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## St John's Day Masonic Festival 2002

*Making the best even better!  
Be a part of this great  
"Family" event*

By Angie Caiola, Director of  
Community Relations

The Campus is alive...with the  
sounds of music!

The Masonic Home in Utica  
will host its annual St. John's Day/  
Masonic Festival on Saturday,  
June 22, 2002 beginning at 10:00  
a.m. It is a fun-filled family day  
with music, games, rides, craft  
booths and food. Along with  
great food and performances by  
the Utica Red Marching Band,  
Don DeLuca, and Fritz's Polka  
Band, our Campus will be filled  
with excitement for our residents  
and visitors. The carnival-like at-  
mosphere is a way of bringing  
families together to enjoy not  
only a tradition that Masons partic-  
ipate in, but also provides en-  
tertainment for the entire family.

Although the primary purpose  
for this weekend is the Investiture  
Service of the newly appointed  
District Deputies and  
Staff Officers, it also is an oppor-  
tunity for the Brethren to visit  
with residents and other Frater-  
nity Brothers. This year we are  
proud to welcome our Grand  
Master, M.:W.: Carl J. Fitje, and  
his elected Staff Officers to our  
magnificent Campus.

If you are interested in touring  
Acacia Village, Wiley Hall and  
see the progress we are making  
on the construction of the new  
Health Facility, tour guides will  
be available upon request. Also,  
for your viewing, will be a model  
resident room that will be used in  
our new Health Facility. For in-  
formation regarding tours, please  
stop at our Information Booth  
and a representative will be happy  
to assist you. If you would like to  
sit back and relax and see our  
entire Campus, join us for our  
popular Wagon Campus Tour.

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The Chancellor Robert R. Liv-  
ingston Library and Museum will  
also be open so you can see the  
Masonic Home memorabilia and  
the various items highlighting the  
Masonic Fraternity. The Masonic  
Medical Research Laboratory  
will offer a slide show, research  
updates and tours of the labora-  
tory every 45 minutes.

40 Arts and Craft booths will  
keep Mom really busy, while Dad  
is checking out the Antique Car  
Show, located in front of the  
Chapel.

Hungry? I'm sure the aroma of  
Pizza Fritte, Sausage and Pep-  
pers and Chicken Bar-B-Que,  
will excite your taste buds, as well  
as the other great food from a  
variety of vendors.

The children will have fun on  
the FREE kiddie rides and will  
enjoy the games, clowns and mu-  
sical entertainment. This year,  
along with the Alpine Swings and  
a 34 horse carrousel, we've added  
Harry Potter Wizard's Castle, as  
well as Boomers Fire Fighters,  
where the children will have an  
opportunity to learn about the  
insides of a fire engine. Free  
Child ID Video Taping will take

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## Masonic Family FamilyDay

By Jim Weick

A year of planning was 5 days  
from curtain time when our lead  
act cancelled. Many were calling  
for a cancellation of the show.  
Having placed 1,000 tickets in cir-  
culation and 150 donated to non-  
Masons, it just seemed that "The  
Show Must Go On". In the three  
days following the cancellation,  
40-60 groups were contacted to  
try and fill out the program. Most  
would tell us that the notice was  
too short. With 48 hours to go, an  
act was secured and the program  
came off without a hitch.

Returning this year was  
Stringplicity. This string trio once  
again captivated the audience  
with their wonderful music. Play-  
ing in Doric Hall just seemed a  
natural place for the vibrations of  
their strings. You couldn't help  
but close your eyes and be taken  
to imaginative places in your  
mind while listening.

The new act this year was the  
jazz band, Milk House. This  
group of four played a new sound  
and up beat presentation of their  
music that everyone enjoyed.

Hired at the last minute they were  
a perfect choice.

The balance of the entertain-  
ment was provided by Shrine  
Clowns, Rosco and Kopper. They  
provided the laughs for everyone

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## Clio Lodge 39th Annual Ox Roast

Sat., May 4th  
Serving 4 p.m. - Til  
East Avenue, Hilton

Adlt. \$8, Sens. \$7  
Child. \$4

## Interfaith Service and Brunch

By Linda Zahn, Chairperson

What do I have to do to get  
nominations for the Distin-  
guished Community Service  
Award? Letters were sent, there  
was an article in the April Ma-  
sonic Times, I've talked to many of  
you and yet, as of April 8th, I have  
received only 1 letter. I can't be-  
lieve that of the 45 groups who  
were sent letters, not a single one  
has a nomination to submit. Get  
with it people!

I will extend the deadline to May  
10th. If you can't remember the for-  
mat for submission, check your April  
Times or ask your Secretary.

## Walk to Cure Diabetes

Juvenile Foundation International and  
The Diabetes Research Foundation

Sponsored by the Monroe District

Sunday, May 19th

Coffee and snacks at 9:30 a.m. Walk starts at 11:00 a.m.  
Registration 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Monroe Community College  
East Henrietta Road

Deadline Sunday May 12th

Appropriate refreshments at Check Points

Complimentary Lunch

following walk

Music, Clowns, Mascots, Face painting and more  
T - Shirts provided for all walkers

We Will Walk, Rain or Shine!

Contacts: Ray Glegg - 223-3433, Bob Kimmel - 544-5964  
or Mike McBride 663-4636



Friday, June 21 & Saturday, June 22, 2002

Grand Master M.:W.: Carl J. Fitje stated,  
"We've got to start selling 'the sizzle', as well as the steak."

The Perfect Place To Start Is At  
Your Masonic Festival - St. John's Weekend  
Let The Community See Masonry At Its Finest!

Parades-Games-Food-Pageantry-Tours-Brotherhood

JOIN TOGETHER...  
AT THIS GREAT MASONIC EVENT, THAT TAKES PLACE  
ON YOUR CAMPUS!

LODGES, do you have something to sell or exhibit?  
Book a booth NOW.....Only \$30.00  
Tables Available for All Grand Lodge Committees at No  
Charge  
Reservations Must Be In No Later Than June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Contact Angie Caiola, 1-800-322-8826

Bring The ENTIRE Family For A Fun Filled Weekend

See The Construction Progress On YOUR New Health Facility!!

## Save the Date!

Frank & Bette Paul 32°  
Masonic Learning Center

## Golf Charity Classic

Blue Heron Hills  
Macedon, New York

Monday, July 29, 2002

Cost per Golfer - \$125

For the benefit and support of the  
Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic  
Learning Center for Children facing Dyslexia

For further information and to make a reservation  
contact the Rochester Consistory - A.A.S.R.  
at 585-271-0715

## Harry S. Truman

Our 33rd President (1945 -  
1953), was born May 8, 1884, at  
LaMar, Missouri. Truman be-  
came President April 12, 1945,  
two and a half hours after the  
untimely death of Franklin  
Delano Roosevelt. Brother  
Truman was the second and last  
Past Grand Master to become  
President.

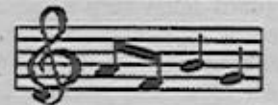
He was made a Mason in  
Belton Lodge No. 450, of Mis-  
souri, March 9, 1909, and served  
as Junior Warden in 1910. In  
1911, he organized Grandview  
Lodge No. 618 and served as its  
first Worshipful Master. Later,  
he was its Secretary and again, in  
1917, its Master.

From 1925 to 1930, he served  
the Grand Lodge of Missouri as  
District Deputy Grand Master  
and District Grand Lecturer, and  
in 1930 was appointed Grand  
Pursuivant and progressed regu-  
larly until his elevation as Grand  
Master in 1940.

In 1919 he was exalted, greeted  
and knighted in the York Rite  
Degrees, completed his Scottish  
Rite work in 1928. On November  
21, 1941, he received from Grand  
Commander Melvin M. Johnson,  
33° of the Northern Supreme  
Council, the Gourgas Medal for  
Distinguished Service to Ma-  
sonry, Humanity and Country.

In 1945 he was coroneted a 33°  
by the Supreme Council,  
A.A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction.  
He died in 1972.

(Courtesy "Our Masonic Presi-  
dents")



## Masonic Band

Do you play a musical in-  
strument? Did you once play,  
and would you like the oppor-  
tunity to do so again? Well,  
now is your chance! Plans are  
underway to form a Masonic  
Band. If you would like to be  
part of this exciting new en-  
deavor, call Norm Austin at  
585-234-0296.

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## Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger  
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### Early deadline

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday falling on the 27th, I have moved the deadline up to May 10th. This should ensure that all submissions will be in by the following Monday and we can get the **Times** out and to you before the Holiday (wishful thinking).

### More wishful thinking

This Editor is thinking of how nice it would be to not worry about getting the **Masonic Times** out. I have been the Editor of this paper since January of 1993 and was Associate under Jay McCullough before that. Over the years quite a few things have changed around here. Back in '93 it used to take at least two weeks to get the paper out; we do it now in about half that time. We used to have to rely on an outside source for making our half tones at \$7-\$9 a pop (printable pictures); we now do it "in house". Organizations that did not submit copy used to get a portion of their logo, with the explanation "No copy received"; they now get half a line on the back page.

