendance.

The first meeting of the School of Ritual will be at the air-conditioned Wakan/Hubbard Lodge in Penfield on Wednesday, August 21st at 7:30 p.m. The work of the evening will be Opening, Closing and Balloting.

To all Officers, let's start off on the right foot. Now is the time to start learning the work of your new Places and Stations so you will be proficient at your first communication.

Please call on John and me at any time you need assistance with rehearsals or Degrees. We are here to serve and will always be available. Let's communicate, communicate, communicate! "



By David Zegas, Past President

This article is being written before our Election of Officers for next year, so I don't know who they are or any of their planned events. However, I have some suggestions for next year's Masters and Wardens Association:

 Rewrite the By-Laws, as they are severely outdated. The 15 page document is 14 pages too long. The requirement for the President to be an incoming Master and other officers to be Masters or Wardens must be changed to allow Past Masters to fill those positions, thus providing some experience in the job instead of having to learn it while doing it.

·Get travel and lodging choices for the Grand Lodge trip. Work with multiple travel agents. Talk to other Districts and perhaps team up with them to get better deals. Determine your needs and consult those who have been to Grand Lodge before. Also, seek out the issues to be presented at Grand Lodge months ahead so that they can be discussed by each Lodge.

· Insist that all Masters, Wardens, and Deacons get involved in the Association, the earlier the better. I was impressed by the closeness of some other Districts at Grand Lodge and it was clear that they had spent a lot of time together.

 Continue alternate day and night time meetings. They don't all have to be Saturday morning.

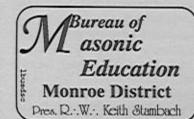
·Get the Past Masters involved. They've been there, they know and most of them need something to do.

It has been my honor to serve as President.

By Mike McBride, President

The next meeting of Masters and Wardens will be on June 8th, Etolian Lodge in Spencerport at 10:00 a.m.

At this time we will introduce our new officers, plan our trestleboard and discuss projects.



The Bureau of Masonic Education met on April 15th for the purpose of electing new officers for the ensuing year and preliminary planning of educational events to come. It should be an exciting year as some new or revised old programs are instituted by our new District Deputy Grand Master, R. . W .. John Zabel and Grand Sword Bearer, R...W.: Derek VanHouten.

The new Officers are: President, R.: W .: Keith Stambach; Treasurer, V...W.. Dan Walker; and Moderator, R.: W.: Derek VanHouten. V..W.. John Dyer, and several others, are on board as Advisors.

We congratulate all the newly installed Masters. We are available to assist any Lodge with their programs. Let's keep the lines of communication wide open this year as we strive to keep the Monroe District in the forefront.

Membership Development

R.·.W.·. Joseph Privetera Monroe District

Communication

I know what you are thinking. There goes Joe AGAIN! Well, it's a fact. Many things make a successful Lodge. Good Ritual and well planned activities are among them. However, unless we let our members know what is going on, then the Brothers will not attend these activities and we are not going to have a successful year. It is as simple as that. Lack of communication is a primary reason for low attendance at meetings. Communication with our Brothers is essential for any

I am in good company when talking about this subject. I have just returned from the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge. Many notable events occurred at this meeting. One of them was the Grand Master of Italy stating that for success in any organization we must have three things - communication, communication, communication. So this concern is worldwide.

Now is the time for the Masters of 2002-03 to get their trestleboards to their members. Then in September, since many trestleboards are expanded, revised, or updated, trestleboards should be sent again to the membership listing all activities for the next six months. Then do it again three months later.

There are many other ways to communicate to the membership. There is the publication that you are reading now, the Masonic Times. You don't know that number of times I have heard from Brothers that their Lodge article was not in the paper. (Editor's note: This is the responsibility of the Master.) When a Brother receives his Masonic Times, the first page he goes to is the page for his Lodge article. If it is not there, he is not a happy person. Other ways to communicate to the Brothers is through the telephone, e-mail, and flyers for special events.

We, as members, have a duty to call the Master or secretary and let him know how we feel about the lack of communication. We must do this in a constructive manner. If that does not work, then feel free to call me. Numbers are on page 2 in the 'Hot Number' section of this publication.

I hope to see you in Lodge in September. Have a good and safe Summer.



On behalf of R. .. W. .. Bill Spillane, Grand Lodge and myself, I thank the Craft for your generosity this past year. Based on my preliminary tallies, it appears that the Monroe District will finish in the top 10 as to funds donated. That is quite impressive, considering the number and diversity of Lodges in New York State.

A heartfelt thanks goes to each and every Brotherhood Fund Lodge Chairman. Your motivation and commitment to this most worthy cause is deeply appreciated. During my travels throughout the District this past year, I was able to meet many of you and thank you and your Lodge. I especially enjoyed having many of you to my house this past Winter for our yearly meeting.

Our efforts at the Annual Family Day in April were appreciated by those in attendance. The exhibits were informative and added a welcoming touch to the atmosphere that day. My thanks to R...W... Bill Dupre from Onondaga District for bringing historic artifacts from the Livingston Library; R. .. W. .. Tom Paglia for representing Masonic Veteran's outreach; R...W.. Bob Mix for his display on the evils of drug and alcohol abuse; Angie Caiola at the Masonic Home, and Brother Ron Kamp at the Masonic Medical Research Lab for making their exhibits available. Of course thanks to W. Jim Weick for all his help in making the space available at the Family Day affair.

Again, thank you for all your generosity.



Brethren, it's official! The consolidation of Fairport Lodge No. 476 and Flower City Lodge No. 910 was approved by M..W.. Carl J. Smith, Grand Master of the Masons of the State of New York, on May 1, 2002. My Brothers, as you know, we Masons are builders. Let us take this opportunity to make new friends and build a strong and united Lodge. The next couple of years are critical to the Lodge's success. As we go forward, it is important to preserve and to respect the traditions and activities that each Lodge has established, and to work together as Brothers to build a new, united Lodge that grows and prospers in the 21st Century. Our theme should be "United We Can!"

We have a number of activities scheduled for June. These include: Fairport Canal Days, June 1st and 2nd; OES Master Mason Night, June 4th; Public Installation of the 2002-03 Lodge Officers, June 10th; and a Family Picnic and Outing on June 15th.

Fairport Canal Days

This event is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 1st and 2nd. It is rapidly approaching and the plans for our food stand are shaping up nicely. As you know, this is the Lodge's primary fundraising activity for the year, and always provides great fun and fellowship. I would particularly like to encourage our Brothers from Flower City Lodge to get involved. You will enjoy it! Brother Brian Bills is heading up the Canal Days Committee and is looking for volunteers to help with setup on Friday afternoon (4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.), morning/ lunch shift (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.), and afternoon/dinner shift (2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.) at the stand on Saturday and Sunday, and tear down and cleanup on Sunday evening (5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.). To sign up, contact Brother Bills at 388-0913 or e-mail at bpbills@msn.com.

In addition, this year we are also planning to run a Masonic Child ID booth during Canal Days. General information about the Masonic Child ID Program is available at the District's website, www.monroemasonic.com. Brother Kermit Moyer is heading up the Child ID effort. To staff the booth, the plan is to solicit help from other members of the communities, such as Fairport/Perinton school officials, Village and Town officials, etc., in addition to our members and their families. The plan is to have two-hour shifts throughout the dayon Saturday and Sunday, June 1st and 2nd. If you and/or members of your family are able to help with the Child ID effort at Canal Days, please contact Brother Moyer at 388-9303 or email at Kermit_Moyer@fairport.monroe.edu.

OES Master Mason Night

Brethren, the Order of the Eastern Star will be hosting its annual Master Mason Night on Tuesday, June 4th, at the Fairport/Flower City Lodge Temple at 7:30 p.m. I am hoping to have a good turnout of Master Masons to demonstrate our support and appreciation for the OES and their activities. If possible, please plan to attend.

Installation of 2002-03 Officers

At our regularly scheduled meeting on June 10th, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a Public Installation of our 2002-03 Fairport/Flower City Lodge Officers. The Officer attire should be tux or dark suit. I hope that you and your family are able to attend. If you have friends who may have an interest in joining our Fraternity, please encourage them to attend as well. Our new officers would certainly appreciate your support!

Family Picnic and Outing

Saturday, June 15th, will be our last event of this Masonic year - a Family Picnic and Outing. The Picnic will be held at my camp, located at 8321 Peckins Road in Springwater (near Wayland). Drive time from the Fairport area is approximately 1 hour. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages, and beverages available. Please bring a favorite dish or dessert to pass. Outdoor activities include: trails for walking, hiking or biking; fishing (trout stream and ponds with rainbow trout, bass and yellow perch), rock skipping; potato guns; ATV riding; canoeing; a paddle boat; a trampoline (for the kids and young at heart); fun and good fellowship. I have put in my request for good weather (sunshine and 75 degrees), but just in case, the rain date is Sunday, June 16th. If the weather looks questionable, call me at 585-728-2773 to confirm plans. The festivities will start at 1:00 p.m. and go till... Camping is also an option. If the mood strikes you, feel free to bring your tent or camper. There is also one Adirondack-style lean-to available on a first come, first served basis. A country style breakfast on Sunday will be on me!

Travel directions will be available at our various activities preceding the Picnic, or call or email me for directions. Please RSVP if you are able to attend so that we can be sure to have plenty of food on hand (phone: 223-2828, e-mail: morris14564@hotmail.com.) This is country living, so be sure to wear clothes and shoes that you don't mind getting a little dirty. Parents and grandparents: just in case, I would advise that you pack an extra change of clothes and pair of shoes for the kids. There are ample opportunities to get wet!

Brethren, this is my last Masonic Times article. I appreciate all the support and encouragement that you have given me throughout the year. I would especially like to thank the 2001-2002 Fairport Lodge Officers for all their help, encouragement and friendship. We had a good year! It has been a pleasure, a privilege and an honor to serve as Master of Fairport Lodge. Thank you, my Brothers.



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

R.·.W.·. William D. Spillane Secretary 334-6596 17 Church St., Pittsford14534

We had a real nice 3rd Degree on the 18th of April. A special thanks to Mike Staub for helping out as First Craftsman. Brothers Raymond Beardsley and Jack Thibaut did the 'heavy lifting' during the Second Section. They did their usual great job. It's real hard to beat the Jack and Ray show. Laura Ugalde and Dedrea Bolton teamed up again for a great meal! Thanks to all for a job well done.

Condolences

It is with sadness and deep regret that I inform you of the passing of Brother Louis R. Girke, Sr. He was born May 27, 1903, Initiated on October 5, 1950, Passed October 19th, and Raised November 2nd, 1950. He died April 7th, 2002, at the age of 98 years and 10 months. He was a faithful and dedicated Mason for 52 years.

Sickness

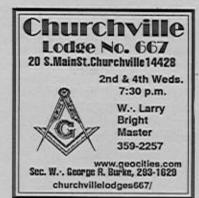
Brother George Bradshaw is having some serious health concerns. Our prayers are with you, George. We hope you feel better real soon!

I got word this week that Linda Zahn was walking the beach, has now returned home, and is doing great. Rumor has it that we may be treated to a dinner or two this Fall! Now to tell the truth, I don't know that this story about the dinners is true, but I figure even if it's not, it might become true by spreading the rumor!

This is my last article for the year. I thank all of you for your help and support. May the new Master have a happy and productive term. Collectively, this past year the following Brothers brought in 11 petitions for new

members: R.J. Muto, Pedro Uglade, Pierre Dube', Dean Smith, and myself. We've got it going our way. Let's all get behind the new Master and help him to continue increasing our membership.

Special thanks to the beautiful and charming Dedrea Bolton and Laura Ugalde for putting on the dinners through our Spring set of Degrees. Besides the great food and fantastic service, your wonderful charm and wit were appreciated by all. Thank you.



Brethren, it has been a pleasure to serve as your Master. I thank all of you for your support.

Good news!

I talked with R. . W. . Charlie Daycock. He said he cut his grass, and he feels some better.

Masonit Times

I thank all of you for the corrections you made in my articles.

Grand Lodge

I enjoyed my trip to Grand Lodge where I met many Brothers from across the world.

The Temple itself is something to see. I am very happy that I went. To all Brothers on the sidelines, get in line and your day will come!

Election

The following were elected for the ensuing year:

Master Frank Higgins
Sr. Warden Larry Bright
Jr. Warden Ed Kelley

Degree

Our 3rd Degree will be in June at Hesperus Lodge No. 837. Have a wonderful Summer. See you in Lodge.



Northfield Spring Class of newly raised Brothers (in alphabetical order): Brian M. Barlow, Gregory Raggi, Jr., Glenn F. Schafer, Michael C. Zona. (Photos courtesy of James Knapp)

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088



1st & 3rdTues. 7:30 P.M.

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

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

By R...W.. Cliff Short

Grand Lodge

Charlotte/Corinthianwas well represented at the Grand Lodge Communication in May. I had the pleasure to spend some time with a few of our Brothers. As the pictures indicate, a good time was had by all. The Monroe District was seated in the second row from the Grand East, so we had an excellent view of everything that was going on. It was especially interesting for me personally, because being a District Staff Officer, it was one of my responsibilities to act as a Teller during all of the ballots. This year I experienced some of the most rewarding times that I have spent in my life, and as a Mason. The friends I have made will never be forgotten, and the experiences R..W.. Jim De Lorenzo and I went through will stay with us forever. I would recommend this experience to any Brother choosing to serve the Craft.

Better men and Masons

As we move into a new Masonic year, our Lodge and Brethren will face many new challenges. I'm sure we will find that, as with all life's challenges, some will meet with great success, and some may not end up as we had planned. But, if we meet each new challenge with a united front of support from our ranks, I'm sure the successes will far outweigh the setbacks. That is what our Craft is all about, helping each other become better men and Masons through support and education.

Plans

The events for the next year are in the final planning stages, and a trestleboard of meetings, events, and committees is available at the Lodge. If anyone can't get to the Lodge by the Summer break, one will be mailed to each of you by the end of June.

With the help of the Brethren, we have started an e-mail listing of all members of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge. We hope that their e-mail list will help keep more of our Brothers up to date on what is happening at the Lodge and in the District. If you would like to get on this mailing list, please send me an e-mail requesting to be included in it at short4us@aol.com.

Northfield Spring Class Degree Team led by R.·.W.·. Raymond Beardsley and R.·.W.·. Jack Thibaut



Child ID

We just finished a successful Child ID Program at the Lilac Festival, spending two full days videotaping children. Even though the second day was basically a washout, due to the weather, the event was successful in that we formed a new partnership with the volunteers from the 4-H and the Jaycees. My sincere thanks to all who contributed their time and efforts.

Upcoming events

Our June 4th meeting will be our Annual Strawberry Social. We will open Lodge at 7:30 p.m., do as little work as possible, and then retire to the dining room for some strawberry desserts. This event is for our Brothers, friends, and families, so don't be afraid to invite some one new to our Lodge.

June 16th is the date of our Annual Lodge Picnic at Camp Eastman, in Durand Eastman Park. The pavilions are located off Durand Blvd., just West of the golf course. The cost is \$3.00 per person, up to a maximum of \$6.00 per family. The menu will be hots, burgers, and salads, and the picnic will run from 1:00 p.m. until ??? We do ask that each family bring a dessert to pass. Reservations need to be made by calling Junior Warden, Brother Keith Freeman, by Monday, June 10th, at 544-1149.

June 18th is our Summer wrap up business meeting. We will conduct our normal business, and discuss any projects or events that will occur over the Summer months.

The Officers and Committees will be planning some new events for the upcoming year, and will need all of our support. If you would like to sit on a committee, or chair a committee for a special event, please contact me with any plans, and we will try to make it work. If I don't get to see you, brethren, before the Summer break, have a great and safe Summer and we'll get back to the Quarries in the Fall.

