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Have-A-Heart Campaign Raises over \$10,500 for Local Ronald McDonald House



Have-A-Heart gets new look for 2002 Campaign.

YOU DID IT!!

By R.-W.- Donald Darrohn

Another year, another Have-a-Heart Campaign completed. I hope you had as much fun as I did. Yes, it's work, but the rewards are why we volunteer in the first place. The Ronald McDonald House will again receive a check from the Masonic community of the greater Rochester area this year in excess of \$10,500.00. We are especially pleased to make this contribution now because their donations have been down somewhat due to the outpouring of support for the victims of the September 11th tragedy.

This year we had several Lodges join us for the first time, they include: Hesperus Lodge No. 837 of Bergen; Social Lodge No. 713, Kendall, and Eureka Lodge No. 36, PHA. Additionally, we were delighted to have Union Lodge No. 45 return to the Campaign. We look forward to all our Brothers and Sisters continued participation.

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Help when it was needed

About midway through the Campaign, I received a call from an individual who had not been able to recruit help for the mall on that same day. What to do? We discussed the possibilities, he and I were both going to make some calls. I no sooner hung up from his call when my phone rang. It was a Brother calling to offer his assistance and that of another. It seemed like a miracle. Thanks, Bob!

Thank you to all who helped to make this a very successful Campaign!

Masonic Family Day

By James Weick

The encore presentation of the now famous Masonic Family-Family Days will take place this year on Sunday, April 7, 2002 at 2:00 P.M. Last year's performances were energetically received to rave reviews. Once again the fine performances will take place in our very own Cathedral Hall. Families from around the county and the Fraternity will gather for an afternoon of entertainment.

The Shrine Clowns are scheduled to keep everyone laughing throughout the afternoon. Last year the audience got caught up in the show with the clowns. Come see what happens this year. The opening act, Stringplicity, is a string trio that plays to the many eras of Masonic composers. The selections of music once written by our great Brothers will fill the room to our elegant rafters with the sounds of violin, viola and cello. This was the surprise group from last year that pleased all the listeners.

The feature act is the Greece Athena Show Choir. The stage will be filled with the excitement of Broadway production numbers danced by the dedicated students accompanied by their band. Their constant costume changes to reflect their tunes really complement the show. Judith Ranaletta, the show's Artistic and Musical Director, is no doubt proud of the hard work her pupils put into their work. Their stunning show is truly impressive. You won't want to miss it!

The Show Choir is world renowned, having played in France, Italy (The Vatican), Switzerland and other European venues. When traveling here in the United States they have played at the White House, the Capitol, the Pentagon, Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center and both Disney theme parks, just to name a few locations. We are very fortunate to have secured this caliber of professional entertainers.

The ticket cost remains at \$5.00 adult and \$3.00 student. The value of this entertainment package no doubt exceeds \$50.00. The fellowship shared by the attendees will add to the value.

Tickets have been sent to all Lodges and organizations. If you need additional tickets, please contact me at 727-4731. I'd hate to find out that someone missed out on the fun because they missed ticket sales.

This year we will also be having ice cream to top off the event and round out your afternoon. Lodges and organizations are encouraged to attend in groups to enjoy this entertaining event. Let's go for a sellout!

More on the "Kirkwall Scroll"

By Bruce R. Horncastle

In the January, 2002, *Masonic Times*, page 20, an article titled "Secret Scroll Found", caught my interest: an ancient scroll had been "brought to light", so to speak, in a Lodge in the remote Orkney Islands of Scotland early in the year 2000.

When I was in Scotland for Masonic reasons in 2000, I had been informed of this Scroll and proceeded to inquire of it. I had the opportunity to talk with the famed author of Masonic subjects, Robert Lomas (The Hiram Key, The Invisible College, The Second Messiah) at some length and he directed me to his own website (<http://robertlomas.com>) and follow the links to further information on the subject. I was duly surprised to find considerable valuable information there regarding the mysterious scroll.

On the website is a panoramic view of the entire Lodge room where the scroll is located, along with a down-loadable traced copy of the scroll itself. It is replete with Masonic and Templar emblems that would certainly be of interest to any Masonic history buff or scholar.

I hope to make a return trip to Scotland within the next 2 years, or so, and a visit to the Kirkwall Scroll is certainly on my list.

Masonic Widows Luncheon

March 16, 2002

By R.-W.- Terry W. Wihlen, Chairman

"Furthermore, you have already promised and sworn to look after the widows and orphans of our Brothers who have passed to the celestial Lodge above." The Widows Luncheon presents an excellent opportunity to partly fulfill that duty.

The guest speaker will be R.-W.- John Fuller, Past Senior Grand Warden. For those of you who have not heard Brother John speak, he is a warm, intelligent and caring Mason.

We hope each Lodge will make an all out effort to reach out to all of their ladies and provide them with a warm invitation and transportation, to attend this event.

Each Lodge has received information packets including tickets and everything else it needs to succeed. DO NOT WAIT! Begin now to contact the widows and let them know what is going on. Here are the particulars:

When: Saturday, March 16, 2002
Where: Logan's Party House
1420 Scottsville Road

Price: \$14.00

The doors open at 11:00 a.m. Please plan on attending this most valuable event. The Widows Luncheon originated in the Monroe District. Let's show our pride on March 16th!

The Have-A-Heart Campaign gives Special Thanks to:

- "Eastview Mall"
- "Marketplace Mall"
- "The Mall at Greece Ridge Center"
- "Label World" (sticky labels)
- and the "Shrine Clowns"

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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It seems these days that downsizing is all the rage. So, we at the *Masonic Times* have decided to jump on the bandwagon. Consequently you will notice that all the logos that head the several columns are smaller and more uniform in size. It's not that we are interested in being more democratic or being an equal opportunist displayer. The reasoning has to do with our now publishing news from four Districts (Monroe, Genesee/Wyoming, Livingston, and Ontario/Seneca/Yates).

While perusing our last issue, it occurred to me that some logos were larger than others and that most were larger than they had to be. As Tom Paglia would say, "a light bulb went off in my head". So I estimated the average amount of space that could be saved. I found that almost two columns (that's about 2%) of text were used up just a little at a time. That doesn't seem like much, however, it would certainly come in handy at times, especially when composing pages.

Take a close look at the logo for your organization. If there is anything incorrect, or if you are not satisfied, please let me know. Most of the time corrections are not brought to our attention and incorrect entries go unnoticed for several months. Take a look!

Spirit of Masonry

It might be worth your while to read the Monroe Bureau of Masonic Education column this month. The article seems quite apropos in our current dealings. It points up the fact that the real lost item in our Fraternity is Brotherly Love. What ever happened to that truly "Masonic Cardinal Virtue", anyway?

Trouble in "River City"

It seems that my youthful vigor got the better of me and I had to undergo hernia surgery on February 11th. At the writing of this column, at least the initial writing, this has not yet happened. I don't mention this to gain sympathy, but to underscore the need for someone to step forward to assist in this noble endeavor; the *Masonic Times* that is. It is just such emergencies that highlight the need for someone to be ready to help put this newspaper together.

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In these times of indecision, turmoil, and stress, one thing remains constant and without change, and that is the function and needs of your Service Bureau. The office is usually fully manned by 7:30 a.m. each morning, and believe me, by 7:30 we are already receiving calls for crutches, wheelchairs, etc., even though we aren't officially open until 9:00 a.m. Our Loan Closet hours are from 9:00 a.m. until noon, Monday through Friday.

Even with difficult stock market conditions, your Service Bureau is still giving out \$15,000 in scholarships and \$15,000 in grants to soup kitchens, hospice homes, youth groups, etc. However, our DeMolay Camp and regular operation needs your support more than ever; both in volunteer times and in financial support. Have you sent in your check to support your Bureau yet this year?

Brethren, Companions, Sir Knights, and ladies, in our discussions and concerns over our future, please remember that we all walk on the same level and have chosen a Masonic way of life. Let us not falter in our love and compassion.

"Preach the Word always and if necessary, use words."

Electrifying Bloopers
Tom Paglia

Recently I have had a rash of calls from homeowners who either smell wires burning or for the loss of power. Take the one I just repaired. The owner called and said, "Tom, I have lost power in the living room, kitchen and the porch lights are out. We are worried because we have two small children." With children in the house they should not have to wait until the next day.

When I arrived I found that quite a few outlets and lighting fixtures were not operating. I went to the basement to check the wiring in the panel box. Unless you understand what you are doing, under no circumstances take the cover off of the panel box, you may get bit.

Things looked normal in the panel box. I tried tracing the wires across the basement ceiling, but had a problem. Whoever installed the drop ceiling installed 4X8 ft. insulating boards in the t-bars. Never have I seen anything like it. With little space between the t-bars and the ceiling, the sheets were kind of tricky to take down.

I kept tracing to find where it went through the floor and into the wall upstairs, found it, and went upstairs to see if that was the right location. Usually there is a box right above where it goes through the floor; nothing. I started taking switches and outlets out of the wall and finally found where the wire

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was broken. It was in an outlet in the living room.

I can't figure out why they pulled the wire up the wall, went across the ceiling to a small half-wall on the other side and then back again to feed a wall switch. Anyway, the wire to the outlet had burned back at least four inches, got so hot that it melted and broke off the outlet connection.

You may be saying to yourself, anybody could have found it. Yes, you are right, but that is not why I wrote this. The house was wired with aluminum wire. This was done years ago just after World War II, but it's not legal in New York State anymore, except for certain large appliances and they are getting away from that.

What the person did was use what we call a back stab-in, where the insulation was peeled back and the wire pushed into a hole. There were three wires stabbed into one slot where only one should have been. After years of pulling on the cords and stabbing the plug back in, the spades wire got loose and did not make good contact anymore. Being loose the wires started to heat up and gave way. What should have been done was to take all of the black wires, attach a pigtail, twist them all together, use a wire nut and only one wire attached to the screw of the outlet, the same with the white wires.

Proper procedure

All aluminum wiring should be dipped into what they call cool-aid. This is a paste that keeps

the wires from oxidizing. When aluminum and copper wires are tied together, a chemical reaction takes place that causes a loss of continuity. That is when heat starts to build up and fires start.

The code states that if aluminum wiring is installed in a house on switches and outlets, six months after installation they are to be tightened down again. I doubt if any were ever gone over in this house. If you have aluminum wiring in your house, keep a close watch on the outlets and switches. Don't overload them, you know, putting one of those three gang outlets into the wall and the ganging of all cords into that one. That is what had happened here.

Remember, sometimes there are more than one outlet and switches attached to that wire and the weakest link in that wiring will give way. Your aluminum wiring is safe as long as it's maintained properly. When you push that switch to turn on something, there are other appliances on the same wire and all of the wattages add up. One wire like the one that caused his problem takes the full load and if it can't handle it, it heats up and creates a problem.

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R.W. THOMAS M. PAGLIA

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How many of you out there would be interested in having an all military reunion dinner? It would include everyone in the surrounding area. You can bring your military friends who are not Masons. What a way to spend an evening, just reminiscing about old times. You never know, you just might meet someone who was in your outfit that you did not know about. This also would include your lady and if you can still fit in your uniform, wear it to dinner.

If you are interested, kindly furnish me with the following information: your name, address, the number that would be attending with you, what type of dinner would you prefer and your age.

We will need a large group to make this a success. If enough people react to this I will set up the date, place and cost.

This is a first for such a setting. I have heard many say how nice it would be to have such a function, so let's find out if it could be a reality or a dream. Time is getting short to see your old comrades, let's make it a big affair.

Your Legal Rights FYI

By Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.



Immigration to the U.S.

Visas

Unless you are a U.S. Citizen, you cannot legally enter and remain in the U.S. unless you have permission from the government.

A Visa is permission to enter the United States. It is a legal document issued by the U.S. Consulate Office, or Embassy, located in the country that the Visa applicant would be arriving from.

There are many types of Visas tailored to the purpose for the visit to the U.S. A tourist Visa (B1-Visa) is valid for one year, and can be renewed at 6 month intervals. B Visa holders cannot work inside the U.S.

Student Visas (F1-Visa) are valid so long as the student is enrolled in school. The student must prove to immigration authorities that they have a home to go back to, and that they intend on returning after completing studies in the U.S. F1-Visa holders are permitted to work part

time while here. Once studies are completed, the graduate must leave the U.S. within 60 days unless their status is adjusted by immigration authorities.

Work related Visas (H-Visas) come in a variety of categories, all of which depend upon the occupation or skill of the Visa holder. A H-1A Visa is for registered nurses. A H-1B Visa holder must process a post graduate degree or have professional experience. Possessing an occupational license issued by a state is also required. For example, a physician from South Africa wishing to practice in Rochester, would have to be licensed to practice medicine in New York State.

H-2A Visas are issued to migrant workers. H-4 Visas go to families of holders of H-1 and H-2 Visa holders. H-1 Visas are valid for an initial period of up to three years. H-2 Visas are limited to the growing season, or for some other time period specified in the Visa application.

A Visa holder cannot remain indefinitely in the U.S. Staying beyond the time period authorized by the Visa subjects that person to removal from the U.S. Attempts to re-enter the U.S. (whether or not successful) will result in imprisonment, then deportation.

If a Visa holder decides to remain in the U.S. beyond the time allowed for in their Visa, then an adjustment in status is required. At this juncture, the Visa holder would seek to be classified as an immigrant. Any requests for adjustment to immigrant status are filed (for I-485) with the immigration office nearest the alien's place of residence. The adjustment must be sought prior to the expiration of the Visa, otherwise the applicant risks deportation for overstaying their Visa.

Immigrant status

An immigrant is a person (alien) who intends on remaining in the U.S. either permanently or indefinitely. An indefinite stay isn't permanent because the immigrant intends on leaving the U.S., they just haven't decided when. A permanent resident is an alien who remains in the U.S. without becoming a naturalized citizen.

Naturalization

Naturalization is the method an alien follows to become a U.S. citizen. An application for naturalization is made with the immigration authorities. A permanent resident (resident alien) can apply for naturalization after 5 years as a resident alien; 3 years if married to a U.S. citizen. Eligibility for naturalization requires proof of good moral character while in the U.S., literacy in the English language, and a basic knowledge of American history and civics.

There are 4 basic ways to become a citizen. Naturalization, children under 18 years of age become U.S. citizens if their alien parent becomes naturalized; birth in the United States or its territories; or birth outside the U.S. to a U.S. parent.

Deportation

A non-citizen can be removed from the U.S. in one of two ways. Barring entry at the border or other entry point (e.g. airport), or deportation of an alien already in the U.S. As highlighted above, a tourist or student in the U.S. on a Visa, can become an illegal alien subject to deportation if they overstay their Visa. Entry to the U.S. can be denied for health reasons, criminal record, national security concerns, likelihood of going on welfare if admitted, communist party membership, or for prior attempts at illegal entry into the U.S.

A resident alien can be deported if convicted of a crime; determined to be one of moral turpitude; drug offense; or even becoming a drug addict.

A person subject to deportation has the right to a hearing before an immigration judge, and a right to appeal a deportation order prior to its execution.

Any attempts at re-entry into the U.S. after being deported is a crime, punishable by imprisonment in this country, followed by deportation.



On Sunday, February 10th, a special visit was made to Ward 8A. In observance of Valentine's Day, a program by a USO Troupe of three female entertainers who sang a medley of patriotic and World War II vintage melodies.

The patients, as well as the VAMC Staff and our volunteers, greatly enjoyed the program. They were a hit! Our volunteers were: Tom and Cora Paglia, Larry

and Marge Hood, my wife, Sylvia, and me.

Remaining ward visits for the season are scheduled for Sunday afternoons, March 10th, and April 14th. For further information contact Tom Paglia at 227-2046.

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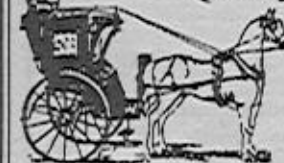


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In my January article I wrote positively about a TV show about Freemasonry and a "Washington Post" article on Freemasonry, both of which I felt were good for the Craft. Locally, Freemasons are equally interested in getting our good works before the community. We want people to know who we are and what we stand for. The District Leadership Team has consistently supported efforts to promote the Craft in the community. The efforts are beginning to bear fruit and I'd like to pass some credit around for this work.

James Weick is our District liaison to the Grand Lodge Committee on Public Information and in that capacity becomes a resource to District efforts. Brother Weick has the skills and contacts to give assistance to any Lodge wishing to promote their community based programs.

Lew Perna has just completed the first full year of the ElderWear Program, which, with the help from every branch of the Monroe Masonic family, was able to meet its goal of supplying clothing to needy people in nursing homes throughout this area. As important, the project generated a great deal of media interest and support. Partnering with a non-Masonic group probably contributed to the media support. (Let's learn from this.) We know that Fairport Lodge generated a steady flow of media support with its defibrillator project a couple of years ago.

As an aside, I saw one ElderWear article in a local paper, which described the program, named the Masons as partners, and gave other useful information to potential donors. A few

days later, the almost exact same article appeared in the "D&C", with this difference, the article had been scrubbed clean of any reference to Freemasonry. Makes one wonder.

Don Darrohn continues to lead a successful Have-a-Heart Program, which generates all sorts of positive feelings in the community. I know as I talk to people in the malls that they are well aware of the Ronald McDonald House and how this Campaign supports that important community outreach. I had the opportunity to be visiting Eureka Lodge No. 36 on the evening that Brother Darrohn was there to invite the participation of Eureka members to participate in the Campaign. A few days later, I got a call from a Eureka member who said he had arranged an interview with a "D&C" reporter to write an article about the first time participation of Eureka Lodge, and was I willing to be interviewed?

With trepidation, I agreed. My two fears were that it would be a waste of time because no editor would allow an article about Freemasonry into the paper, or, the article would be so slanted as to throw mud on all of us. Sure enough, a few days later, the article was printed on the front of the B section across the bottom half of the page. Most people's comments were positive about the article. A couple of Brothers said, "Indirectly, it suggests that we've been a little racist." I think if the writer of the article wanted to pursue that particular theme, he could have really hammered us on that one. Most importantly, the article makes clear that in the year 2002 there is one Masonic family in the Monroe District, and that is what we want to practice and make sure the public knows where we stand.

Mike Batz, R.J. Muto, and Pedro Ugalde proposed developing a web site for this District. After lots of hard work, trial and error, fits and starts, it became a web reality in the Summer of 2001.

Anyone can access it at monroemasonic.com. It contains all sorts of useful information about each Lodge, a District calendar, links to other Masonic sites, messages from Grand Lodge and hot topic banners. The page is still under construction as is said in the internet business,

but in its current shape is one more important way we can interact with the community at large. The site is owned by the M&W's of Monroe District.

Bob Hill, Dave Zegas, and Bruce Chilton can be credited for the fact that there is a commercial about Freemasonry appearing on the local cable channels. What started as a M&W's project soon developed into a partnership with the GL Committee on Membership Development and the reality of going before our community with a positive message. Because it includes the Membership Development tool free number, 1-866-6MASON3, it is possible to track the impact of the commercial. Already I have gotten several referrals from that number. More importantly, it will make it just that much easier to approach friends at work and in the community when offering invitations to BBF nights. (Senior Wardens, call me and I will get you the help you need to put on a successful Brother Bring-a-Friend Program; this is the time of year you should be doing this planning.)