The name of the paper used to be the "Monroe Masonic News", but it was changed to the "Masonic News" in September of 1990 when Genesec/Wyoming District came on board. It changed again, in September of 1991 to its present name the **Masonic Times**. This last change was implemented to reflect that there was more in it than just the news from the Lodges. We now carry organizational news from Livingston and Ontario/Seneca/Yates Districts, making the **Times** a 4 District paper. Maybe some day, Wayne. We're growing.

### Retirement

There comes a time when the old guard must step aside and make way for new blood. A time for making space for the infusion of new ideas and energy. That time has come for this Editor, and with mixed emotions I am announcing my retirement as Editor at the end of this year (after the January issue is put to bed). This will allow seven months for the designation and training of my successor.

### The staff

Our staff has been reduced to just 4; we wish we had more volunteers. Myself, my wife, who sets type and pastes up and composes

the galleys; Barbara Goodrich, who sets type, manages the ads and subscriber list and Mat Gingold who, along with my wife, Jean, paste up and composes the galleys. We do have some welcome assistance in proofing from Charlotte Meier at times. More help has always been appreciated, but near impossible to find.

### Immediate help needed

Come this Fall we will be needing more help. We will be losing my wife, Jean, due to her retirement as Office Manager for the Scottish Rite (she will have other fish to fry). Jean's help in typesetting, efficiency in organizing the copy for composition, her help in the composing itself, and in paste up and tear down have been crucial to our getting the paper out to our readers in a timely manner. We will be losing Mat Gingold temporarily due to scheduled surgery and recuperation into the Fall issues.

### What is needed

What we definitely need is assistance for the November issue (put together starting around October 13th). All those who wish to volunteer should get some training during the publishing of the June issue (starting May 10th), and definitely the September issue (starting around August 12th) and October issue (starting September 12th).

It is not too early to start thinking about the Associate Editor's position, if you are interested (next step, possibly, Editor). Hopefully more than one person will come forward to try out for this job; it has not been filled for the past ten years (it now carries with it an honorarium).

### Requirements

We will teach you all you have to know for the production assistance jobs. Some facility with computer desktop publishing would be definitely needed for the Associate Editor's position. Please call the **Times** Office, (585)473-4351, if you are interested in any way. To quote an old favorite, "It's a long, long time from May to December, but the days grow short when you reach September".

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## Your Legal Rights FYI

By Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

### Rights and Privileges while in the military

This month's article will focus on certain rights that our brothers and sisters are entitled to while in the military on active duty.

When called for duty, a soldier or sailor leaves behind civilian life for the foreseeable future. Concerns about life and death replace concerns about making sure that the mortgage is paid. Realizing the sacrifices that military duty imposes, the legislature has enacted laws to protect the serviceman from being sued or losing their job. In some instances, the court will even appoint an attorney to represent the serviceman.

Let's use Joe Witherspoon as our example. Joe is 28 and is married to Sue. They have 2 children, Sarah, 7 years old, and Jacob, 4 years old. Sue doesn't work outside the home, Joe has a decent job at a local tool and die manufacturer. They own the house they live in. Joe drives a late model Jeep Cherokee; Sue drives a minivan. Joe owns a boat and has credit card debt. To help out his older sister, Julie, he co-signed a car note for her. Joe is a member of the Army Reserve.

Last week, Joe's reserve unit was called up to go to the

Philippines. His commanding officer thinks this tour might last from 8 to 12 months.

### The job

Joe's employer has been very supportive in the past of Joe's reserve commitments, and he has no reason to think otherwise. Although this is the first time since Joe has been in the reserves that he has been called away for so long. Will he have a job to come back to? Yes he will, unless his employer went out of business while Joe was away. Provided Joe is still qualified to do the job he left, and he obtains a certificate of completion of military duty, then his employer has to take him back onto the payroll.

All Joe has to do is report back for employment within 90 days of his discharge. His employer, in addition to taking him back, must also restore him to the same seniority, status and pay he would have had but for his military tour of duty.

### His sister's loan

While Joe was away his sister, Julie, lost her job. Julie was unable to keep up on the car payments. The car was subsequently repossessed and sold for a loss at the auction. The bank has decided to sue Joe for the difference owed between what is owed on the note and what was received for the car at the auction. Joe is liable because he co-signed the note. Even though Joe is liable, he can put a stop to any lawsuit until he returns from active duty. That assumes that Joe's wife, Sue,

was served with a copy of the lawsuit and immediately went to see a lawyer to explain the situation. Let's say Sue does nothing, and the bank, as it has no reason to believe that Joe was in the military, gets a default judgement against Joe. Joe finds out about all this when he gets back home. Within 90 days of Joe's return home from service, he is entitled to ask the court to set aside the judgment and allow him his day in court to defend himself.

### The mortgage and credit cards

Without Joe's income, and despite Sue's best efforts at working a part time job, the mortgage and credit card bills exceeded monthly income. Sue hasn't been able to pay the mortgage or credit cards for the past 3 months. The bank is threatening foreclosure on the house. The bank who issued the credit card is suing for non-payment of the credit card bill. Sue can go into Court and stop the bank from foreclosing on the house, and suing Joe for non-payment of the credit card bill. The court will stay these matters until Joe gets back. Once he returns, he will have to resolve these matters.

Leave a Loving Memory  
Remember the  
Masonic Service Bureau  
and the  
Camp DeMolay  
Endowment Fund  
in Your Will.

## Are You Moving?

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Miracle of Friendship

There's a "Miracle called Friendship" That dwells within the heart, You don't know how it happens or when it gets its start... But the happiness it brings you Always gives a special lift And you realize that "Friendship" Is God's most precious gift.

Anonymous

Brother Masons Support the Youth Programs Help Build the Leaders of Tomorrow

**St. John's Day**

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place in our Day Care Center. Children can also enjoy games like Froggy Fly Fling, Shooting Gallery, Fat Cats, Tin Pan Alley and Crazy Kans. Every player goes home a winner!

Tired? Relax in the Auditorium with entertainment starting at 11:30 a.m. by the Dancer Dancers, under the direction of Carrie Putrello. At 1:30 p.m. the Show Stoppers will be performing. Tai Kwon Do demonstrations by students for Y.J. George Taekwondo/Hapkido School will take place near the Information Booth.

In the Lobby of the Administration Building, Tom Yacovella, a former "Masonic Home kid", will be exhibiting his paintings.

The highlight of Saturday will be the Parade at 3:00 p.m., led by the Utica Red Band. The parade will bring the Grand Lodge Officers to the Chapel where they will be invested in their office for the next year.

As you can see, the Masonic Festival offers something for everyone in the family. Take the family out for a day of fun, food and relaxation. Make no mistake, we want to do everything we can to make YOU a part of this great Masonic event. Rain or shine - make plans NOW to attend this Masonic event - an event that takes place each year on the Masonic Home Campus. We guarantee a great time!



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**Masonic Home "Kid"**

The Masonic Home orphanage has distinguished itself throughout its history with graduates who have become quite successful. These Masonic kids recall with fondness their youthful days growing up amongst their "family" at the Masonic Home. One of these outstanding graduates is Tom Yacovella who lived at the Home during the 50's and 60's. He is currently a wildlife artist, writer, educator, and national award-winning logotype designer. He graduated Magna Cum Laude on a full Masonic Scholarship from the Advertising and Design School at Syracuse University.

Tim's compelling watercolors, woodcuts, and pencil drawings reflect a personal moment that he may have witnessed in his study of the great outdoors. His moving portraits of deer, birds, horses, lions, and bears, among all other aspects of nature, reflect an intimate moment caught on canvas. His secret in capturing just the right moment is to climb a tree and wait for that right moment. The wait can last from three hours to sometimes up to twelve hours at a stretch.

Tom has exhibited his national award-winning artwork throughout the United States and will be displaying his artwork at our upcoming St. John's Day Festival at the Masonic Home on June 22nd. Be sure to stop by and view his intensely personal interpretations of the beautiful wildlife he has captured on canvas. Tom is currently President of the Masonic Home Kids Alumni Association.



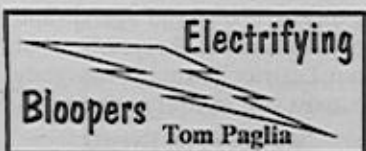
**Ask Angie**  
About the Masonic Home

**Ask Angie...about the Masonic Campus**

Each month we will feature frequently asked questions about the Masonic Campus. If you have a specific question you would like answered in this column, you can reach Angie at 1-800-322-8826 or e-mail her at caiola@masonic-home.org.

Q. I have worked hard all my life and have always handled my own finances. I have heard that if I go to the Masonic Home I will have to turn over all my assets. Is this true?