O-At-Ka Lodge No. 759

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

W.: Richard Fimbel (585) 494-1474

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

5 Browns Ave., Scottsville, 14546

By W.: Charles W. Crevison

Salutations! I am writing to you after returning from a busy week at Grand Lodge in New . York City and installing new officers at Oatka No. 759. The Mrs. and I had a wonderful time in NYC. We took a tour of Grand Lodge and saw all the Lodge rooms as well as the Grand Lodge Room. The Monroe District had front row seats in Grand Lodge, due to the fact that the Junior Grand Warden was from the Monroe District. Many heated discussions were brought to the floor, one of which was the second vote to allow 18 year olds to be admitted into the Blue Lodge. This vote went to ballot and was defeated overwhelmingly. It was 4 to 1 against this proposition.

It was very impressive to see so many Masons in one room. Based on the counts taken during balloting, and the dignitaries from different countries, there were at least 2000 Masons at Grand Lodge. When we sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America", it sent tingles up your

spine. I was very impressed by the young man who received the Toten Scholarship. It got me thinking how proud Brother Lawrence Blazey must have felt when his daughter received the same. I returned to Lodge and one of the last things that I did as a Master, was to request a copy of Heidi Blazey's essay for her Award. This essay will be displayed at Oatka Lodge with a picture of Heidi receiving it from the Grand Master. Brother Terry Wright has offered to build a frame for this prestigious event. This Scholarship is not given out

June 2002

The day after returning from Grand Lodge Oatka elected and installed our new officers for the coming year. They are:

lightly. The student who writes

the essay for the Scholarship must

be one who possesses astuteness

and the wisdom of Solomon.

Master
Senior Warden
Junior Warden
Treasurer
Secretary
Trustee
Chaplain
Marshal
Senior Deacon
Junior Deacon
Senior MC
Jr. MC
Stewards

Burton Brown
Charles Crevison
Terrence Wright
John Horn
Donald Tubman
Timothy White
Keith Dustin
Kevin Fisher
Jasper Brady
Lawrence Blazey
Mark Ellwanger

Richard Fimbel

Charles Piazza

Mark Arlaukas

Tiler Gary Trescott
Another milestone for Oatka
Lodge is due to the work of
Donald Tubman and Burton
Brown, as we have received our
tax exempt status. A round of
applause goes out to these fine
Brothers for their diligent work.

On May 17th, the Past Masters of Oatka Lodge traveled downtown to invest the new Master. We took him out to dinner and we got him to the Investiture Service. After the Service, we took the new Master out for a night on the town and returned him safely home.

Please stay tuned for upcoming writings from the new Worshipful Master on his plans for his ensuing year.





Tuesdays 7:30 P.M. Master W.-. Gordon F. Smith 392-9261

Secretary
W.: Sean Noonan 392-8156
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June Birthdays

Happy birthday to: Don Littlefield, William Schmitt, Thomas Burger, Donald Wright, Carl Doell, Robert Hulek, and Myron Waterman.

Events

On May 7th, W.: Jeff Ross was in the East and did a very nice job with the 2nd Degree.

At our last meeting this Spring, June 4th, the 3rd Degree will be conferred.

Dues

Have you sent in your dues payment? Several Brothers are missing theirs. Please send them in.

Have you moved?

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

Closing

Brothers, if you need a ride to meetings, please call me at 392-9261 or e-mail me at gfs9261@juno.com. We are more than glad to arrange transportation.

Union Star Lodge No. 320 2nd Mon. 3 N. Main St.,

Honeoye Falls

7:30 P.M. Master W. James E. Nersinger, 334-9057 Sec. Robert

Sweeney, (h) 381-5286 (w) 464-6316 38 Cullens Run, Pittsford, 14534

Installation of our Officers will take place on Monday, June 10th, and will be a Tiled Ceremony.

The Installing Team will be led by R..W.. Robert Sanford as Master, W.. Dennison Ripley as Marshal and W.. Richard Bull as Chaplain.

A complete listing of all officers will be provided in our September issue.

Well deserved!

We were very pleased and excited to present the "Mason of the Year" Award to Brother Gerald Wiedemann. If there ever has been a Brother who extended himself beyond the length of his cabletow, it has been Brother Wiedemann. His work and activities for the Lodge and Craft in general, are just too numerous to list, but any and everyone who has come in contact with Jerry will vouch for this.

The sad part is that Jerry and his wife are moving to Rhode Island. We wish them a safe and joyful move.

Reservations needed

A Ham Dinner will precede our Installation at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Please call me at 334-9057. Brother Gene Mosholder will be in charge of the dinner.

Degree

We had a candidate receive his 2nd Degree in Union Lodge No. 45, Lima, NY, in April. It is planned to have him receive the 3rd Degree this month also at Union Lodge No. 45, Lima.

Breakfast

On Saturday, May 11th, we hosted the Masters and Wardens, and guests, to a "Hot Breakfast". Brother Rob Sweeney was in charge assisted by many of our Brothers.

Festival

Our Annual Festival on the Green (Village of Honeoye Falls) takes place on June 14th, 15th and 16th. We will be preparing the food on Friday the 14th, 10:00 a.m., at the Lodge. Our Food Stand will be operating the 5th and 16th. If you haven' signed up yet, please do so.

On Monday, June 17th, we are having our Annual Fellowcraft Steak Roast at the Lodge. It will start at 6:00 p.m.

As this is my last column for the Masonic Times, I thank all the Brothers for their help and assistance in making my term as Master of Union Star Lodge a fruitful one.

Our Secretary, Brother Sweeney, advises there still are a few Brothers tardy in payment of their dues. Let's complete that task before leaving on vacation. "



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The best laid plans of mice and men....if things have gone the way they were planned. I would like to thank you for the honor of electing me Master of Fame Lodge for the next year. I look forward to continuing the growth and vitality that has occurred in the Lodge since our consolidation. It really is heartening to see so many Brothers on the sidelines. The dinners and pot lucks have been well attended and there has been a genuine development of Fraternal relationships within the new Fame No. 722. I think we can rightly and proudly say that we are enjoying a very beneficial experience since our joining together.

One meeting

Since this is June, we only have one meeting this month, on the 11th. Dick Topel has graciously offered to put on our Strawberry Social again this year. Our ladies are invited, so be sure to let them know. There won't be a dinner this night as we will only have a short business meeting before getting down to the business of strawberries and ice cream!

Picnic

As of this date, we haven't firmed up the plans for the Annual Corn and Sausage Roast this Summer. A flyer will be sent out with all the information. We had over 70 people at last year's picnic. I am hoping we have even more than that this year. It is always a lot of fun and I hope you'll join us.

Thanks again

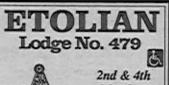
Again, thank you for allowing me the privilege of being Master We still have some concerns ahead of us, but I am sure, after seeing the kind of dedication and true Masonic spirit demonstrated this past year, we can continue to strengthen and grow.

Last, but not least

Happy Birthday to all our Brothers with birthdays in June, July and August! Have a safe and fun Summer. See you at Lodge!"



W.: Jim Nersinger-Master, and W.: Bud Ripley (right) present the Mason of the Year Award to Jerry Wiedemann. (Photo J. Nersinger)





Mondays 7:30 p. m. Master W.. Karl-Heinz Reich (585) 426-6836

Sec. W.·. Michael Schwartz 352-4018

Thank you for having confidence to elect me as your new Master.

Congratulations

On May 13th, Thomas Michielsen received the DSA Award. Several members received Service Pins.

New Officers

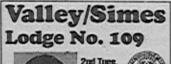
June 2nd, at 2:00 p.m., will be the Public Installation of Officers. Refreshments will be served following the Ceremonies. Please come and support your officers. They are:

Master James Toogood Patrick Schwartz Sr. Warden Jr. Warden Chester Riley Michael Schwartz Secretary Thomas Michielsen Treasurer June 10th will be Sport Shirt

Night. June 17th is the date of our Family Picnicat Pineway Parkwith Etolian Chapter No. 308. All family members are welcome to join the fun. There will be games for the kids, beverages and meat will be provided. Bring your own table settings and a dish to pass.

July 27th and 28th is the Annual Etolian Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at the Lodge during Spencerport Canal Days. Please make yourself available and participate. Many hands make light work. Turn your name into Edward Gillott for job days and assignments.

I wish all my Brethren and their families a safe and fun-filled Summer.





2nd Tues. 7:30 P.M. W... Robert L. Hill, Master 256-7445

W. . Michael G. Batz, Sec. (h) 820-8019, (o) 272-8470 875 Main Street E., Rochester, 14805

Wow! Grand Lodge! Impressive! It was all that and fun besides, I learned a lot, made a lot of new acquaintances, and met a few old ones. I got a lot of work done.

Order of business

One big order of business was the majority rejection of the proposal to lower the age limit for Masonic membership from 21 years of age to 18. Grand Lodge also rejected the proposition that the titles of "Worshipful", "Right Worshipful" and "Most Worshipful", among others, be restricted only to those currently occupying the position with former position holders reverting to the title of "Brother so-and-so", 'former whatever'. However, by unanimous acclamation, it was agreed that the use of e-mail is acceptable as a means of official communication within the Lodge. More on this to come.

New Officers

Your Nominating Committee has presented the following Officers for the ensuing year:

Michael McBride, Sr., Master; Dave Mura, Senior Warden; Joseph Gingold, Junior Warden; R.:. W.: Bob Hill, Senior Deacon; W.: Mathew Gingold, Junior

Deacon; R..W.: Herbert Spencer, Chaplain; W.. Edward Schmidt, Secretary; W.: Howard Belt, Treasurer; W.: Gary Burke, Marshal; W.: Michael Batz and Andrew Bauredel, Stewards; W ... Glenn Stahl and Raul Fernandez. Masters of Ceremony; and W.:. Richard Giedd, Tiler.

There you have it, gentlemen. These Officers will be installed on June 11th. A large turnout is expected, as this will be the last Open Installation of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 Officers at the Rochester Downtown Masonic Temple. So, make your reservations early with Herb Spencer for dinner (334-7493).

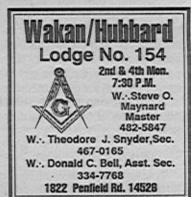
Problem

We have been informed that the issue of dues got untangled to the tune of 70% currently paid members. Due to the computer software problem, the discount on early payment of dues is extended to June 30th. Thanks to all who have stuck with us on this and to those who have paid their dues and included a Brotherhood Fund contribution.

Sad news

Finally, my Brothers, I leave you with the sad news that two of our Brethren, Brother William McCurdy and W.. Art Zilinsky, have answered the final summons of the Grand Architect of the Universe from their labors to their eternal rest.

Thank you all for your support this past year and may God bless us in our continuing journey toward the East.



The ladies will judge!

The last meeting of the year will be June 10th. This will be our Annual Strawberry Social and Wild Shirt Night. The ladies are invited to join us and they will judge the best shirt!

Installation

The Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday, June 15th, at 1:00 p.m. This will be an Open Installation, so the ladies, family members and friends are welcome to attend.

Sickness

Mike Adamus is recovering well from his second knee replacement surgery. He said this surgery has been a little more difficult than the first one, but his recovery is on schedule. He should be able to get around to functions in about six weeks. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Mike.

Independence Day

The Town of Penfield will again have their 4th of July Parade and Celebration. The Parade will start at Penfield High School at 1:30 p.m., and end at Harris Whalen Park. They have festivities planned at the Park throughout the day, which culminates with a fire works display at 10:15 p.m. Some of our Brothers usually participate in the Parade with their classic cars.

Now that June is upon us, I take this opportunity to wish everyone a great and warm Summer. I hope to see you in Lodge in September.





7:30P.M W.. David Zegas, Master (h) 334-7202 (o) 419-7539

www.erac.org R. . W. . Richard C. Friedman Sec. (h) 377-6175 (w) 271-2775 152 Commercial St. W., E. Rochester

This article is being written before our Annual Meeting, so I don't have any results to share. However, I can report on some ERAC highlights from Grand Lodge. R..W.. Brother Rich Friedman received the Charles Henry Johnson Medal, the highest Award that can be given. Grand Master Smith said, "Richard, you are more than deserving of this". So true.

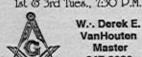
Brother Lew Perna was announced as a recipient of the Hearts and Hands Community Service Award, to be given out on St. John's Day in Utica. I was the only Monroe District Master to attend the Grand Master's Dinner and the only Monroe representatives there were ERAC members - R. . W .. Paul R. Gleason, Jr., R..W.. Rich Friedman and I. You can be proud that you were well represented.

As for this past year, we did virtually everything we set out to do. We pulled off 19.5 out of 20 planned trestleboard events, had phenomenal dinners all year, raised \$2800 for various charities, averaged over 25 people for each meeting, raised six new members and honored our many departed Brethren with a yearlong draped Altar.

The officer line is first team, still with no Past Masters in the progressive positions and amazing continuity. Only one Brother is stepping out of line and one other is "retiring". I wish them all success in their new positions and I know they do the same for me, the new Secretary.

It has been my pleasure and honortoserve as Master of ERAC. Thanks for the opportunity.





Master 247-2920 Sec. W.: Thomas W. Kendig 1-315-524-4063

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This will be my last article for the Masonic Times as your Master. It has been a great year and one that will live in my heart forever. In the beginning I reviewed our trestleboard and asked myself how I was going to chair 33 meetings, dinners and business meetings. My closest friend said, "one at a time," and she was correct. Now, as I look back, a lot of memories come back: our Summer Picnic at Linear Park with our chef, W.. Skip Waterstreet, at the helm; our dinners with the ladies with W.. Volney Frankel always delivering the appropriate blessings as our Chaplain, assisted by W.. Charles Walker; our business meetings with our "man of all seasons", R. W. Vern Goodrich, always available for counsel and advice; to all of our officers whom I have seen grow this past year and the commitments they have made for the fu-

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Continued from page 7 ture; our sideliners, without you, my Brothers, always being there to listen, ask questions, conduct candidates and support the programs of the Lodge, we would not have been as successful.

A word about the invaluable service that a great Secretary can provide. W.: Tom Kendig deserves a hearty thank you from the East. Without you I would have been lost at times. We have spent many times on the phone and computer with each other, thank you.

To the ladies, we appreciate your participation at our dinners and program meetings. Your presence has always freshened up the decorum of the evening. Thank you for being part of our year.

There isn't enough space to thank each one, but from my heart to yours, let it suffice to say, thank you, my Brothers, for being there.

Special recognition

Over the years Craftsman/ Robertson Lodge has had a Brother who has worked hard in the quarries of Masonry. He has certainly "paid his dues" and now seeks a well deserved rest. Among his invaluable service to the Lodge are: Brotherhood Fund Chairman, reporter (who always called me to find out information) for the Masonic Times articles, telephone list for our dinners and co-chair of our Widows Committee. He is a major player and contributor of the Lodge. Brother Robert F. Ogden will be missed in these capacities. A job well done, Brother Bob, and a hearty thank you from the East.

June 4th dinner

Our Gold Medal cooks, Hilde DiJames and Joy Woodley, will be preparing another delectable dinner for us. I have asked them to prepare one of my favorites, which is meatloaf and the usual great trimmings. My expansion is partly because of our great dinners that we have enjoyed this year with them. Thank you both for your dedicated service.

Public thank you

This to W. Gordon F. Smith and the Officers and Brethren of Clio Lodge, who so warmly provided assistance to us on May 7th so that our new Brother could take his Fellowcraft Degree. Thanks to Brother Ralph Jurgens for being his escort. This was a prime example of Brothers working together to achieve a common goal.

Picnic

Save the date of Saturday, August 17th, for our Annual Steak Roast. Same place - Linear Park, Penfield, starting around 2:00 p.m. You will receive a mailing later this Summer with all the details.

Belated wishes

Happy birthday to Paul Robertson, who celebrated in May.