The Membership Development "tool kit", which is available to Lodges, contains an audiotape made by Damascus Shrine Temple and features a message and the voice of Rev. Paul Gleason. Though made a couple of years ago, it continues to be one of the best promotional tapes for Freemasonry I have ever heard, and I recommend it to anyone who isn't quite sure about how to begin a conversation with a friend about joining the Craft.

Andy Alvarez has done a super job coordinating with the DARE Program with a Needle Awareness Program in the Spencerport area. I was there the night when the courtroom in the Municipal Building was filled with children and parents and the Poster Contest Awards were made. Later articles in the local papers extolled the program sponsored by Masons and commended the contest winners.

At the same time that was going on, Andy, John Dyer, and Pat Schwartz, were gathering resources and setting up a Child ID Program for the District. Through their efforts, several ID Programs have been put on and the calendar has begun to fill up for the year. The next major one is for a large and well-known child care facility and the requests keep coming in. Any Lodge can put on a program in its community, or just in the Lodge. This program is a winner all around.

There is not enough room in this column to praise every effort by Masons in this District for all the good they do. I constantly hear stories of Brothers extending a helping hand to others in need, whether it is driving a neighbor to a round of doctor's appointments or working a regular shift for Meals on Wheels. The point is, as each of us goes about the daily business of our lives, finding time for others in need; we fulfill our Masonic obligations, and in small and large ways, define who we are as individuals and as a Craft.

Our strength as a Craft is dependent upon how we are perceived by the public in whose midst we exist and have our being. We cannot mandate how the public will think of us; we can shape their perception by letting them know what we do and where we stand.

So here we are. □

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RTTE

The final segment to this year's Road to the East Program occurred on Saturday, February 2nd, in Dansville. Twenty-nine Brothers, from six area Districts, completed the Program. The Lodge that wrote the book on BBAF treated the Brothers in attendance to a Brother Bring-a-Friend presentation. We thank the Brothers of ERAC Lodge No. 163 for taking time to do this presentation as part of this year's RTTE Program.

LSOME

The next scheduled session of LSOME is planned for April 17th, and will be held in the Downtown Temple 3rd floor dining room. This session deals with the Master Mason Degree. We recommend that all newly raised Master Masons attend this program. We apply the term "newly raised" to any Brother who has less than 5 years of being in the Craft. It should be a very informative and enjoyable evening. Please call Cliff or Jim if you plan on attending, just so we have a count for refreshments.

Duties, Privileges and Rights of a Master Mason

The duties, privileges and rights of a Master Mason aren't actually printed any place in list form because they are so varied. Some are the result of custom, some are in the Masonic Law, and some are very explicit, while others are implied. It would be impossible to cover most of them in a reasonable period of time, so we will just touch on the most important ones.

A Master Mason's first duty is to live up to all the points covered by his Obligations. Otherwise he can't perform his other duties or claim his rights and privileges.

Another important duty, in addition to the many covered in the three Obligations, is the requirement to pay your share of the financial costs of the Fraternity promptly and ungrudgingly; whether the costs are in the form of dues or assessments or a voluntary appeal.

You have the right to ask for, and receive, a demit if your Lodge dues are paid up to date. This means that you voluntarily relinquish your membership in your Lodge. Why would you want to do that? Usually, it would be because you move to another area and want to exercise your right to affiliate with a local Lodge. However, you also have the right to plural affiliation, meaning that you can hold membership in more than one Lodge. This is true according to the laws of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, but may not be true in other Grand Lodge jurisdictions.

Between the time you demit from your Lodge and join another Lodge, you are a non-affiliated Mason. If you remain non-affiliated for more than one year, all your Masonic rights and privi-

leges are suspended until such time as you affiliate with a Lodge.

One of the privileges you would lose is that of visiting other Lodges. This is a privilege rather than a right, because the Master has the right to exclude you from visiting if he feels that the presence of any visitors at that particular time would not be in the best interests of the Lodge. The Master must determine that a visitor is entitled to sit in his Lodge. You have a right to be vouched for by a Lodge member who knows you to be a Master Mason.

You have the right to request Masonic relief without the degradation of your dignity. The request may be to some Lodge or to a Master Mason. Practically, the request will be made to a Lodge, but they are not required to provide relief just on the basis of a request. You must remember that the Lodge isn't an insurance society or a death benefit association. Usually the Lodge will evaluate the request and make a decision based on extreme urgency or true financial need. The Lodge is free to exercise judgment in each case with respect to how much relief to extend, if any, and also the form of the relief. If the Lodge feels that a particular request merits more than they can provide, they can request that the Masonic District and the Grand Lodge contribute the additional sums.

A Mason accused of violation of Masonic Laws is entitled to a Masonic trial under prescribed, regulated conditions where he is free to present evidence. If convicted by trial, conducted by a Trial Commission appointed by the Grand Master, he has the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge Commission of Appeals. This is his guarantee against possible injustice because of prejudice or because of spiteful action by some personal enemy.

Every Mason has the right to a Masonic Funeral Service and Burial Service, meaning that the family has the right to request it from the Lodge and the Lodge must provide it if asked. In practice, many Lodges ask the family if they desire a Masonic Service; and, in fact, a Lodge will usually provide the Service for a former Mason if asked, just out of consideration for the family and also to maintain good public relations.

There are many privileges, which are also rights. They include having both a voice and a vote in the Lodge, including balloting on the acceptance of candidates.

You also have the privilege of holding office in your Lodge and the right to apply for membership in several Masonic, or Masonically related Bodies whose prerequisite for acceptance is that a petitioner must be a Master Mason in good standing.

There are many privileges that vary in detail, with availability depending on local conditions and circumstances. A Lodge may do many things which are neither required nor prohibited, but are usually strongly encouraged. These include holding social affairs, providing special entertainment, offering special programs of one kind or another, involvement in community service projects, and so forth, according to its abilities and the desires of its membership. If community service activities are available, your participation in them is an exercise of your privilege of providing Masonic service, which will be one of the principal sources of satisfaction in your Masonic life.

Above all, your most important privilege, and the one that



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should always be in the forefront of your mind, whether consciously or unconsciously, is that Masonry in all its aspects, belongs to you to use and enjoy.


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School of Ritual

The next School of Ritual is scheduled for Monday, March 18th. It will be hosted by Union Star Lodge No. 320 in Honeoye Falls, at 7:30 p.m. The work for the evening will be the Masonic Funeral Service, Graveside Service and preparation for Officer Installation. Keith and I are planning to have funeral directors who are members of the Craft present to discuss their perspective on Masonic funerals and to answer questions. We feel that the Craft could use proper format in conducting the Funeral Service.

The second half of the evening will be a discussion on how to prepare and run the Installation Ceremony for Lodge officers. We will cover both tiled and public installations, their preparation and conduct. Senior Wardens are encouraged to attend, as a well run installation can set the tone for the Master's year. We also encourage possible installing officers and installing Marshals to attend as well.

New Grand Lodge Officers

This year we will see the commissioning of a new set of Grand Lodge Officers within the District. It is important that every Lodge and its officers be familiar with proper Masonic protocol. Just about everything you would need to know is contained in the Grand Marshal's Guide to Masonic Protocol that can be found in chapter four of "The 24 Inch Gauge". Every Master and Warden should have a copy. Your Lodge Secretary can obtain copies from the Grand Secretary's office. Masonic protocol defines the modes and methods of respect due a Grand Lodge Office and office holder, whether it be District Deputy Grand Master, Staff Officer, or the Master of a Lodge, etc.


Kudos

Keith and I commend the Shrine Past Master's Degree Team for building their ritualistic skills through rehearsals. This shows their commitment for the Craft and their respect to the new Brother by doing the best Ritual possible. Every Lodge should take their cue from this team and seriously rehearse the work. We are always available to advise and assist any Lodge in building its ritualistic skills. Our Ritual is used to make Masons, but can only truly succeed if done properly and correctly.

Finally, let us look at proficiency in the work. Many of you may immediately think of a new

Brother learning the Lectures, but there is more to proficiency. To start, every new Brother should have a mentor or shepherd to help him with the work. The shepherd should be knowledgeable and should spend time working with the new Brother. The shepherd should also encourage the new Brother, whether Entered Apprentice or Master Mason, to attend the functions and meetings of the Lodge. Our constitutions permit lowering the Lodge to the Degree of the new Brother. Secondly, all the officers of a Lodge should be proficient in the work. This includes the Lectures, as well as their portion of the Ritual. Every officer should be learning the part of the next office in line. So, not only do new Brothers need to be proficient, so do the new Brother's shepherd and the officers of a Lodge. □

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The Annual Have-a-Heart Campaign for the Ronald McDonald House was held February 2-14th, and in my opinion, was a success as any amount raised is a good amount. Thanks to all the Brothers, families and friends, who gave their time to hawk Hearts. A special thanks to R. W. W. Don Darrohn, who got the malls to let us in, got the Masonic organizations to staff the booths and collected the money. Thanks to W. W. Jim Nersinger and Brother Dean Smith who collected, counted and deposited the cash.

The Have-a-Heart check will be presented at the McDonald House on Monday, March 4th, at 7:00 p.m. I'd like a big turnout of Brothers that night. Call me if you can attend. Watch your e-mail for details.

At this point, our April 12th meeting is cancelled as many of us are attending the Grand Master's Dinner in Buffalo on the 13th.

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

Membership Retention



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

Widows Luncheon

The Widows Luncheon is scheduled for March 16th. The ladies should arrive sometime after 11:00 a.m. The Luncheon will be served at noon. The speaker will be R. W. W. John Fuller, Past Senior Grand Warden for the State of New York.

So much for necessary details. Now I will write about what is going around this function. As some of you may realize, attendance at the Luncheon has been decreasing over the past few years. Why? I frankly can't pin down the reasons. One of the reasons may be that I believe that we are not doing the job that we could and should be doing to make this event a successful activity for the ladies of our de-

parted Brothers. This is an event that the ladies always look forward to. A time to renew old friendships. A time to get outside in the middle of a dreary Winter.

What we should be doing is contacting every widow. Most times a letter is mailed inviting a lady to the Luncheon. Then we sit and wait for the lady to get back to us. This is wrong. After the letter is mailed, wait a week and then pick up the phone and make a personal contact. Follow-up in this situation is very important. If a lady wants to go and needs a ride, the Lodge should provide the transportation.

I know nobody wants to be lectured on what should be done. However, when I see a Lodge come to the Luncheon with one or two ladies or with more men than ladies, I have a feeling that we are missing the point of this activity.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Perhaps it is a little late this time, but at least we can establish a foundation in our Lodges to make this a successful event in the future.

Hope to see you in Lodge. □

Bureau of Masonic Education

Monroe District

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V. W. W. John Zabel

The following was received via e-mail through Brother Dean Smith. I believe that it shows a different perspective to Masonry that we all should emulate. This is attributed to Brother Thomas W. Olzak and should be considered his work.

True Masonry

Brother Johnson slowly sealed the envelope he held in his trembling fingers. He tried to keep his hands still, but the powerful emotions filling him easily overcame his futile attempt. After all, the envelope contained a letter he didn't think he would ever have to write. Seven years ago, Brother Johnson returned from a military tour in Germany. While in Germany, he was raised to the Subline Degree of Master Mason in a "military Lodge". It was a new Lodge (less than 10 years old), but the Spirit of Freemasonry was very strong there. For hours, Brother Johnson sat talking with Past Masters and other interested Brethren about the meaning of Freemasonry. The Spirit of Freemasonry that pervaded that small Lodge quickly filled Brother Johnson. Not only did he carry a dues card, he was also a Mason in his heart.

When Brother Johnson's tour in Germany ended, he was discharged from the Army. He returned to his hometown and started a new life. It wasn't long before he met a Brother who belonged to a local Lodge. He invited Brother Johnson to a stated meeting that Friday night. He enthusiastically accepted.

During the next few weeks, Brother Johnson became a familiar face at the Lodge. He became active in the Fellowcraft Team, and he took part in the Degree work. Attending Lodge helped fill a void in Brother Johnson's life - a void created when he left his Lodge in Germany. But, something was still missing.

It couldn't be the Temple in Germany, his Lodge met in a small dining room in the back of a guest house. Each week the

Brothers gathered before the meeting to unpack the Lodge furniture to set up the stations. When the Master closed, all the Lodge paraphernalia was placed back in the closet until the next meeting. This Lodge met in a beautiful old Temple. It wasn't the size of the Lodge. The membership in the local Lodge numbered over 700. In Germany, Brother Johnson was the ninety-eighth member added to the roles. Although that which was lost eluded Brother Johnson, he decided to petition for affiliation.

He was accepted by his new Masonic family. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed Junior Steward. For almost 7 years Brother Johnson labored in the quarries of his new Lodge. As time passed, that which was lost began to show itself. He caught glimpses of it when a Past Master refused to take part in the Ritual because he had "already done his part for the Lodge" - even though several walking parts remained vacant during the Master Mason Degree. He saw it again each time a Brother complained that the Lodge hadn't repaid him with office or honors for his services. They owed him. Until they made it up to him, he just wouldn't attend Lodge. Again it showed itself each time the Master Mason Degree was performed with disrespect, with levity or lack of preparation. And finally, he caught a glimpse of it each time expediency and personal ambition won out over the needs and principles of the Fraternity.

Shortly after his election to the office of Senior Warden, Brother Johnson realized what it was that the Lodge had lost. It had been hard to find because it wasn't something tangible. It wasn't big and heavy like the ashlar that sat in the front of the Lodge room. It wasn't colorful and ornate like the chapters and globes that adorned the Fellowcraft Pillars.

On the contrary, it was simple and delicate. It can be found only in the hearts of those who truly love the Craft. It was the Spirit of Freemasonry. It was the spirit that makes a group of dedicated men a Lodge of Freemasons. You can easily tell the Lodge that has it. If you take away all the ornaments, the symbols, and all the other implements normally found in a Temple, the Lodge whose members possess the Spirit of Freemasonry remains a Lodge in the purest sense. The Lodge without the spirit is lost.

Once Brother Johnson realized what it was that was lost, he began to see other things differently. He understood that he had been caught up in the maelstrom of Lodge politics. Like many of the other officers and Past Masters, he had begun to see his role as an officer as a personal achievement - not as service to his Lodge. Brother Johnson had begun to ignore the Spirit that keeps Masonry vibrant, dynamic, and alive. While he looked out-

side himself for the fundamental problems causing the decline of his Lodge, he was allowing the Masonic Spirit within him to die.

This was a very serious revelation for Brother Johnson. After his God and his family, Freemasonry was the most important force in his life. He couldn't continue along the path he was on.

For several weeks, Brother Johnson stayed away from Lodge. During that time, he searched his soul for the way back to the Freemasonry he had found in Germany. When the answer came, he knew in his heart it was the only way.

The Lodge Secretary opened the letter from his Senior Warden. He hadn't been at Lodge for awhile. "I hope I don't have problems with this one when he becomes Master," the Secretary said to himself as he turned on his desk lamp. He began to read: "Worshipful Brother Smith:

After much deliberation, I find it necessary to resign from my office as Senior Warden. I do not take this action lightly. For several weeks I have struggled with the internal conflict between my desire to become Master of my Lodge and my desire to find a Lodge where the Spirit of Freemasonry is still alive. I am happy to say the latter won.

I can no longer participate in an organization where the structure and form of the organization mean more to the collective membership than does the pursuit of personal growth. After all, isn't the journey down the path to personal growth the purpose of our Ritual and of our Fraternity?

The Lodge where I was raised understood this. Although the Lodge was only 10 years old at the time of my raising, the Spirit of Freemasonry was so strong it permeated every part of a small guest house in Germany where we met. The purpose of the meetings did not center around who did this or that. Rather, it was more important to discuss the exact charity function, or the welfare of those who could not be with us. Then there was the Ritual.

We didn't have fancy paraphernalia or a projector for the Lecture, but what Degree work we performed! Each Brother knew his part word for word. As fun was an integral part of our stated meetings, so was solemnity an integral part of the Degree work. It was not difficult to impress upon the minds of the Brethren taking part the importance of good Ritual work. After all, they were sharing with a new Brother those truths that would allow him to join and share in the brotherhood they loved without reservation. I know that somewhere there must be a Lodge where Freemasonry means more than a struggle for the existence of worn-out rules and traditions - rules and traditions that become more important than the Masonic Spirit around which they were constructed.

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I am not bitter, only sad. Sad that I was unable to share my vision of the art of creating the perfect ashlar with the members of the Lodge.

I don't want there to be any misunderstanding. I am not perfect. Perfect men do not need a spiritual Freemasonry; a Masonry I will try to find again. Fraternally,

Thomas Johnson, Freemason

The Lodge Secretary sat back in his chair. "Now what do we do?", he thought. "Well, we'll temporarily fill the station and finish the year. The loss of one officer won't stop us from going on as before." He tossed the letter onto his desk as he stood to go to supper. He shook his head as he took one last look at Brother Johnson's letter, and turned out the light. □

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The Secretaries Association Meeting on January 31st at the Downtown Temple, was very successful in spite of the weather! We had reservations for 31 participants, but only 20 attended to enjoy a nice dinner prepared by Hildegard DiJames.

There is an old saying that a reservation made is a reservation paid, so if your conscience bothers you, please write a donation check for \$5.00, and send it to the Monroe Masonic Secretaries Association, c/o Phillip Averbach, 327 LaGrange Ave., Rochester, NY 14615-3813. A thanks is in order, but if you do not, we will forgive you!

The President called the meeting to order and R.W. Keith Stambach united us in the opening prayer. Introductions of all present were made.

Brother Raymond G. Glegg, of Seneca Lodge No. 797, Chairperson of the Juvenile Diabetes Walk on Sunday, May 9th, presented a short talk on this subject. He distributed information and urged more involvements from the respective Masonic organizations represented.

Election of Officers

Elections were held and the new officers for the next year are: President, W. Michael G. Schwartz; Vice President, Norman P. Austin, and, as before, our durable Secretary, R.W. Phillip Averbach got re-elected. Brother Phil is the backbone of this organization and I can only say that Phil is always there to keep us informed. He was also a great help to me during my term. Thanks, Phil.

Main Program

R.W. Richard Friedman and R.W. Bruce Chilton lectured us on the Masonic Lodge Secretary System (MLSS), the second edition of the Computer Program. Brother Rich, as always, presented a detailed explanation of all items and promised that the CD will soon be available to all secretaries.

To our guests from our surrounding Districts, we welcome you to join us on a permanent

basis. We meet only about twice a year. Please contact our Secretary, Phillip Averbach. □

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Have-a-Heart Campaign

Special thanks to the Brothers and spouses who participated in this year's Have-a-Heart Campaign! Unfortunately, the number of people at the mall was a bit thin on our night. Monday, February 4th, had a rather significant snow storm that day, so the contributions were not as much as we had hoped for. Nevertheless, we did manage to collect some donations and we enjoyed the good fellowship. Brothers and spouses participating in this year's Campaign included: Larry and Marge Hood, Kel and Joanne Kelsey, Al Fowler, George Bracht, Dwight Turner, Mike Morris, Brian and Paula Bills, Greg and Judy Ludwig, and Patrick Hillis. Thanks everyone!