A. Absolutely not! You can handle your own finances or you can have a friend take care of them for you. The other alternative is to have the Masonic Home handle your finances for you. If you choose to have the Home handle your finances, they will be placed in an interest bearing account administered by the Home. You will receive a statement quarterly showing your balance.



**Electrifying Bloopers**  
Tom Paglia

Arriving at the office, my personal secretary had a message for me. Call Lois (name changed). She has an electrical problem and she sounded urgent. Seeing it was supper time and I had a delicious meatloaf waiting for me, and it was our son-in-law's 50th birthday, I sat myself down to enjoy the meal. Usually when Lois calls I can call her the next day, but about 7:00 p.m. the phone rang and it was Lois. "Tom, I am in dire straits," she said. "My father has been replacing all the outlets in the house with grounded type, but one in the kitchen is not working." On the circuit is the disposal, dishwasher, coffee maker and outside lights. None of them are working." She tried to describe what her father had done, but became frustrated and let me talk with her father.

**Father's version**

Her father identified himself as Pete. He then said he was somewhat of an electrician in his early years. Everything was going great in replacing the outlets until he replaced this one, then all of the items mentioned would not work. He took the wires out of the box and put them all back in the same manner as he removed them, but nothing worked. When he reset the breaker, it would make a big noise. I asked him how many wires were in the box, and he said eight. There also are two switches, one for the disposal and one for the lights. I asked him if he was sure there were eight wires and he said he would count them. Sure enough, there were eight, four white, three black and one orange. I said, "Orange?" He said, "Yep. Could be black," but he was quite sure it was orange.

**Testing**

I asked him if he had the power on and he said he had. I asked him to locate the hot and neutral wires; very pleased with himself he had found them. "Now turn off the power and put the wires back like you found them on the outlet," I said. With the portable phone in his hand, I could hear his footsteps. He went to the basement and turned on the

breaker. He went upstairs, still nothing. Now I was getting concerned because they have two young children in the house. I told him I would be there soon and not to touch anything. By now it was 8:00 p.m.

**Meeting the father**

Pete met me at the door with a big smile and introduced himself. He took me over to where the problem is and sure enough, there were all of the wires with one orange. It turned out the orange wire was a jumper from one switch to the other. Here are all of these wires and no one really knows where they go or what they do. So you start testing, trying to find the right pairs. After about fifteen minutes, the correct pairs were located. I tested the circuits with the power on (don't try this if you do not know what you are doing). After putting a pigtail on the proper wires, I replaced the wires onto the outlet. Lo and behold, everything worked.

**But...**

What I did not do was test the outlet before I put it back in the box. I tested the upper half, it worked fine then. I tested the bottom half, nothing. I started to take the outlet out of the box and he questioned why, so I told him there was no power in the lower half. With the customer looking on, when this happens, you feel awful stupid. With the outlet out of the box, I looked it over and found the tab that connects the two screws together was missing. I told him he had a bad outlet and the reason. He said he removed it thinking it was not needed. This was why there was no power on the bottom part of the outlet. I installed a good outlet and everything worked.

**Big question**

I asked him if he did that to all of them and he replied that he had. I told him of all the other outlets will be like the kitchen outlet and will have to be replaced. Just then Lois came into the room and I told her what had to be done. You could see the frustration on her face.

**One of the problems**

Lois told me her father was 80 years old and had had a stroke, heart attack and his eyesight is not too good. Not to offend him and tell him not to do it, she agreed to let him. If by chance he had made contact with the hot and ground wire, his heart may not have been able to handle it. Lois never told me he was of that age. I would have stopped him when we were on the phone, if I had known. It was 11:00 p.m. when I arrived home.

**A word of caution**

A little forethought before you attempt something like he did. Do some of the following: mark the wires as you remove them, color code them if you can, letter them, put numbers on them, or draw a picture of where the wires go to. Under no circumstances ever work with hot wires. In a box such as the one mentioned, it could have 240 volts and always use a good voltage tester. Better yet, if you don't know what you are doing, leave it alone.

**Erie County Masonic 58th Annual Worship Service and Breakfast**

By R.W. Harold M. Roberts, Chairman

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 19th, as the date for the Erie County Annual Masonic Worship Service and Breakfast.

The location is the 32° Masonic Community Center, 2379 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY.

Our Worship Service will begin at 9:15 a.m. sharp. Once again, our ladies are welcome to join us.

**Please note**

There will be no late seating during the Worship Service.

This year our guest speaker will be Ronald D. Kamp, Director of Development and Communications of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory in Utica.

Tickets will be available from your Lodge Chairman at \$12.00 each or from R.W. Thomas Starnes, 156 Utica Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150, or (716) 693-7226 and must be prepaid.

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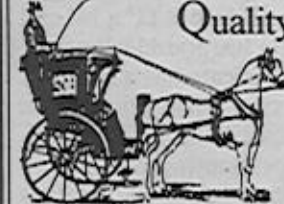
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### District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District



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It has been a real pleasure to be able to communicate with at least some of my Brothers in Livingston District through the *Masonic Times*. As I write this article, I understand that Mt. Morris Lodge will be joining the ranks as a subscriber, along with Livonia and Eunice (Caledonia). That makes three out of nine and I'm hoping for more. It took some doing up to now, but a little progress is better than none.

#### Balloting at Grand Lodge

Preparations are nearly complete for the 121st Grand Lodge Sessions. The representatives of the Lodges are preparing themselves to vote the will of their Lodges on the propositions that are to be presented, namely the 18 vs. 21 year age requirement, the provision of sending out summons by electronic mail, and maybe others. Hopefully, the Grand Master will call for ballots on these propositions instead of "rubber stamping" them by voice vote or a standing vote.

These things are too important to eliminate the Lodges extra votes in this manner. The "rubber stamp" or railroad of a voice vote is OK for the mundane, run-of-the-mill approval of reports that are not given anyway (and should be), but we are short-changed by allowing basic, important Constitution and By-Law changes to be enacted by whimsy instead of ballot. We are always told that we are Grand Lodge: if so, then we should be allowed to cast all of our ballots and the only way to do this is by secret ballot as provided for in the Constitution. Let's insist on it.

#### Swan song

This is the time of year when all of the lame ducks try to sing a swan song. I may get to write another article next month, but just in case, I'll say a little adieu now. The experience I have had as District Deputy Grand Master is a highlight of my 43 years of Masonry. Having earnestly represented the Grand Master, I have learned a lot about Masonry and my District during these last two years. I hope that the Brothers of

the nine Lodges have been afforded some "serious contemplation" as well.

As usual, a few will snicker privately about the things you attempt to do and do nothing to help out. Many will pitch in and really try to do their part for Masonry in the District and in their Lodges. Lofty goals are set at the beginning of a term of office, as they should be. They are modified to fit the occasion as time goes by. Then comes the realization that not all of the goals can be completed. If I have helped a few Brothers to think and act about Masonry more seriously, then I will have achieved success. □

### 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

This will be my last article as Master of the Lodge. It has been an honor to serve as Master the last two years.

#### Rebuild our dedication

The last three and one-half years have been trying, to say the least, for the Lodge. The fire that nearly destroyed our building, and the rebuilding effort itself, strained relationships and has caused some Brothers to stay away from Lodge. That is behind us now. The building inside is finished. The re-dedication is complete. Let us all put our differences aside and make an effort to rebuild the dedication and fellowship that existed before.

#### Thanks

I thank all those who supported me the last two years when decisions had to be made that may not have been easy or pleasing to all. They were made to expedite our rebuilding effort and to serve the majority of the members. If, by making some of those decisions, I inadvertently hurt someone's feelings, I apologize, for I never intended to. I hope we can all move forward with vigor and forget the minor tribulations of the past.



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(An 8 1/2" x 11" specimen of these certificates is on display at the *Masonic Times* Office.)

Let us all stand behind our incoming Master and help our Lodge to grow and prosper. □

### Eunice Lodge



No. 830  
1st Thurs.  
7:30 p.m.  
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Welcome, Brothers of Eunice Lodge No. 830, once more. I'm directing this message to the unsung heroes of our Lodge. You know the ones, those who have put in their time, have done their thing, and are now passive members. You've done the chairs, served as Master and some, even further. Now for any number of reasons, physical health, not being the least of these, you don't participate anymore. Your annual dues get paid religiously, you get the *Masonic Times* now, and some semblance of what is happening.

I am seeking contact with ALL of you who have not come to Lodge recently, at the same time, strongly encouraging a return trip to Lodge to visit current strangers in your midst. But we won't be strangers long.

You may contact me personally at 82 Gilbert St., Apt. 12-4, LeRoy, NY 14482. My telephone number is (585) 768-7336 and e-mail is: mhussey486@aol.com

#### Important issues

This year I will be representing Eunice Lodge No. 830 at Grand Lodge in New York City on May 6th and 7th. There are two amendments that will be voted on: Sec. 346A "A proposal to lower the age of petitioning for membership to 18 years." Sec. 309.2 "A true copy of such summons must be served upon the Brother summoned either personally, by mail through the Post Office, BY ELECTRONIC MAIL, to his address last known to the Secretary."