June Birthdays

Happy birthday to John Brown, Vernon Goodrich, Frederick Lang, Charles Strickland, Philip Mc-Caskill, Kenneth Mertz, Ralph Jurgens, Michael Schum, Alan Goodrich, Edward Fulmer, Charles Walker, John Meier, Bruce Hinkley, Norman Gauch, George Reiber, Leonard Schmeer, Paul Abbey, Thomas Benson, and David Rogachefsky.

Since we do not meet during the Summer, following are the July and August birthdays.

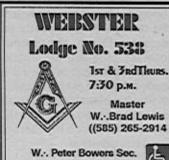
July

Russell Rines, Robert Lindeman, Arnold Ford, William

Hook, David King, Charles Waterstreet, Barry Cherms, Jasper Kennedy, William Adams, Paul Lockhart, Garfield Kyte, Clifton Field, Clifford Smith, David Lerner, Wesley Trendell, Sidney Horton, Volney Frankel, Eugene White, Franklin Suhr, Thomas Kendig, Donald Fetting, Karl Stets, Rene VanDeViere, and Russell Rosati.

August

Malcolm Nulton, William Shelby, David DeHollander, Barry Traub, Kenneth Schumacher, Chester Kowalski, James Causey, Albert Neracker, Warren Doerrer, Herbert Young, and Duane Smith.



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Brothers, I am pleased to be writing to you as your Master. I am looking forward to a great year at Webster Lodge. We have a terrific line of officers and a full trestleboard put together. I plan to have a mixture of traditional programs along with some fresh ideas. The themes for the upcoming Masonic year will be Membership, Education, and Community Service. To me, these are essential parts of Masonry, and will be the focus for my Master's year. I plan to have some form of Masonic program for every meeting, and will strive to keep the business portion of our communications brief.

Brother passes away

Joseph Benjamin went to the house not made with hands, and a Webster Lodge Masonic Service was held for him on April 25th. We had a large group of members to say good-bye to our Brother, and Chaplain Bruce Chilton led a nice Ceremony, as usual.

Past events

Move Up Night and Committee reports were on May 16th. The Masters' Investiture was at the Downtown Temple on May 17th and Webster Lodge's Public Installation was on May 18th.

Upcoming events

On June 6th we will hold our first Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. If any Brothers have any prospective Masons whom they will be inviting, let us know as soon as possible so we can send out invitations to them. Get your reservations to JW Bernie Russell at 872-1353 for the dinner. Candidates and their sponsors eat free. Let's try to get a big turnout.

June 20th will be a Hot Dog Picnic, followed by a speaker from the Webster Library to talk to us about the great new building the Library has. We have started a fund to support the Library; anyone wishing to contribute can talk to the Secretary or me for further information.

Over the Summer we will be marching in the Firemen's Field Day Parade, holding the Annual Golf Tournament and a Child ID/ Open House at the Lodge.

I welcome your input and ideas, Brethren. You can e-mail me at brad.lewis1@att.net, or call me at 265-2914.

District Deputy Grand Master Genesee/Wyoming · R.·.W.. Robert W. Strang, Jr. (585) 591-2888

Having been appointed to serve as the District Deputy Grand Master of the Genesee/ Wyoming District, I thank you and sincerely hope that with the Staff Officer, Norm Austin, and the newly elected Masters of the Lodges of this District, we can progress into the New Year with enthusiasm and energy.

As a District, we should work to reflect the principles of the order we have obligated ourselves to uphold. Let us all take a solemn moment to remember what Masonry means to us and those we come in contact with in the course of our daily lives.

Recently I visited a Lodge and noted that on the bulletin board was and 8.5 by 11 inch piece of paper with this statement displayed: "Take time to look at yourself in a mirror and ponder, YOU are someone's impression of Masonry." Along with this external perspective, we should reflect on those internal values that set Masons apart and strive to exemplify these in our daily routine. Remembering that Masons are UNCOMMON MEN, with UNCOMMON GOALS AND VALUES.

Brothers, the enthusiasm and diligence we bring to the Fraternity can be transmitted to the future strength of the Craft. As members of this great Fraternity, the Grand Master would like our continued efforts in the communities in which we live and work and make others aware of the values we profess.

Brethren, in order for this Fraternity to prosper everyone must work together toward a common goal, which may mean leaving our individual motives behind. Masonic principles require that we understand some ideas will not coincide with our own at times, but the values that our forefathers set forth require this unity of spirit for the benefit of the Craft; the ultimate goal of Masonry is the enlightenment of the world to those principles of BROTHERLY LOVE AND

As District Deputy, I look forward to working with all the Brothers of the District to strengthen this Fraternity. All the programs and tools for its growth exist thru Grand Lodge and the 'Twenty-Four Inch Gauge." However, as individual Brothers and Lodges, we must work to implement and put this information to work. The Staff Officer, Purple Apron Club and Past Masters of each Lodge are willing to work with anyone to bring growth to our beloved Fraternity. Please contact them for assis-

While I have your attention, let me relate to you a tale about our most recent trip to Grand Lodge in New York, and your District's representation. Some of your Brothers were looking for frequent mileage points on the subway, as they became disoriented in the underground passages (thank goodness for unlimited use passes). Others needed to be sedated at certain sporting events (this was handled by the opposing team). One Brother in particular wished for protective footwear (or a softer taxi cab fender). Still others could not bring themselves to drink the water and found other means to quench their thirst (or cause loss of equilibrium). All in all, I trust that everyone had a memorable trip, with good accommodations (except for a friendly mouse), and equally good company.

May Brotherly love prevail and God bless.

Grand Sword Bearer

Genesee/Wyoming



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I extend my deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the members of the Genesee/Wyoming Purple Apron Club for nominating me for the esteemed position of Grand Sword Bearer of the Genesee/Wyoming District.

I will endeavor to serve the District to the best of my ability and to fulfill the faith and confidence they have in my capabilities to carry out my duties in a manner which will benefit not only the District, but the Craft as a whole. I look forward with great anticipation to working with our new District Deputy Grand Master, R..W.. Bob Strang, as we serve the Genesee/Wyoming District during our tenure.

As I undertake my service to he District I do so with the thought in mind offered by Antonole France: "To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."

Background

For those of you whom I have not had the pleasure to meet and with whom to become acquainted, I will introduce myself. I have been a member of the Craft for eight years. I am also a member of both the York Rite and the Scottish Rite Bodies, as well as Damascus Shrine. I am a strong proponent of involvement, which sadly, contrasts strongly with the opinions held by some self-proclaimed experts who believe that what they misconstrue as "overinvolvement" can exert adverse effects upon one's effectiveness in a position of leadership. To the contrary, it is my belief that the more diverse an individual becomes within the Craft, the more effective will he be in attempting to fulfill the requirements of an office, be it within a Blue Lodge, a Concordant Body, or on a District or Grand level. Each Masonic Body or organization offers its own unique contribution to molding, creating, and yes, even enhancing the qualities of its

With the amelioration of these contributions, comes a wellrounded, informed, and capable individual, with a broad spectrum of experiences.

Through involvement also comes knowledge, and knowledge is a key element in being an effective leader. Although my tenure is just beginning, I have already been asked by several people why I felt I was qualified to undertake the position of Staff Officer.

One of the primary functions of a Staff Officer is to promote Masonic Education throughout the District. My background is in the field of education, which is the foremost reason I aspired to this office.

I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and a Master's Degree in Educational Administration with an emphasis on Adult Rochester; a 30-hour Post Master's Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration with a Community College Mid-Management Option and a second Master's Degree in Psychology, with a Social/Personality concentration from the State University College at Brockport; a Paralegal Certificate from the American Institute of Paralegal Studies; and a Doctorate in Social Psychology from Syracuse University.

I am a voracious reader and seeker of education myself, and I love to teach, having taught courses in Education and Psychology at various State and private colleges and universities throughout Western New York. I have also taught courses in various industries locally.

Therefore, I feel the position of Staff Officer is an appropriate

fit for my background, and that I will be an asset to the District in that capacity. In assuming major progammatic responsibilities, I will have the opportunity to communicate to Lodges throughout the Genesee/Wyoming District, information which will be not only of interest, but of educational merit as well.

As I attempt to promote Masonic Education throughout the District, I fully expect to become educated myself in the process. In fact, in assuming this esteemed position, I have already received an education in the demonstration of true Masonic Brotherhood, good sportsmanship, and whom one's true friends really are. I look forward to cultivating many new friendships and being involved in mutually beneficial working relationships with my Brethren throughout the District.

If you have questions for me, or require assistance in any form, please feel free to contact me at the telephone number or e-mail address above. I am here to serve you; if I do not have the answer to your question(s) myself, I will find someone who does, and see that you receive it in a timely manner. In closing this, my initial column, I leave you (particularly Learners, from the University of some of my constituents in my home Lodge for the amount of support I received in this endeavor) with this bit of advice from Benjamin Franklin: "A false friend and a shadow stay around only while the sun shines."



This past month was indeed a busy one. Hesperus Lodge celebrated its 100th Anniversary. On Thursday, the 18th, we had a Past Masters Night with 18 Past Masters attending.

The evening started with a dinner by Hesperus OES and a shortmeeting following, honoring the attending Past Masters. Each Master was escorted to the East and presented with a Certificate and a gift souvenir to commemorate the evening. Past Masters attending were: Kenneth J. Barons, 1951; Harold J. DeBrine, 1952; Nelson J. Swarts, 1963; Richard D. Sands, 1975; R.: W .: Holden P. Miller, 1977; James R. MacConnell, 1979; R. . W .. Robert H. Hebner, 1983; Robert Whalen, 1985; Donald R. Read, Sr., 1986; R.: W.: Robert G. Seils, 1987; R..W.. John W. Bater, 1991; Donald Hargrave, 1992-93; V.·.W.. John A. Jessop, 1993-94; John Specht, 1994-95; George Springett, 1996-97; John C. Cooper, 1999-2000, and Marshall B. Krause, 2001-02.

Each Past Master talked about their year in office and it turned out to be a great history lesson.

The program was then turned over to W... George Springett who Dedicated the Lodge Masonic Museum. George had gathered articles of historic value from Lodge members and descendents of deceased Brothers. They are on display in the small room near the Lodge meeting room for any visitors to view.

On Friday the 19th, over 90 members and friends of Hesperus gathered at the North Bergen Church for dinner and Presentation of Awards. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was W.: James MacConnell. Entertainment was provided by Marsha MacConnell and Rev. Mary Jane

Eleven George T. Walker Scholarships were given to children, wives or members of Hesperus Lodge.

The Hesperus Community Service Award was given to William Ferris for his many years of service as Director of Gillam Grant Community Center.

The Hesperus Public Service Award was presented to Michael Stoll for his many years as Town Supervisor.

The Hesperus Service to Youth Award was presented to Pam and David Howe for many years of working with area youth.

The evening was wrapped up with an address by Hon. Barber Conable, Jr., past area Congressman and Past President of the

On Saturday, April 20th, there was a Reception followed by the Rededication of the Lodge by M..W.. Carl J. Smith, and his Grand Line. This was followed by an Anniversary Banquet with Grand Master, M. W.. Carl J. Smith, as featured speaker for the evening. Entertainment was provided by Shannon Egan of Baltimore, Maryland. Shannon is a gifted vocalist and musician. She was followed by George "Pine Tree" Hogan, a local painter, humorist and vocalist.

My thanks go out to R..W.: Holden Miller and his various committees for a very successful anniversary weekend.

Summer dates

June 2nd is the Installation of Officers by the Purple Apron Club at 7:30 p.m. There will be a dinner by the OES at 6:00 p.m.

On June 6th we will confer the 3rd Degree at 7:30 p.m, with Joe Chimino in the East. Dinner by the OES will be at 6:30 p.m.

June 20th is a regular meeting with Roy Hill as our guest speaker on "Parks".

From the Senior Warden

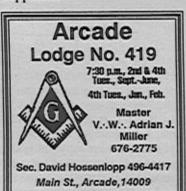
By Ralph Marsocci

Greetings, my Brothers. My traveling companions and I are back from Grand Lodge. What an exciting trip it was.

Our Master kept us entertained, not only with jokes and stories, but also with many historical facts.

Our first visit was to Ground Zero. It was a very emotional experience. W.: Marty Krause, W.: Joseph Chimino, W.: John Cooper, Brother Harry Tyson, Brother Don Mattice and I attended the Grand Master's Dinner and found it to be very edifying.

At our Rededication Dinner on April 19th, Marty and I were engaged in a conversation with Grand Master Carl Smith. We mentioned that our beloved Brother, R..W.. John Bater, recently had a set-back and could not leave the Veterans home in Batavia to join us for our celebration. We also mentioned that Brother John's roommate, who celebrated his 100th birthday on February 13th, is also a Brother Mason. The Grand Master immediately indicated that he would make every effort possible to visit with John and his roommate (Centurion) John. On Monday, M.·.W.. Carl Smith contacted Marty and we met him at the veteran's home in Batavia where he presented John, the roommate, with a Grand Master Pin and Trowel. Also present at this memorable and emotional time were W... Ken Barons, W... Joseph Chimino, and W.. John Cooper. All were impressed and very grateful with the Grand Master and his dedication to the Craft. We wish him and his wife, Serina, many years of health and happiness.



As of this writing we served our last Spring Pancake Breakfast on April 28th. This has been a very good fundraiser and we hope that it will increase in attendance in the future. We thank all who came out to work and to support our Lodge in these Breakfasts. We will be starting our Pancake and Egg Breakfasts on the fourth Sunday of October, the 27th. The time is 7:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. If you can't help or attend these Breakfasts, a donation would be greatly appreciated.

Summer

July 26th and 27th will be the Fabulous Fifties Festival in the Town of Arcade. On the 26th the time will be 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., and on the 27th, 12:00 noon -10:00 p.m. Arcade Lodge will be

selling hot dogs and Italian sausage sandwiches. Come out and enjoy yourself with your Brethren and help support this fundraiser.

Child ID

On August 12th and 13th we will be at the Pike County Fair taping the children from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please contact R.: W.: Leonard W. Mason at 492-1813 and offer your help. He needs all the help he can get, especially from the ladies.

Civil War Days

August 17th and 18th will be the Blue/Gray weekend in Arcade and you must see this enactment of the Civil War.

Historical note

Through many years, mention is made of charges brought against Brothers for various and often undisclosed offenses. In cases the offenders were admonished in open Lodge, some acquitted, a few suspended. Charity, a prime aim of the Craft, has been employed on behalf of Brethren and their families. The first printed roster and calendar appeared in 1874, three hundred copies having been published.

During the same year, dues were raised to \$1.50 and the first mention appears of attendance of the Master at sessions of Grand Lodge. In 1877, the Lodge amended its By-Laws to provide for meetings on the first and third Fridays, except from June through September, when it met only on the first Friday.

June birthdays

Happy birthday to: Joseph Kovacevic, Jr. 7th; Philip Antonio, 10th; Eugene W. Gertis, 6th; Philip Murray, 26th; James Pickering, 26th; and Walter J. Black, 20th.

Belated birthday greetings to Brother Leonard Fuller, May 18th.

July birthdays

Stewart B. Holmes, 1st; Arthur E. Drew, 8th; William H. Erick, 10th; Charles W. Dempsey, 28th; David Frost, 9th; Michael T. Horrigan, 30th; and Craig Roberts, 13th.

August birthdays

Robert D. Anwyl, 4th; Roy M. Flammger, 8th; Frederick F. Reinhardt, 9th; Michael J. Howlett, 10th; Albert T. Barrow, 13th; Leonard E. Fuller III, 18th; Donald L. Goodemote, 19th; Joseph Blake, 19th; Ronald W. Brown, 8th, and Clifton L. Jones, 11th.

In closing, I wish everyone a safe Summer and will see you in the Fall.