Status of consolidation

On January 28th we held a Summoned Meeting to vote on the Agreement of Consolidation between Fairport Lodge No. 476 and Flower City Lodge No. 910. The vote for consolidation was unanimous. There were 18 Brothers present and voting. Flower City Lodge No. 910 was scheduled to vote on the Agreement of Consolidation on February 14th. Assuming their vote was positive, the Consolidation Agreement and associated documentation from the two Lodges will be sent to Grand Lodge for its approval.

Once the Consolidation is approved by Grand Lodge, both Lodges, Fairport Lodge No. 476 and Flower City Lodge No. 910, cease to exist, and the new Lodge, Fairport/Flower City Lodge No. 476, F. & A.M., is created. At that point, we will need to have a formal Installation of the officers of the new Lodge. Additional details to follow.

Sad news

Brothers, it is my sad duty to report that 2002 has not started out in a good way. So far this year, three of our Brothers have been called to join the Great Architect of the Universe: Brother Dewey T. Jackson, Brother Jeffrey A. Budd, and W. Warren H. McCullough. A Masonic Service was held for Brother Budd on Wednesday, January 30th. Our Senior Warden, Brother Kermit Moyer, conducted the Service.

A Masonic Service was held for W. McCullough on February 8th. W. Michael Morris conducted the Service. Our thoughts and prayers are with our departed Brothers and their families.

Mark your calendars!

At our meeting on March 10th, we will discuss our plans to kick off the Fairport/Perinton Child Id Program. Lodge will open at 7:30 p.m. Brother Patrick Schwartz from Etolian Lodge, will be there to tell us about the process that has been used by other Lodges in the District, and equipment that is available. Our current plan is to set up a booth at the Fairport Canal Days, which

will be held on June 1st and 2nd. In association with Canal Days, we will literally have the opportunity to provide ID documentation for families of hundreds of children!

To help staff the Child Id booth, in addition to participation by the members of our Lodge, we hope to enlist the help of others in the Fairport/Perinton community, in much the same way as we did with the defibrillator project that we conducted a couple of years ago. Groups that we will be contacting about the program include Village, Town and State officials, Fairport Central School District Board members, principals, and teachers, and other community organizations.

On March 25th, we will hold a public program entitled, "A Brief History of Freemasonry" for Cub Scouts and their families in the Fairport/Perinton area. Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m., program begins at 8:00 p.m. A requirement for one of the Cub Scout badges is that they have an outing to find out something about the history of their community or of an organization within the community. Last year W. Tom Goodrich conducted the program for one of the Cub Scout Packs and it was very well received. This year, our plan is to open up (and advertise) the program to all the Cub Scout Packs in the Fairport/Perinton community. It will be a lot of fun! Hope to see you there.

Widows Luncheon

Ladies, mark your calendars! This year the 2002 Widows Luncheon will be held on March 16th, at Logan's Party House. The doors will open at 11:00 a.m. and the Buffet Dinner will be served at 12 noon. The guest speaker will be R.W. John Fuller, Past Senior Grand Warden for the State of New York, F&AM. Masonic Widows Pins will be presented to those ladies who have not already received them. I will be calling you to find out if you wish to attend and/or need transportation to the Luncheon.

In closing, as always, if you have any questions, suggestions or comments, or know of a Brother in need of our aid or sympathy, please let me know. My phone number is 585-223-2828; e-mail is morris-GM@corning.com. See you in Lodge. □

Union Star
Lodge No. 320

3 N. Main St. 2nd Mon.
Honeoye Falls, NY 7:30 P.M.

W.: James E.
Nersinger,
Master
334-9057

Sec. Robert
Sweeney,
(h) 381-5286
(w) 464-6316

38 Cullens Run, Pittsford, 14534

Good news!

I am pleased to announce we have two newly raised Master Masons in our Lodge. On February 25th the Shrine Past Master's Degree Team conferred the 3rd Degree on 2 Brothers. A dinner for one of the largest gatherings that our Lodge has hosted was put on by W. Joseph Cotteleer, prior to the Degree work.

Fundraiser

Our regular Lodge meeting for March will be on Monday, the 11th. A Spaghetti Dinner will be served before the meeting at 6:30 p.m. This is a fundraiser for our

Lodge as all the food is being donated. Reservations are required. Please call me at 334-9057 or Brother Sweeney at 381-5286.

Have-a-Heart

A thank you to all the Brothers who helped at Marketplace Mall for the Have-a-Heart Campaign. The monies collected will be presented to the Ronald McDonald House on Monday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m. All Masons are invited to attend this presentation.

Thanks

We thank Brother Bob Sweeney for his slide presentation of the Grand Lodge of New York and of his Las Vegas trip. This was at our February 11th meeting.

Future events

The Widows Luncheon is on Saturday, March 16th, at Logan's Party House. R.W. Bob Sanford is our Chairman. All Brothers interested in attending or assisting, please contact Bob at 292-6383.

On Monday, March 18th, Union Star will host the School of Ritual. The work for the evening will be Installations and Funeral/Graveside Services. Al-

though the work starts at 7:30 p.m., I request that our Brothers be there at 7:00 p.m. to sign in, obtain Aprons, etc.

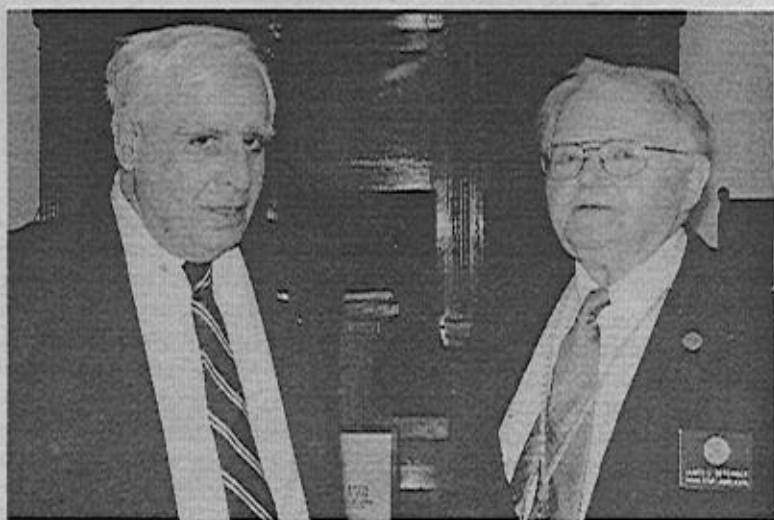
Reminder

Brother Kerry Ripley, our Brotherhood Chairman, reminds us that time is running short on getting your donations into him. If you have misplaced Brother Ripley's address, just send your donations payable to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund to our Secretary at the Lodge, who will pass them on to Brother Ripley.

While you are sending in your Brotherhood Fund donations, please check your dues card. If you have not received your 2002 card, you probably have not paid your current dues. Please check and send in your dues for 2002.

Last, but not least, is a "BIG" thanks to the many Brothers who participated in the new floor installation, renovations and general clean up of our ladies' and men's restrooms. For those Brothers who haven't visited the Lodge lately, you now have another reason to visit your Lodge and renew friendships. We might even give you some puzzles to take home!

See you in Lodge. □



Richard Horton, newly appointed Tiler of Union Star Lodge and W. James Nersinger, Master. (Photo courtesy Jim Nersinger)

Craftsman/
Robertson
Lodge No. 969

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

W.: Derek E.
VanHouten
Master
247-2920

Sec. W.: Thomas W. Kendig
1-315-524-4063

825 Main Street, East, Rochester, 14605

Why do we go to Lodge? Why do we work so hard to achieve great Ritual? Why do we travel on stormy nights to attend meetings? If you are like me, you find over the years that the history, education, friendships, fellowship and the opportunity to serve our Brothers in the Craft probably are contributing factors in the above questions.

During these uncertain and stressful days the quality time we spend together in our Lodge rooms and in other Concordant Bodies reassures us that some degree of normalcy exists today.

Reflecting on what Masonry provides to each of its members, consider the following: in a world of greed and force, it teaches self-restraint and reason. It aids, comforts, reassures and inspires individuals. It leaps the barriers of race and space to draw together the finest aspirations of all men and unite them in a universal Brotherhood. Additional descriptions of purity of heart, sincerity, truthfulness, fidelity to duty, plus the attainment of wisdom, temperance, justice and rea-

son, contribute to the Masonic way of life.

School of Ritual

I attended the School of Ritual on January 29th and was very pleased to hear that Craftsman/Robertson Lodge was 2nd highest in attendance.

Dinner meeting with the ladies

By Robert Ogden

On March 5th there will be a Meatloaf Dinner served by Hilde and Joy. Following the dinner, Brother Warren Doerrler has scheduled a speaker from Lollypop Farm.

Rehearsal and Degree

Brother Ken Schumacher stated there will be a rehearsal for the 1st Degree on March 12th, followed by the conferral of the Degree on March 19th.

Harley School Choir

Brother Matt Walicke will be conducting a choral group rendering the musical "Godspell" during the evenings of March 7th-9th at Harley School, 1981 Clover Street. For further details, please contact him at 442-7750.

ESM Cruise

By the time you read this, our Master, Derek, and his wife, Judy, will have returned from the Annual Masonic Cruise to the Caribbean area. We anxiously await your report, Derek.

Widows Luncheon

The Widows Luncheon will be held on March 16th at Logan's Party House. The doors will open at 11:00 a.m., with service begin-

ning at 12 noon, and entertainment will follow. Brothers Jack Grover, Ed Walker and I will be contacting the ladies.

Birthdays in March

Best wishes to Brothers Ron Freida, Don DeBack, Dick Howard, Duane King, Fred Martin, Pat McWhinney, Jay Rodgers, Clyde Siverd, George Steele and Larry Weekes.

Box of Remembrance

It has been called to my attention that the Box of Remembrance should be visible at our meetings. Let's try to bring it out and make our contributions. Thanks.

March meetings

There will be a dinner meeting with the ladies on March 5th.

A rehearsal for the 1st Degree will be March 12th and it will be conferred on March 19th.

Fellowcraft Dinner

The Fellowcraft Club Dinner will be April 9th at Rick's Prime Rib Restaurant on Buffalo Road. The social hour is from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the menu is Prime Rib at \$25.00 or Orange Ruffly at \$22.00, with dues and gratuity included. Reservations may be made with either Brother Jack Grover at 247-3007 or W. Clyde Siverd at 334-3642.

ERAC Lodge No. 163
 2nd & 4th Mon. 7:30 P.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

Table Lodge

Last month ERAC held the finest Table Lodge I have ever attended. M. W. Carl Smith was the guest of honor. Also in attendance were the Grand Marshal, Junior Grand Warden, District Deputies, Staff Officers and Masters of other Lodges. Our Junior Warden, Terry Wihlen, Jr., did a fantastic job organizing everything and Brother John Lindsay prepared a phenomenal meal. Huge thanks to the rest of the dedicated ERAC Brothers who helped with this event.

Also last month our Past Masters conferred the 2nd Degree for our seven Entered Apprentices. This is worth making a tradition.

Have-a-Heart

On February 9th, ERAC Brothers, family members, friends and Roscoe the Clown, staffed the Have-a-Heart booth at Eastview Mall. We raised \$977 that day! Our second shift was on February 11th at Marketplace, with a similar mix of help. Hats off to Brother Rich Greenaway for getting enough people to man the booths for both days.

February 25th was a two-fer night. Some of us cooked dinner for the guests at the Ronald McDonald House. Some of us cooked dinner at the Lodge as a fundraiser for the East Rochester Community Resource Center and the Monroe County Probation Officers' Association. Non-perishable food items were brought and donated to the Community Resource Center.

The money raised for the Monroe County Probation Officers' Association was donated to the Ian Peers Scholarship Fund. Ian Peers is the son of Senior Probation Officer John Peers, who led Probation's warrant team.

On December 1st, John was out at the movies with his wife at Tinsletown when he turned to her and stated, "I think I'm bleeding on the inside. I think I'm having a heart attack, I'm going to die. I love you." John then passed out and died shortly after. John left behind his wife and two young adult children. The younger of the two is Ian, who is currently in college. This donation will enable him to finish.

March 11th will be another open event with W. Pete Fallone demonstrating self defense techniques for the young and old. I encourage all family members to attend. We will have a dinner at 6:30 p.m. with the program starting at 7:30 p.m. Junior Warden, Terry Wihlen, Jr., will take reservations for this event at 288-5327 or twihlen@webbox.com.

Condolences

Another member was called by the Great Architect. Brother David Comstock, who was a 46 year Mason, passed in January. Rest peacefully.

Churchville Lodge No. 667
 20 S. Main St. Churchville 14428
 2nd & 4th Weds. 7:30 p.m.
 W. Larry Bright, Master
 359-2257
 www.geocities.com
 Sec. W. George R. Burke, 293-1829
 churchvillelodges667/

Degree

On January 23rd we conferred our 2nd Degree. Brother Frank Higgins and the rest of the officers did a fine job.

ElderWear Program

I am asking each Brother to donate any clothing they may have such as sweat suits and pajamas. Please make sure they are clean and neat. You may bring these items to our meeting on March 27th.

Condolences

Brother C. Stewart Dick passed away in Florida on December 28, 2001. He was 99 years of age.

Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154
 2nd & 4th Mon. 7:30 P.M.
 W. Steve O. Maynard, Master
 482-5847
 W. Theodore J. Snyder, Sec. 467-0165
 W. Donald C. Bell, Asst. Sec. 334-7768
 1822 Penfield Rd. 14528

Many thanks

I take this opportunity to again thank the officers and Brethren who assisted with the Eastern Star Appreciation Dinner and to those who manned the Have-a-Heart booth at Marketplace Mall for the Ronald McDonald Campaign.

Degree

The 1st Degree was conferred upon our Spring Class with our Senior Warden, Steve Xander, in the East.

March

Our meeting on March 11th will be preceded by a dinner. This is an open meeting and the Mudler will be requesting reservations be made no later than March 7th. Further details will be

sent out via e-mail and the Calling Committee.

There will be an Officer's meeting and rehearsal for the 2nd Degree at the Lodge on March 23rd at 9:00 a.m. All officers and participants are expected to be in attendance. The 2nd Degree will feature JW Joe Oelgoetz in the East.

Sickness and distress

We are happy to report that R. W. Don Brugger is making excellent progress following his recent surgical procedure. Brother Carl Busack is coming along nicely following eye surgery.

We extend our sincere condolences to Brother Harold Curchin on the passing of his wife, Rena, last month.

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088
 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:30 P.M.
 W. William T. King, Master
 (h) 266-5676
 C. William Flemming, Secretary
 723-0083
 4550 Lake Ave. Rochester 14812

By SW Charles G. Harwell

March 9th Brunch

From 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., we will have our Annual Brunch. JW Keith Freeman will be the chef. Please show your support for our Lodge by attending. The cost was not conveyed to me as yet. As with any well-planned event, you must RSVP by March 5th by calling 230-5862.

Widows Luncheon

From 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. the Annual Widows Luncheon will be held at Logan's Party House. Please call R. W. Joe Privitera for tickets and details.

3rd Degree

The 3rd Degree will be conferred on March 19th and I will be in the East. Officers will be in tuxedos. Please attend and support us. Also, this will be my last meeting at Charlotte/Corinthian.

I am moving

Brothers, as most of you know, I am a Gunnery Sergeant on Active Duty with the United States Marine Corps and I have been in Rochester for over two years. It is my somewhat sad duty to inform you that I have been selected for promotion and therefore I will be transferred to my new duty station in Chicopee, MA, effective April 1st.

This early move comes as a surprise not only to me, but my family as well. As this will be my last article, I thank each of you for your patience, support, and understanding as I moved up in the Lodge. I especially thank R. W. Joe Privitera for his leadership; R. W. Cliff Short for his leadership and knowledge of the Ritual; W. Don Fox, W. Tom Grape and W. Ken Ratliff, whom I could always count on to fill in when needed.

A thank you also to DSA Frank Jansson who makes every Junior Warden's job easy; DSA William Flemming, Bill Fredenberg and R. W. Charles W. Simpson, who I will always miss. Last, but surely not least, my mentor W. Bill Samar who helped, guided, and instructed me thus far.

School of Ritual

By R. W. Joe Privitera
 The last School of Ritual on January 29th was an excellent program. The agenda for the

evening was a "round robin". Then someone made a mistake, the person who made note of the error took the chair of the one who made the error. It was very instructional and a lot of fun at the same time. We were led by our acting Master, Brother Chuck Harwell. Other Charlotte/Corinthian members present were Brothers John Dyer, Richard Felgner, Bill Flemming, Don Fox, Bill Fredenberg, Mike Hueston, Frank Jansson, and me.

The next School of Ritual will be at Union Star Lodge on March 18th. If you want to go and need a ride, please call me at home (392-5583) or at my office (392-5030).

Seneca Lodge No. 797
 2nd Tues. 6:00 P.M.
 Master W. Michael C. Ferguson
 (h) 359-9052 (o) 334-5186
 Sec. Robert C. Green, Jr., 223-5953
 30 Orchard St., Webster 14580

Greetings, Brethren. I hope the recent cold weather reminds us of the Winter that we have missed.

Successful day

I extend special thank yous. First, Brother Richard Shellman, DSA, who coordinated a great turnout for our stint at Eastview Mall for the Have-a-Heart Campaign. Nine Brothers and their families attended and we had a very successful day. Thanks, you all.

February meeting

R. W. Steven Whittaker presented a fine Lantern Lecture, complete with a new slide show. It was very well received, and, as always, was a very informative and moving passage of Ritual. Thanks, Steve.

Also at the February meeting, R. W. Fred Belluscio gave a presentation on the significance and meaning of the Bible passage on which the Square and Compasses rests for the 3rd Degree. All attending learned a great lesson, one that is usually lost due to the other activities of that evening. It is amazing what we can learn when we slow down and listen.

Tell your friends

I feel we are on the crest of a wave regarding the initiation of new members. Toward that end, our March 12th meeting will feature a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Dust off your address books and talk to your friends. Let's add to our growing Lodge. I feel the enthusiasm in the Lodge

is growing. Let's let it grow in numbers as well. As an incentive, any Brother bringing a friend will receive a free dinner, as well as their friend. We need to know who is coming as soon as possible, so call Brother Glegg or me with the names as soon as you know. This is your Lodge, wouldn't you like to share it with a friend?

Ladies Night

Socially, don't forget Ladies Night on March 2nd. Call Brother Dick Shellman with reservations ASAP. This is a wonderful evening at the Daisy Four Mill, and the ladies are our guests. Let's have a great turnout.

Golf

Plans are in the works for our Golf Night at the Henrietta Golf Dome. A date has not been set yet, but it is slated for the 3rd or 4th Tuesday in March. Dust off those clubs and come hit some golf balls in the dead of Winter.


As always, my phone and mailbox are awaiting for your questions and comments. Please don't hesitate to call or write.

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2nd Tues.
7:30 P.M.

W. Robert L.
Hill, Master
256-7445

W. Michael G. Batz, Sec.
(h) 820-9018, (o) 272-8470
875 Main Street E., Rochester, 14805

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to you all. It's been a very happy new year thus far, so why not just extend the happiness? I know we are doing our best to do that. It's just that we have to deal with people most of the time.