Regarding Sec. 346A, the Lodge voted no.

Regarding Sec. 309.2, the Lodge voted yes.

As Lodge Master and representative, I will vote according to the Lodge vote.

#### May activities

On Thursday, May 2nd, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a regular Lodge communication.

Sunday, May 19th, at 7:30 a.m. is the Communion Breakfast at Phoenix Lodge in Dansville for \$7.50.

Monday, May 20th, 7:30 p.m., is the Livingston District Meeting at Phoenix Lodge in Dansville, Notice, no dinner for this meeting!

Thursday, June 6th, 7:30 p.m., Election and Installation of Officers. □

### Masons Help

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

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



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

The month of May marks the beginning of change in most Lodges. Election of Officers, the Investiture Service, and possibly Installations are on Trestleboards. Those completing their term in the East may be sighing a breath of relief.

To our outgoing Masters, I commend you for your work and service to your Lodge. Many of the District Lodges have been very active in building membership, performing Child ID, and generally contributing to the well-being of the Fraternity and the communities in which we live.

To the incoming Masters, continue the good work of your predecessors, build on their successes, and carry out your agenda and goals with fervor. Remember that your District Team is ever ready to assist you in your endeavors.

#### May District Events

Friday, May 3rd, OSY Charities meeting at DiPacific's.

Saturday, May 4th, - Wednesday, May 8th, is the District trip to Grand Lodge.

The District Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 19th, in Canandaigua.

The District Investiture Service will be held at Garoga/Sincerity Lodge on Wednesday, May 29th, at 7:30 p.m.

#### Memorial Service

Of special note this month is the District Memorial Service on the 19th. This event will be held at the United Methodist Church in Canandaigua at 2:00 p.m. The Allied Masonic Degrees are organizing the Program. This is another opportunity for us to pay tribute to those Brothers who passed away during 2001. Lodges are encouraged to make a special effort to contact families of those Brothers and invite them to be present. All Lodges should be well represented. Following the Service, there will be light refreshments and a time to gather.

#### Beacon Project

By now, District Lodges have been informed of Grand Lodge's "Beacon Project". As noted, and briefly described here, the goal of Grand Lodge is to have 100,000 hours of volunteer service to elementary schools in our state. To attain this goal it would require 10% of our membership to provide a minimum of 2 volunteers hours per day, 10 days per year. The 10% can consist of Brothers, wives, neighbors, or others willing to work on the Project.

It is important for us to begin planning now, so we will be ready to begin serving as soon as possible when the school year begins in September. The District Team will work diligently with you to bring this Project to fruition in the District. This is truly an opportunity for the Fraternity to become more visible within our communities and I invite you to become involved. □

### Grand Steward

Ontario/Seneca/Yates



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The OSY District presented the third and final session of the RTTE at Garoga/Sincerity Lodge in Phelps on March 30th. We were fortunate to have not only Brothers from the OSY District, but a number of surrounding jurisdictions which made for lively discussion and the formation of new friendships. Many of the Brothers drove considerable distances to attend the class and are to be commended, as are all participants, for their zeal and dedication.

I express my thanks to R.W. James Rice, R.W. Terry Leonard, R.W. Eldon White and R.W. Clayton Ruggles, without whose dedication this class would not have been possible.

With this article, my tenure as Grand Lodge Staff Officer draws to a close. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your Grand Steward and I wish each of you the very best in the years to come. It would be impossible for me to name all those who have provided help, aid and assistance during my tenure. However, please know that I appreciate all that was done for me. I now turn over the reins to William Colin, my successor. □

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#### 3rd Degree

The dates for the 3rd Degree conferral were changed due to a military commitment of one of the incoming Brothers. Rehearsals were in April, as was the conferral on April 25th.

#### Award

Brother Frank K. Bennett was awarded a 55 Year Pin and Certificate at our regular communication on April 11th. I made the presentation.

#### Passing

Our condolences to our Brother, Cyril E. Bowser and family, on the death of their son, Ryan, age 24.

#### Future events

Our first communication on May 9th will be a Summoned Meeting for Election of Officers. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and communication at 7:30 p.m. This will be the Annual Hots and Hamburgs Picnic Dinner. Mark the date in large letters so you won't miss it.

Installation of Officers will take place at our 2nd communication, May 23rd, starting at 7:30 p.m. This will be the last communication until September. □

### Masonic Stein

to benefit Masonic charity

The stein is 7 1/2" tall; 3 3/4" at the opening; 4 3/4" at the base. It is made of white ceramic with a pewter lid that has an insert on the lid and a picture of the Holy Bible. The stein has a Masonic poem on the body and has Masonic history of the King Solomon era. The stein is very well laid out with a lot of

Masonic emblems. The stein is manufactured in Germany, and there is a limited edition of 1,000 pieces. Cost of the stein is \$52.00, which includes shipping and insurance. If interested, please make check or money order payable to Sandra D. Knotts, PO Box 158, Trexlertown, PA 18087.

### Remember the Brotherhood Fund

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## District Deputy Grand Master



**Monroe District**  
R.W. William Lindsay  
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"A leader has to lead. Otherwise he has no business in politics." So said Harry Truman in a memoir titled "Years of Trial and Hope". What better advice to pass to the many leaders in Lodge life from the new Grand Master to the youngest Brother who has been appointed to his first position in Lodge.

We all say we know what it is to lead. Our Ritual is quite specific; some will lead, many will follow. One job is as important as the other. We all know that. But what is it that effective leaders do, and what is it that successful leaders do very well, over and over? That is a more difficult question, and has consumed the efforts of researchers for many years. Let's look at some of the common conclusions that people who study leadership have reached. As you read these qualities, think about people you know in the Fraternity who demonstrate these qualities. You will likely conclude, as I have, that we have a rich resource in this District. It is no accident that we are the number one District in the Grand Lodge of New York.

Effective leaders know where they want to go; they have a plan and the plan has goals (targets).

Effective leaders select key workers who have skills that are necessary to meet the goals. If you are putting together a team to put on the Lodge meals, best that you include some cooks on your team.

Effective leaders communicate the goals to the team, and restate them as often as necessary.

Effective leaders know the clientele being served by the activity and adapt the goals to fulfill the needs of the clientele.

Effective leaders constantly monitor the progress of the group and make adjustments to the plan as the situation dictates. Sometimes resources are added, sometimes the scope of the plan is reduced, and sometimes the goal has to be revised. Any revisions are immediately communicated to all the plan participants.

Effective leaders know that every plan has a momentum that carries it from start to finish, and if they observe the momentum coming to a halt, they intervene to get it moving again. They know that a stopped momentum must be restarted from the beginning. Sometimes momentum goes in a direction supportive of goals other than those it was designed for; again the leader must intervene and get the group back on course.

Effective leaders value people's time and energy and engage them in activity appropriate to Lodge experience.

Effective leaders will not be afraid to abandon a bad plan - the sooner the better.

Effective leaders constantly seek input from every useful source. They listen well. They are always seeking continuous improvement.

Effective leaders are always looking beyond the horizon anticipating the coming circumstance and laying groundwork for a revised work plan.

Effective leaders like people, and take great pleasure in the successes of the people they work with. They like to work as a team.

During the past two years the District Leadership Team members have demonstrated time and again many of the qualities noted above as programs have been developed and implemented that help strengthen Freemasonry in our area.

The Team particularly wishes to thank Charles Hancock, the Deputies and Staff Officers from our neighboring Districts, and friends in the Shrine who shared this vision. Hopefully we leave our offices, as Walter Lippman wrote at the time of Roosevelt's death, "the strength of a good leader is to leave behind a situation which common sense can deal with successfully." I have every confidence that our new Grand Lodge Officers, John Zabel and Derek VanHouten, will build and expand upon the direction in which our District is moving. They may differ in style, but we are all going to like what we see during the next two years.

Every Mason must find his own Solomon, and Boaz and Jachin, as he goes about the business of building a temple of personal fulfillment. I found mine in James DeLorenzo, Clifford Short and Richard Friedman. Thank you.

Thank you, my Brothers in the Monroe District, who provided each of us with a wonderful opportunity to serve, to learn and to grow. Freemasonry does make "good men better", just look at us now.

So here we really are.

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Like so many good things, our term has come to an end. Two short years ago our first article opened with a thank you to the Purple Club for their recommendation, encouragement and support in our positions as your Grand Lodge Staff Officers. We would now like to close with that same thank you. It's nice to know

that there are so many experienced leaders in the Craft that were there to assist, guide and advise us.

We thank all of the Brethren for the warm receptions that were extended to us at their Lodge Installations, and other activities that we've had the pleasure of attending. Our goal was to get to know each and every one of you during our two years and we feel we did just that. We also assured you that you will be seeing a lot of us during our term of office, and beyond; and we did and will continue to do just that.