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My Brothers, it's Spring again and with Spring brings a new year of growth. Like the sun and rain, we need to unite together and work on the growth of our Lodge. Our membership is decreasing, but there is a strong few who take the time to attend Lodge and are willing to try new ideas. Along with their ideas, I need the help of all of our members who collectively have a lot of knowledge of this great Fraternity.

I ask each of you to please feel free to call me or any of the offic-

ers of the Lodge with your ideas, whether they are about programs you would like to see or be part of, or you personally would like to make happen in our Lodge.

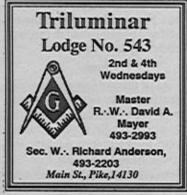
I keep saying this is our Lodge, because it is and "Together We Build."

I look forward to seeing you at our last communication of the Spring, on Tuesday, June 11th at 8:00 p.m.

A constant reminder

Let us not forget our servicemen and women of the armed forces who preserve our freedoms and the country which we enjoy. I ask all to continue to pray for our leaders and those of other governments throughout the world as they make commitments to reestablish a normalcy and extend the freedoms we enjoy in this great country we know as America.

God bless America and may God bless us all.

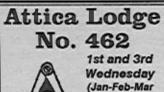


Installation of Officers

On May 15th, we had the Installation of our new Officers for Triluminar Lodge No. 543. This was a Public Installation and was joint with Eagle Valley No. 1161. Congratulations are in order for all the outgoing and incoming officers. I thank the Purple Apron Club for a job well done at the Installation. The strawberries, after the Installation, went over good again this year.

Golf Tournament

The Golf Tournament that we have at Rolling Acres Golf Course is on June 1st at 6:30 a.m. You can make reservations for tee time by calling (585) 567-8557. We hope to see you all there. It will be a fun day.





(Jan-Feb-Mar 3rd Wed Only) W... Paul E. McCullough 762-8539

m Steinbrugh, 591-2073 39 Main St., Attica, 14011

Installation of Officers at Attica Lodge will be held on June 5th this year. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Public Installation by the Genesee/Wyoming District Purple Apron Club at 8:00 p.m. Please call for a dinner reservation and greet your new Lodge officers.

The 4th Annual Attica Lodge Golf Tournament is July 21st at Bethany Hills Golf Course, 11191 Molasses Hill Road, East Bethany. Of course, it's open to everyone - a fun day. Call 585-591-2763 for tee times.

Picnic

The date and place haven't been set as yet for the Annual Attica Lodge Picnic, but the menu will provide the usual great Steaks and fixings. Watch your mail box for your invitation.

Brother Bring-a-Friend

Attica Lodge's first Brother Bring-a-Friend Night was well received and we anticipate some Degree work this Fall. If you have a friend who has expressed an interest, now is the time to submit a petition. Keep in mind that help is needed, so put in your bid if you have a favorite part.

Reminder

If you move, please notify the Secretary. We need your address and phone number to stay in communication with you. Remember to check your dues card, too. While the returns have been excellent this year, there are still a few among the missing. If your card isn't for 2002, you are among the missing. Please let us know if we can be of some assistance. "

Oakland Lodge

No. 379, F. & A.M. 1st and 3rd Tues. (Jan.,Feb.,Mar.: 1st Tues. only)



Master W.. Henry Robinson 322-7545

Sec. W.: Richard L. Smith 493-5408 134 S. Main St., Castile 14427

Spring has finally arrived to Western New York after a mild, but ever-lasting, Winter. This means that there is still a lot of work to be done before we break for Summer.

Road side clean up

The first project we had to complete was our Annual Spring Road Side Clean Up. This was scheduled to take place on May 18th. All members help was welcomed and appreciated.

Election of Officers

The annual Election of Officers took place at our regular communication on May 21st. The Installation of these officers will occur on June 4th at Warsaw Lodge and will be a Joint Installation.

Council of Masonic Activities

Our Lodge has been selected as the meeting place for the June Continued on page 10

8th Annual Triluminar Lodge Golf Tournament

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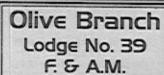
9th Council of Masonic Activities meeting. Just a friendly reminder to all members in the District, this meeting will not be held in the Masonic Temple, but at the American Legion Building, just down the hill from our Temple.

Bingo night

June 25th will be our Bingo night at the Batavia VA Medical Center. Once again, every member's help is welcomed and appreciated.

Bowling results

Our Lodge was once again well represented at the New York State Masonic Bowling Tournament. Despite very difficult lane conditions, our team of Henry Robinson, DJ Beardsley, Fred Hance, and Dave Kazmerzak, were in the top ten teams when they left. DJ and Fred also posted very good scores in the individual events.





Ist & 3rd Wed. W... Nevin Brick Master 768-6473

W... Douglas Poole, Sec. 584-3601 8 West Main St., LcRoy, 14482

By W.: Douglas Poole, Secretary May is a magical month in Masonry. We end the old year and we embark on a new course of action. Olive Branch made many strides last year and we have greater hopes for the new Masonic year.

Installation

The future is quite bright. At our June 5th meeting we will install a complete line of officers. This is quite a feat for us. We are attracting some new blood. Please plan on joining us for this event.

July

We are discussing the possibility of having a Special Meeting of the Lodge during the Oatka Festival in July. Any out-of-town Brother or snowbird who is interested, please let us know. You may either mail a note to the Lodge or e-mail me at dspoole-@wycol.com.





1st & 3rd Mondays Master W.. Dennis Parmerter, 786-3544

W... Kenneth E. Kohlhagen, 591-9598 2473 Rte 20A, Varysburg, 14167

By W... William R. Geitner

Things were quiet at West Star in March. We had our business meetings, but other than that meetings were over in a hurry.

Awards

April, on the other hand was quite different. April 15th was Awards Night and several members received Certificates for their years of Masonry. Brothers Robert Hawkins and Robert Spink received Certificates for 10 years of membership, Brother Richard Spink for 15 years, and W.. Harold Spink for 60 years. The

Certificates were handed out by the Master, W.: Dennis Parmerter, and DDGM R...W... Raymond Barber.

Out of a clear blue sky came a total surprise. I received the Dedicated Service Award and Pin. I was totally shocked and speechless. I will wear my DSA Apron proudly. Thankyou all so much!!! There were more than 20 Brothers present. It is nice to have people on the sidelines for a night like this.

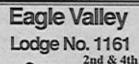
Thank you

Our thanks go to R..W.. Kenneth Kohlhagen and the Lodge Trustees for finding a new Insurance Company that better fits our needs. We increased some of the coverage and still saved a large amount on the premium.

May

Our first meeting in May was cancelled as several members were at Grand Lodge in New York. The Election of Officers took place on May 20th. The results will be published in the September issue of this paper.

As of this writing we have two meetings left before Summer break. The Installation of Officers will be the first part of June. I hope to see you in Lodge. We have a lot to talk about.





Thurs. Master W.. Edwin C. Law 322-7221

Sec. R.·.W.·. Sheldon Moden 322-7343 Liberty St. Bliss, 14024

Thank you, my Brothers!

Thank you for the privilege of representing our Lodge at Grand Lodge, May 6th and 7th. Most recent reports of Grand Lodge's various activities and committees are available for inspection at your Lodge hall.

When you visit New York City your itinerary definitely should include our Grand Lodge headquarters, 71 W. 23rd Street. We are all New Yorkers and New York State Masons. We have every reason to be proud of our Grand Lodge and the magnificent edifice that we have helped to restore and maintain.

Thanks to all who made our Annual Bar-B-Que such a fine event, and let us pause very briefly to honor the many tasty chickens that gave their all for that truly fine feast! Delicious!

Many thanks to all who attended the April 25th Communication at which R..W.. Sheldon Moden was recognized for his many years of dedicated service to Masonic War Veterans and the Batavia Veterans Hospital and Nursing Home. It was a pleasure to see so many in attendance.

It has been my privilege, honor and pleasure to serve as Master of our Lodge during 2001-02. Hook forward to the coming year and meeting the challenges that inevitably lie ahead. Thank you.

God bless us, Eagle Valley Lodge, and the United States of

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Assistant Grand Lecturer Livingston District

V.·.W.·. Mark G. Dibelka (585) 230-0355

OK, here we go winding down the Masonic year, and a rather interesting year it was. From my point of view, I have only a few things left to do before I am done for the Summer. They are the final School of Ritual for the year, and the Investiture Service for new Masters.

School of Ritual

The School of Ritual will be old business all the way around, and hopefully, those few people who did attend any of the Schools will have found them to be enjoyable and for the most part, away from the ordinary. I have striven for topics out of the ordinary, but so far that has not seemed to draw the interest of the Brothers. I will continue thinking of ways to make the Schools better and perhaps one day we will be able to do. better than have less than 20% of the District Lodges represented, and an attendance of greater than 12 or so Brothers.

Remember, I revamped the attendance points and it looks like Nunda Station heartily beat out all the other Lodges in the District. Next month I will print the final point tallies for all Lodges.

Investiture Service

I am excited to be presenting my first Investiture Service as your AGL! I have had the position for two years now, and there was no need for me to do it last year. This year, I have at least two new Masters needing the Secrets of the Chair! The time, date and location will be announced (it may or may not fall at an association meeting, so keep your ears open). If you know your Lodge needs its new Master invested, please contact me and it will happen.

On a final note, there have been complaints the Brothers have been unable to get a hold of me, and I offer simply this - my phone number (with voicemail) is 585-230-0355; I live at 26 MaltbySt., Rochester, 14606, and my e-mail is mdibelka@rochester.rr.com. I understand that I may not be the speediest person at returning phone calls (I generally get back to people on Sundays), but if you leave the information, it will be acted upon.

Now, let's see if we can all pull together and wind Livingston District down and send it into a Summer we will all remember! "

Eunice Lodge



No. 830 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Master W .. Melvin R. Hussey 585-768-7336

mhussey486@aol.com Sec. R.·.W.·. Francis E. Oberer 9501 Asbury Rd.,LeRoy NY 14482 585-768-6698 183

Welcome, my Brothers and friends, for the last time this Masonic season.

As mentioned in the previous message, I did represent Eunice Lodge in the voting at Grand Lodge for the new officers and propositions. Just a moment to say that the proposed reduction in age for membership to age 18 was defeated after vigorous debate. The other proposition to add e-mail as a method for distributing summonses was passed.

I took in some sights of NYC, but am glad to be back.

Still under old business, our annual fundraiser on April 28th came out awash because of the very wet and dreary day that particular Sunday. It turned out not to be a fundraiser this year.

Election and Installation of Officers will take place at the June 6th communication. I hope to see you there. I am excited with new Brothers moving up in the

This Spring a new roof is slated to be put on. Currently there is internal leakage around the 3rd floor foyer and over the Treasurer's station.

Though the Lodgewill be dark for the Summer, much is being done in preparation for the 2002-2003 season. I thank you for your perseverance and hope to see you in September.

Livonia Lodge No. 778



1st & 3rd Wed. Master W... Benjamin Thorp 346-6542

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

My name is Charles D. (Chuck) Sawyer, and I am the incoming Master of Livonia Lodge No. 778. I have a lot of ideas for the coming year and look forward to everyone's support.

Thanks

I thank W. . Benjamin Thorp for his leadership during two difficult, but rewarding years, including the reconstruction and restoration of our building.

Election

The Election of Officers was held on May 15th. There was a short business meeting, then Lodge was opened for family members, for presentation of the Distinguished Service Award.

Installation

Installation will be Wednesday, June 5th at 7:30 p.m. This will be open to all family members. Congratulations, in advance, to all my Officers!

Summer

During the months of July and August we will have an Open House so that families and people from the community can see the finished restoration of the Lodge. We are very proud of what we, as a Lodge, have accomplished. We are very grateful to the people who worked so hard to restore all that was lost in the fire.

I hope everyone has a great Summer. See you at the first meeting on the 1st Wednesday in September.

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Rochester Forest No. 133 Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America 4th Wed.- 7:30 p.m. Penfield, New York 14526 Don Brugger, GTC (h) 458-6125, (w) 473-4351 Donald C. Bell, Scribe

Pot Luck great success

As promised I convey good news of our successful Pot Luck Dinner in April. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we were able to donate \$47 to the Supreme Forest Muscular Dystrophy Fund. Those of you who were not there missed a great time. We will be doing this again and perhaps we can extend the evening with a little card playing or other entertainment; we will be working on that for the Fall.

It's that time

Summer will soon be here and our Tall Cedars Annual Sausage Roast will be on June 26th. Again this year we will be gathering at Camp Smile in Webster (end of Shangrila Lane off of Pellet Road). If you need further directions call Paul or me. Hopefully we dealt with the details satisfactorily at the May 22nd meeting. We also need the usual dishes to pass from the ladies to fill in around the sausage. They have always come through for us in the past with delicious accompaniments and desserts. Bring your own place settings.

Calling Committee and e-mail contacts will be made. If you do not hear from us by June 21st and intend to come, please call me with your reservation so that Angelo can get sufficient sausage for all (sweet, hot or turkey Italian Sausage and how many of

Not to rush the season, but our Fall Steak Roast will also be held at Camp Smile on September 25th.

Northern invasion fizzles

The possible influx of Canadian Brothers to our ranks was grossly overestimated. Our Scribe, Don Bell, has received only four or five replies from the 23 dues notices sent; only one

At our last meeting we received Brother Doug Draker, of Burlington, Ontario, Canada, into the Forest. I guess he and one other are all we can expect. The problem of carrying the others on our books, however, is still being resolved.

I talked directly with the Supreme Tall Cedar, Earl Myers, r., in May about the problem. He is aware of our problem and promised to take this up at Supreme Forest after the Annual Convention. I followed up our conversation with a letter to our DDSTC, Kells, with a copy to Supreme Forest; no response as of this writing.

Other news

Vern Bishop is taking it easy and undergoing further tests after a short hospital stay.

Lew and Helen Weeks celebrated their 67th Wedding Anniversary in May.

Garage Sale

The Cedarettes Garage Sale will be held at Ramona Dimino's abode, 36 Brookview Dr., 14617, on Saturday, June 15th from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Start sorting out and make your donations to the girls.

Guess that is all for now. See you at Camp Smile. Have a great Summer.

Dr. Antzelevitch

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diac arrhythmia professionals and patients, and the primary information resource on heart rhythm disorders. The Society's Annual Meeting brings together over 6,000 cardiologists and other physicians from throughout the world.

Dr. Antzelevitch's consistent and cutting edge contributions to the body of scientific knowledge concerning heart disease, particularly in the field of cardiac electrophysiology and arrhythmias, along with his deep and passionate involvement in training promising young scientists and physicians, were cited as he received the Society's highest

Dr. Michael E. Cain, Scientific Program Chair said, "The remarkable achievements in cardiac electrophysiology and pacing during the past quarter century have been mirrored by NASPE's evolution as the premier international organization representing these interests. We honor Dr. Antzelevitch for his substantial contributions to science, which have resulted in an improved understanding of the mechanisms responsible for heart rhythm disorders that occur in many types of heart disease. He is truly deserving of this Award and recognition."

Dr. Pedro Brugada of Aalst, Belgium, one of the leading figures in the Cardiology field worldwide, nominated Dr. Antzelevitch for the Award indicating that Antzelevitch "is the most prominent example of a scientist who has served as a bridge between basic and clinical research". In presenting Antzelevitch the Award, Dr. Jose Jalife, Professor and Chairman of the Pharmacology Department at the SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, noted that he and his colleagues in Syracuse and around the world are extremely proud of Antzelevitch and his accomplishments.

Dr. Antzelevitch's career has been highlighted by a number of awards and honors. He has served as President of the International Cardiac Electrophysiology Society from 1996-98 and currently administrates the Society as its Secretary/Treasurer. He has also served in key positions with the American Heart Association, NASPE and the American College of Cardiology.