We will have celebrated our Sweetheart's Night and will have had our Official visit by the time you receive this. Of note is our salute to those two special "Ladies of the Kitchen", Hilde and Joy. Many thanks to Brother Dave Mura for the bang-up job of pulling this event together for us. He's the guy who also arranged our Evening at the Ballpark last Summer. I also thank those officers who are sitting in for me during tax crunch time. It's fun to have so much to do in such a short time, but, it can be very 'taxing', if you get my drift.

I read recently the newsletter of the Toronto, Ontario, Masonic Lodge in which the passing of Brothers is mentioned with reference to the G.A.O.T.U. in that phraseology. It was the Great Architect of the Universe who recently called our Brothers Walter Hitzke and Thomas Toogood from their earthly labors to their eternal rest.

Brother Hitzke was raised in Valley Lodge in 1943 and was called to rest on February 5, 2002.

Brother Toogood was also raised in Valley Lodge and called to rest on January 22, 2002. A Masonic Service was conducted for Brother Toogood and was very well attended by the Brothers of Etolian Lodge of which his son, James, is the Senior Warden. Many thanks to W. Karl-Heinz Reich and the Brothers of Etolian Lodge for their gracious assistance in this time of sorrow.

Degree

Our next great event will be a 1st Degree on March 12th with an Officer's Move-Up. Then a grand Saint Patrick's Day parade and, well, whatever it is you do on that day, have a good one.

Dues

A short note on dues and notices. We had a computer 'glitch' that has somehow eluded our best and brightest. However, I am assured that notices will be out real soon, but if you need to, send your dues to W. Mike Batz and he will acknowledge receipt thereof. If you don't know how much your dues are, call Mike and say 'please' he might be able to tell you how much you owe. For the lateness of the action, I apologize.

Happy birthday to the February birthday Brothers.

An addendum

The Have-a-Heart Campaign for the Ronald McDonald House went very well. We had an excellent turnout and saw a few new faces. Thanks to Mike and Jean McBride, Dick Giedd, John and Leah Rogalski, Gary Burke, Dave Mura, Vern Saunders, Ed Schmitt, Marty Suter, Wally Wagner, Dick VanZandt, Cort Young, Donna Mura (sister of Dave), and Bill Lindsay. Terribly sorry if we missed anyone.

Thanks to those who will be helping in the near future.

Coming events

On Friday, March 15th, there will be a Comedy Theater. Call Dick Giedd at 621-3045 for information.

On Saturday, March 16th is the Widows Luncheon. Call Mat Gingold at 266-6384 for tickets and help.

Friday thru Sunday, March 22nd - 24th is the Shrine Circus. We need help in our food stand. Call Mike McBride at 663-4636.

Sunday, April 7th, is Masonic Family Day. We need all the help available. Call Mike McBride to volunteer.

The Fellowcraft Club is seeking host families for meetings and/or programs. Call Herb Spencer at 334-7493.

Last, but not least, please check your topcoats! Someone inadvertently walked off with Mike McBride's coat and left their own coat at the 3rd floor coat rack. They must be about the same size, but, Mike's coat has epaulets. Quick, it's chilly out there! Mike's coat is also lined. ☐

O-At-Ka Lodge No. 759

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

W. Charles W.
Crevison
594-0231

Sec. R. W. Lawrence W. Dunn
594-8033

5 Browns Ave., Scottsville, 14546

Brothers, what a busy month we had. Thanks to all the Brothers who stepped up and supported our Senior Warden. By the time this article comes out, we will have had our 2nd Degree. Many thanks to our Senior Warden for all the time and effort he put into it, but I must also say that all the Brothers put in a great effort.

Super Bowl Party

On February 3rd we had our first Super Bowl Party. We moved the party to Brother Blazey's house and he was a great host. True to Brother Blazey's ability, he cooked up some great ribs and wings. We had so much food that no one went hungry. In addition, another great treat was watching the Super Bowl on an 8' x 12' screen. The characters on the screen were so large that Brother Fisher lined up with the players on the front line! Fun and laughter were had by all. I know this is something that we will be talking about for some time.

Brunch

On February 10th a total of seven Masons took their wives out for a Sweetheart Brunch at the Crescent Beach Hotel. The food and atmosphere were stunning and it was great to get the wives together for fellowship and fun.

Future dates

March 9th and 10th is our outing to Brother Dustin's hunting camp. Do not miss this great time.

March 13th was supposed to be our 3rd Degree, but due to some changes, it will be moved to April 10th. Mark this date, come out, and help us raise our new Brothers. As in the past, a dinner will precede the Degree at 6:30 p.m.

I am posting this date by itself for this reason. March 16th is our Annual Saint Patrick's Day Dinner Dance. The cost is \$15.00 a person or \$25.00 per couple. If you have not attended in the past, you have really been missing out.

Here is a chance to go out for good food, fellowship and dancing with someone special. To get tickets, call me at 889-6414.

A final note

I cannot believe that my year as Master is on the downward end. It seems that I was just installed. This does not mean that I am finished, keep an eye out for upcoming events. ☐



F A M E
Lodge No. 722
4275 Culver Rd.
ROCHESTER, N.Y. 14622
2nd & 4th Tues.
7:30 P.M.
W. Nelson
Berch
671-4792
Leon VanHuben, Secretary
647-1391

Greetings, Brothers

Our first meeting in March will be preceded by a catered dinner. The menu will include stuffed peppers, vegetable, rice pilaf, salad, roll and butter. The cost is \$7.50 per person. Our second meeting will be preceded by a Pot Luck Dinner. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Ladies are encouraged to attend.

Ladies Nights at the Dutch Mill was very well attended and a wonderful time was had by all! Special thanks to W. Mike Bell for pulling it all together!

Many thanks also to those Brothers who attended the Have-a-Heart Campaign. We not only raised money for a good cause, but had a lot of fun! Justin Mulrooney (son of our Senior Warden) did a fantastic job and was a great help.

Happy birthday to all the Brothers and ladies who celebrate their birthdays in March! See you in Lodge. ☐

NORTHFIELD
Lodge No. 426 Instituted
March 1857
1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:30 P.M.
Master
W. James
Knapp
(h) 256-9979
(w) 422-2142
R. W. William D. Spillane
Secretary 334-6596
17 Church St., Pittsford 14534

Help! It looks like we will have seven candidates for our Spring set of Degrees. The 1st Degree was on February 21st with the Senior Warden, Dean Smith, in the East. We have a great opportunity here to grow our membership exponentially. NEW MEMBERS BRING IN NEW MEMBERS, so please...show up, suit up, and show these new guys some Ritual that will knock their socks off! Let's make it so good to them that they will want their friends to join. Come help us. The more who participate, the better the impression. There will be a Chicken Fried Steak Dinner for \$6.00, commencing at 6:30 p.m., and the Degree will start at 7:30 p.m. The Calling Committee will be making the rounds to get your reservations or you may call Pedro Ugalde direct at 230-4646.

So, get up off your old crusty rough ashlar and come to Lodge!

Sickness

Ed Breerton is in the Rochester General Hospital at this writing. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Ed. Brother Walter Weick is getting better after a worrisome trip to the emergency room. Son, Jim Weick, informed us that he is much, much better.

Communicate

I have started a Northfield e-mail distribution list. It can do a lot to save our Calling Committee work. There are already several members on it. If you have an e-mail address, please send it to me at james.j.knapp@usa.xerox.com. Just think, no more missed calls for dinner! Particularly, Brothers who live out of town or out of state will have fun staying better informed concerning Lodge activities. ☐

CLIO
LODGE No. 779
1st & 3rd
Tuesdays
7:30 P.M.
Master
W. Gordon
F. Smith
392-9261
Secretary
W. Sean Noonan 392-8156
287 East Ave. Hilton, 14468
www.mastermason.com/clio779

Upcoming events

Our Spaghetti Dinners will be on March 13th and 27th. Come out, Brothers, and give us a hand. It makes lighter work for all.

On March 5th we will confer the 1st Degree, with rehearsal on March 3rd. The time is to be determined.

Our March 19th program will be Fire Protection Information by Brother Stephen Burritt of the Hilton Fire Department.

March 16th is the Widows Luncheon at Logan's.

March 29th is the School of Ritual.

Dues

Have you overlooked your dues payment? Several Brothers have not responded. Please send them in.

Have you moved?

If your address has changed, please call Sean Noonan at 392-8156 and give him your new address and phone number.

Closing

Brothers, if you need a ride to meetings, please call me at 392-9261. We are more than glad to arrange transportation. ☐

ETOLIAN
Lodge No. 479
2nd & 4th
Mondays
7:30 p.m.
Master
W. Karl-Heinz
Reich
426-6836
FX 426-8531
Sec. W. Michael Schwartz 352-4018

Thanks

Outstanding participation was provided by Etolian Lodge members at the Annual Have-a-Heart Campaign. Even our newly initiated member got in the act. Thanks to all who participated for the good cause to support the Ronald McDonald House.

Sickness

It was brought to my attention that W. Floyd R. Holmes and

Brother Kenneth G. Keir are not feeling well. We all wish you both the best. You are in our prayers.

ElderWear

Last month W. John Dyer lectured us on the county wide Masonic involvement and collection for ElderWear. The is for people residing in nursing homes. If you would like to get involved by collecting clothing or donating money, please contact Brother John.

School of Ritual

Only two members represented Etolian Lodge No. 479 at the last School of Ritual. I personally cannot make you go, but I can tell you that the School of Ritual is very important and helpful for the advancement of all line officers. Please attend the next meeting on March 29th. (Observe the Masonic Times for information.)

Upcoming events

Please check your trestleboard for upcoming Degrees. The 1st Degree was February 25th; 2nd Degree is March 25th; and 3rd Degree, April 22nd. The 3rd Degree will start at 5:30 p.m. for the first part. There will be a dinner before the second part, prepared by the Eastern Star.

The Royal Arch Masons will present a Fervency and Zeal Program on March 11th. Please come and bring all the questions you have about the Royal Arch Masonry. ☐

WEBSTER
Lodge No. 538
1st & 3rd Thurs.
7:30 p.m.
Master
W. John Merz
(h) 381-4116
(o) 771-3218
W. Paul Sobotzick, Sec.
671-8980
30 Orchard St. Webster, 14580

Past events

On February 7th we had Brother Lew Perna speak on ElderWear. It was a great program. This is a program that was designed to provide clothing for nursing home patients who are unable to provide for themselves. We also had a great dinner provided by Joy Woodley.

On February 8th we participated in the Have-a-Heart Campaign at Eastview Mall. I thank everyone who helped in this worthwhile event. The Ronald McDonald House is an excellent cause.

On February 9th a Square Dance was held at Webster Lodge. Nick Haldoupis set up the program and did a great job. It was a lot of fun. There were many beginners and a lot of laughs. Thanks, Nick.

Upcoming events


There will be a Spaghetti Dinner on March 1st from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

March 7th is Stink Night after the regular meeting. Cards and cheese. Please plan to attend.

March 21st was going to be the 3rd Degree at Webster Lodge. This date is being changed to April 16, due to a conflict with the Shrine Circus and our snowbird Brothers. Please mark your calendars. Bill Kuehne is the Director of this Degree.

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

District Deputy Grand Master
Genesee/Wyoming



R.W.
Raymond G. Barber
(585)
457-3079

What Freemasonry is not
Freemasonry is not a religion. It does not promise salvation. But, while not a religion, Freemasonry is religious in the sense that Masons revere God, and urge every man to attend the church or synagogue of his choice. We learn that our strength is to be found in our God, no matter how we may view Him.

Freemasonry is not a secret society as some would accuse. Masons proudly wear the ancient insignia, the Square and Compasses, publicly. The location of our Masonic Lodges is known and our membership rosters are printed. We do keep secret our modes of recognition and the ceremonies of initiation to prevent imposition by imposters.

In sum, Freemasonry teaches true Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God, marveling at the Divine order of the universe. It brings together men of all creeds and teaches the many aspects of the Great and Golden Rule common to all faiths.


(Information from the Grand Lodge of Virginia)

Favorite Bumper Stickers

Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at math.

We are born naked, wet and hungry. Then things get worse. God bless you.

Assistant Grand Lecturer
Genesee/Wyoming Dist.



V.W. Adrian J. Miller
676-2775

In the Genesee/Wyoming District, we are having our first School of Masonic Knowledge, beginning on March 12th. Batavia Lodge No. 475 will be the host Lodge beginning at 8:00 p.m. They are located at 200 East Main Street, Batavia. This School will be open to all Master Masons.

The topic will be Opening and Closing Lodge and the proper way of giving signs.

After several meetings with the various Lodges, it was decided to hold the School of Masonic Knowledge on their regular meeting nights. We will rotate at different Lodges every other month.

We need to cover Degrees, signs, titles, Masonic Etiquette, just to mention a few which will be covered in the coming months.

Nobody likes to come to a Lodge meeting and witness sloppy work. Take pride in your Ritual and your Lodge. Do your Lodge proud and the rewards will be greater than you can conceive. Remember, my Brothers, good Ritual brings the members back to Lodge and inspires new members. This helps the Lodge to grow.

There will be a Traveling Gavel given to the Lodge who has the most members out to the School. The host Lodge will not

be counted that evening. So, my Brethren, let's get this School of Ritual on the road. I hope to see you in Batavia Lodge.

If I can be of any help, don't hesitate to call me at 585-676-2775.


The following list is the Officers of the School of Masonic Knowledge:

- Moderator **Dennis M. Turton**
- Chaplain **Arthur Drew**
- Sr. Deacon **Leonard Mason**
- Jr. Deacon **Robert Strang**
- Attendance **Kenneth Kohlhaugen**

Our motto

What came you here to do?
To improve myself in Masonry.

Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities



W. Dennis Parmerter,
President 786-3544
R.W. Dennis Turton, Sr.,
Secretary 591-1179

Election of Officers

Election of Officers was held at the January 6th meeting, held at Olive Branch Lodge in LeRoy. The following were elected:
President **Dennis G. Parmerter**
Secretary **Dennis M. Turton, Sr.**
Treasurer **Paul H. Smith**
Members at Large-3 year terms
James P. Allen, John C. Cooper
Benevolence Chairman
Kenneth Kohlhaugen

R.W. Paul Smith announced that this would be his last year serving as Council Treasurer. If anyone is interested in filling this position next year, please contact Paul or the Secretary and you can start getting familiar with the position right away!

AGL report

Our Assistant Grand Lecturer, V.W. Adrian J. Miller, reported that he has visited all 12 Lodges in the District and commented on their proficiency in the Ritual. He also announced that two Lodges, Hesperus and Arcade, qualified at the last Grand Lecturer's Convention to receive the Potts Award at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in New York City. Congratulations!

School of Instruction

It was announced that this District will be starting a School of Instruction for the purpose of teaching proper Masonic Ritual and other related Masonic topics. The District AGL, V.W. Adrian J. Miller, will be responsible for the School's overall performance and schedule. Much discussion was held on this topic and it was clear that the majority of the Lodges want these sessions held on meeting nights at a different Lodge every other month. The very first Genesee/Wyoming District School of Instruction will be held on Tuesday, March 12th, at Batavia Lodge, 200 E. Main St., Batavia, at 8:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and bring a Brother Master Mason with you.

District Candy Sales

It was reported by W. John Cooper, District Chairman, that this year's Candy Sales surpassed last year's total. The Council was grateful for the increased revenue brought on by the unselfish efforts of John and he was applauded for his work.

Molly

It was brought up that Molly, our District's Traveling Trophy,

is collecting dust at Hesperus Lodge. It may be time for some aggressive Lodge to snatch her up and give her a new home!

Meeting schedule

This year's meetings of the Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities are as follows: March 3rd at Mt. Vernon Lodge in Java Village; June 2nd at Oakland Lodge in Castile; September 8th at Constellation Lodge in Perry; and December 1st at West Star Lodge in Varysburg. All meetings start at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon. See you there and bring a Brother.

Genesee/Wyoming Post No. 32



Commander
Arthur E. Drew
492-4860

Adjutant, **Dennis M. Turton,**
591-1179

By Dennis M. Turton, Sr.

Election of Officers

On January 29th, at West Star Lodge in Varysburg, the Post held Election of Officers. The following were elected:

- Commander **Arthur E. Drew**
- 1st Lt. Comm. **Jerold A. Brade**
- 2nd Lt. Comm. **Michael Driver**
- 3rd Lt. Comm. **Mark L. Hopkins**
- Adjutant **Dennis M. Turton, Sr.**
- Finance Officer **A. Miller, PC**
- Trustee **Sheldon J. Moden**
- Area Rep. **R. Barber, PC**

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



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

R.W. **Kenneth E. Kohlhaugen,**
Secretary 591-9598
2473 Rte 20A, Varysburg, 14167

Winter is going by very fast. Here it is March already. Soon the robins will be in the front lawn. January was a slow month and there wasn't much business at Lodge. On January 19th the G/W Masonic War Veterans met at West Star and a movie about the history of the U.S. Flag was shown. We can borrow this tape and show it at Lodge some meeting night. The date will be announced in the next *Masonic Times*.

We have been busy at West Star getting ready for our 1st Degree on February 16th. We had bad weather on February 4th, so we had a practice night. After practice, we shot the bull and enjoyed coffee and apple crisp. There were leftovers, so I had two pieces of apple crisp! There was plenty for you, also. It was an enjoyable evening.

Spread the word

West Star recently brought in three new members. This is a good time to tell a friend about Masonry. Now that we are practiced up on our Degree work, it is as good a time as any to bring some more members to Lodge. So, if you know anyone you think would be a good Mason, tell him what Masonry is all about and invite him to join us. Spread the word.

Sickness

Brother Ken Unger has been ill. I just talked to him and he is feeling better. Send Ken a card, he would be glad to hear from you. If you know of any Brother who needs

The new Commander will announce his appointments at the next meeting.

Quartermaster

Our Quartermaster, Bernard Whaley, has received all the merchandise ordered from Grand Post with the exception of the hats. When they come in, they will be sent out to be embroidered with the correct lettering. Anyone who submitted an order with the Quartermaster can pick up the items at the next meeting.

Membership

Our Post is always looking to increase our membership. If anyone knows of a Brother who is a veteran and is interested, please contact the Adjutant for an application.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Grand Post will be held in Utica on May 10th, 11th, and 12th. Our newly elected Area Representative, Raymond Barber, and the Post Adjutant, Dennis Turton, are going along with the Commander, Arthur Drew, and the 1st Lt. Commander, Jerold Brade. We welcome anyone who is interested in joining us. Contact the Adjutant early for room and dinner reservations.

Installation of Officers

The Installation of Officers will take place at the next meeting of Post No. 32, on March 29th at 8:00 p.m., Attica Masonic Temple, 39 Main Street, Attica. See you there!

get well wishes, let us know so the Lodge can send a card.

Well, it's time to close. Stop up at Lodge some meeting night and tell us how you've been. We will be glad to see you.

Attica Lodge No. 462



1st and 3rd Wednesday
(Jan-Feb-Mar 3rd Wed Only)
Master
W. Paul E. McCullough
762-8539

Sec. **W. Norman Steinbohn,** 591-2073
39 Main St., Attica, 14011

Greetings

Hopefully everyone survived the ice and snowstorm we had at the beginning of February without too much hardship.