We stated that we would be trying some different activities over the two years, as well as resurrecting some programs that have worked well in the past. We finished with great programs:

DARE - Poster and Coloring Book, Child ID, District wide LSOME, Road to the East with six surrounding Districts, Elderware, Monroe District Web Site, Senior Warden Installation to name a few.

We started this venture with the charge to educate Brothers in the Monroe District on different aspects of Freemasonry, but as we traveled, we absorbed more knowledge and Brotherhood from you, our Brothers, than anyone would ever have imagined. We will leave our Stations with a much deeper understanding of our Craft, and a greater love for our Fraternity, and the principles for which it stands.

We can only recommend, and hope that you will show the same level of support for the incoming representatives, V.W.: John Zabel, and W.: Derek VanHouten, that you have given us over these past two years.

Finally, it has been an honor to serve under M.W.: Carl J. Smith, one of the finest men and Mason that we have ever come to know. But even more, it has been our honor, and our privilege to serve and represent you, Brothers of the Monroe District.

Once again, our sincere thanks to all, it was you, our Brothers, that made it all worth it.

Our jackets are off, the sweat is prominent on our brows and we intend on seeing you in the quarries, we will not fade away.

### LSOME - Lodge Organization and the Ballot

As a Master Mason, you should be knowledgeable of Lodge organization and how it functions. A Lodge is composed of at least seven Master Masons. A Charter, granted to the Lodge by Grand Lodge, empowers it to confer the three Degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, and to carry on activities necessary to the business and functions of Masonry. A Lodge can keep its Charter only if it works and acts according to the traditions and usages specified by Grand Lodge.

A petitioner must meet the following to receive the Degrees:

1. He must have resided in New York State for at least one year.
2. He must believe in God and "Immortality of the Soul".
3. He must receive an affirmative ballot of the Lodge after being investigated.

There is statewide concurrent jurisdiction in New York, meaning that you can join any Lodge in the State. Plural membership is allowed, meaning that you can belong to as many Lodges as you desire as long as each Lodge accepts you by ballot, and you pay dues to each.

Every Lodge is governed by Grand Lodge (the highest Masonic body statewide) according to the laws, rules and regulations in the Book of Constitutions. Each Lodge also has its own distinctive By-Laws for its self-government, which are approved by Grand Lodge. These are the By-



Officer Steve Brown - D.A.R.E. Program with students.

Laws you must sign to become a member of a Lodge.

The Lodge functions through the elected officers and Trustees and through committees and additional officers appointed by the Worshipful Master. Elections are held during the last stated communication of the year, and all members present are required to vote. The elected officers are the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, and one or more Trustees. Those appointed can be replaced by the Worshipful Master at any time during the year for due cause; the judgment of due cause being entirely up to the Worshipful Master. Appointed officers are usually the Senior and Junior Deacons, Senior and Junior Masters of Ceremony, two Stewards, Marshal, Chaplain, Organist and Tiler.

The Worshipful Master has complete executive power, and controls the operation of the Lodge at all times. The Senior Warden is second in rank, and presides when the Master is absent. If the Master can no longer perform his duties, the Senior Warden takes over all his responsibilities and duties except those pertaining to the Installation of Officers. The Junior Warden presides if both the Master and Senior Warden are absent; and if both can no longer perform, the Junior Warden takes over.

Neither the Master nor Wardens may resign their office under any circumstances, nor can the Master be formally replaced until the next annual election. The duties of the Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain and Organist are basic-

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R.W. Bill Lindsay-Monroe, R.W. Al Roggen-Livingston, and R.W. Ray Barber-Genesec/Wyoming at the 2001 R.T.T.E.



W.: Mike Schwartz instructing Bros. in the L.S.O.M.E. Program.



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 described by their titles. The Senior and Junior Deacons carry messages, attend to alarms, take care of visitors, and assist the Masters and Wardens in many ways. The main function of the Masters of Ceremony is to prepare candidates for the Degrees. The Stewards assist the Junior Warden in all Lodge social affairs.

A Lodge meeting is called a communication. It can be a regular, or stated meeting, a summoned meeting or a special meeting. Stated Communications are held at regular intervals as specified in the Lodge By-Laws. A Summonee Communication can be either a stated or special meeting. The only business that can be transacted at a special meeting is that specified in the written notice as the reason for the calling of the meeting. Degrees can be conferred at a stated or special communication, but not usually at a Summonee Communication when very important business would be on the agenda. A Master Mason must attend a summoned meeting of his Lodge, if within the length of his cabletow.

As a Master Mason, you are eligible to attend any Lodge in this jurisdiction, or any Lodge in other states and countries that are recognized by the Grand Lodge of New York. When you are visiting, if no Mason present can vouch for you by stating that he has sat with you in a Masonic Lodge meeting, then you must be tested orally or examined to prove you are a Mason. You will also be required to show your paid-up dues card. You should also know that your admission as a visitor is a privilege, not a right. Visitors are admitted only by consent of the Master. If some particularly sensitive issues are on the agenda, he may choose to bar all visitors.

At a Lodge meeting, you should wear your Apron on the outside of your suit jacket. Never hide it inside. Most Brothers who don't have a personal special Apron use those provided by the Lodge at each meeting.

If the Lodge is not yet open when you enter the Lodge room,

take a seat on the sidelines. When the Master raps the gavel to bring the Lodge to order, all conversation must stop. During the Opening Ritual, you will be required to give the password of Master Mason to one of the Deacons, so always be prepared accordingly.

If you arrive at a Lodge after it has been opened, there are two prerequisites for admission. First, you must properly clothe yourself by putting on your Apron. Then the Tiler must make an alarm and obtain permission to admit you. When admitted into the Lodge room, go directly to the Altar and determine on which Degree the Lodge is open by observing the position of the Square and Compasses on the Bible. Then salute the Worshipful Master with the sign of that Degree.

The Master uses the gavel to signal the Lodge. One rap of the gavel brings the Lodge to order; two raps bring the officers of the Lodge to standing attention; and three raps bring all the Lodge to standing attention. One rap again seats all.

During the opening and closing of the Lodge you will have to give all the steps, due guards and signs of the three Degrees, in unison with all others in the Lodge, under the direction of the Master.

The Sign of Fidelity of a Mason is a sign of respect, and should only be given when wearing your Apron, which would usually be at a Lodge meeting, but could also be at a special Masonic public event. The following are among the appropriate times to come to the Sign of Fidelity: whenever the Master speaks directly to you, or you to him; whenever a prayer is said; whenever the flag of our Country is presented and when the Great Lights are opened or closed.

Once the Lodge has been opened, never cross the Lodge room between the Altar and the Master, except at certain times, when participating in a Degree. This space between the Master and the Altar is called the Master's Carpet. It must always be clear because the Master must have an unrestricted view of the Altar and the Great Lights at all times.

During a communication, you may be asked to vote on certain

proposed matters. To do this, you must know the traditional voting sign of a Master Mason as used in New York State. You are encouraged to use your right to vote, if you're undecided, you can abstain. If there is a vote on a petition for membership, you must ballot if present. If you are a visitor in a Lodge, you cannot vote or ballot.

The ballot box stands guard to keep out all those who aren't qualified. Your ballot must be secret. A white ball elects, and three black balls, or cubes, reject. It is un-Masonic for any member to cast a black ball out of any personal spite or private prejudice. To do so may deny a worthy candidate the great opportunity to be made a Mason. The basic considerations are the character and morality of the petitioner. As a general rule, one ballot elects for all three Degrees, but if he chooses, it is the right of a member to demand a separate ballot for each Degree.

It is a serious violation of the Book of Constitutions of our Grand Lodge to ever tell anyone how you balloted or how you intend to vote. Nor may there be any discussion of a candidate before balloting except for the recommendation of the Investigating Committee and the reading of the petition by the Secretary.

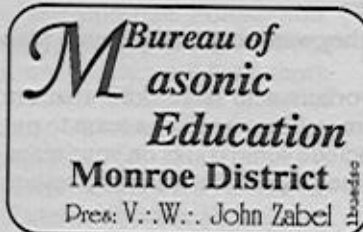
All members must pay annual dues as prescribed by the Lodge By-Laws. They must also pay any assessments that are levied by Lodge vote. For each candidate initiated, the Lodge must pay a fee to Grand Lodge. The Lodge, for each member, pays annual per-capita fees to Grand Lodge.

Through this brief outline, you now have some idea of the machinery and form of organization of a regular Masonic Lodge. However, it is just an outline, and can't begin to make you understand the potential for its rich life and many activities that its members may enjoy. We hope you will enjoy your membership privileges, and we are confident that, if you choose to become involved, the enjoyment will exceed all your expectations. (Source: "The Lodge System of Masonic Education" by the Committee on Masonic Education - September 1987)

There will be a breakfast starting at 9:00 a.m., with the meeting starting promptly at 10:00 a.m. Call W.: Jim Nersinger to make reservations at 334-9057.