His contributions to scientific literature include authoring or co-authoring over 180 original papers and book chapters, over 190 abstracts, and two books. He is internationally recognized for his work involving the electrical

function of the heart in health and disease and factors that contribute to the development of abnormal rhythms of the heart, including sudden cardiac death. Dr. Antzelevitch is a much sought after speaker at national and international symposia and at Cardiology Grand Rounds at medical centers throughout the world. He also serves as consultant to an ever-increasing number of pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies.

He is a member of the editorial boards of several prestigious journals, including Circulation, Journal of the American College of Cardiology, Journal of Cardiovascular Research and Journal of Electrocardiology. He gives generously of his time to serve as reviewer for a long list of professional scientific medical journals in the cardiovascular field. Antzelevitch holds an academic appointment as Professor of Pharmacology at SUNY Upstate Medical University at Syracuse and an endowed chair in Experimental Cardiology (Gordon K. MoeScholar) at MMRL. Hetook over as Executive Director and Director of Research of the MMRL in 1984, succeeding Dr. Gordon K. Moe, who served as Director of the institute from 1959 to 1984.

"I accept this Award on behalf and in honor of all the fellows,

colleagues and mentors with whom I have been privileged to work and train," Antzelevitch said in receiving the Award. He added that "the lion's share of this distinction belongs to each of them and to my wife and children for their unconditional love and support despite my relentless work and travel schedule. I am grateful beyond words to the Board and Staff of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory and to all of the Masons of New York State and Florida for the unflagging support they have provided me and my team over the past 25 years. Our achievements would not have been possible without the many grant awards that we have received from the National Institutes of Health, American Heart Association and many foundations and organizations, including the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties. They all share prominently in our achievements on

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory is a premier basic medical research institute and has served as one of the foremost international authorities on the mechanisms by which abnormal rhythms of the heart arise and contribute to sudden death. The MMRL is dedicated to improving the health and quality of life for all humankind. The Laboratory's primary mission is to conduct high quality basic biomedical research aimed at generating knowledge and information necessary for development of the medical cures and treatments of tomorrow. The Laboratory is also committed to providing education and training to basic scientists and clinical researchers who would perpetuate and extend the fight against disease. Dr. Antzelevitch has established a diver-

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sity of programs at the MMRL to tackle these medical issues, including research teams dedicated to Basic Electrophysiology, Molecular Biology and most recently, Molecular Genetics.

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opment Course in Monroe and Wayne Districts. Brother Zabel has been a member of the Grand Lodge Leadership Services Committee and is on the Grand Lodge Leadership and Educational Services Committee. R.: W.: Zabel has served as the A. G. L. for the Monroe District since 1996.

He is an active member of the Valley of Rochester, participating in many Degrees and now serves as the 2nd Lt. Com. He is a member of Hiram Chapter, RAM, Damascus Shrine, and various other Masonic Research Organizations.

Brother Zabel is a member of Mountain Rise United Church of Christ in Fairport, and has served in various leadership capacities. He married his wife, Sheryl, in 1968 and they have a daughter, Kate.

He attended Case Western Reserve University, obtaining a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. He is employed by Eastman Kodak as a Software Test Engineer.

Even with all his activities outside the home, Brother Zabel still finds time for several hobbies, they include numismatic collaboration (coins) and wood-

We wish Brother John success in this Masonic effort!

R...W.. D. VanHouten Continued from page 3

the American Welding Society where in 1991-92 I served as Section Chairman. It was a great honor receiving the Distinguished Member Award for my work and leadership in 1992.

I have been happily married to Judy for 26 years. We enjoy the company of our three cats!

When I'm not attending meetings or working, I enjoy travel, especially cruising, the internet and reading.

I hope to visit as many of my Brethren as possible and will be there for you when needed.

Retraction Letter

In the March, 2001 issue of "Focus", a letter from the Judicial Vicar of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles was reprinted. The letter concerned Masonic membership by a practicing Catholic.

Unfortunately, the response, which was a qualified affirmative reply, has been retracted. The letter of retraction is reprinted below.

The Masonic Information Centerwebsite (msana.com) also carries the retraction.

"On 15 September 2000 I wrote you a letter in which I gave my opinion in answer to the question you had asked, "whether a practicing Catholic may join a Masonic Lodge." As you know, I gave a qualified affirmative reply ("at least for Catholics in the United States, I believe the answer is probably yes.") My qualification was based on two points, uncertainty about the beliefs and teachings of Freemasonry, especially as this may vary locally, and uncertainty about the interpretation and application of the statement issued by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on 26 November 1983. I concluded that the historical development of the Church's law was away from a blanket prohibition to a caseby-case assessment of what constitutes an association forbidden to Catholics.

As a result of my letter having been posted on several Masonic websites and of various inquiries this generated, it has come to my attention that my analysis was faulty, and accordingly I need to retract my opinion. I realize this will create much consternation, and I apologize for that. Please let me explain.

In early 1985 the Congregation mentioned above published an explanation of its position as given in the November 1983 statement. The explanation can be found in the English edition of the Vatican's official newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano (11 March 1985, page 2) under the title, "Irreconcilability between Christian faith and Freemasonry.

Reflections a year after declaration of Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith.

The key point in the argument is that the system of symbols common to Freemasons around the world (centering on the Architect of the Universe and given added weight by the rule of secrecy) tends to foster a "super confessional humanitarian" way of conceiving the divine that neutralizes or replaces the faith dimension of our relationship with God. Even though given Lodges may abstain from endorsing any particular position, including one that considers religious faith to be a matter of indifference (i.e., nothing more than a matter of personal preference), the contemporary world's social atmosphere of moral and religious relativism creates a climate in which a merely humanitarian symbol system works to undermine the religious faith by which we receive God's revelation.

It was for this reason that the Congregation declared that local church authorities are not competent to give a judgment on the nature of Masonic associations, and has reserved to itself the right to make any such pronouncements. Because of the serious danger posed to individual Catholics by the subtle but real influence of symbols described above, the Congregation declared that it would be objectively a grave sin for a Catholic to join a Masonic Lodge. The prohibition from receiving Holy Communion is meant to highlight the gravity of the situation.

Let me add that the Congregation's explanation explicitly acknowledges "the efforts made by those who, with the due authorization of this Congregation, have sought to establish a dialogue with representatives of Freemasonry." I hope that this dialogue continues and that it will serve to clarify the philosophical, theological, and anthropological principles by which we understand our roles in human society.

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Special thanks

Thank you very kindly for your confidence and support; it is a special feeling to have met and worked with so many of you in the Fraternity during the last 35 years. From participation and involvement as an active member of the Order of DeMolay in the mid 1960s, Distinguished Brother George A. Stear, 32°MSA, Brother Robert B. VanDen-Bergh, Ill.: Roy S. Demenint, 33° (a Past Commander-in-Chief), "Dad" Robert L. Anderson, 32°, and "Dad" James H. Gisleson, were instrumental in urging "further Masonic education" by joining the Scottish Rite and becoming a 32° Mason. A special "thank you" to each is most appropriate.

In more recent years, our Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past Secretaries have been very helpful in offering advice and counsel as we have begun to focus on managing for a changing environment. We reach out and thank them as well for their continued care and concern about our future. Your continued support for our Valley in the future will be greatly appreciated.

Changes

We reach out and salute Jean Brugger, Suzanne Hofmann and Distinguished Brother Vernon L. Goodrich, 32°, MSA, who have retired from our Office Staff. Thank you very kindly for your many years of service and dedication. Appropriate thanks is also due to III... Brother Charles O. Hancock, 33°, the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief for his dedication, leadership, stewardship, outreach, love and care. Thank you very kindly for many of the lessons that you have taught us. He will continue to share his management skills as our new Secretary.

As you are aware, we are in the middle of planning for change. Matters relative to the relocation of the Learning Center and Office, the stewardship of our costumes and properties and a place of meeting have consumed great amounts of time and energy. Your continued patience and support are very important as your leadership team examines options and provides direction for doing the right thing, the right way.

An important focus in the management of our organization is the development of leadership: commitment to our work, knowledge about our organization and working toward a common goal. These are the basics that have helped to develop your team of leaders for the future. As we continue to challenge the process, model the way, empower our teams to complete their work and finally celebrate together; it's important to realize that we are all working toward common goals.

Therewill be continued efforts by your officers to "Reach Out and Say Hello" in our efforts to increase the critical mass of Brothers necessary to carry out our work. When you are contacted, please be willing to assist.

The efforts of our Marketing Team will continue as we begin to develop potential applicants for our Fall 2002 Class. The NYCOD Pamphlet, "The Ten Most Frequently Asked Questions about the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry with Answers" and a Scottish Rite petition should be with you always.

Take the time to ask a Brother in your Lodge to become part of the Scottish Rite; it will make you feel good. You will most likely not find that Brother at a Symbolic Lodge meeting; an off line one on one conversation is the most effective way to create interest. A point of fact, four out of five of your Lodge Brothers represent potential prospects for the Scottish Rite. We encourage you to ask and assist in our efforts to continue new member development.

Special recognition for all members of both the York and Scottish Rite Bodies who recruit a new Brother for their Blue Lodge is available with the revised "ReMember the Blue Lodge Program". After you bring in a new candidate and he is created a Master Mason, ask your Lodge Secretary for a form that will make you eligible to receive this special recognition award.

Several Family Life Programs are being scheduled for the Summer and Fall. These are more ways of bringing value to your membership in the Valley of Rochester.

Special thanks is due to Brother Norman Austin, 32°, who has recently completed the signing of the By-Laws for a new Scottish Rite Club in the Genesee County area. This outreach by the Valley of Rochester has also attracted Sublime Princes from the Valley of Buffalo. This neworganization will be a valuable tool as we organize to assist area Craft Lodges in their efforts to "Reach Out and Say Hello" for new members as well as being provided an opportunity to work more closely with our Scottish Rite members to add more value to their membership in our organization.

What can you do to help?

There are three things that you can do that will result in a high impact for our Valley.

Reach Out and Say Hello and ask a Lodge Brother to join

the Scottish Rite.

2. Attend and participate in

your Valley's activities.

3. If called to assist, be willing

to say "yes".

"And crown thy good with Brotherhood from sea to shining sea."

News from the 1st Lt. Commander

By Robert D. Pedersen Thank you's

While the intent of the Masonic Times is to publish upcoming events, and not what happened prior, we need to do the "Rite" thing and express our sincerest "Thank You" to those who supported our Craft throughout the past year.

While our beliefs are centuries old and rituals cast in stone, those that led us in the last two years deserve credit for leading us into the future. R.·W.· Bill Lindsay, R.·W.· Jim De Lorenzo, and R.·W.· Cliff Short, it will be difficult to follow in your footsteps, but you have opened the door to our future, and we will continue to promote our Fraternity.

To R..W.. John Zabel and R..W.. Derek VanHouten, we will continue to work with you and the Craft Lodge(s) to promote the beliefs of our Grand Lodge. To Charles Hancock, 33°, Past Commander-in-Chief, we the officers cannot thank you enough for the guidance and inspiration that you have instilled. It was a pleasure to serve you.

To the office staff, you made our lives easier with your enthusiasm and care. To each and every one of you who took part in any program or Reunion, either as a cast member, director, stage crew, audio, make-up, wardrobe, or just being there to help, it was well done. Without you, it couldn't be done.

"Spes mea in Deo est" "My hope is in God"

This is the motto of the 32°, Scottish Rite Mason. Our hope is in you, the membership! As we take on new roles, we cannot forget the principles of Freemasonry. In order for any organization, team, orbusiness to grow and prosper, one must plan and adapt for change. If we don't adapt, we cannot succeed. One cannot expect for any organization, in today's fast paced world, to survive and prosper, unless plans are executed; unless solutions are sought, and dealt with accordingly.

We cannot rest on our laurels. Each of us must strive to be the best we can be, to do the best we can within the length of our cabletow. Have we put in, what we have taken? Or,..."you only get out what you put in". We must

answer only to ourselves. One person cannot do it all. It will take everyone's help. If you sit back, and don't help - don't complain. If you have the desire to take part, ask to help. There is no job too great or too small. Spare some of your time. Each of us became a Master Mason for various reasons, but we unite in our common beliefs. I ask you to carry those beliefs and offer your time, in any amount you can.

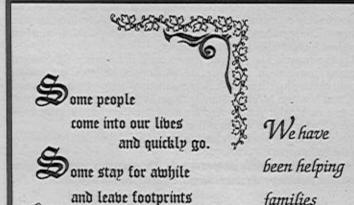
Freemasonry has given to each of us a vision and purpose: making good men better. We know this because we have a proven model which has withstood the test of time. It is the responsibility of each of us, in whatever office or role, we have been assigned or given. Our Fraternity is based upon common elements which we all share, understand and appreciate.

It makes no difference whether you hold an elected or appointed office. Whether it be the Potentate or Noble, Commander-in-Chief or Sublime Prince, High Priest or Companion, Worshipful Master or Entered Apprentice. Offer your help; it is always needed. If you haven't asked to help - shame on you. Maybe you asked, but were ignored - shame on us all. Offer again. Show your support.

Always RE-member the Blue Lodge. It is the foundation of Freemasonry. As it weakens, so do we. As it is strengthened, we make stronger our Fraternal ties.

Please Note!

The Valley of Rochester Charity Golf Classic originally scheduled for July 29th has been "cancelled."



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For further information and to make reservations call the Scottish Rite Office at: 585-271-0715

Valley of Rochester A.A.S.R., Ill.: Fred Nielsen, 33° Class



From the Recorder's

Desk

It's hard to believe that Sum-

mer is almost upon us and that

this is the last issue of the Ma-

sonic Times until September. I can

honestly say that it has been a lot

of fun and most gratifying being

about updating our Temple By-

Laws to meet the Imperial re-

quirements voted on in July,

2000. One of the changes was the

creation of a Board of Directors.

I also indicated that the time of

our meetings needed to be

changed to 7:00 p.m. or at the

discretion of the Potentate with

due and timely notice. It was sug-

gested that the Election of Offic-

ers be changed to the December

meeting instead of at the Annual

Meeting in January. However,

Rae A Clark, P.P., has been re-

viewing our entire By-Laws, and

found other items that need to be

changed or deleted. Because this

is a very tedious and time con-

suming endeavor, we are unable

to print the changes in this issue.

Therefore, we will not be able to

vote on the changes at the June

meeting. However, there is no

reason why the new By-Laws

could not be voted on at the Sep-

tember meeting. Copies of the

changes will be available at the

September meeting for everyone

to read before they vote.

At our May meeting, I talked

By Erwin Newell, P.P.

your Recorder.

Club news

Scottish Rite News

The Genesee/Wyoming Scottish Rite Club is on its way to becoming a reality. On Thursday, April 25th, a meeting was held in Attica, at which time the By-Laws and Charter were signed and officers elected. This will be the first Club of its kind in the area, and as such, will hopefully, generate the formulation of other such clubs in and around the Valley of Rochester. Such a club will be of benefit to those who live in areas which are not in close proximity to Scottish Rite centers. In addition, such clubs provide for the opportunity to have various Degrees presented and for participation of a larger scope of mem-bership. The development of this new club has been a long time in the planning stage, and is the result of our strategy for growth and outreach efforts to expand our market areas. We are on an exciting new threshold, and the future holds more in store for the development of such clubs.

Banquet

The Reunion Banquet on Saturday, May 11th, at the Beahan Road Party House, paid tribute to members of the Fall and Spring Classes of the Ill.. Fred Neilsen 33rd° Class. As has been the practice in the past, this Banquet brought together not only the new candidates, but all those who shared the experience of the Reunion and contributed to that experience: sponsors, officers, directors, cast members, stage crew, make-up crew, and wardrobe. Recognitions were made, a number of Awards were presented, and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

Best wishes

The evening of May 16th was the date of Election and Installation of new presiding and Line Officers for the Lodge of Perfection, Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Chapter of Rose Croix, and Consistory. Careful consideration was given by the Nominating Committee, under the direction of its Chairman, Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr., 32° MSA, in its selection of potential officers. As a result of this dedication to task and evaluative research, the Valley can look forward with confidence to a year of effective, ardent, and enthusiastic leadership.