Reminders

I remind everyone of two things. First, the Lodge is only open on the 3rd Wednesday of the month for February and March. Second, is that the Family Buffet Breakfast is on the first Sunday of the month, March 3rd. Hope to see you there.

Bingo

There is one other thing I need to remind you of and that is with March comes Spring and Attica Lodge Bingo Night at the Batavia Veterans Hospital on Tuesday, March 19th. As in the past, eight to ten members are needed to assist the players and serve refreshments. It is very rewarding to see the veterans having a good time. If you can help, please meet at Building 4, Recreation Hall at 6:30 p.m. If you need a ride, please call me.

Awards Night


Wednesday, April 17th, is the Widows Dinner and Awards Night at Attica Lodge at 8:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

There is some great entertainment scheduled for this event. Make your reservations in advance so you don't miss out.

Help!

We also have a request to ask of you. We are still pursuing the repair of our brick facade on the Temple building, and we are looking for a Mason who could help us with this project. If there is anyone who can help us, or knows of someone, please contact Dan Kelsey at 585-343-9254.

Arcade Lodge No. 419



7:30 p.m., 2nd & 4th Tues., Sept.-June,
4th Tues., Jan., Feb.
Master
V.W. Adrian J. Miller
676-2775

Sec. **David Hossenlopp** 496-4417
Main St., Arcade, 14009

Pancake Breakfast

I express my gratitude to the members and their wives who helped at our First Annual Pancake Breakfast on January 27th. Through your efforts, we made a profit which will be put to good use. The second Breakfast was February 24th, then March 24th and April 28th from 7:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Come out, support your Lodge and enjoy the fellowship.

I also thank Brother Vincent J. Phelps for donating the maple syrup for our Pancake Breakfasts. I have never had a better crew of workers at any project that I have chaired. We sure are blessed at Arcade Lodge to have the caliber of members that we have who work together and keep our Lodge solvent.

Brotherhood Fund

On behalf of our Brotherhood Fund Chairman, Brother David Frost, thank you for your fine response in your donations. He has turned in \$530.00. The Grand Master has pledged \$1,000,000 from the Masons of New York State to go to the World Trade Center Disaster Relief Fund. Anyone wishing to designate their donation to that Fund, can do so by writing the words, World Trade Center, on their check. This drive will conclude the end of May, so please send in your donations as soon as possible. Remember, my Brothers, Masons=help. Send donations to David Frost, 2213 Rte. 39, Arcade, NY 14009.

Historical note

On May 12, 1857, it was voted to send ten dollars to Grand Lodge with a request for a Charter, which was granted June 16, 1857, by Grand Master John L. Lewis, Jr.

The first officers included: Ezra Farrington, Worshipful Master; Herman Wilson, Senior Warden; Philander Cook, Junior Warden; Hiram Smith, Treasurer; and A.B. Batsford, Secretary. On July 9th, at the first communication under the present Charter, fourteen were present. The Tiler's salary was set at \$.50.

Lodge records do not state where the first meetings were held, one claim being that they met in the third floor of the old Railroad Block (now the Rosier Hardware Building.) Regardless, they soon acquired permanent headquarters from Asahel and Polly Jackson, who, on November 24, 1858, conveyed for

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\$150.00, the third floor of the so-called Hardware Block, then used by the owners as a store and dwelling, and located on the Southeast corner of Main and Liberty Streets. The Masons were obliged to finish off the upper floor and to pay 1/3 the cost of keeping the roof, 1/6 of the cost of preserving and repairing the chimney, and 1/3 of other repairs as would directly affect the Fraternity. The renovation was completed in January, 1859, when a committee comprised of the Rev. King David Nettleton, Reuben Ball and A.B. Batsford, were named to arrange a Dedication. Nothing appears in the Lodge records to this notable event, but the "Wyoming County Mirror", Warsaw, printed a letter from Arcade describing the occasion on February 4, 1859. Members and guests, including wives, assembled in the Lodge room at 1:00 p.m., formed a procession and marched in regalia to the Baptist Church where an address was given by Rev. J.B. Wentworth, Batavia, of the origin and design of Masonry. The Rev. Nettleton occupied the pulpit with the speaker. After the exercise, so states the report, all went to the Oyster Supper at the hotel, and then the Craft adjourned to the Lodge room for the consecration.

Happy birthday

March birthdays are: Carl H. Haas, Robert Lester, Paul M. Vanorum and Fay Howlett. □

The tasks are small, but the rewards are tremendous! Over the next few weeks we will be conferring the Degrees of DeMolay for several young men here in Batavia. We have the young men, but it continues to be a task in finding the adult Brethren to support them. Won't you help?

Reminders

Everyone should have received the new Lodge Roster. If anyone did not receive it, please notify the Secretary. As a reminder, the Secretary has in his possession the applications for the 2002 Educational Assistance. Do you have a child or grandchild who is pursuing an undergraduate/graduate degree, going to a trade school or for those returning to school for retraining? If you do, this is a program that is out there for their use, don't miss out!

Condolences

Brother Gerald G. Sawdey passed to the Eternal East on January 18th. He was a resident of the Western New York Veterans Home in Batavia for the past several years. Brother Jerry was raised in Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 on June 4, 1947 and affiliated with Batavia Lodge No. 475 on November 11, 1958. He was a fifty-five year member of the Masonic family. He is survived by his lady, Norma Sawdey. We offer our sincere condolences to her and the family.

Pray for them

Let us not forget our service men and women as they perform their respective duties in preserving our freedoms and the country which we enjoy. I ask all to continue to pray for our leaders of these United States and other governments throughout the world as they attempt re-establishing a normalcy to our lives and preserve the freedoms we enjoy.

God bless America and may God bless us all! □

departed as friends and Brothers. Thank you, Churchville, for your hospitality:

Future events

There will be a regular meeting on March 7th at 7:30 p.m.

The 1st Degree will be conferred on March 21st. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., Degree at 7:30 p.m., with Ron Morris in the East.

April 4th will be a regular meeting.

On April 18th, there will be a Tiled Lodge meeting in which we will be honoring our Past Masters and opening our Masonic Museum. Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

The Masonic Awards Banquet and meeting with many of our past George Walker Scholarship winners in attendance will be April 19th.

April 20th is the Anniversary Banquet with M..W.. Carl Smith, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, present. We will be charging \$30 to attend all events, thanks to the subsidy provided by the Chicken Bar-B-Que fund-raisers. On Friday and Saturday you may bring a guest of your choice at no additional cost.


Centennial Celebration

June 6th is the actual 100th Anniversary of the formation of Hesperus Lodge No. 837, F&AM. In support of this celebration during April, Hesperus Temple Association has created a museum for displaying historical items pertaining to our Lodge and its members.

We are asking for your assistance and support in filling this museum with as many historical items in your possession that you, my Brother, would be willing to share with your Brethren. Examples are an award, apron, or souvenir from a convention where you represented Hesperus Lodge.

Contact George Springett, 2820 Chili Ave., Rochester, 14624-4832 or 247-3557. □

**District Deputy
Grand Master
Livingston District**



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

Future Masters and retreats never had it so good! The last session of the Road to the East Program was held February 2nd in Dansville at Phoenix Lodge, which hosted the Program again. (Many thanks to Phoenix Lodge for the accommodations.) The Grand Officers of Wayne, Monroe, Livingston, Stueben, Wyoming and Allegany put on an outstanding display of knowledge for all the attendees. I believe that our RTTE Program is an example for all in the New York Grand Jurisdiction to emulate. Congratulations to students and instructors alike for a job well done.

Nunda Station Lodge, Dalton, held a 2nd Degree on February 5th for four Brothers. It was so good to see four Brothers receiving the Degree with 22 Brothers to witness and participate in the Ceremony. The 3rd Degree is tentatively set for March 19th, but may be moved up to March 5th. Phoenix Lodge may be presenting the 2nd Degree on March 5th and a 3rd Degree on March 19th.

Have-a-Heart

Four Brothers, Francis Oberer, Steve Cross, David and Derek Howlett, from Eunice Lodge worked the crowd at Marketplace Mall on February 6th for the Have-a-Heart Campaign. They enjoyed helping out for such a good cause.

Grand Lodge

Plans are shaping up for the trip to New York for the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. Some of us are going to take the bus with Allegany District for three nights, staying at the Edison Hotel. Others are considering going by plane for two nights, Sunday and Monday. Remember that Monday night is the Award Night Dinner. It used to be a good award night, but a bad dinner. Now it is a stupendous dinner and an Award Ceremony Night to remember. My wife, Patricia, and I will attend and I hope you do, too.

Looking ahead

Save the date, May 19th, for the Annual Communion Breakfast to be held at Phoenix Lodge this year.

We have two bird feeders that are attached to the windows of our kitchen. Close by is a cedar tree. There is usually some activity in the tree with the neighbor's cat, squirrels and some birds. But the frenetic activity starts when the feeders are filled. All sorts of birds, big and small, seem to find the feeders and crow around waiting their turn to get some easy food. I suppose we are like the birds (not necessarily brain wise) in that when we are presented with an empty trough of knowledge we're not too interested in visiting it. But fill the trough with interesting programs and information, our interest is piqued and we tend to flutter around pecking away and digesting the offering. Let's make sure our Brothers have a chance to get a little birdseed now and then.

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

March 2002

**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

**Rededication 125th
Anniversary**

I am writing this before our Rededication and Anniversary Celebration on February 24th. I thank all the people who stepped up to help with the preparations, etc., for the event; from getting the Lodge room in shape, to helping set up tables that day. You know who you are, so instead of trying to name all of you, I will say "job well done!"

3rd Degree

We will be conferring a 3rd Degree in cooperation with Phoenix Lodge on Tuesday, March 19th, in Dansville. There will be two rehearsals, Sunday, March 10th, and Sunday, March 17th. Both will be in Dansville and start at 6:00 p.m. There will be a dinner before the Degree at 6:00 p.m. at the Lodge.

Please make a maximum effort to be there to support the two candidates, as we need as many people as possible to help out. Our Junior Warden, Mark Dibelka, will be contacting people to fill the parts that we need. Please, give your support if asked or call Mark or me if there is a part that you would like to do. We need your help, so don't be shy. □

**Batavia
Lodge No. 475
F. & A. M.**

200 E. Main St., Batavia, 14020

2nd & 4th
Tuesdays

Master
W.. Lawrence F.
Belluscio
548-9958

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

The days are longer and the sun is brighter and warmer, just a hint of what is to come!

At the communication held on January 22nd, the Brethren of Batavia Lodge were the recipients of a superb presentation of the Third Section of the 1st Degree, present by V..W.. Robert Strang.

Masonic activities

The Committee on Activities has been actively meeting and planning for the coming season. One of the major events will be a Masonic Night at the Ballpark. I am sure that many of you remember when this was an annual event held in Batavia at Dwyer Stadium. The Lodges of the District will once again be invited to participate in this endeavor. We are the beneficiaries of a beautiful ballpark and a remarkable roster of ball players. Brother Ralph Goodberlet is in the process of setting up the details and this will be announced as soon as possible.

Another event will be a day set aside for the Child ID Program. The location for this event will be announced in the very near future.

Many other events are in the talking stage and it is anticipated that they will become a reality.

An item worth repeating

Wanted-Charles L. Carter Chapter of DeMolay is in need of adult help. Could you spare a few hours/minutes as an Advisor?

**HESPERUS
Lodge No. 837**

1st and 3rd
Thursday




W.. Marshall
B. Krause
494-2147
Sec. W.. John Specht, 548-2694
12 Lake Ave. Bergen, 14416

Our 2002 Table Lodge was held jointly with Churchville Lodge on January 14th with Churchville as the host. The meal was a Roast Beef Dinner, prepared by members of Churchville Lodge and many thanks to W.. Larry Bright, Master, for his hospitality to fifty Brothers from Hesperus, Churchville and other visiting Lodges.

After dinner, a re-enactment of the formation of Hesperus Lodge, written by R..W.. Holden Miller, was presented to 70 members. W.. Garry Hutcherson portrayed the Master of Churchville Lodge one hundred years ago when several members from Genesee County wanted to elect officers there. Because their numbers were small, they did not have the votes to get their candidates elected. Representing Bergen members were W.. James MacConnell, W.. Don Read, and R..W.. Holden Miller. R..W.. Charles Roberts and R..W.. Raymond Barber also represented their Districts in the performance. A great time was had by all and as 100 years ago, all

**Eagle Valley
Lodge No. 1161**

2nd & 4th
Thurs.



Master
W.. Edwin
C. Law
322-7221

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

Greetings, Brothers! The month just passed was a rather quiet one in Eagle Valley. Our Secretary continues his rehabilitation from successful major surgery as does our Senior Deacon from a successful ophthalmic procedure. Both are expected to return to full duty in the near future.

Meanwhile, peaceful Eagle Valley quietly awaits the Vernal Equinox and the sights and sounds seen and heard only in Springtime along Wiscoy Creek.


This writer presumes that each of you found ways to express your love to your dear ones on St. Valentine's Day, and prays that you continue to do so. Let us continue along life's pathways in the Great Light of the Great Architect's love! Amen. □



Future meetings

There is a regular communication of Thursday, March 7th.
 On Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29th, at 7:30 p.m., there will be public Card Parties.
 On Monday, March 25th, at 7:30 p.m., is a Livingston District Meeting in Geneseo. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

District Deputy Grand Master
 Ontario/Seneca/Yates District



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

My Brothers, as we move into the Spring season, the District remains busy. Masters are reminded that hotel and bus reservations for Grand Lodge are to be remitted before March 18th.

Degrees

These Lodges, meeting at 7:30 p.m., will be conferring the 2nd Degree: Eagle No. 619 on Tuesday, March 12th, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Contact Tom Good at 585-367-9818 for reservations. Seneca No. 113 on Wednesday, March 13th; and Milnor No. 139 on Thursday, March 28th.

OSY Charities will meet on April 5th at 6:30 p.m. at Miller's Essenhaus. Contact George Stanton, Jr., at 585-394-6829 for reservations.

The District Communion Service and Breakfast will be on April 14th at St. Peter's Church in Geneva. Breakfast reservations to me or Staff Officer, R..W.. Ken Hall at 585-289-3801, are a must.

The District, through co-sponsors Canandaigua No. 294 and OSY Charities, will be recognizing three individuals; Helen Gladwin, Edward Dwyer and Ralph Kahle, with DeWitt Clinton Awards for volunteer work at the Canandaigua VAMC.

Dinner will be on Friday, April 19th, at the Lakeshore Inn in Canandaigua at 7:00 p.m., with cocktails at 6:00 p.m. The Grand Master and the Grand Marshal will be in attendance. The menu choices include Roast Beef or Stuffed Chicken Breast for \$25.00 per person. Checks may be made payable to OSY District Masonic Charities, Inc. Contact Don Dill at 607-869-9359, Henry Funk at 315-539-8351 or me at 315-548-3573 for reservations.

I fraternally encourage your Lodge to be represented at these activities.

On Thursday, March 28th, at 7:30 p.m., there will be an Entered Apprentice rehearsal, 1st Part.
 At 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 4th, there will be a regular communication with conferral of the Entered Apprentice Degree, 1st Part.
 Sunday, April 28th, Old Fashioned Days.

Grand Steward
 Ontario/Seneca/Yates



R..W.. Kenneth R. Hall
 (o) 585-422-7466
 (h) 585-289-3801
 flntlock@rochester.rr.com

Successful event

During January, the OSY District conducted the Leadership Development Course with 6 Brothers attending, an excellent turnout. I thank R..W.. Terry Leonard, R..W.. James Rice, R..W.. Clayton Ruggles and R..W.. Eldon White, for their invaluable assistance presenting the Course.

Road to the East

On March 2nd, at Seneca Lodge No. 113, 8:00 a.m., the OSY District will present the first of three Road to the East classes. There are seven Brothers already registered for the Course. Please contact me if you wish to attend.

Informative tool

The OSY District has recently had two Lodges, Canandaigua No. 294 and Milnor No. 139, subscribe their membership to the *Masonic Times*. This is an excellent instrument to inform the membership not only what is happening in their Lodges, but of Masonry in the entire Rochester area.

Canandaigua Lodge No. 294
 1st & 3rd Mon.
 Master W.. Ed Hall 289-3395
 Secretary R..W.. George N. Stanton, Jr. 394-6829
 Shortsville, NY

During our first meeting in February, R..W.. Jim Rice gave

a very informative program on the Scottish Rite.
 At our first meeting in March, the 4th, we will be conferring a 1st Degree.
 On March 18th, we will be having a Brother Bring-a-Friend Program. Think of someone you would like to see become a Brother in our Fraternity and bring him or them on the 18th.
 To all of my Brothers, if you are able, come to Lodge and enjoy the fellowship.

A bit of wisdom

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.

Milnor Lodge No. 139
 2nd & 4th Thurs.
 Master W.. James M. Hartz 585-924-4774
 Sec. R..W.. Eldon N. White 585-924-1603
 21 Maple Ave., Victor, NY

Thank you

Our Annual Turkey Dinner was a success this year, serving about 100 dinners more than last year. Thank you to all the Brothers and family members who provided support and hands on labor. This includes those Brothers we do not see at regular communications, but come forward to help at this event.

Have-a-Heart

Milnor Lodge was happy to participate in the Have-a-Heart Campaign for the Ronald McDonald House at Eastview Mall on February 7th. John and Mary Purdy, Gordon and Mary Phillips, John Newvine, Bob Roys, Jim Hartz, Eldon White and Bob Meuler occupied the booth in three shifts. Thank you all.

At our January 24th communication, R..W.. Don Darrohn gave us a presentation on the History of the Ronald McDonald Houses and where they are today. Thank you, Don.

Future plans

Our March 14th meeting will be a regular communication at 7:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. R..W.. Kenneth Hall, Grand Steward, will visit.

March 28th will be the conferral of the 2nd Degree at 7:30 p.m. Brother Bob Meuler will preside in the East.
 On April 11th we will confer

the 3rd Degree, opening at 6:00 p.m., and dinner after the First Section. W.. James Hartz will preside in the East.

Remember the Brotherhood Fund
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The Degrees

The 31st Degree is known as the Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander. It teaches that we should give every man the benefit of innocence and purity of intentions. He who would judge others must first judge himself. We learn that we should examine both our actions and our motives. It asks all of us to judge ourselves in the light of the lessons of the preceding Degrees. It teaches us that the path to immortality is more than the mere outward appearance of piety. The good man is able to portray himself and his actions positively and not simply assert the absence of wrong in his life. Justice and mercy are two opposites which unite in the great harmony of equity. To aim at the best, but be content with the best possible, is true wisdom. At the January meeting, Ill. John E. Zabel, 33°, and I had the privilege of presenting a program explaining the significance of the symbolism of the Camp found in the 32°. Next month I will conclude this series reviewing the duties and lessons taught in our Scottish Rite Degrees with an overview of those found in the Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret Degree.

32° Masonic Learning Center for Children Golf Tournament

Our Planning Committee needs your assistance now! We have a need for workers to help make this event a success for our kids at the Center. Right now we

have openings in the following areas: Hospitality, Administration, Sponsorship, Public Relations, Food & Beverage, Gift Bag Auction and Marshals. If you have the interest and ability to assist in one or more of these areas, please call the office and sign up as soon as possible. We are enlisting all Valleys in the state to participate. Let's show them that we can produce an event of which we can all be proud.