This is my last article as President. I thank everyone who participated in and supported our efforts this year. Here are some of the things we accomplished. We helped raise over \$10,000 for the Ronald McDonald House; cleaned out over 100 old commodes from the Service Bureau Loan Closet; gave birth to the Masonic TV commercial, which has netted some potential members and may go State-wide. Virtually all the dues were put back into the District by supporting such things as the Interfaith Breakfast, monroemasonic.com, and the Child ID Program.

Good luck next year. □



### George's promotion

George was thinking back to the late Fall. He had sent his application for a Grand Lodge appointment to the District Selection Committee and had received a notification to appear for an interview. He had been very nervous about the interview, as he was unsure of what would be asked and how he should answer the questions. He arrived at the interview slightly early and had let the Interview Committee know he was there. After being called and introduced to the Committee, he started to relax. The questions were probing, but George had been thinking about what he would like to do if he was selected for a Grand Lodge Appointment. The interview was over in what seemed like a very short time, but George had been in the interview for quite a while. He left the interview feeling good about himself.

Several weeks passed after the interview. George had a good feeling about his conduct during the interview, but had no feeling about how the Committee felt. One evening he got a call from the Chairman of the Committee informing him that he had been selected for the position of District Deputy Grand Master for the District. His heart was pounding, but he felt good and was looking forward to being appointed.

Several more weeks passed until one day he got a letter from the Deputy Grand Master informing him of the Deputy's expectations for appointment selectees and of the required training sessions. George attended the training sessions and discovered how much he knew and did not know about the DDGM's position and Grand Lodge in general.

As a result of the training sessions, George met with the selectee for Grand Lodge Staff Officer for the District. They started to put together a leadership team to define the goals for their term of office, assuming they were appointed. Together, they put together a good team of Masons and started planning programs and functions.

George now held the official letter in his hand. He was now the District Deputy Grand Master. He was excited and humble at the same time. Excited to have been appointed and humble, hoping that he would do a good job for the District and the new Grand

Master. Now was the time to implement the plans that had been formed and lead the team through a successful year. George felt that he was ready.

### What's happening

Your Bureau of Masonic Education held a meeting on April 15th. The purpose of the meeting was to elect the officers for the coming year and to start the planning process for the education needs of the Masons in the Monroe District. As this article is being written before the meeting, the new officers will not be announced until the June issue of the *Times*.

There will be changes in the educational programs available in the coming year. The Leadership Development Course is being retired by Grand Lodge. Its replacement is the new Masonic Development Course. The new course departs from its predecessor in that it is intended for the new Mason. The structure of the course is also new. The course is interactive and is intended to help the new Mason or any Mason understand more about the Fraternity. The emphasis is on the meaning and philosophy of the Craft and not on training Lodge officers. The new course is expected to be ready for seminar presentation this Fall.

This will probably be the last article featuring George. As you may have already found in the *Times*, the author is moving on to a new position, but is leaving the Bureau in good hands, although undefined as of this writing. It is hoped that the reader has enjoyed George's exploits over the years; they have been fun to write. □

**Fairport/Flower  
City No. 476**

2nd & 4th Mon.  
7:30 P.M.  
Master  
W.:G. Michael  
Morris  
223-2828

Sec. W.: George R. Bracht  
383-1947

Fairport Temple,  
87 South Main St.

### Consolidation

Brethren, this will likely be the last *Masonic Times* article that will be submitted for Fairport Lodge No. 476. All of the necessary paper work and committee approvals for the consolidation between Fairport Lodge and Flower City Lodge have been completed. At the time of this writing (April 12th), the only remaining item needed to consummate the consolidation is the approval of the Grand Master. It is anticipated that he will sign the consolidation papers during the week of April 15th.

We were informed by Grand Lodge that we do not need to install formally the officers of the consolidated Lodge; this was, in effect, accomplished by the approval of the Agreement of Consolidation by the Grand Master. (The Officers of the consolidated Lodge are listed in the Agreement of Consolidation.) So, again assuming that final approval is given by the Grand Master, the first meeting of Fairport/Flower City Lodge No. 476 was held on Monday, April 22nd at 7:30 p.m.

In accordance with its By-Laws, the stated meetings of Fairport/Flower City Lodge No. 476 shall be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, except during July and August; and except during the months of May and December when one

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LECTURERS** **MONROE**

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Stambach  
865-7416

V.:W.: John  
Zabel  
223-3228

R.:W.: Keith  
Stambach  
865-7416

### School of Ritual

The last School of Ritual was held at Union Star Lodge in Honeoye Falls. Brother David Crawford discussed how a Lodge Master should work with the funeral director in arranging and conducting a Masonic Funeral. The procedure for a Masonic Funeral was also explained. We then discussed both public and tiled installations of officers of a Lodge. There were several Senior Wardens present who gained much from the discussion. It is unfortunate that many Lodges were not represented.

### Joint Investiture

The District Joint Investiture of Masters-elect will be held on Friday, May 17th in Cathedral Hall, Downtown Temple. There will be a dinner at 6:15 p.m., with the Ceremony of Investiture starting at 8:00 p.m. This Cer-

emony is for all Masters-elect and is open to all current and past Masters. The speaker for the evening will be R.:W.: Richard Friedman, Junior Grand Warden. I am certain that Brother Rich will have a good word or two for the new Masters and a message for all current and past leaders of the Craft. A packet detailing the evening and a dinner reservation form has been sent to the Masters and Secretaries of the Lodges in the District. Please be prompt in returning the dinner reservation form. If you would like to attend the dinner and missed the reservation form, please call R.:W.: Keith Stambach at 865-7416. No dinner reservations will be taken at the door. See the dinner reservation form for the cost of the dinner.

### New AGL

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of W.: John Dyer as Assistant Grand Lecturer for the Monroe District. Brother John will be joining R.:W.: Keith Stambach while I will be stepping down as AGL. I have been selected as the next District Deputy Grand Master of the Monroe District and will be taking office on Tuesday, May 7th, after Grand Lodge closes. I have enjoyed my time as AGL for the First Monroe District, and then the Mon-

roe District, having held the position since 1996. I leave the position in the good and capable hands of Brothers Dyer and Stambach. □

**Monroe District  
Masters &  
Wardens  
Assoc.**

President  
W.: David Zegas  
334-7202

Secretary  
Karl-Heinz M. Reich  
426-6836, e-mail: karlh@cbtek.com

Our next meeting is Saturday, May 11th, at Union Star Lodge in Honeoye Falls. We will be honoring two very deserving women - Hilde DiJames and Joy Woodley. We will also be holding officer elections for the 2002-03 Masonic year. Because of this, attendance is limited to Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and incoming Junior Wardens. According to the current Masters and Wardens By-Laws, (4/25/1998), the President-elect must be an incoming Master of his Lodge. The Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer-elects can be incoming Masters or Wardens.

stated meeting shall be held on the second Monday thereof. The regular hour of meeting shall be 7:30 p.m., except when a Degree is conferred or for other ceremonial purposes. The communication may then be opened by direction of the Master at such hour before 7:30 p.m., as shall be stated in the notice which must be given to each member at least three days before the meeting; but no business, except the conferring of Degrees or other ceremony shall be transacted before 7:30 p.m.

**Election 2002-03 Officers**

Election of the 2002-2003 Officers for Fairport/Flower City Lodge No. 476 will take place at our meeting on May 13th. Lodge will open at 7:30 p.m. In accordance with the By-Laws, this will be our only meeting in May. Please plan to attend and show your support and congratulate our new Officers!

**Fairport Canal Days**

Hot dogs, hamburgers, brew fries, ice-cold water, funnel cakes (next door)!

Brethren, mark your calendars! Fairport Canal Days, Saturday and Sunday, June 1st and 2nd, are rapidly approaching and the plans for our food stand are taking shape. As you know, this event is the Lodge's primary fundraising activity of the year. We need your help! Brother Brian Mills is heading up the Canal Days Committee and is looking for volunteers to help with setup on Friday afternoon (4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.), morning/lunch shift (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) and afternoon/dinner shift (2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.). Come join the fun and fellowship! To sign up, contact Brother Bills (phone: 388-0913, e-mail bpbills@msn.com). There are still choice openings available!

In addition, this year we are also planning to run a Masonic Child ID booth during Canal Days. General information about the Child ID Program is available at the District's web site www.monroemasonic.com. Our Senior Warden, Brother Kermit Moyer, is heading up the Child ID effort. To staff the booth, the plan is to solicit help from other members of the communities, such as Fairport/Perinton school officials, Village and Town officials, etc., in addition to our members and their families.