Congratulations and best wishes are accorded to these newly elected and appointed officers as they assume the covenant of duties that lies before them.

Summer happenings

Looking to the future, St. John's Day will be taking place in Utica on June 21st and 22nd. This is always a fun-filled, festive, and enjoyable event, with something of interest to everyone. Be sure to come out and be a part of this most enjoyable weekend event.

The Council of Deliberation will take place on the Masonic Campus in Utica on July 19th, 20th, and 21st. Hopefully, many will be in attendance at the Banquet and tiled meeting.

Also in July will be the Annual Family Picnic at the Shrine Center. This is always an entertaining day at which everyone, of all ages, has an enjoyable time.

In August the Annual Stag Outing and Clam Bake will be held, again, at the Shrine Center. Come out and enjoy a day of fun, great food, and entertainment. Soon will come the realization that Fall is once again upon us and it will be time to return to our Damascus Temple No. 2

FAX (585) 671-7702 hrine News 979 Bay Road Webster, NY 14580-1736



All welcome

Don't forget June 5th will be our Open Ceremonial. A Chicken Bar-B-Que Dinner will be served. This will also be a Crazy Sport Shirt Night, and of course, the ladies will join us for dinner and the Open Ceremonial. The festivities will start with an official meeting for the men at 4:00 p.m. The ladies are invited for cocktails at 4:00 p.m. and we will join them immediately after our brief meeting. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Open Ceremonial at 7:00 p.m.

For reservations only

Change is a word that is not in the Masonic vocabulary. However, sometimes we need to look at making things more efficient by making a change. It is for this reason that we are installing a new telephone number for the use of the Nobility. This new number will be for reservations only, and will relieve the phone traffic in our Shrine Office. This will allow you to make your reservations 24 hours a day. Nobles, I ask you to please use the new number, which is 585-671-3565. You will be greeted by an electronic secretary that will ask for your name and what event the reservation is for.

Thanks, Bill

At our May meeting, Noble William Danley informed us that as of June 15th he will no longer be able to carry on the duties as our Hospital Transportation Chairman. Noble Bill has served Damascus and our children in this endeavor for over 15 years. From the Recorder's Office, a Tip of the Fez for a job well done.

Tel. (585) 671-7701

Noble Peter Bowers has stepped up to the plate and Potentate Harry Dainty has appointed him as the new Transportation Chairman. Nobles, he is going to need a lot of support from the drivers. By the way, if anyone is interested in becoming a driver, please call the Shrine Office and Pete will be in touch

While we are talking about our Hospitals and the transportation of patients, I would like to remind you that we are always in need of donations to our Transportation Fund, so that we can continue sending children to our

I hope that everyone will have a safe and fun-filled Summer. See you in September. Office hours during July and August will be Monday through Thursday only. Call if you plan on visiting the office, as the hours may vary.

Zama Temple Daughters of the Nile

By Jean Friedrich, P.Q.

With the arrival of an early Spring, our forsythia, tulips and daffodils have burst into bloom giving us a world of fresh color to

revive our Winter weary spirits. With this renewal, we welcomed our new Queen, Kitty Noble, and her officers at their first Session on Saturday, April 13th. It was a pleasure to greet so many new faces along with our more experienced officers.

Card Party

We had a good turnout for our Annual Card Party on Saturday, May 4th at the Shrine Center. Our thanks to those who donated those luscious desserts - we want recipes! Our thanks to Pr. Joan Bright and her committee for a delightful afternoon. As you may know, the entire net proceeds of this event go to the Shriners Hospitals Convalescent Relief Fund. It is not too late to send in your donation to Pr. Recorder Ellie Canfield. Be as generous as you can in your support.

Luncheon

Our first Spring event will be the festive Queen's Luncheon to be held at Rick's Prime Rib Restaurant in Pittsford on Saturday, June 1st. This is our opportunity to honor Queen Kitty before she sets off for Supreme Session to be held in Winnipeg, Canada, on June 9th - 13th. We wish her and those accompanying her bon voyage and Godspeed.

Summer plans

Summer is almost here and we look ahead to our trip to Toronto to see the comedy, "Oh, Canada" on July 20th; our 10th Annual Golf Outing at Shore Acres Golf Club is July 30th; and the Mendon Carriage Show is in August. These are in the planning stages and details will be available soon.

We hope you can relax and enjoy this wonderful weather. Summertime is too short!



This Summer is going to be a very busy one for the War Veterans. Please put these dates on your calendar, starting with June 6th, when the Color Guard will be presenting the Colors at the Open Installation of W.: Dean Smith at Northfield Lodge, 17 Church Street, Pittsford. The Color Guard members will be called and given the time.

Summer dates

Our June 27th meeting will be our Crazy Sport Shirt and Strawberry and Ice Cream Social Night. It will start at 6:30 p.m. with a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. Ladies are invited and prizes will be given for the craziest sport shirt. Reservations are needed and you may call me at 265-3932.

An important date to remember is July 20th for our Rededication of the James A. Hard headstone. This will start at 11:00 a.m. at the Shrine Center on Bay Road. A picnic lunch is free for those who bring a dish to pass (for 12 or more), \$5.00 a couple for those not bringing a dish. Beverages will be provided.

At 2:00 p.m. we will leave the Shrine Center and go to Mt. Hope Cemetery for the Dedication and a police escort will be can call Don or me.

given to the expressway. There will be guests from all over the

Those invited are: the Family of James A. Hard, Niagara Frontier Post No. 10 - Buffalo, Genesee/Wyoming Post No. 32 -MWV, Damascus Legion of Honor, Ismalia Legion of Honor -Buffalo, Lalla Rookh LOH, Monroe County American Legion Commander and Staff, Monroe County VFW Commander and Staff, Grand Master of Masons-State of New York, M. . W .. Carl J. Fitji, Civil War Re-enactors (with cannon), Bagpipes and Color Guards.

Those who would like to join us at the Cemetery are most welcome. The Ceremonies will start at 3:00 p.m. Parking near the grave will be difficult, so plan accordingly. Any leaders of individual groups not mentioned who would like to present a dedication flower, please call Don Mc-Dill so that he can have a sufficient number available.

Don McDill has put in a lot of time and hard work into making this a success. He will be needing a lot of help (coordination and trafic control). If you would like to help in any way, give him a call at 288-5718 or at his Summer cottage at 243-0882, or call me at

Summer picnic

August 14th is the Post Picnic at Don McDill's cottage, 5420 Wadsworth Cove, West Lake Rd, Conesus. There will be a Steak Dinner for \$6.00 per person. Drinks will be provided. We will need a dish to pass and munchies. Reservations are needed and you

September 26th is a regular meeting starting with a Ham Dinner at 6:30 p.m. I hope to see you at all the activities and have a good Summer. Please take the time to stop and smell the roses."

Names of the Moons

From Native American lore we find that the traditional names given each full moon as follows: January, Wolf; February, Snow; March, Worm (or full sap); April, Pink; May, Flower; June, Strawberry; July, Buck (or thunder); August, Sturgeon (or green corn); September, Barley (or harvest); October, Hunter's (harvest again); November, Beaver; and December, Cold.



The Ides

The early Roman Calendar organized the months around three days, each of which served as a reference for counting the other days: calends (first day of the month); nones (seventh day in March, May, July and October; the fifth day of other months); and ides (the fifteenth day in March, May, July and October; the thirteenth day of other

The remaining unnamed days of the month were identified by counting backwards from the calends, nones and ides. For example, March 3 would be Vnones - five days before the nones. The Roman method of counting days was inclusive, in other words, the nones would be counted as one of the five days.

The ides of March, on which Caesar was assassinated, was



27th, 29th & 25th Districts - RAM 8th Cryptic District - R&SM Zone 11 & 12 - Knights Templar

York Rite NEWS

York Rite College Judas Maccabeus



Having completed the required Official Visits of the 29th District, I report that most Chapters are meeting requirements. However, I am writing for the required trestleboard from the High Priests of some Chapters. Please help your High Priest formulate a trestleboard and get it to me no later than June 12th. I have a meeting with the Grand Line in Utica on St. John's Day and need to have them available. This is a requirement of my duties this year. At this time I thank each Chapter for their friendly reception and recognition at my Visits.

Summer events

As we are now about to enter into the Summer recess, I wish everyone of my Companions a safe and pleasurable Summer.

The Western New York Past High Priest's Scholarship Dinner is June 15th at the Elma Inn, Rte. 354 (Clinton Street and Bowen Road), in Elma. There is a \$25.00 donation. Please attend and support the Royal Arch Scholarships.

The 29th Capitular Steak Roast Picnic on August 21st, is at Kiwanis Park in Batavia, on Rte. 5. Come join us and some of the Grand Line for a good time. Reservations are due by August 12th.

The Mark Master Degree and Past Master Degree at Lake Osco in Montour Falls, is August 24th. Chapters may use these Degrees for your Chapter Degrees required by M..E.. Edmund Harrison, Grand High Priest. Our District has one Chapter making plans to attend with candidates, maybe others would want to consider this.

Scholarships

This year Grand Chapter has granted a total of 49 Scholarships. Grants of \$550, \$750 and \$1000 were given to recipients of Masonic fathers and grandfathers. This District did well with ten grants of the total numbers.

District Deputy

Grand High Priest

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

27th

District

RAM

in Elma. Check with your High Priest. Also, remember St. John's Day in Utica on June 22nd.

The Grand Line will be conferring the MMM Degree at Lake Osco on August 24th. The PM Degree will follow this. I remind the Chapters that if you put a candidate through, you will only have two Degrees to put on in the Fall. Let's see if we can have multiple candidates for this. Please try to attend. Your High Priest should have the information.

We will be having a District Picnic and meeting on Sunday, August 4th at R..E.. Bill Kuchne's place in Naples. I will send all information to your Chapter Secretaries soon.

I hope you all have a pleasant and happy Summer.

Sickness

Our AGL, V..E.. Mike Adamus, is home recovering from knee surgery. He is doing nicely and is looking forward to getting back to his duties soon. "

LeRoy Chapter No. 183 RAM



HP E .. Donald R. Read 494-1565 Sec. E. Norman P. Austin 494-2223

8 West Main St., LeRoy By E.: Norman Austin, Secretary With the Masonicyear nearly at a close, this will be the last article for LeRoy Chapter until Fall. The Official Visit of DDGHP, Dick

Anderson, and the AGL, Len Mason, went well, and we had three Companions from other Chapters in attendance.

The AGL expressed his desire to form a "drill team," of sorts, to practice at a work session or two, in an attempt to perfect Ritual and floor work, thus ensuring uniformity across the District. The end result of such an effort would be increased confidence among Companions when opening and closing the Chapter. Sets consisting of four sheets of diagrams indicating correct positions and floor work directions were distributed to each officer.

The DDGHP delivered the Grand High Priest's Message, expressing his desire that each Chapter confer each of the Degrees in its own Chapter room. If necessary, help is to be elicited from other Chapters.

At the conclusion of the evening's business, six Companions were called to the East, where they were presented Certificates of Recognition for their efforts in presenting the Fervency and Zeal Program since the beginning of the year.

Don't forget, Companions, on Saturday, June 15th, the 27th Annual Royal Arch Scholarship Banquet will take place at the Elma Inn, Elma, NY. Cash bar at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Music will be provided by our own Karl-Heinz Reich, Wizard of the Keyboard. Cost is \$25.00 per person; proceeds to go to the Scholarship Fund.

On Tuesday, June 18th, the combined RAM Picnic of 3 X 3 and LeRoy Chapters will take place at Hickory Park in Bergen. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m., more details will follow.

On Wednesday, August 21st, the District RAM Picnic will take place at Kiwanis Park on Route 5 (West Main Street) in Batavia, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The menu will consist of: steak, salt potatoes, fresh corn on the cob, beverages and dessert. The cost is \$10.00 per member. RSVP to 493-2203, or 492-1813. Hope to see you there.

In closing, I wish each of you a healthy, happy and enjoyable Summer. See you in September.

I extend a heartfelt thanks to the staff of the Masonic Times for all their work in helping promote all of our newsworthy events over the past Masonic year. You folks are phenomenal!

WNYP High Priests Assoc. Annual Scholarship Dinner

June 15th, Elma Inn 6650 Clinton Street (Rt.354)

Soc. 5:30 p.m-Din. 6:30 p.m. Donation \$25 Res.

Don Markham-937-6252 Steve Licht-343-1517 Dave Barwell-632-4396 Ken Kohlhagen-591-9598

Excelsior Chapter No. 164 2nd Mon.

High Priest

E .. L. Ronald

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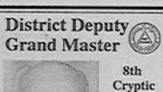
289-3205 R. . E .. Cullen O. Henry

Shortsville, NY

The Grand Lecturer's Convention is over and I hope all went well. Now we can begin to analyze the good and bad of our Round Robin in the 25th Capitular District. This will be the main topic of business at our next Round Robin Conclave to be held in Port Byron, King David Chapter, on June 4th. Let's have a great turnout from Excelsior; it is a nice ride up there and we can talk about where we feel the District should go from here.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you a mechanic.

Let's all pray that we stay well. Summer is just around the corner and we want everyone to enjoy it.





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

Fraternal greetings

Sorry I missed last month's article, but now sitting looking out my window, I begin to wonder if Spring, or even Summer, will get here. We have been having snow, rain, and yes, even little shots of Summer.

Caucus

A caucus was held in April to select a new District Deputy Grand Master, those names selected were turned over to R..I.. Rex Long for his selection. He will make the announcement of the new District Deputy for the 8th Cryptic District at Grand Council in August.

Grand Council

This year Grand Council will be held in Rochester on August 16th and 17th. I am looking forward to a large turnout of members from our District. Let's all make an effort to attend and support the members of this District who hold a Grand Line Office. They are: M...I.. Grand Master E. William Whitaker and R. . I .. Stephen A. Licht, Grand Captain of the Guard. Let's not forget our newly appointed Grand Lecturer, R.·.I.. David Barwell. I am looking forward to seeing you at Grand Council.

Charities

Let us not forget our charities. I know that it is very difficult to ask Council members to give when they were already asked by all other Masonic Bodies to which they belong to contribute to their charities. Please give what you can; every little bit helps.

Leaving

This will be my last official communication for it is now time for me to take my leave. It was a most enjoyable two years. It has been a great learning experience, and I met and created friendships with Companions of other Councils. I wish all the Councils in the 8th Cryptic District the best of luck in the future.

Take time

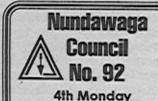
Take time to do Charity - It is the key to Heaven.

Take time to Give - It is too short a day to be selfish.

Take time to Pray - It is the greatest power on Earth.

Thank you

Again, thank you for all your help and support in making my past two years so meaningful and so very enjoyable.



West Main Street LeRoy, NY 14482 III.. Charles H. Lee Master - 343-2819 III.. Vernon Rupert Recorder - 343-8429

Cryptic Companions and Masonic friends - greetings! As this June issue reaches you, Nundawaga Council will just have completed its Annual Meeting for the Election and Installation of Officers.

M...I.. E. William Whittaker, Grand Master, along with R...I.. and Rev. Don C. Markham, Grand Chaplain, and other elected and appointed officers of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York, were present for this year's election and composed the Installation Team for our Cryptic Year, 2002-2003. Nundawaga Council sincerely thanks them for their

I will share with you the complete listing of our newly installed officers in the September issue of the Masonic Times.

As part of the May 27th Installation, the Grand Master and

Participation Certificates Awarded to LeRoy Fervency and Zeal Team



Summer is fast approaching and we will soon be taking our recess until Fall. I remind everyone that although we may not be meeting during the Summer, we still are bound by our obligations and should strive to act as Masons in all our endeavors.