Reunion

Now is the time to sign up Candidates for our Spring Reunion which will be held on April 18th and 20th. We will be exemplifying the 8°, 14°, 16°, 18°, 26° and 32°. We have a Brother Bring-a-Brother Night scheduled for March 1st. Details will follow. We also have an excellent brochure entitled "Ten Most Frequently Asked Questions with Answers About the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry". Petitions and brochures are available from the office. Care enough to share the experience. Sign up a Brother today!

For those of you trying to fill out your Millennium Passports here are some dates that may be of interest if you choose to visit other Valleys to witness their Degrees.

Albany 4/20 (6°, 14°, 15°, 18°, 26°, 32°)

Binghamton 4/26 (6°, 14°)

4/27 (16°, 18°, 22°, 32°)

Buffalo 4/12 (12°) 4/13 (14°, 16°) 4/26 (18°) 4/27 (24°, 32°)

Corning 4/20 (4°, 14°, 15°, 18°)

4/27 (26°, 32°)

Jamestown 4/25 (4°, 14°) 4/26

(15°, 18°) 4/27 (20°, 32°)

New York 4/6 (19°, 32°)

Norwood 4/13 (15°, 16°, 18°)

Rockville Center 3/21 (5°, 14°)

4/18 (15°, 18°) 5/2 (29°) 5/16 (32°)

Schenectady 4/26 (9°, 14°) 4/27

(15°, 18°, 20°, 32°)

Syracuse 3/16 (15°) 4/8 (18°) 4/

27 (24°, 32°)

Troy 4/20 (6°, 14°, 15°, 18°, 26°, 32°)

Utica 3/15 (18°) 4/5 (25°, 27°, 32°)

Coudersport, PA 6/7 (4°, 8°, 14°, 16°, 18°, 20°) 6/8 (22°, 23°, 25°, 26°, 32°)

Membership Outreach

A recent survey within the Northern Jurisdiction of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite revealed that New York Scottish Rite membership, as a percentage of Grand Lodge membership, is about 19.9%. That figure compares very unfavorably with our Scottish Rite Brothers in Pennsylvania, who are at about 51.4% of their Grand Lodge numbers. Their members are obviously doing a better job of communicating with their Blue Lodges than we are. Here in Western New York we are reaching out to support our Symbolic Lodges because we know that we can succeed only if they are successful. We are continuing in our efforts to promote Masonry in general with our Remember the Blue Lodge Program.

I remind you that, although I am urging you to promote Scottish Rite membership, I am also first and foremost encouraging you to reach out to men of good character to become members of our Great Fraternity through membership first in the Symbolic Lodge. Only by building up our Blue Lodges can we provide future members for the Concordant Bodies, including Scottish Rite.

Our Valley of Rochester Membership Development Team has been working on a program to contact Master Masons throughout Western New York, providing an invitation to learn more about the Scottish Rite and to join us if they are interested. That outreach to more than six thousand Brothers is stimulating interest in the Scottish Rite. As a member of the Valley of Rochester, you now have the opportunity to follow up that mailing by personally contacting fellow Master Masons and inviting them to join the Valley of Rochester.

Youth

The Order of DeMolay has a special place in my heart, as I know it does with many of you who are Senior Members of the Order. I consider the time I spent and the lessons I learned as a DeMolay to have significantly impacted my life in a most positive way. Teenagers frequently look to their peers for role models as well as for guidance and understanding in coping with the stresses of day to day life. The Order of DeMolay provides the vehicle for communicating important values and ethics to those young men at a time when they are seeking those values. It has the wherewithal to touch each young man seeking that fraternal support in their lives. We, as Masons, and particularly as Scottish Rite Masons, have an opportunity to sponsor this youth organization. The Valley of Rochester has within its membership individuals who can and will provide the Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay adult advisors and sponsorship to continue their fine programs. We will provide them with a place of meeting and we will be a source of advisors supporting their activities. □

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Feast of the Paschal Lamb presentation

By Robert Pedersen, MWM, Chapter Rose Croix

Will this be the last time to witness this Ceremony in our great Cathedral Hall?

What a wonderful memory it would be to observe this Scottish Rite custom in the beautiful surroundings of Cathedral Hall.

On April 4th, at 8:00 p.m., please join us to witness this symbolic celebration of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb as a Memorial Service, honoring our Brethren who have passed to their eternal reward during the preceding year. The ordinance establishing the Feast of the Paschal Lamb dates back to the Old Testament narrative: "And this day shall be unto you a memorial."

Our guest speaker for the evening will be M..W.. and Ill.. Gary A. Henningsen, 33° Active, Grand Secretary, and Past Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

There will be a Roast Beef Dinner preceding, in the third floor dining room at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person and dinner reservations are a must by April 1st. Seating is limited. Call the office at 271-0715 for details, or look for the ad in this issue of the *Masonic Times*. □

News from the Thrice Potent Master

By Norman Austin

Unfortunately, the Scottish Rite Club meeting at Chardonay's Restaurant in Batavia on January 31st was postponed due to the inclement weather and was rescheduled for Wednesday, February 27th. Hopefully, the weather will be more cooperative. Information will be forthcoming, as we hope for an even bigger response than for the originally scheduled meeting. There

appears to be a keen interest in the formation of a Club within the Genesee/Wyoming District, which will afford its members all the benefits Scottish Rite has to offer. In addition, the Scottish Rite will be better able to fulfill its mission to "Reach out and say Hello" in assisting the Blue Lodges through the District with membership recruitment, programs, and many other facets beneficial to the Craft as a whole. This is only the first of many Clubs to be implemented over time, throughout the surrounding Districts, and hopefully, the trend will continue throughout other Districts in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

The New Member Dinner at Rick's Prime Rib House on February 8th was well attended. The food was fabulous, and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. Social get-togethers such as this may become a more common occurrence in the future, as a means of reaching out and making contact with the Brethren and their wives or significant others.

Friday, March 1st, is the date of the next Brother Bring-a-Brother Night at The Party House on Beahan Road. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m., with a Buffet Dinner to follow at 7:00

Circus Tickets Available

The Valley of Rochester has purchased 50 tickets for the Shrine Circus for Friday evening, March 20th. These are \$12 seats (we paid \$13 per ticket, including a \$1 surcharge each). They are available to Valley members for \$8 each. These can be obtained by calling the Scottish Rite Office, 271-0715, and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. There is a limit of three per member!

Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R. Brother-Bring-a-Brother Night

Friday, March 1, 2002



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6:30 Fellowship
7:00 Buffet Dinner
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Hospitaler's Report

By Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MSA
 Don Brugger, 32° MSA - recovering from surgery.
 Roger McCaughey - still not feeling up to par.
 Ed Brereton - had another stay in the hospital.
 William Zufall - not feeling well.
 All of these Brothers could use a phone call and cards.

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The History of DeMolay

This information was taken from the book, "Hi, Dad!", a story about Frank S. Land and the Order of DeMolay authored by Herbert Ewing Duncan.

Nine boys and a man

It has been said that a day can be changed or a great moment launched by a single phone call. Such a call came in January of 1919. As Frank answered the telephone he recognized the voice of Sam Freet, newly installed Senior Warden of Ivanhoe Lodge. "Frank, I have a favor to ask. One of our members, Elmer E. Lower, who had been initiated as a Fellowcraft, died a year ago. Could you find a part-time job for the oldest boy, Louis? He is one of the finest young men I have ever seen."

"Sam, you called at just the right time. I would be glad to talk to this boy. Send Louis to me, say after school tomorrow if you can arrange it. I shall look forward to meeting him."

The next afternoon Louis arrived promptly for his interview. Shaking hands with this youth brought a response to Land that seemed to blend them into a common experience that would unite them for years to come. Louis radiated an honesty of character, a natural aptitude for leadership, and the grace of movement of the athlete. Frank thought, "If I had a son, I would want him to be just like this lad."

They talked for a while about school. Louis told him of his aspirations for a place on the track team, of his position as a pitcher on a baseball team, and in response to a question said, "I am a fairly good student. Even with the hard time we are having, I want to finish high school and then help with the education of the others."

Frank responded, "It is a good goal. You will meet the challenge. Now, tell me about your father. I knew him, but only from very casual meetings."

Louis hesitated as though reluctant to look into the past, but finally said, "My father was the finest father a boy ever had."

That evening, as Nell Land cleared the dinner dishes, she

said, "Frankie, something happened today. You look like you have found a long, lost friend."

"Not a lost friend, but a new young friend. This boy I talked to today is tremendous. One of the finest young men I have ever met. He is going to work with me in the office and I know I shall enjoy having him around."

In the middle of February Mr. Land asked, "Louis, who do you run around with?"

"I have some friends in my neighborhood," said Louis.

"How would you like to form a Club and meet at the Masonic Temple?"

Louis thought the idea had possibilities and showed up the next week with eight other boys. That was February 19, 1919.

The boys came early that evening and each in turn was introduced to Mr. Land by Louis Lower with, "I want you to meet Ralph Sewell, Elmer Dorsey, Edmund Marshall, Jerome Jacobson, William Steinhilber, Ivan Bentley, Gorman McBride, and Clyde Stream. There are nine of us."

They were a group destined to form a great youth organization and each was to advance through his efforts and determination to prominence in his chosen field of work.

Mr. Land acknowledged each introduction with a handshake and word of welcome. "Before we get down to business, let's make a tour of this building. I think you will find it just about right if we should decide to form a Club and use it as a meeting place."

It was a radiant group that gathered about the long table in one of the meeting rooms that night. There was no doubt that they should continue to meet as a Club. The only question was a name. One suggested they use Greek letters as the college fraternities did, but this was instantly voted down as making them only a part of other organizations. The name must be distinctive and carry meaning. They turned to Land for suggestions. He pointed to a recent series of prints on the wall that showed the adventures of Sir Galahad and the Knights of the Round Table. There was a negative shaking of heads.

The greatest of wars had ended only a few months before and the adventures in knights of old seemed far away. Then names were mentioned from history and from the Bible. Stories such as Damon and Phythias, David and Jonathan and of Nathan Hale. Nothing seemed to click until one of the boys, Clyde Stream, said, "Mr. Lane, tell us something connected with Masonry. They must have great names and we are meeting here in one of their buildings."

Frank smiled. "There are many names and stories directly connected with Masonry, but I think I should tell you about the last leader of the Knights Templar. His name was Jacques DeMolay, or as they say in history books, James of Molay."

The story and the name caught the imagination of the boys. Here was heroism. Here was a great example of loyalty, of courage. Here was a theme from knight-hood and chivalry, at its best, and the name of a martyr to fidelity and toleration. The boys were ready without further consideration to accept this name as the name of the group. But Land interrupted. "Now let's wait just a little bit and sleep over this. Let's not rush into it. Perhaps with a little more thought we can come

up with a better name. One that might be more in keeping and more appropriate. It is growing late and you should all be going home. Come back next week and bring a few more of your friends. We will talk more together about it then. Good night and thanks for coming."

While the boys talked to Land about the Club when they came to the Temple, it was their long talks together at school and as they walked from school to home that heightened their interest and gave momentum to their organization. One afternoon after a chemistry class, Elmer Dorsey caught up with Louis Lower to ask, "Louis, I think this club idea is terrific. But what is it all about? What does Mr. Land get out of it? Do they want us to become junior Masons?"

"I don't have all the answers, Elmer, I only know that Frank Land is one of the greatest. His only motive is the one he tells us. He likes to be with young people and sincerely believes that if we do form such a group each of us will benefit from it. How he ever talked them into letting us use their temple is beyond me. They must be as interested in us as Land is, because he has told me that we are not to be a junior Masonic group. He told me these men are concerned about only one thing and that is that we should grow into decent men who will be respected in the community."

March 24, 1919 was the day in history that launched the Order of DeMolay. During the next few years, however, the date of March 18, the date in the past that had witnessed the death of Jacques DeMolay, came to be more frequently used.

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Goodwill Ambassador for 2002

By Albert H. Hensinger, Past Supreme Tall Cedar, Chairman Public Relations

Rachel Lynn Markley is the Goodwill Ambassador for the year 2002. Rachel was born January 9, 1992, and was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy at the age of one. Springfield, Ohio, is home to Rachel Lynn and her parents, Thomas and Thelma.

Rachel Lynn is an outstanding student. She is on the Principal's List, with a 4.0 grade point average. At school she is a member of the 5th grade and, the H2O Club. H2O stands for Help to Others,



STC Earl T. Myers and Rachel Lynn Markley, 2002 MD Good Will Ambassador.

and this group has collected canned goods for the local food bank, used eyeglasses for the Lions Club and the can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. She oversaw the collection of teddy bears in February, which are donated to local emergency medical technicians to give to children on 911 runs.

Rachel's church activities include membership in the AWANA Club, which involves learning Bible verses and doing activities to learn about helping others, the community and environment. She also sings in the Kingdom Kids Choir. This active young lady enjoys reading, writing stories, music and spending the time with her best friends, Katy and Hilary.

New Supreme Tall Cedar

By Albert H. Hensinger, Past Supreme Tall Cedar, Chairman Public Relations

At a Midwinter Conference held at the Lancaster Hotel Resort and Conference Center in Lancaster, PA, January 18, 19, and 20th, Past Supreme Tall Cedar, Harold A. Gross, installed Brother Earl T. Myers, Jr., as Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America. The keynote speaker for the evening was R. W. Thomas W. Jackson, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.



Earl T. Myers, newly installed Supreme Tall Cedar.

Brother Earl was raised as a Master Mason in Red Lion Lodge No. 649, Red Lion, PA. He served as Worshipful Master in 1986 and is a Life Member of the Red Lion Past Masters Association. Brother Earl is also a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Harrisburg; member of the cast of the 19th Degree; member White Rose Scottish Rite Club, York, PA; York Royal Arch Chapter No. 199, York, PA; Thrice Illustrious Master, 1994; Life Sponsor, Knights Templar Eye Foundation; Charter member, First Capitol 156 Square Club of York 1950-1994; Zemo Temple AAONMS of Harrisburg, PA; York County Shrine Club; York Forest No. 30, Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Life member Tall Cedar Foundation; served as Grand Tall Cedar 1991; Tall Cedar Trustee of the year, 1995.

The Tall Cedars of Lebanon is a Masonic affiliated organization with over 17,000 members in 102 Chapters, called Forests, throughout the United States and Canada. Since 1951 the Tall Cedars have had the distinction of being the first organization to provide financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association and have contributed over \$14 million to the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon.



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The multi-phase project, which is being privately funded by the Trustees, will take approximately four years to finish, according to William Luley, Executive Director for the Masonic Home. He says the project is scheduled for completion in the Spring of 2005.

Luley says the project has been in the works for approximately five years. "Our Board members have traveled all over the State looking at various nursing homes and concepts in nursing home services before they arrived at the neighborhood-cluster concept, which moves away from the feeling of institution. "That's our goal-to provide the residents with the latest in technology, but still make it feel like they're at home."

The first phase of the project, which has already been completed, included the relocation and renovation of the Bleeker Street entrance and the construction of a new parking area.

The second phase, begun in June, 2001, is the construction of the three-tier parking garage behind the present nursing facility. The construction of the parking garage is to provide employees and guests covered parking while working or visiting the nursing facility. It will be constructed of three tiers; two of which will be covered, with the third tier open; in total 312 cars for all three levels. The first level of the parking garage was completed November 2001, with the additional two levels to be completed in the Spring of 2002.

The third phase of the building project will entail the construction of 224 beds in a new facility comprised of neighborhood clusters in two and three story buildings built to the North of the Soldiers and Sailors Building. Additionally, 96 beds in the Master Mason and North South Wings will be renovated to complete the project for a total of 320 beds. A new kitchen facility will be constructed to provide meal service for the new Health Facility, as well as our employees and visitors. The highlight of the construction will be two atriums, one the Gathering Eden adjacent to the new neighborhood building, and the Winter Garden, which will be adjacent to the new kitchen facility.

The new facility will contain state-of-the-art areas for therapy, including an in-ground therapy

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Sickness
Our prayers are with those who are sick. May the Lord touch you and heal you. Donald Dudley would like some visitors at the extended care unit of Thompson Hospital. Cullen Henry is down with an internal infection. We pray you will soon be well again. Cheerio.
A good story is at its best when the line between truth and fiction remains ambiguous.

May 9th finishes the Spring Degree season with our Holy Royal Arch Degree.
Dinners are scheduled before all Degree nights at the Downtown Temple 3rd floor dining room. Call your reservations in to Doug Koenig at 585-223-3654.

Fun activities

May 23rd is Past High Priest's Night and Euchre Party. Come see the excellent work and the broad smiles. New cards will be provided under certified rules to level the playing field for these sharks. A trophy will be awarded to the high and low individual shark. This is serious fun! If you don't play, come and watch this hilarious riverboat activity! Gun checked at the door! No long sleeve shirts allowed. All cheat exposed!

RAM guests welcome! Calling all Chapters...see you there.

Canadian Visit 2002

First Principal of Orient Chapter has advised that no Springtime activity is proposed. We agreed upon the Fall gathering in Toronto, Canada for the weekend of October 25th. Set your calendars and get out your traveling duds. Tell the significant other this is another big time fun trip!

Anointing 2002

On February 9th, the Grand Master, M.W. Carl J. Smith; Grand High Priest, M.E. E. Donald Lounsberry; Grand King, R.E. Edmund D. Harrison; Grand Scribe, R.E. David F. Stoy; Grand Captain of the Host, R.E. James W. Hemstrought and an extensive cast performed the sacred ceremonies of anointing Chapter High Priests for the last time in the Rochester Cathedral Hall. Hiram Chapter was well represented with ten past

High Priests in attendance. This was a moving experience to see the sixty Companions working in the quarries in RAM with due harmony and brotherly love.

Offices to fill

It is with due regret that we accept the resignation of elected King, Companion Thomas W. Kendig, and Trustee, R.E. Vernon Goodrich.

We are looking for 'a few good men', as my Marine Corps background expounds. These key positions within Hiram Chapter shape the present as well as the future of our Chapter. We fall upon our senior members and Past High Priests to step forward



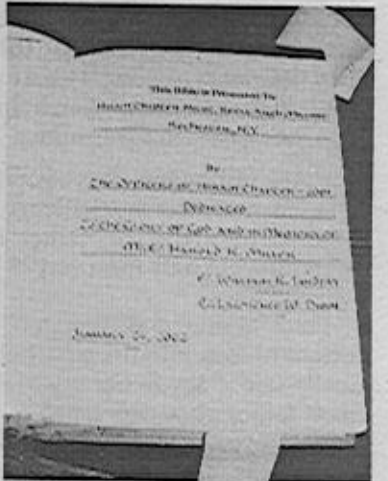
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Annual Convocation

We begin the month with travel to Albany for the Grand Convocation. Our ladies will enjoy the activities including the Luncheon and Dinner programs. Companions will work in the quarries of Royal Arch Masonry as anticipated. The mystery for the weekend is not within Masonry, but who will donate the most to the RAM Scholarship Fund at our annual "private" card party. It's good to see the 'winners' will be the shining faces of Masonic youth.

Degrees

March 14th starts the Spring Degree season for Hiram Chapter with our Mark Master Mason and the Past Master Degrees.
April 11th the schedule moves on with our Most Excellent Master Degree.