Plans for the Child ID Program are shaping up nicely. Additional information about the Child ID booth will be included in the next issue of the *Masonic Times*, and due to the timing, will also be described in a direct mailing to our local members. As the principle sponsor of the Child ID Program, it would be highly desirable to have at least one member from our Lodge at the Child ID booth at all times. The plan is to have two-hour shifts throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday, June 1st and 2nd. If you and/or members of your family would like to help with the Child ID effort at Canal Days, please contact Brother Moyer at 388-9303; e-mail Kermit\_Moyer@fairport-monroe.edu.

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 at (585) 223-2828; e-mail at morrisGM@corning.com. See you in Lodge.

By W.: Scott D. Pellegrino

Well, the long wait is finally over. Flower City and Fairport Lodges are prepared to consolidate. It has taken

a very long time and I personally thank those who helped me with all the requirements.

Flower City Lodge will not have a meeting in May or June, there is a meeting scheduled to install the new officers of Fairport/Flower City Lodge.

This all will be explained in an official communication coming later this month, and the actual date of the installation will be given. If you have any questions, please call the Secretary or me.

Our next Fellowcraft Dinner will be May 2nd at Perkins Restaurant on Jefferson Road at the intersection of 390, across from the Outback Steak House. Meeting time will be at 6:30 p.m.

Please contact Phil or me for reservations. Thank you. □

**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

**May meeting**

The Annual Summoned Meeting on May 13th is of vital importance and it is expected that every member will make a special effort to attend. We will be conducting the Election of Officers and then I will be making my Grand Lodge Report. Please note that there will not be a meeting on Memorial Day, May 27th.

**Sickness and distress**

Brother Bill Cobb has undergone open heart surgery and is at home recovering nicely. He welcomes visitors for short visits.

**Ladies Night**

The Annual Ladies Night Dinner will be held at Burgundy Basin Inn on May 4th. I look forward to greeting many of you at this, my last social event of my year as Master.

**Thank you**

I take this opportunity to thank the Brethren for their support during my year as Worshipful Master. To my Officers, thank you for your assistance in the administration of the Lodge. Since this is the last article I shall be submitting to the *Masonic Times*, I extend to all a sincere, God Bless. □

**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

The clock is beginning to strike midnight, and the ball is almost over. I have had a wonderful time. My tenure as Master is coming to a close, and I look back with fondness over the past two years. I could fill this article with the names of those to whom I am eternally grateful for their assistance. I am sure they know who they are.

**The start of it**

We started this trip by examining our roots and origins with the history and heritage of Frank R. Lawrence Lodge and Seneca Lodge. We examined where we were, and together, planned our

future. We called the roll of all our Brothers to catch up on their activities and whereabouts. We gathered the Past Masters for a photograph to be deposited in the archives of the Lodge. We rallied, along with our Canadian Brothers, to the aid of our friends and those unknown in New York City and Washington. We increased our membership, and we strengthened our line of officers. In summary, we did a great deal. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

**New regime**

The time has come to pass the mantle of leadership. Brother Stuart Walthour has been working and preparing to continue our momentum. He has my full endorsement to become Master. Although it is not needed, I feel it is important to tell you this. I am confident in his abilities.

**Annual Meeting**

Tuesday, May 14th, will be our Annual Meeting, including the Election and Installation of Officers. A contingent of Brothers from St. Andrews Lodge in Toronto will be here to lend their support. Due to the amount of reports and activities of the evening, we will start early, at 5:30 p.m. for the business meeting. This is always a great evening, and it is important for you to attend, to find out where the Lodge has been and where it is going.

**Swan song**

I look forward to making my way to "Amen Corner". I thank you all for your confidence in me to lead the Lodge. I will leave you with words of inspiration from a recent popular song from which I have drawn inspiration. I am looking forward to an exciting future for our Lodge and our Craft. I hope you never lose your sense of wonder, I hope you get your fill to eat, but always hunger, May you never take one single breath for granted, God forbid love ever leaves you empty-handed.

I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean, When one door closes I hope one more opens. Promise me you'll give faith a fighting chance, And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance, I hope you dance. ("I Hope You Dance", by Lee Ann Womack) □

**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 R.: W.: Cliff Short

As we look back on the past year at Charlotte/Corinthian, I believe we can say that we've had some very interesting experiences. We've had our moments of disappointments, moments of sadness, and some moments of enjoyment and pride as we look at some of the things we accomplished. All things considered, we got through the trying times, and with the support of our Brethren, we will learn from our experiences, and become a much stronger Lodge, a Lodge that makes each one of us proud to be part of its membership.



W.: Bill Samar, SW Chuck Harwell, and Brother Bill Fredenburg.

**Sadness**

It was with much sadness, and pride that we bid farewell to SW Chuck Harwell. U.S. Marine Gunnery Sergeant Harwell was promoted and transferred to Maine. During his last Lodge meeting, he presided over our 3rd Degree. While we will miss his smile and his dedication to our Craft, we wish him and his family all the best that life can bring their way.

**Important meeting**

As we begin a new year for our Lodge, new programs and challenges await us. I'm sure we are up to the tasks that lie ahead. By now you should have received your Annual Summons, the document that informs you of the time and date we gather to nominate and elect a new slate of officers for the next 12 months. It is very important that every Brother attend, health and business permitting. Mark the special date for this meeting on your calendar, May 14th, at 7:30 p.m. No other business will be conducted this evening.

**Investiture**

The Joint Investiture Service will be held on Friday, May 17th, in Cathedral Hall, Downtown Masonic Temple. Only present and past Masters are allowed at this event. If you qualify, please come out in support of our new Master. There is a Roast Pork Dinner that precedes the Ceremony in the 3rd floor dining room. The dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. and reservations can be made by calling Keith Stambach at 865-7416.

**Installation**

May 21st is the date for Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge Installation of Officers. This will be a tiled Installation Ceremony and all officers should be in tuxedos.

**Strawberry Social**

Our Strawberry Social will be held on June 4th. Dress will be casual and families are to be included. Trestleboards for the coming year will be presented to everyone who attends.

**Child ID**

The Monroe District Child ID volunteers will be providing videotaping services to families at the Lilac Festival this year. The dates are May 11, 12, 18, and 19. If you have not been asked to vol-



Senior Warden Chuck Harwell.

unteer, and would like to, please contact W.: John Dyer, W.: Andy Alvarez, or me. This District Program is really picking up steam, and needs volunteers year round. It has been very well received wherever the event has been held, and it promotes the great work our Fraternity does throughout our communities. □

Forgiveness is not what we do for others, its what we do for ourselves. *Barbour*

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7:30 p.m.  
W.: Larry Bright  
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359-2257  
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Sec. W.: George R. Burke, 293-1829  
churchvillelodges667/

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers around the world.

#### Sickness and distress

I talked with W.: John Hennessey and he reported that his dad and daughter are feeling better at this time.

#### Remodeling

We are doing some remodeling on our building. Things are beginning to look good.

#### Degree

Thanks to W.: George Springett and everyone who helped us with our Degree.

**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

Bill Spillane was the object of some good natured ribbing at the Masonic Widows Luncheon. Bill, it seems, has the hardest time staying out of trouble! Also attending were Ruth Stalker, Nancy Hogerman, Norma Phelps, Lois Havill, Mary Foss, Roger Wolf, John Williams, Fred Hall and myself.

#### Dedicated Mason

It is with sadness and deep regret that I inform you of the passing of Brother Frank A. Reynolds. He was born July 20, 1918, Initiated on December 9, 1946, Passed on January 27, 1946 and Raised February 24, 1947. He died February 14, 2002. He was a faithful and dedicated Mason for 55 years.

#### Sickness

Our Tiler, Dick Trolley, is feeling poorly. Dick, we know your treatments are not fun, but we all hope things will get easier. We need you! The place just doesn't feel right without you guarding the door.

I talked with Brothers Jack Thibaut and Ed Brereton. Both are improving and Jack hopes to be recovered enough to take a part in the upcoming 3rd Degree.

Russ VandeGriff had to go back to the hospital for a little visit. Son-in-law, Dean Smith, said he was better. Dave Covell is still fighting with a hip problem. Our prayers are with all of you for speedy recoveries.

#### 2nd Degree

We were served with grace, beauty, and excellent food at our 2nd Degree dinner, by the charming team of Laura Ugalde and Dedrea Bolton. Those of you who could not attend, have my sympathy. Thank you, ladies. It was a wonderful dinner, indeed!

The Ugalde name was in for more praise later that same evening as Junior Warden, Pedro Ugalde, took the Master's Station and conferred the 2nd Degree on 5 Brothers. He did a most excellent job.

Debating on the Answers was Ben Griswold, with father, Randy, submitting the Questions. Everyone raved about Ben's first shot at Ritual work. A 'great job' to both father and son.

Also doing a great job on his first outing was Senior Deacon, R.J. Muto. Thank you, Brother Raymond Beardsley for your fine delivery of the Middle Chamber Lecture. Brother Ray has such a wonderful manner of speaking that he could be just mumbling and everyone would still think he was saying something profound!