We have some activities to look forward to this Summer. The Western New York Past High Priest Scholarship Dinner will be held on June 15th at the Elma Inn

On Tuesday, April 23rd, R..E.. Richard Anderson, DDGHP and V..E.. Leonard Mason, AGL of the Genesee/ Wyoming District, made their Official Visit to LeRoy Chapter No. 183, RAM. At the conclusion of this visit, six Companions were presented with Certificates for their efforts on behalf of Royal

Arch Masonry through their participation in the Fervency and Zeal Program presented throughout the Genesee/Wyoming District and beyond. Companions E.. Donald Read, R. E. Ruel Lovett, V. E. Jim MacConnell, Companions John Cooper and Harry Tyson, and E ... Norm Austin, received Certifi-

cates of Recognition for presenting the Fervency and Zeal Program at Hesperus, Etolian, Albion and Fillmore Lodges this Spring. The Fervency and Zeal Program is designed to heighten awareness of Royal Arch Masonry, and as such, resulted in a number of petitions.

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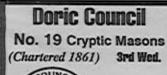
Grand Chaplain presided at a Ceremony in the Dedication of New Officer's Aprons as Nundawaga approaches its 50th Anniversary observance, July 19, 2003. During the coming year additional Anniversary Celebration information will be forthcoming as fuller plans are finalized.

In connection with the Anniversary year, I have a goal for my year as Illustrious Master to prepare a full history of our Council, and during meetings this year to review the beginnings of our Council. I announce that already in progress are conversations with our Sister Council, Hamburg No. 91, for some combined Celebration observances since the official organization Charter date of August 31, 1953 applies to both Councils by action at the conclusion of the 130th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, August 31, 1953.

Companions of Nundawaga Council are reminded to make every effort to attend part or all of this year's Grand Council Session, being held August 16th and 17th at the Marriott Thruway Inn, Henrietta. R.·.I.·. Reuben E. Long, honorary member of Nundawaga, will become the next Grand Master, and Nundawaga's own, R...I.. Stephen A. Licht, should advance toward his 2004 Installation as Grand Master. Let's support these Companions with energy, imagination and zeal as Brothers and Companions.

Nundawaga Companions, have a safe and relaxing Summer. Then we will all return in September ready for our resumed work in the Cryptic Masonry quarry. There will be several social events by other Masonic Bodies this Summer, and you are invited to be in fellowship with your Brothers.

See you in September.





III. Master Vernon L. Goodrich, (h) 377-0367, (0) 473-4351

Donald W. Wright, Recorder 621-5764 875 Main St. E., Rochester 14605

At the Summoned Communication on Wednesday, May 15th, Doric Council voted to move to the Shrine Center. This required a 2/3 majority vote. I extend my personal thanks to M. I. E. William Whittaker for presiding at

All bills were ordered paid, as well as those occurring over the Summer months.

The Election ar will be held on Wednesday, June 19th. I thank everyone for their support this past year and for the honor of serving as Illustrious Master of Doric Council.

Please give John Dudley, the incoming Master, your unequivocal support.



R.·.I.·. Paul C. Edwards, G.H.

Sagovewatha Commandery No. 17 3rd Sat., 9 a.m.



Commander SK Lawrence E. Hood (585) 396-9848

Rec. SK David Taber (585) 388-0629 Phelps, NY

As I assume command of Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17, I thank all the Sir Knights who had the confidence in me to elect me as their Commander for the ensuing year. I will try to live up to and perform my duties to the high standards that our preceding Commanders have done. It is a great honor and one that I will try to fulfill to the best of my

First of all, I thank SK Ronald Bertie, PGC, the Installing Officer and SK Lawrence Dunn, the Installing Marshal, along with all the Sir Knights of the various Commanderies who participated in this Installation on an outstanding and excellent Installation Ceremony. I know that I speak for all of our Officers and Commandery when I say, well done, Sir Knights! Speaking of our newly elected and appointed Officers, they are as follows: Commander Lawrence E. Hood

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There are a few upcoming dates to put on your calendar:

June 9th - The Wayne District Memorial Service. We will meet at the Palmyra Masonic Temple at 11:00 a.m., have lunch at the Garlock House and then form an Honor Guard at 2:00 p.m. at the Western Presbyterian Church in Palmyra, 101 E. Main St.

Sunday, June 30th - The Zone 11 Picnic at the home of SK Bill Jones, 2049 State Rt. 350 in Macedon. Please bring a dish to pass; the hot dogs, hamburgers and refreshments are furnished.

Our next Conclave will be on the SECOND Saturday in September, the 14th. This is due to the Grand Commandery meetings held on the third Saturday in September. Please put this date on your calendar.

My Lady, Marge, and I wish you all a safe and happy Summer; enjoy it!

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By Don Brugger

After two years as your Governor, I have finally been promoted to Trustee. Our Annual Election and Installation of Officers took place at Northfield Lodge on May 11th. The Officers were Installed by CK Steven Wing with CK Vernon Rupert as Marshal.

Your new Officers are: Governor -

CK Raymond Beardsley Deputy Gov. - CK Bill Jones Chancellor - CK Cyril White Recorder - CK Charles Roberts Treasurer - CK Ronald Bertie Primate - CK Jim MacConnell Preceptor - CK Norman Austin Seneschal - CK John Dudley Marshal - CK Leonard Mason

(All Committee members will continue as is unless notified other-

Our new Governor, CK Raymond Beardsley, made a deal with our Sentinel, CK Jerold Brade, to continue. It seems that the paraphernalia case was deteriorating and was also rather heavy, so CK Brade agreed to continue as Sentinel if we purchased a new case with wheels. Needless to say, we will be buying a new case.

Flag project

We have received no further information from the Genesee Country Museum about the dedication of the flags we have en- Retraction Letter dowed. Their last communication indicated that they would be dedicating the flags on Memorial Day or Flag Day. At this writing it is already too late for Memorial Day arrangements and time is running out for Flag Day. If we receive anything definite before mid-June, we will let you know.

Summer seminar

The Sovereign College will be holding their Annual work sessions at the Masonic Home in Utica on August 3rd; 8:30 registration. This is open to all Genesee YRC Officers, feel free to attend.

Have a great Summer. See you at the September 14th meeting at Palmyra.

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I regret that my earlier letter had undoubtedly led people to misunderstand the concern behind the official statement of the Church's position regarding membership in Masonic societies. I ask that my letter of 15 September 2000 be removed from all websites and be replaced with this new letter.

Sincerely, Rev. Thomas C. Anslow, C.M., J.C.L., Judicial (Courtesy of "Focus") "

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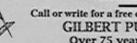
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Lalla Rookh GROTTO

News

Legion Clowns Caldron



Chief Justice

By Douglas C. Spencer

Greetings, Prophets! The end of April and all of May were busy times for Lalla Rookh.

Once again Lalla Rookh was well represented at the ESGA Spring meeting, in Binghamton. It was sponsored by Aahmes Grotto and I'm proud to say that Lalla Rookh had the most red tassels in attendance. I observed a mixed reaction to Lalla Rookh's lavender Past Monarch's jackets. I'm still trying to get used to the color. In all honesty, our Past Monarchs look great when they are all dressed the same.

On May 8th, we had our Ceremonial rehearsal. A great turnout by the Prophets. We've had some problems with one of our drops, which tore and fell to the stage. Try as all of us could, we were not able to re-attach it. This drop means a lot to Lalla Rookh, as it is probably older than most current living members. We were able to save part of the drop and used it at our Ceremonial on May

May 15th was our Spring Ceremonial and what a great one we had. Not only did we have some of the old faces who have been doing parts for years, but we also had a number of new faces that helped round out the best cast we've had in some time. As I write this, our Spring Ceremonial has not occurred. So my count may be off, but as of the first week of May, Lalla Rookh had 6 candidates. Great work by our Membership Team and the members of Lalla Rookh. Because our Ceremonial cast does such a great job, Zulieka Grotto entrusted us to induct their new candidate at this Spring Ceremonial as well.

As you can see, a lot is going on, Prophets, and a lot is yet to come. As Summer approaches, so do our Summer activities. Stay tuned for more details.

I had better cut this article short because as we all know the "boss", aka Al, needs a lot of room for his article. See you at Grotto. "

Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

Our thanks to the Ceremonial Cast for the great job they did in their performance in Cathedral Hall on May 15th. This Ceremonial will be remembered, in all probability, as the last one to be presented in Cathedral Hall. We welcome our new Prophets and encourage them to be active in our Fraternity.

With Summer right around the corner, it is easy to forget that we should not take a vacation from promoting our Lalla Rookh Grotto, so make every effort to invite a Brother Mason to become a member.

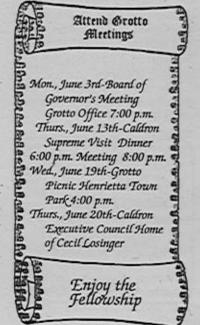
Remember, there are several functions that are scheduled for this Summer that are open to non-members, so participate in as many as you can.

I wish all Prophets a safe and wonderful Summer.

Legion of Honor

By Ron Morthorst, P.M.

Summer is here, we hope. Time to enjoy family get-togethers. We have changed our meeting place. Yes, it is now Bosdyk's Restaurant, Lyell Avenue and Long Pond Road. You order off the menu and pay your own individual check which will include tip and tax. Yes, you must call in your reservation for a head



Alfred Pulcino III, Monarch

count if you wish to join us so the restaurant can set up for us. Call Executive Officer, Gerry Spero, at 334-7616 by the Thursday prior to the meeting.

Our May meeting went very well. Our speaker was Tim Green of the Junior ROTC Program which is located at East High School. Great to hear the results of such a program that is available to students today. If you missed it, you missed an interesting program.

Change for June

The June meeting is Wednesday, the 19th, at the Grotto Picnic at Henrietta Town Park. Tickets for the Bonus Program are now available. See a member for your Bonus Program tickets, plus our usual good food, refreshments, and merriment, starting at 4:00 p.m 'til 9:00 p.m.

Join us!

We are interested in building up our membership. If you are a Mason and a veteran, please feel free to call me at 334-4196 and let's talk about it. You'll be glad you did! There are many new benefits available to all veterans. Call Monarch, Al Pulcino III at 225-8471 or me.

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

Caldron News

By Cecil Losinger, MCO

The flowers and showers are here and there are only a couple more meetings to go. Time flies when you're having fun. I am having fun most of the time, frustrated sometimes by the work yet to be completed before the end of the year.

We sure did complete our Smorgasbord in fine fashion with the great crowd, good food and fellowship. I said last month the Smorgasbord was a success and thanked those who attended, donated, and worked, but I would be remiss if I neglected to thank our good friend and ticket seller, Bob Battaglia, for all he has done for us in the past and again this year. THANK YOU, BOB.

Executive Council and Convention Committees met at Daughter Beverly Murray's on May 2nd. It was a fruitful evening



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for both groups, both business wise and good fellowship.

On May 4th, Daughters met at Cartwright's for our semi-annual luncheon with Daughters from Ames Caldron in Binghamton and Rani Gar in Toronto in attendance. It was nice to see our friends from both of these Caldrons.

With fingers crossed, I hope our evening with the Prophets and their ladies on the 9th was a success with everyone enjoying the fellowship and food.

Future meetings

June 6th - Daughters, please remember rehearsal date for Supreme Visit at 7:00 p.m., Temple.

June 13th - Supreme Visit at 8:00 p.m. A dinner will precede at 6:00 p.m. at a cost of \$7.50. Reservations to Daughter Beverly Murray at 585-865-8507 by June

June 14th - We will have a breakfast with Supreme Sharon and other visitors at the Country Village Restaurant, 1092-A Long Pond Road and Maiden Lane. Make reservations with Daughter Marcia Morrison, 256-7485. Eat at 9:30 a.m., order from the

June 20th - Executive Council meeting is a picnic at my home. Bring a dish to pass. Let me know if you plan to attend.

July 10th is the PMCO's Picnic at my home at 5:30 p.m., eat at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and your table service.

Fall dates

September 5th is the Executive Council, a special date at Beverly's.

September 12th is Caldron Move Up Night.

September 17th - Sessions in Warren, Ohio. Let's try to have a good group. Reservations are due in by 8/26/02 for rooms at the Holiday Inn Metroplex, rate \$79.99 + tax.

October 3rd - Caldron meeting, Election and Reports.

October 18th - Executive Council Banquet. More information to come.

October 25th - Caldron Instal-

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By a Ghost Writer

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Some volunteers are required for driving - taking veterans to and from doctors, shopping, etc. They need help in taking patients to and from events here at the VA. We need help out on the golf course. These are 4 hour shifts working out of the Club House; you can golf free as a reward. They have an excellent 9 hole golf course, open to the public, at \$10.00 for the whole day of golf if you are not a veteran. So come on out and enjoy a day of golf.

Good news!

Our VAVS Committee reported a \$1400.00 profit from our Plant and Rummage Sale and also \$860.00 from the Pop Can Drive. This money is always used for the benefit of our veterans. If you have any pop cans, bring them to the VA, we'll put them to good use!

Many hours

There were 247 volunteers at the Awards Banquet at the Burgundy Basin Inn. Volunteers received Pins for 100 hours service up to thousands of hours service. These people are the backbone of the volunteers here at Canandaigua VA. They are greatly appreciated by the staff, and especially by the veterans themselves.

Masonic help needed

Our Masonic Volunteer Group needs help, we need more

Masons to take part in this program. We meet once a month here at the hospital, on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. to serve ice cream and cookies to the shut-in veterans of Building 8. If you saw how much these veterans enjoy these visits, it would all be worth your time and effort. We ask for your help...come on out and volunteer a few hours each month. You will really enjoy it. You can contact Tom Paglia at 227-2046 or Larry Hood at 396-9848. Your lady is also welcome to volunteer and I know our wives would enjoy their company.



New service

After getting approval to do the job, I filled out all the necessary forms and mailing them, I had started the job and removed the old service. A little red car drove into the yard and out stepped an elderly man. He didn't say much but went into the garage and drove out a rider mower to cut the grass.

I said, "How's it going, young fellow?" He said not too good, his arthritis was bothering him and when that happens he is not too happy. After talking with him for about a half hour, I found out he is 84 years old and had worked for the owner of the house for 27 years in their plumbing business. That the man died about a year ago and now he is out of work and the company had no retirement fund. While talking to him, I was looking for the underground wiring that would feed the garage. In the corner was a nice piece of 1 1/ 2" copper pipe with a connector soldered to it. I asked him why they used copper pipe and his answer was it would not rust. He then told me that therewere some other things that I should know

We went into the basement and he described the wiring. With a proud chest, he told me he had done the wiring. Seems he also did the wiring on the job for the company.

Meeting the owner

While Lorraine was there on the first visit, she introduced me to the lady of the house, the wife of the plumber who owned the business. This lady is 94 years old, needs 24 hour care and is very Continued on page 18

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Electrical Bloopers

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fragile. She is the aunt of Lorraine, who is 84 years old, and the other lady who had accompanied her was also a niece of the 94 year old; she is 82 years old.

Problem

Seems like every time they would use the microwave, the fuse would trip and they would go to the basement and reset it. I traced the main feed from the panel, followed it to where it went: through the floor into the kitchen. It looped all over the basement, so I removed the fuse. and started to check all of the. outlets in the kitchen. Seven duplex outlets were on that circuit; microwave, refrigerator, toaster, a small foot heater, coffee pot, convection oven, clock and electric iron.

Before I replaced the fuse, I took a look at the fuse base, it had turned black from overheating and was ready to burn the wires.

The 94 year old was always cold, so she used the foot warmer to keepwarm, even though the thermostat read 85 degrees.