R.E. Charles Roberts, R.E. Bill Zufall and R.E. L. Edward Walker, prepare the new Bible for the Dedication Ceremony.



R.E. Thomas Paglia, M.E. E. Donald Lounsberry - GHP, E. Dennis Gellasch and R.E. Charles Roberts officiated at the Dedication.
(photos courtesy John Dudley)

Thank you, my Companions, for electing and installing me as your High Priest for the ensuing year. This privilege you bestowed made it possible for my Anointing. The Ceremony was one of the most moving and self-rewarding that I have ever experienced since becoming a Master Mason eleven years ago.

By the time you read this article, our Chapter will be a part of the 27th Capitular District. In acceptance of this change and the changes forthcoming to the central location of the meeting places within the Monroe District, I can see that we are in a position for growth of our Chapter. Please keep your eyes, ears, and hearts open for potential affiliations and new members.


Sickness and distress

I hear that those Stone Masons have been at it again. They are leaving scraps of their quarrying in the wrong places. Please remember to include E. David Goodrich in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Founding members

We will be honoring the founding members of our Chapter during the March convocation. Come and visit with those who founded our Chapter.

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Companions, as a result of the RAM Round Table set up by our DDGHP, the first convocation of the 4 Chapters in the 25th Capitular District was held in Port Byron on February 5th, with 17 present. It was a great night for our District. Plan to attend the next 3 convocations now; they are once a month and the next one is in Waterloo, Seneca Falls Temple, on March 5th at 7:30 p.m.

On April 10th we will be in Geneva at 8:00 p.m. On May 13th we will be in our home Temple, Shortsville, at 7:30 p.m. This is the night of our District Convention and we are the host Chapter. Put that date in your calendar, please. On June 4th we will be back in Port Byron to make a report on the results of these convocations.

Grand Chapter

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, RAM, State of New York, will convene at the Holiday Turf Inn, Wolf Road, Albany, on Friday and Saturday, March 1st and 2nd.

Companions, as this article is released to the Brothers and Companions, there is still time to go to Grand Chapter in Albany, if so desired.

To update you on recent activities, on February 9th I was fortunate to witness the Order of the High Priesthood. There were 19 new High Priests from Western New York who were Anointed, of which 3 were from the 29th District. E. Arthur Drew of Arcade Chapter, E. Dennis Turton of Western Star Chapter and E. George Springett of 3X3 Chapter. We wish them much success in this coming year.

V.E. Leonard Mason and I attended a meeting at the 3X3 Chapter in Spencerport for a somewhat formal transfer of this Chapter to the 27th Capitular District. We wished E. George Springett, the new High Priest, and Companions of the Chapter, much success in their endeavors.

Thanks

I need to express my thanks and give credit where credit is due to R.E. Ruel Lovett and V.E. James MacConnell for their efforts of formulating and implementing the Fervency and Zeal Program to area Lodges. Also, to their supporting Companions on the team. Hope this generates new Companions in the District. Thank you for your efforts.

Scholarships

Companions, those with family members who plan to apply for RAM Scholarships, check with your Secretary for applications. These completed applications, via the Secretary, must be in the hands of the Scholarship Committee by April 1st to be eligible. We hope that you will support the Royal Arch Charities to support the Scholarship Fund.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

The Grand Lecturer's Convention for the 29th District is scheduled for March 21st at Western Star Chapter No. 35. V.E. Leonard Mason, Assistant Grand Lecturer, will be assigning each Chapter the needed help to make this Convention successful. There is a dinner scheduled prior to the meeting, further information to come. Let the 29th District show much support to R.E. William Zufall, the new Grand Lecturer.

Goals

Soon after Grand Chapter, I will distribute schedule of my Official Visits. One of my goals and duties is to obtain at that time, a completed trestleboard from each High Priest.

Good luck to the new High Priests and all Chapters for a successful year.

I don't suffer from stress,
I am a carrier.

to meet the need. An election is scheduled for our next regular meeting, March 14th, so step up quickly.

Visitations

On February 4th we extended Hiram Chapter to the Eastern Companions of Palmyra Eagle Chapter No. 79 for the Installation of their Officers. This snowy, windy night Hiram Companions John Dudley, Douglas Koenig, Ernie Stelianou, Michael Adamus, Jr., and I visited the 27th Capitular District to cement some of our fervency and zeal.


On February 12th I visited 3X3 Chapter No. 333 as representative for R.E.E. Paul Josephson, our District Deputy. Grand High Priest, M.E.E. Donald Lounsberry, and 29th District Deputy, R.E.E. Richard C. Anderson, together with E.E. George Springett, High Priest of 3X3, presided over the official transfer of the Chapter to the 27th. A formal welcome was extended by the 27th Capitular District Deputy representative (me) with emphasis on "together we can" for the District. A mention of District-wide activities was made, including the Annual Grand Convocation hospitality, and the warm weather Summer Picnic. □

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No. 19 Cryptic Masons
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Companions, we, along with our ladies, have been invited by the Grotto to join them for both dinner and entertainment in March. If we fail to reach some of you by phone, please call us to find out more about the evening social hour.


In April, we will have our Table Council and this, too, will include our ladies. I expect this to be a memorable event for all of us.

May we all have vision, fortitude and compassion in our deliberations over our future. □

Nundawaga Council
No. 92

4th Monday
West Main Street
LeRoy, NY 14482

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



Our Select Master Degree went very well. We had one candidate from our Council, and two candidates from Temple Council in Niagara Falls. From the comments I received, it appeared that each candidate was most favorably impressed with the portrayal of the Degree.

Table Council

As mentioned earlier, on the 25th of this month, Nundawaga will be holding its Table Council. This is always an enjoyable time, and it is open to members of all other Councils, as well as ladies and guests. This will consist of a seven course dinner interspersed among the toasts, with the entree consisting of Roast Beef and

Mashed Potatoes. The "Wizards of the Kitchen" will be R.I. Dan Evans, DDGM, and Companion Dick Anderson. The various toasts will be assigned among the Companions shortly. Reservations can be made with our Recorder, I. Vernon Rupert at 343-8429. Come out and join us for a memorable evening.

Degree changes

At our March 25th meeting, we will be practicing the Select Master Degree with the new changes which have been made to the Ritual. These are not many in number, but it is a worthwhile endeavor to learn them and incorporate them into our Degree format.

While many local areas were not affected by the recent ice storm, the Genesee/Wyoming District had its share of weather related effects. Many cancellations took place, driving was less than optimal, many (including Miss Linda and I) were without electricity, heat, water, or telephone, for several days. However, we managed to survive, and now as I look outside the window, the snow is beginning to dissipate.

I realize that although our weather overall has not been that bad, it has been a bad year for our lawn. I'm thinking of rotating crops next year, putting crab grass in the front and dandelions in the back!


Until next month, stay warm and think Spring! □

Cyrene Monroe Commandery No. 12

Chartered 1993
3rd Monday

Commander
SK Vernon Goodrich
377-0367

Recorder
SK Lawrence W. Dunn
594-8033



Sir Knights, our Inspection is April 15th. We need everyone's help, not only that day, but also for the rehearsals for the Inspection at our regular meetings.

New committees

I am appointing John Dudley, Don Brugger and Doug Koenig, to take inventory, assess our needs for storage, and help prepare the excess for sale or disposition.

At this time I am also appointing John Dudley and Charles Roberts to evaluate meeting sites as to: costs, heat and air conditioning, specific storage available, steps (if any), parking and external lighting. They will make a full report at our April meeting.

Please note that the same two persons are appointed for Doric Council.

I charge all Sir Knights to remember that only in unity is there strength.

"Preach the Word always, if necessary use words." □

Schicker Club News

By Barbara Goodrich
The ladies finished up the kits for the battered women in February. Many thanks for all the donations and the work (fun?) of assembling them.

We must take inventory of our belongings at the March meeting in preparation for a move. It could be very interesting seeing what we have in the cupboard! Join us.


We will have a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m., the main course

being Chicken. The ladies are all good cooks and there is always plenty of food.

See you there! □

Batavia Commandery
No. 34
Knights Templar
2nd & 4th
Thursdays

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



Inspection

At the March 14th conclave, Sir Knight David Lathers, Grand Warden of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New York, will be the Inspecting Officer for the Annual Inspection of Batavia Commandery. All Sir Knights are urged to be in attendance that evening to welcome SK Lathers.

A Roast Pork Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Letters will be forthcoming with suggested dishes to accompany the main course. Please remember to bring your table service.

A different and unusual program for the ladies will be presented by Anne. She will share her newly acquired collection while the SK's are involved with the Inspection.

Business

On March 28th, a regular conclave will be held to conduct the necessary business of the Commandery.

Weekend


The Easter Sunrise Weekend in Washington will be held on March 29th-31st. Details for this occasion are in the February "Knight Templar" magazine, if any of the Sir Knights wish to attend. □

Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17

3rd Sat., 9 a.m.

Commander
SK L. Ronald Edwards
289-3205

Rec. SK David Taber
388-0629
Phelps, NY



Greetings from Florida!

Sorry I missed you at the February conclave, but as you read this I am enjoying the Florida weather for a month or more. I will be back for our Inspection on March 16th and be at our Sister Commandery's conclave on March 18th. Plan to be with us and enjoy the work of your Commandery officers, along with some great hospitality. Don't forget our conclave for Inspection will begin at 10:00 a.m. Breakfast is Dutch treat at 9:00 a.m. at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant.

Correction

Please correct the date for the Wayne District Memorial Service to June 9th, which is the second Sunday of June. Please try to be there; we need you for the Honor Guard. Thanks.

Sickness

Our prayers go out to all who are having health problems. Don Dudley is still in the extended care section at Thompson Hospital and would love to have visitors. Carlton House is in the hos-

pital having troubles with his pacemaker and other problems. We are praying for both of you. Cheerio.


A man who wants to do something will find a way; a man who doesn't will find an excuse.

Stephen Dolley, Jr. □

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Genesee College Number 25 will be conferring the Order of Knight of York at the March 9th meeting. We will be meeting at the Rochester Temple at 2:00 p.m. There is no function at the Auditorium Theater, so parking will not be a problem.

If you have a part in the Order, and haven't started working on it, please do so. Thus far we have only one candidate accepting. If you know of any who should be there, remind them.

Dinner with the ladies will be served by Hilde DiJames and Joy Woodley at the Temple around 5:00 p.m., if things go off without a hitch. The menu will be in your meeting notice. A reservation made is a reservation paid! I know that some of the members do not prefer to dine at the Temple, but we guarantee good and sufficient food; and if the weather does not cooperate, it sure makes things a lot easier.

If, for any reason, you cannot do your part in the Order, or if there is any question at all, please contact me or the Recorder A.S.A.P. □

Poetry Niche
Contributions welcome

Walking Together

In thought, work and deed, We, too, are agreed, From the same Fount of Knowledge instructed; And by the same hand We'll travel or stand, To the same Goal of triumph conducted.

Through the same open door, We lame, blind and poor, Undertook the same mystic endeavor;

Through the same grave at last, When death's trial is past, We'll share the forever and ever.

Our friends are the same. Whatever their name, Whatever their nation or station; The same are our foes, Whose malice but shows Their hearts black with coming damnation.

We too, then, can walk, Sit, stand, work or talk, In union make sign or give token, And while life remains With its losses and gains Let's see that the tie be not broken!

(From the "Poetry of Freemasons" by Robert Morris)

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Lalla Rookh GROTTO

News

Legion
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Alfred Pulcino III, Monarch

Legion of Honor

By Ron Morthorst

We had a great Installation - good food and fellowship. The Officers for 2002 were Installed by Chief Justice Doug Spencer at the Dutch Mill Party House. The Color Guard presented the Colors. Our guests included the widows, our Sisters of the Caldron, and our lovely ladies.

Our Monarch is coming along fine after his surgery. Al, we missed your wit and humor at the Installation and hope you will be able to join us soon.

As your Commander this year, I hope to expand the scope of our exposure to the community. We were accepted into membership in the Veterans Memorial and Executive Council at the War Memorial on January 17th, which will allow us to participate in their programs. It is YOUR Legion and we need YOUR assistance to pursue the goals we seek to achieve.

Monday, March 18th, is our regular meeting at the Dutch Mill Party House. The attitude adjustment hour is at 6:00 p.m. and dinner, with a reservation, is at 6:45 p.m. Call me at 334-4196 before Monday, March 11th. All reservations will be honored. We plan to have a speaker and give the membership a rundown of up and coming programs.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our functions.

Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

Winter was a no-show, but with Spring just around the corner, we need to be putting on a show about Lalla Rookh Grotto and what it means to be a Grotto member. To help us in this endeavor, we have scheduled a Master Mason Night Program for Thursday, April 11th at the Henrietta Town Park. This event is a very important part of our Membership Campaign.

Now is the time to talk with a fellow Brother Mason and invite him to this outing. Each Prophet and his guest will be treated to dinner, compliments of Lalla Rookh Grotto. Prophets attending without a guest will pay for their own dinner.

So, get your petition to give to a prospective member and attend this program. Reservations are required. Call me at 334-4753 or Ron Morthorst at 334-4196 by April 4th. For more information, see this and the April issue of the *Masonic Times* for special details regarding this event.

Master of Ceremonies

By Jerry Spero

A big thanks to Ken Hutchinson for the good work he did as our Monarch. He now claims that he really enjoys his new title as PAST Monarch. A very large thank you also to Hilde DiJames and her crew for the preparation of our Installation Dinner.

Ladies Night

Please note that there has been a change in our entertainment for our March 20th meeting. We will be watching a group of dancers who call themselves "The Hot Flash Tap Dancers". Sounds like fun! This will be a Ladies Night, so remember when making reservations it will be necessary to specify how many dinners. The meal will be Corned Beef and Cabbage and as usual, chicken will also be available. Come early for snacks and drinks. The bar opens at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are a must and they can be made by phoning me at 334-7616. Leave a message on the answering machine if no one is home and be sure to mention your phone number when you do.

The plans for April have not been finalized, so check with me when you call in your reservation.

Attend Grotto Meetings

Mon., March 4th - Board of Governor's Meeting
Grotto Office 7:00 p.m.
Mon., March 14th - Caldron Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Mon., March 18th - Legion of Honor Din. 6:00 p.m.
Dutch Mill Restaurant
Wed., March 20th - Lalla Rookh Grotto meeting 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Thurs., March 21st - Caldron Executive Council Home of Doris Bell

Enjoy the Fellowship



Ken Hutchinson, receiving his Past Monarch's Fez from PM Ron Morthorst. (Photos courtesy Ron Morthorst)



Public Installation: Monarch, Alfred Pulcino III, receives gift from his wife, Shirley.

Caldron News

By Cecil Losinger, MCO

Daughters and friends

I hope you have enjoyed this beautiful weather and had the free time to enjoy it.

Those of us who attended the Installation of Lalla Rookh Grotto's Officers enjoyed the evening very much and congratulate Monarch, Al Pulcino. We wish him a speedy recovery from his recent surgery and good health.

Birthday

Our Caldron 54th Birthday Dinner was held at the Golden Ponds Restaurant on February 16th and a good time was enjoyed by all. Thank you, Daughter Jean Wood, for a very enjoyable evening.

Dates to remember

March 14th is our Caldron meeting.

March 21st is the Executive Council at Doris Bell's, with Jean.

Please let the hostess know if you are attending.

Just remember, time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician!

Masonic Gothic Bowling League

Secretary
John J. Flynn,
227-6106

Rick Flanagan rolled his second 300 on January 23rd. It was part of a 776 series (263, 300, 213). He is believed to be the only Masonic Gothic League bowler to have rolled a 300 game. His first was in 1995. In addition to his 300 Award, Rick also received a Century Award watch for his game 100 pins over his average and a Patch for a series 150 pins over his average.

Bud Crane rolled a 647 series that included a 267 game. He received a Senior Award Patch for a game 75 pins over his average. (Last month there was a typographical error in my column and Bud did not get proper credit for a 647 series that earned him a Senior Award Patch for a series 125 pins over his average.)

Don Weis also earned a Senior Award Patch for a game 75 pins over his average. His 167 was part of a 653 series that also included a 220 game.

Also earning a Senior Award Patch was Harold Reynolds. His 634 was 145 pins over his average and included two 233 games.

In January, league bowlers rolled 11 600 series and 60 200 games. 600 series were rolled by Rick Flanagan-646 (257) and 642 (237), Rob Eckman-628 (246), JR Fogarty-617 (223), Kevin Bird (his first)-610 (228,222), Dave Hoerth-606 (216), and Jeremy Fromm-600 (233).

Other notable scores included JR Fogarty-246, Jeremy Fromm-244 and 227, Bill Rubert-244, Brendon Dady-236, Mick Trafficante-235, Mitch Wright-234, Derek Masi-229, Jack Thibaut-224, John Flynn-324, Dave Hoerth-223, Jason Dale-221, Josh Lee-216, Matt Dwyer-213, and Scott Kozlowski-204.

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

Lalla Rookh Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R.

Annual Master Mason Night

Thurs., April 11, 2002

Henrietta Town Park

4:00 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner

All Master Masons Welcome

Reservations required

call: 334-4753, 334-4196

by April 4, 2002

GROTTO HUMOR



Grotto Humor

By Ken Hutchinson

Our Monarch spent a short time in the hospital in January. This caused me to reflect on the sometimes tasteless cartoons done at his expense. Welcome back Al. I'll try to do better in the future.

Masonic Home

Continued from page 13

pool, expanded clinics for physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy. There will also be a transitional apartment for the use of individuals in our rehabilitation unit to prepare them for their return home. The majority of the rooms being constructed will be private rooms with private bathrooms and showers in each. Rooms will include bay windows and each neighborhood will contain its

own kitchen, dining area, living room and activity space.

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Damascus Temple No. 2 Shrine News

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From the Potentate



Shrine Office
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Harry E. Dainty
657-8068
Potentate

It was good to see our Nobles, Earl K. DeSmith and Charles Walker, at our January meeting. I hope they will be able to come to more outings with us.

Progress

The addition is coming along well with the good weather we have been having. The walls are up to the first floor and the first floor deck is down. They are working on the outside walls so they can put the roof on.

Circus

The Circus in March is our big project. We need your help. Erwin Newell and his committee have been working very hard to ensure a very successful Circus this year. Make sure you get all of your ads in for the Program Book. We are past the deadline and are missing a few. Keep a watchful eye for some new Circus billboards along the highways. Also, hospital billboards will be appearing.

Membership

We are below 1000 in membership at this time, 971 at the last count. To get back above 1000, so we can maintain four representatives to the Imperial, I figure we need 70 new members in 2002. You will be seeing a new slogan - 70 new in '02. We will have a first line signer program again this year, with some incentives for the first line signer and the new Noble.

A reminder to all Club and Unit Presidents and Secretaries, please get your annual reports and an up-to-date membership list and a list of all date and events that your Club or Unit is planning for 2002.

The great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving.
(Sam Ewing) □

Recorder

Two months have passed since being elected Recorder. If I ever thought this was an easy job, and realized all the activities involved, I was certainly mistaken. There is much to learn and maybe after a few more years under my belt, I might get it right. Thanks to our Recorder Emeritus, Cy Kloner, PP, for giving up his re-

irement time to "train" me. This would be an impossible job without his assistance.