Final solution

A new electric service was installed with a 24 circuit breaker panel, all of the kitchen outlets were installed on their own 20 amp. circuits. The washer, sump pump, the air conditioner and dryer separated and the furnace on its own circuit. I used 22 breakers of the 24 circuit panel. Even though the kitchen outlets are separate, how many are willing to bet that they will plug in a toaster and microwave on the same circuit? I explained to them they can use everything there just as long as they do not plug any two in the same duplex outlet, that they now had seven circuits and each duplex was on its own breaker. If they keep overloading the breaker, eventually they will destroy it.

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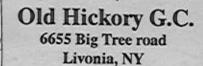
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By Rt. Wthy. Barbara Spano Spring greetings from your District leaders.

Spring is here and we have busy times coming up. June 2nd is the District Walk-a-Thon and Picnic. It is being held at Perinton Park, which is on O'Connor Road, off Fairport Road. The Walk-a-Thon will be along the Canal Path and will start at 11:00 a.m. There will be a pavilion for the picnic. We will be eating by 1:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and your table settings. Coffee, tea and lemonade will be provided. Please let your Secretary know if attending, so she can pass that information onto Rt. Wthy. Barbara Bossert.

Thursday, June 11th, we will be traveling to Oriskany for the Lilac Luncheon at the Ramada Airport Inn. The secretaries have a map/directions for your use. The Luncheon will start at 11:30 a.m. and the choices are Chicken Cordon Bleu or Broiled Swordfish, at \$14.00. Your Chapter secretary is taking reservations and payment. Deadline for reservations is May 30th. Make checks payable to Lilac Luncheon.

June 22nd is the combined Homecoming at Doric Hall (Downtown Temple) and will begin at 7:30 p.m. Please let your Chapter secretaries know by June 15th if you will be attending so the Committee has an idea of how many folks will be there.

The Pilgrimage to Oriskany is July 26th and 27th. Each Chapter has received the information for this weekend. Reservations must be in by June 14th and may be sent with the check to Rt. Wthy. John Lenzi at 410 West Hickory Street, East Rochester, NY 14445. The cost for the room is \$109.00 (taxes not included) at the Executive Business Park, 1777 Burrstone Road, New Hartford, NY. The dinner on Friday, July 26th, is \$20.00 (tax and gratuity included). Menu choices are London Broil with Burgundy Mushroom Sauce, Chicken Parmegian or Loin of Pork with

Once again, the secretaries have the forms for this weekend; make checks payable to Monroe District OES. Any questions, call Rt. Wthy. John Lenzi.

June 14th is the Elegant Picnic at Webster Lodge at 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Adults are \$6.50, children 5-10, \$3.00, 1-4, \$2.00. This is a Neil's Amigos fundraiser.

Don't forget Neil's Amigos meeting on June 19th at Webster Lodge at 7:30 p.m.

We are so happy to hear how well Rt. Wthy. Karen is doing. Keep up the good work and hurry back to us. We miss you.

As you can see the work effort goes on, it is for the good of our

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Until next time, I wish you Peace.

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Looking ahead

June 4th-regular meeting-entertainment to follow.

June 18th-regular meeting, but not Master Mason's Night and Picnic, as was stated in your printed program.

There are many events in June and over the Summer that involve the whole District. Please read that article to learn the details of them all.

I will mention the Walk-a-Thon on June 2nd, as I extend my heartfelt thanks to all who sponsored me.

The Worthy Patron and I wish everyone a safe, healthy and relaxing Summer.

Words to remember

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By Barbara E. Spano

Something to be happy about: Rt. Wthy. Karen Leipold is on the mend and doing so well.

The May meeting has come and gone, we are winding down, getting ready for Summer.

June 2002

Our Birthday Banquet will be over and hopefully, it will have been wonderful. Our theme was "A Starlit Evening" and we will be saying 'so long' to Sister Carolyn Dowling who will be leaving for Ohio and then the Antarctica. Lucky girl, all the icy and cold water! We love you, Sister Carolyn, and do come and visit when you can.

Our June meeting will be Master Mason's Night. Wthy. Effic and Wthy. Evy Ann will be serving for this. I am sure it will be great.

Camp Poly-Fil will not happen this year. Instead it will be a Poly-Fil Picnic. This will take place on Father's Day, June 16th, at the Worthy Matron's home, 270 Gillette Rd., Spencerport. You can drop your 'stuffies' off on Saturday, June 15th, if you want to. The cost will be \$5.00. With Wthy. Evy Ann's help and the Matron's, I am sure they will have a delightful and full day. For more information, call Wthy. Dianne at 352-8092.

June 13th is the Lilac Luncheon. Reservations need to be in by May 30th. See the District Hi-Lights article about the particulars.

The same for the Pilgrimage, the Walk-a-Thon/Picnic, and combined Homecoming. See information in District Hi-Lights.

Please remember Rt. Wthy. Karen Leipold, Wthy. Debbie Leipold, and Wthy. George Bundoc in your prayers and thoughts. Wthy. George is having some problems, I am not sure of the diagnosis as of this writing.

Once again the power of prayer has done the job. We thank our Dear Lord for being with Karen and Debbie in their hours of need. We must keep the prayers going.

There is no interview this month, there will be in the Fall.

I wish you a happy and safe Summer.

I thank Don and Jean Brugger and Barb and Vern Goodrich for their hours of help and guidance. You have made my jobs easier and I have enjoyed every minute of it. God bless.

Until next time, I wish you Peace.

NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

Order of the Eastern Star

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

Matron Wthy. Alice Hassert
889-4353

Patron Wthy.John M. Lenzi
586-7492

Sec. Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings
594-4692
20 S. Main Street,

Churchville,14428

On May 11th, we held our "Precious Memories Wedding Gown Fashion Show and Tea" in the Lodge room. A number of door prizes were awarded. The wedding cake was delicious, as were the sandwiches and cookies. Rick Huff, Sue's husband, dressed in his Civil War uniform to escort a Civil War bride. Models also represented the Mother of the Bride, Father of the Bride, and attendants. Wedding gowns representing each decade, from 1865 to present, were either modeled or were on display. I loaned a family Bible, dated 1848, with entries of births and marriages dating from the 1780's, for display. Wthy. Betty Reisinger provided the music for the Fashion Show. Kudos to Wthy. Susan Drake-Mason, who put that fantastic show together, and the Rt. Wthy. Wilda Robinson and Wthy. Kim Morici, who did the tickets, signs, publicity and the seamstress details. Many other people in the Chapter were involved, as well. Thank you all. A lot of work and a lot of fun!

On May 21st we celebrated Master Masons' Night. Church-ville Historian, Ron Belczak, spoke to us. His title, "By Dawn's Early Light", was about Church-ville's patriotic past. Masons and their wives, as well as members of the American Legion and Auxiliary, were invited to this open meeting, celebrating the upcoming Memorial Day.

Honor Award

At our June meeting, we will be selecting a person for the coveted Dedicated Service Award. This Award is presented at the District Banquet in the Fall, and honors a Sister who has never been a Matron, but who has exhibited exemplary service to the Chapter over the years. Please submit your suggestions for a recipient of this Award.

OES Plaques for Village of Churchville

Hey, we did it! Contributions for the OES Plaque have reached the \$90.00 mark which pays for the first one to be mounted at the entrances to the Village of Churchville. The Plaque will be brought to us at Pilgrimage Days in Oriskany, saving us postage. It will be mounted on the community sign board as you approach the Village from Route 490. Our goal was at least one sign each year, so if anyone else wishes to contribute toward a second sign, checks should be make out to Nolatka Chapter No. 320, with a note on the lower left indicating "OES Sign". Thanks to all who helped achieve this first goal.

Dues reminder and thanks

Don't forget to pay your dues. This year the color of the membership card is white. Send dues to Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings, or phone her at 594-4692.

Wthy. Kathy Thompson sent Campbell labels, etc., to our Chapter. Thank you, Kathy, and to all others who contribute these labels and boxtops for education and used postage stamps for our Eastern Star projects.

Sunshine

Sister Doris Ray's husband, Stanley, passed away in Florida on April 25th. Condolences to Sister Doris and her family. Further, Doris has moved North permanently, and her new address is Apt. 134, 345 Spencerport Road, Rochester, 14606, telephone 426-1707. Please welcome Doris back to our area and offer your support as she faces these significant changes in her life.

Wthy. Anita Drake's cataract surgery in April was so successful that she convinced her doctor to operate on the other eye in May. Again, success. She has 20/20 vision. After years of seeing her wearing glasses, it is interesting to see her at functions without them.

Both Wthy. Wilda Robinson and Wthy. Kim Morici had health problems in late April and early May. Let's hope that by publication time all are resolved.

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Everyone is so relieved that Wthy. Karen Leipold is recovering after amputation of both legs, and that she has such a positive attitude. She continues to be an inspiration to all of us. She has moved to the 7th floor at Rochester General, for rehabilitation,

and I hear that she welcomes visitors. Of course, keep sending those cards and notes. Hospital days are notoriously long and boring.

Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays in June will be Wthy. Sherre Albright, Wthy. Felicia Clark, Sister Mabel Bruendike, Wthy. Dean Hiler, Rt. Wthy. Susan Huff, Wthy. Joan Jacobs, Sisters Marion Johnson and Helen Linney.

and Helen Linney.
Rt. Wthy Carol Wynings and I visited Wthy. E. Lucille Mason on her 96th birthday on April 24th at the Hurlbut on East Henrietta Road. She looks good and seemed to enjoy our visit.

Committee

The Refreshment Committee for June and September meetings, also responsible for cleaning, will be Chaired by Wthy. Toni Jeerings. Sister Anne Mollon, Brother Craig Mollon, and Sister Beverly Bacher are on the Committee.

Have a wonderful Summer!
We have several District activities planned and are participating in the Lions Club Churchville Country Fair, August 17th and 18th. Our booth is named "Crafts and Collectibles." Put the date on your calendar, stop by and support our Chapter. Meanwhile, crafts and handwork will be gratefully accepted, if you would like to contribute to this fundraising activity.

We are also planning a Road Rally and dinner at a restaurant. Details later. The main object is to return in September refreshed and ready for an active Fall. We are putting together plans for a Progressive Dinner with two other Chapters. Of course, Grand Sessions take place in Syracuse, October 8th-10th. This will be followed by Rt. Wthy. Neil Laundry's Reception on October 11th at the Holiday Inn Airport.

Canandaigua/ Fenogowone

Chap. No. 326 O.E.S. 2nd & 4th Weds.

Mat: Wrhy. Leslie Smith 554-6715

Sec: Wrhy. Shirley Wells 394-2778

Shortsville Temple

I believe that Spring has come, now can Summer be far behind?

We have a very busy Summer planned for our Chapter. The first thing will be our Yard/Bake Sale on June 28th and 29th. If you have anything to donate or would like to supply baked goods, please give Shirley Wells a call at (585) 394-2778.

We will be having a Chicken Bar-B-Que on Sunday, July 21st, and another one on August 11th. All help will be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please give Shirley or me a call. My number is (585) 554-6715.

Dedication

The biggest event of the Summer will be the Dedication of our Chapter room in Shortsville. This will take place on August 3rd at 1:00 p.m., with a Buffet Dinner at the Shortsville American Legion right afterwards. The Grand Matron and Grand Patron and their staff of Grand Officers will be there. I would like to see as many of our members out for this as possible. It will be a very special day and evening. If you have never seen a dedication, this will be your chance. It will be a closed meet-

ing. We are the only Chapter in the State this year to have one. There are some that are celebrating 100 and plus years of service.

The Worthy Patron and I will be traveling with the Grand Matron and Grand Patron on the cruise to the Bahamas.

Oriskany

Remember Oriskany on July 27th. I hope to see some of our members there. If you are able, please stop by and see our adopted Sister, Peg White. Her birthday is August 13th. Please send her a card to show her that we care. Her address is: Mrs. Peg White, Attn: Debra A. Mondi, Social Worker, Eastern Star Home, PO Box 959, Oriskany, NY 13424-0959.

Have a great Summer and I hope to see as many members out to our activities as possible.

Good news

We do have some good news in our Chapter. Rt. Wthy. Shirley Wells is doing real well after her surgery. She hopes to be out and about real soon.

Erie/Niagara District Organization of Triangles, Inc.

The Erie/Niagara District of the Organization of Triangles, Inc., will be holding its 3rd Annual Alumni Night on Saturday, July 20th, at Master Builder Masonic Temple, 173 Delaware Road, Kenmore, New York. All former members, supervisors, Daddies and Junior Deputies of the organization are invited to attend to renew old friendships.

Special event

This will also be a special event celebrating the 75th Birthday of the Organization of Triangles, Inc. The goal is to have at least 75 new Alumni attend the festivities in honor of each year Triangle has been in existence.

We are looking for former members of Alpha No. 9, Alogna No. 80, Aries No. 131, Beta No. 38, Delanel No. 140, Delta No. 79, Gamma No. 60, Lockport No. 128, Moda No. 83, Niagara River No. 120, Tri/Star No. 132, and Zion No. 13.

Ifyou have any information on former members of any of these Triangles, please contact Mrs. Laura Dombrowski, Senior Advisor of the Niagara Erie District at MrsD811@aol.com or (716) 694-1742. The Committee would like to send as many personal invitations as possible. Anyone interested in joining the Alumni Association can obtain information at the Organization's websitewww.ny-triangle.org.



JUNE 29, 2002

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In Memoriam

April

Warder, Justine C.

Canandaigua/Fenogowone Chapter No. 326, OES, lost a member with the passing of Justine on April 17th. She is survived by two daughters, 7 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Rowe, Frank E.

The Grand Architect of the Universe claimed Frank on April 18th at the age of 85 years. He was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163 and is survived by his daughter, and granddaughter.

Benjamin, Joseph B.

Joseph was called Home on April 22nd. He was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538 and leaves his 5 children, step-children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Smith, James C.

James entered into Eternal Rest on April 22nd at the age of 86 years. He was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163 and Damascus Shrine. Survivors include his wife, E. Pauline, 4 children, 14 grandchildren, 21 greatgrandchildren and a great-greatgranddaughter.

Martin, Gregory

Death claimed Gregory on April 27th at the age of 87 years. He was a member of Hesperus Lodge No. 837 and is survived by his wife, Mary, 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

VanLare, John "Jack" H.

ERAC Lodge No. 163 lost another member with the passing of Jack on April 28th. He was 73 years old and is survived by his wife, Nina, 2 children, 2 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Noll, Bernard L.

The Lord embraced Bernard in His Loving Arms on April 29th. Bernard was 80 years old and was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163. He leaves his wife, Katherine, 1 daughter and 2 grandchildren.

May

Smith, Henry William

The Supreme Architect claimed Henry on May 10th at the age of 87 years. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 and is survived by 2 daughters, 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Hall, Ellsworth W.

April 23rd was the date Ellsworth met his Maker. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 and is survived by his 2 children, 3 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

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

Kaufman, Milton F.

Milton was a 50 year member of Canandaigua Lodge No. 294 and passed away at his home in Maryland on April 12th.

Musgrave, Clarence R.

Clarence was a member of ERAC No. 163 and passed away at his home in North Carolina."

Masonic Activities Looking Ahea

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

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Jul. 13 Aug. 16-17 Aug. 17

Aug. 23

Nov. 3

Sept. 20,21

Hobert Cook Testimonial Dinner
Barbagallos Restaurant, East Syracuse
Grand Council, Marriott Thruway, Henrietta, NY
Scottish Rite Night at the Red Wings, Open to all.

Scottish Rite Outing, Grand Commandery

Interfaith Service and Brunch, Logan's



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To plan a gift or bequest contact:

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To the Monroe Masters & Wardens and Secretaries Associations

By Hilde DiJames

On behalf of Joy Woodley and myself, a hearty "Thank You" for the plaques, medalions, monetary gifts, and the marvelous breakfasts bestowed upon us on Saturday, May 11th.

We have enjoyed serving you all and it is nice to know our efforts have been so greatly appreciated.

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Commodes	77
Crutches	226
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Wheelchairs	109
Miscellaneous	9
Total	859

Mt. Hope Cemetery

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