Dues

Nobles, dues are due for 2002, and we will be making an active attempt to contact those of you that are in arrears. Please don't be embarrassed if you have a problem and need help. Please call me if I can assist you.

Fundraiser

March 22nd - 24th is our Shrine Circus and our most important fundraiser. This helps underwrite our budget. You and your ladies help are really needed. As Circus Chairman, I hope to see new faces as well as old, helping out. If you have difficulty standing for long periods of time, come join us anyway, as we have jobs that don't require standing.

The March 6th meeting will be dedicated to the Circus and our own Shrine Clowns will be providing the entertainment. You can pick up your worker's pass at the meeting. If you can't attend the meeting to pick up your pass, your Fez will be your admission. □

Damascus Duffers

Who would have thought that we would be playing golf the second week of January? If you told someone that, they would say you are out of your mind! We are looking for more Nobles who want to join us to play golf. We play about six tournaments a year and a few games in between. The cost is \$5.00 for membership, plus green fees. Call the Shrine Center at 585-671-7701 if you are interested in joining us. Leave your name and telephone number. □

Director's Staff

By Carl Mason, Secretary
Our meeting was held at DiPacific's Restaurant in Farmington on January 23rd, with 24 Nobles and ladies in attendance. Our new Director for the year 2002 is Vance Collom. Newly elected officers for this year are Ron Edwards, President; Jim Kahn, Vice-President; and I am Secretary-Treasurer.

President Ron called on Noble Lee Coller to give the Invocation and Benediction.

Ill.: Potentate Harry Dainty and First Lady, Nancy, were in attendance. Members of the Divan who were in attendance were Chief Rabban, Ken Buckland; Assistant Rabban, Bruce Chilton; High Priest and Prophet, Vern Goodrich; Outer Guard, Joe Minas and Director, Vance Collom. Past Potentate Dayne Tharrett and his Lady, Kathi, were present.

Sickness

Paul Gleason is preparing for surgery on his knee.

Circus

Advance tickets go on sale for the Circus on February 11th. Please make checks payable to Blue Cross Arena.

Petitions

Ill.: Potentate Harry would like every Noble to carry a petition for membership with them at all times. He stated that we need 70 new members this year; 30 to get our membership up to 1000, with a buffer of 40 new members due to visits from the Black Camel, demits, members dropped for non-payment of dues, etc. This is a big undertaking and will take hard work from every Noble.

Joe Minas and Vance Collom need help setting up and cleaning up for Temple meetings. Nobles, please do what you can to help.

Until next time, God bless. □

Past Masters Degree Team

By Joe Minas, President

I thank all the Nobles who participated in the mandatory rehearsal. We also thank all the Past Masters who participated in portraying the 3rd Degree at Union Star Lodge No. 320 in Honeoye Falls. Our next Degree will be at Nunda Station Lodge in Dalton on March 5th. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m., and the Degree at 7:30 p.m.

Future Degrees

The Degrees are scheduled for April 9th at Eagle Lodge No. 619, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the Degree at 7:30 p.m.; Craftsman/Robertson Lodge on June 18th, dinner at 6:00 p.m., Degree at 7:30 p.m.

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

The discreet man sees danger and takes shelter, the ignorant goes forward and pay for it. □

Canandaigua Shrine Club

By Carl Mason, President

Our first meeting of the year was held on January 15th at Schooner's Restaurant in Canandaigua. A delicious dinner was served with all the trimmings, followed by the meeting and Election of Officers. President Phil Trautman gave the Invocation before dinner. Ill.: Potentate Harry Dainty was in attendance.

New Officers elected for the year 2002 were: myself as President; Larry Hood, First Vice-President; Dick Dye, Second Vice-President; Ron Edwards, Secretary, and Phil Trautman, Treasurer.

On the agenda was the upcoming Circus in March. As always, the Canandaigua Shrine Club will give its all for this event.

A tentative meeting on Tuesday, March 5th, at the Masonic Temple in Victor, will be our Circus Party and we will have sign-up sheets to man our booth at the Circus at that time. Meeting notices will be sent out shortly.

Planning is already being done for an excellent year. We are working on the Golf Tournament and Corn Roast, set for August. A date will follow, hopefully in April.
Until next time, God bless. □

Lunch Club

By John Lindsay, President

The Lunch Club is looking for new members and all Shriners, Masons and guests are invited to attend. Lunch is served each Monday at 12 noon, social hour at 11:00 a.m., and the ladies are invited to join us every 3rd Monday. The price is right and there are no yearly dues.

The speaker for the Ladies Luncheon on March 18th will be David Kielon from Kielon Gunsmiths in Webster and the subject will be Safety Issues Confronting the Shooting Sport. Questions will be taken after, so please join us. □

miss you, and now that our snowbunny members have traveled South, we need you more than ever.

Sometimes we forget the opportunities we have to get involved in Zama Temple. Everyone of you is an important member and has the right to be heard. Your views, assistance and your presence are necessary to support our officers. There are many committees that can use your talents. Offer your services to Queen Garda Houston or Pr. Royal Kitty Noble, who will be happy to talk to you.

Thanks

Our Winter Ceremonial was held on February 9th. Our thanks to the officers who worked so hard to make this an inspiring afternoon. A Valentine Dinner followed, prepared by our own Pr. Joy Woodley. It was held in the dining room at Fairport Lodge and the dinner was festive, as well as delicious.

March

At our March 9th session, we will hold Election of Officers. It will also be Queen Garda's last Stated Session in office. Plan to attend and show her and her officers our gratitude for a year well done. Thank you, Garda, for stepping in when Zama Temple needed you.

Save the date!

Zama Temple's Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday, April 6th, at 3:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel. Be sure to reserve the date! □



By Jean Friedrich, P.O.

We hope your new year's resolutions included a decision to attend Nile sessions more often. Mark your calendars now with a reminder that Nile is held on the second Saturday each month (except June, July and August) at 1:00 p.m. at Fairport Lodge. We

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Fri. 11:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.
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George Kelley Carves out Niche with Masonic Canes

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By Trish Milburn

When George Kelley, of Pleasantville, retired in 1985 after 23 years of boring engines at Bates Engine Repair in Centerville, he was suddenly faced with more spare time than he'd had in decades. Eventually, he started piddling on woodworking projects in his workshop out back. That piddling has grown into a business that fills a niche in the wood products market - walking canes bearing Masonic markings.

In the late 1980's, Kelley decided he wanted to try his hand at making some walking canes. At first, there was no connection to the Masons, of which he'd been a member since 1964. As he spent several hours a day in his shop, however, he began to think of ways of making his canes unique. In the early 1990's, he came up with the idea for distinguishing the canes with Masonic markings.

While the canes he makes and sells through his business, By George, now sport two rows of checker work, two carved floating balls and then three sets of rings recognizable to Masons, Kelley says anyone can use the canes.

"If they're not a Mason, they'll just think its decorative," says Kelley, a Meriwether Lewis Electric Cooperative member.

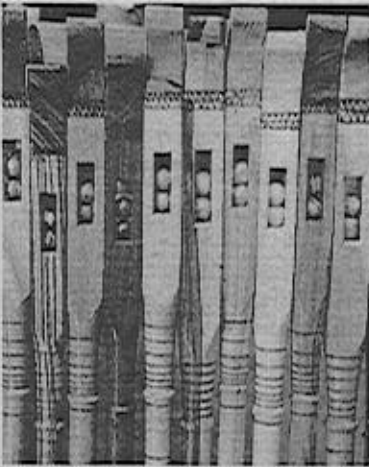
Those wanting to purchase a cane can choose from three materials - basswood, cedar and walnut. The 40-inch tall cane sells for \$40, and Kelley has shipped them to England, Canada, and all over the United States. At 78, he still works in his wood shop every day and says he can make two canes each day.

Indeed, when he steps into the dusty shop filled with saws, joiners, planers, and drill presses, Kelley's love of woodworking becomes evident.

"I've always enjoyed working with wood," he says.

In fact, he enjoys making his canes so much that he makes more than he needs to fill orders. He's a man with a mission and is close to accomplishing it.

"I want to make a cane with a wood starting with every letter of the alphabet," he says.



The canes are crafted from many kinds of wood. "It makes the work more enjoyable," says George.

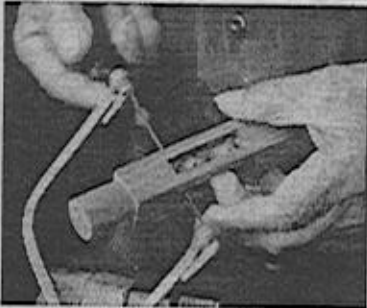
That goal is reachable since he only has five letters - J, N, Q, U and X - to go. And he already has the types of wood picked out for two of those letters, juniper for J and nutmeg for N.

Though he only sells canes made of three types of wood, he's worked with 42 kinds of woods, some of them exotics from other countries such as Brazil. He's crafted sturdy canes with everything from ash to zebrawood. He keeps one cane made from each type of wood for himself. There's the purple heart from Brazil that is quite literally purple, kukui wood from Hawaii and verawood, a hard wood from Brazil that is extremely heavy and difficult to carve. Kelley says verawood is by far the hardest wood he's worked with while basswood is the softest and simplest to carve.

What few extras he crafts from the exotic woods, he tends to give to family and friends. But not before he researches the wood in his set of World Book encyclopedias. Since many woods have various names in different regions, he studies a wood until he is sure he

has the correct names. Then he carves the name of the wood and "By George" on the underside of the cane's handle.

"I don't want to give anyone a walking stick with the wrong names," he says. Since many of his woods don't grow in Tennessee, or even the South, Kelley depends on others to help him seek out the woods he needs in his personal quest. Sometimes people bring him blocks of wood from other geographic areas if they're coming to visit. Others mail them to him.



This is how George starts to carve the movable parts of the canes.

One day he happened to hear that a boat shop nearby was getting rid of some teakwood. He

hurriedly called and asked them not to throw it away. He would most definitely take it, and add T to his completed list. He also depends on the Internet for ordering many of the more difficult to find varieties.

Even if he's completed a letter, however, Kelley's always up for a new type of wood that he's not worked with before. Whether it's local beech or a more exotic species from a South American forest, he'll carve and smooth until a beautiful cane emerges in yet another variety.

Kelley doesn't devote all his time in his shop to making canes, however. Two of his other popular By George items are hanging and desktop Masonic emblems showcasing the square and compasses in red and white cedar. These items sell for \$30.00, and Kelley has received numerous compliments on their design and craftsmanship.

No matter what project takes him to his shop each day, he's sure to have a good time.


"It's real enjoyable," he says. "Sometimes I get out there and lose track of time."


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By Rt. Wthy. Barbara Spano
Greetings from Rt. Wthy. Barbara and Rt. Wthy. John.

The District is busy getting ready for the Grand Matron's Visit on Friday, April 5th. The Luncheon is at 12 noon at The Party House at 677 Beahan Road. The menu is a Hot Buffet and the cost is \$10.00.

The Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. at The Party House and the meeting is at 8:00 p.m. The menu for the Dinner is Choice Roast Beef, Orange Ruffly or Roast Duck and the cost for this is \$22.00. Please be sure to get your reservation in and make the Deputy's job a little easier.

Pins

The District is selling pins for Alzheimer's, the Deputy's project for this year. Check with your Matron, I am sure they will be very happy to show you the pins.

Thanks

I hope everyone who attended the Quarter-a-Dip Dinner on the 21st had a good time. Thanks to all who helped, donated Share Booth gifts and to those who supported this event by just being there.

Leah Chapter

The next Amigo's meeting is March 20th at Leah Chapter in Hilton at 7:30 p.m. For those who have not been yet, we would love to see you, it is open to all in the District. Any help, and/or ideas, are always welcome.

Official Visits

The Official Visits have started. March 2nd is at Rochester Chapter at 7:30 p.m. There is a show that evening, so I would suggest you arrive a little early. March 6th is at Henrietta at 7:30 p.m.; March 7th, Monroe at 7:30 p.m.; March 11th, Charlotte at 7:30 p.m.; March 13th, Corinthian/Fellowship at 7:30 p.m.; March 18th, Etolian at 8:00 p.m., and March 19th, Fairport at 8:00 p.m.

Study Club

On March 16th, the West Study Club will be entertaining the Matrons at a Luncheon. It will be at the Downtown Temple at 12 noon. Enjoy.

The Monroe District sends a warm welcome to Ontario/Seneca/Yates District. It is very nice that you are submitting an article each month in the *Masonic Times*.

The Past Matrons Association meeting will be March 21st at noon. Bring a brown bag lunch, beverage and dessert will be provided. This meeting is at the Community Christian Church at 2647 Chili Avenue, parking in the back. Please call Rt. Wthy. Mary Hall at 392-2757 if attending. Thank you.

The Line Officers will meet March 2nd at the Downtown Temple at 10:00 a.m. At the last meeting they had Dr. Paul



George Kelley in his workshop where he spends hours crafting canes.

Save the date!

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Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

- 2002
- Apr. 4 Feast of the Paschal Lamb, AASR - DTT
 - Apr. 13 Grand Master's Testimonial, Amherst, NY
 - Apr. 17 L.S.O.M.E. - DTT
 - May 6, 7 Grand Lodge Annual Communication, NYC.
 - Jul. 13 Hobert Cook Testimonial Dinner
Barbagallos Restaurant, East Syracuse
 - Aug. 16-17 Grand Council, Marriott Thruway, Henrietta, NY
 - Sept. 20,21 Grand Commandery
 - Nov. 3 Interfaith Service and Brunch, Logan's

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Sun. Mar. 10
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Tues. Mar. 19 - Sun. Mar. 24
Fiddler on the Roof
Tues. - Thurs. 7:30 p.m.
Fri. - 8:00 p.m.
Sat. - 2:00, 8:00 p.m.
Sun. - 2:00, 7:00 p.m.

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Tom Michielson - 352-4831, 1st Floor Commercial Space also available.

Fairport Lodge, 87 North Main St., Fairport
Tom Richenderfer 377-7782, Greg Ludwig-388-1241, David Taber-388-0629

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Thomas McCulloch, 288-4865

Northfield Lodge, 17 Church St., Pittsford - Cap. 80
Dan Walker - 429-6572, Bill Spillane - 436-0264, John Dudley - 586-6426

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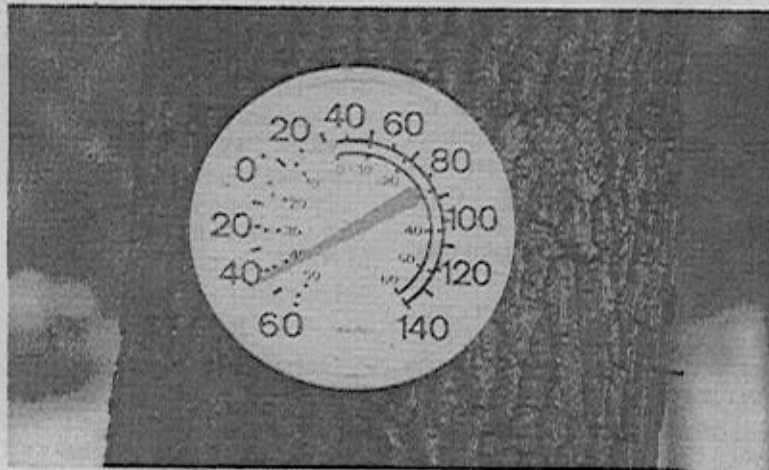
Wanted: Toy Trains, (O and O27), accessories, any condition. Fair price based on Greenberg Book and condition. D. Brugger 473-4351, 458-6125.

Oh, Well!

A parable is told of a farmer who owned an old mule. The mule fell into the farmer's well. The farmer heard the mule braying (or whatever it is that mules do when they fall into wells). After carefully assessing the situation, the farmer sympathized with the mule, but decided that neither the mule nor the well was

worth the trouble of saving. Instead, he called his neighbors together and told them what had happened...and enlisted them to help haul dirt to bury the old mule in the well and put him out of his misery.

Initially, the old mule was hysterical. But as the farmer and his neighbors continued shoveling and the dirt hit his back - a thought struck the mule. It suddenly dawned on him that every time a shovel load of dirt landed on his back, he should shake it off and step up! This he did, blow after blow, "Shake it off and step up...shake it off and step up!", he repeated to encourage himself. No matter how painful the blows or distressing the situation seemed, the old mule fought panic and kept right on shaking it off and stepping up. It wasn't long before the old mule, battered and exhausted, stepped triumphantly over the wall of the well. What seemed as if it would bury him, actually blessed him - all because of the manner in which he handled his adversity.



And you think we have had Winter s here! This picture appeared in the Jan./Feb. issue of the Minnesota "Lake Country Journal"

The Masonic Service Bureau Loan Closet

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

Equip. Type	On loan
Bathtub equip.	138
Bed (Access.)	2
Canes	115
Commodos	78
Crutches	226
Walkers	187
Wheelchairs	110
Miscellaneous	9
Total	865

March Gem - Aquamarine
March Flower - Jonquill

Big Calendar March 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Attica Lodge Pancake Breakfast Mar. 3 & 24 8 - 11 a.m.	4 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club	5 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton, 1* Craftsman/Robertson Oakland - Castile Warsaw OES - Fairport, Monroe, Nolotka, Perry, Webster	6 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Livonia Damascus Shrine OES - Henrietta	7 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster RAM - Haggai Chapter, PH Fellowship Reception	8	9 Genesee York Rite College Rochester DTT, 2:00 p.m.
10 Mt. Vernon Lodge Pancake Breakfast Java Village 7 - 10 a.m.	11 ERAC - East Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Excelsior-Shortsville OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes, Shrine Lunch Club	12 Batavia Craftsman/Robertson - F Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes, 1* RAM - 3x3, Danville, Wyoming OES - Leah - Hilton	13 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Batavia, Corinthian/ Fellowship, Canan- daigua/Fenogowone, Shortsville	14 Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City - Fairport Milnor - Victor Lalla Rookh Caldron RAM - Hiram, MMM, PM	15	16 Sagoyewatha Commandery, Phelps 9 a.m. Monroe Widows Luncheon Logan's, Scottsville Road Leah Chapter Corned Beef & Cabbage 5 - 7 p.m. \$7.50 Hilton Temple, East Ave.
17 Triluminar Lodge Pancake Breakfast Pike 8 - 11 a.m. St. Patrick's Day	18 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe - DTT Monroe School of Ritual Union Star, Honeoye Falls OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club Orthodox Lent Begins	19 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson - 1* Oakland - Castile Warsaw OES - Fairport, Monroe, Nolotka, Perry	20 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Livonia Lalla Rookh Grotto RSM - Doric Council First Day of Spring	21 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite RAM - Western Star - GL Convention, Wyoming	22	23
24/31 Leah Chap. Breakfast Buffet 9 a.m.-1 p.m., \$5 Hilton Temple Palm Sunday Easter Sunday	25 ERAC - East Rochester Etolian - Spencerport - 2* Mt. Vernon - Java Village Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield OES - Charlotte Shrine Lunch Club	26 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Valley/Simes OES - Leah - Hilton	27 Churchville Milnor - Victor Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Tall Cedars - Penfield OES - Batavia, Corinthian/ Fellowship, Canan- daigua/Fenogowone - Shortsville	28 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor, 2* Passover begins	29 Good Friday	30