Don Smith was on the organ, I was Junior Warden, Dean Smith Senior Warden, John Dudley was Marshal, Pierre Dube was Junior Deacon, Randy and Ben Griswold were the MCs. A fine job was done by all.

**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

It is with sadness that I write this article. Why do I say with sadness? My year as Master has come to an end and all that is left is cleaning up the loose ends.

#### Losses

In the past month we lost two Brothers to the Great Architect, Charles Coles and Berton Worden. Let's set aside a time of silence and remembrance for these two Brothers.

#### 3rd Degree

On the thought of loose ends, one was the 3rd Degree held on April 10th. There were so many people involved with the Degree that I am not going to single out any one person, but instead say thanks to all involved. It is quite a task to put on this Degree and as we all know, Lodges keep getting smaller and the manpower is not always there. I thank the Brothers who came from other Lodges to help out. Please welcome our newly raised Brother, Peter Crandal. Welcome, Peter, and I hope you find the joy and fellowship I found in becoming a Mason and a member of Oatka Lodge.

#### Awards Night

On April 24th we held an Awards Night at which I tried to recognize all who made my year a success. It was all the members of Oatka who made my year a great one. Thanks to everyone and I hope that what I started as Master will continue. I wish the best to Rich Fimbel who will be our new Master, and all the new officers who will be moving up. Keep up the good work.

#### Traveling

From May 4 - 7 the Mrs. and I will be traveling to New York City for Grand Lodge. We will be going early to take in a show and see the sights. My wife has never been to New York and I hope this will be a big treat. She is a country girl and I hope the Big Apple does not overwhelm her. I grew up about 200 miles from there and have visited a few times, but it still takes my breath away when I see all those people. I guess I am a country boy. Give me the back roads and the rolling hills any time.

Well, as I start the process of stepping down and turning the reins over to the new Master, I

say if you have never gone through the chairs, take a second look. See what you are missing. It is not as scary as some may think and when you complete your term, you may find yourself thinking that you may want to do it again. Thanks again to all and God Bless.

**ERAC**  
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#### Important meetings

Our Masonic year is winding down. The ERAC Annual Meeting and Lodge of Remembrance will be Monday, May 13th. In the Annual Meeting portion, we will be electing line officers and Trustees, reviewing the Annual Reports, discussing the budget and dues.

In the Lodge of Remembrance portion, we will be honoring our Brothers who have joined the Great Architect during the past year. Members will receive a Summons by mail for this meeting.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m., with dinner preceding at 6:30 p.m. for \$8.00. Junior Warden, Terry Wihlen, Jr., will take your reservations at 288-5327 or twihlen@webbox.com. Call me for details about this or any other ERAC event.

**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  
85 Main Street East, Rochester, 14605

One of my observations while sitting in the East has been the fact that several of our new Brothers have not been seen at Lodge since they achieved the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. This troubles me because it suggests that either our shepherding efforts have failed or that we have not provided the atmosphere that they expected.

In today's busy business world, the length of one's cable tow might also be a contributing factor. Also, we made promises to answer and obey all due signs and regular summonses as part of the oaths that we took in Lodge. I realize the business world sometimes requires hours that are different than 8 - 5. I also believe in self-discipline and sometimes re-arranging schedules to attend Lodge night, have to be done.

Our Fellowcraft Club had a very nice event at Rick's Prime Rib Restaurant. Hopefully, some of our Brothers who have not been out to Lodge, were in attendance.

If you have specific problems or constructive ideas on how to improve attendance, please call or drop a line via the internet.

#### An enjoyable Widows Luncheon

By Robert Ogden  
It was a gorgeous day on March 16th for our Widows Luncheon. A total of 193 attended, with 124 widows. R.: W.: Terry Wihlen coordinated the affair

and what a great job he did. Thanks Terry. Brother Angelo DiCataldo was the MC and Rev. John Fuller, Past Grand Senior Warden, gave a most inspiring speech on Masonry, with June Weltzer serenading us with piano music during the meal.

#### May 7th Dinner with Ladies

There will be a dinner meeting on May 7th of Chicken Breast with the ladies invited. Our speaker will be Ben Forsyth on "A River Runs Through It." He will also present slides of our City.

#### May birthdays

Greetings to the following Brothers born in May: Ed Bastian, Chuck Chatfield, Chuck Freida, Bill Leggett, Terry Ramsey, Ed Start, John Steinkamp, Gary Tufano, Mat Walicke and George Wilkinson.

#### Future dates

May 7th is the dinner meeting with the ladies.

May 14th is Fellowcraft Club.  
May 21st is the Annual Election of Officers.

**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

As fast as I moved up to the top, just as fast I will move down from the top. That means that my term as Master comes to its conclusion. I must say we had a successful year, thanks to the help from several Past Masters. We had outstanding programs scheduled over the year. I express my sincere appreciation to all who supported, tutored and advised me with constructive criticism.

#### Sickness

Brother Lawrence A. (Joe) Elliott, after his heart complication and operation, is on the way to recovery and he is home. He is still being observed by a nurse during the week.

W.: Leonard Perlmutter was operated on for a broken hip (very painful). He is at St. John's Nursing Home for rehabilitation.

W.: Chester (Chet) Carter was confined to Park Ridge Hospital for infection of some vital organs. Brother Chet is home now and on the way to recovery.

W.: Thomas E. Michielsen has been under the weather. First he had a bad cold and then a sciatic nerve problem. We wish you all a speedy recovery.

#### Past events

The regular meeting on April 8th was a very interesting event. R.: W.: F. Jay McCullough presented a program on Prince Hall Masonry. This meeting was well attended and very enlightening.

At this time I welcome our newly raised Brothers Craig McCann and Gary Cornelius to the Fraternity. As Master of Etolian Lodge No. 479, I wish you both good luck in all your further travels.

#### Upcoming events

May 13th is Election Night (Summons meeting) for the incoming officers for 2002-03. We will present a Dedicated Service Award and several Service Time Lapel Pins. As far as I'm aware, there will be three Brothers to be entitled to become 50 Year members. The Secretary, W.: Michael Schwartz, is working very hard on

who should receive Awards. If you think you are entitled to one, please contact W.: Mike Schwartz at (585) 395-0874.

Personally, I congratulate all the members who will be recognized at this event.

This will be my last article for Etolian Lodge. I thank you for all your support during my term as Master. May God bless you all.

**Who Has**  
the  
Traveling  
Gavel?  
Reporter  
Mist Jingo!

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

As this is my last article to you as Master, I take this time to thank Patrick Mulrooney for making my notes make sense and faxing them to the Masonic Service Bureau. Many thanks to Leon VanHuben and his wife, Bev, for staying one step ahead of me on everything that needed to be done. Thanks to R.: W.: Bob Avery, Donald Kreck, and W.: Dave Foster for filling in on short notice when needed and to all the officers and committee members. Special thanks to Keith Moore who is doing a great job on the Brotherhood Fund. Thanks to you all!

#### May

Our next meeting is May 14th, which will be Awards Night for 50, 60 and 70 year members. Come and meet our new District Deputy, John Zabel. The meeting will be preceded by a Buffet Dinner (last one until September) consisting of baked ziti, garlic bread, vegetable and salad. The cost is \$7.00 per person.

Our second meeting, May 28th, will be a Pot Luck Dinner. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. This will also be Election and Installation Night for Officers for the ensuing year.

Happy birthday to all Brothers and significant others who have birthdays between April and September.

Have a safe and happy Summer!

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

#### Past events

April 4th was Awards Night at Webster Lodge. The following Brothers were honored. Some attended and had dinner and some couldn't make the Ceremony.

35 years - V. Hutchinson, Wayne R. Abrams, and Thomas Welch.

40 years - James Sutter, Henry L. Willard, Norman E. Bresson, and Eugene VanVoorhis.



45 years - Gordon Palmer.  
 55 years - Paul Graham-Raad.  
 55 years - Paul E. Pellett and Grant J. Kotchinger.  
 60 years - Bruce E. Keifer.  
 70 years - G. Robert Witmer, Sr.  
 I thank R..W.. G. Robert Witmer, Sr., for giving a speech on the History of Webster Lodge and some of its Past Masters. We all enjoyed speaking with him and listening to his stories on the "old days". It was an honor to present him with his Pin.

April 11th was Family Day. I hope everyone enjoyed the day.  
 April 18th was the 3rd Degree at Webster Lodge. I thank W.. Paul Sobtzick for being in the East. He did a great job.


**Upcoming events**

May 2nd is Election of Officers.  
 May 3rd is the Spaghetti Dinner.  
 May 16th is Move Up Night and Committee Reports.

This is my last newsletter for the *Masonic Times*. I thank everyone for their assistance and support throughout my year as Master of Webster Lodge. It is a year I will never forget.

Each day is a gift and don't forget to carry the Flag. □

**Union Star Lodge No. 320**  
 3 N. Main St., 2nd Mon.  
 Honeoye Falls, 7:30 P.M.  
 Master  
 W.. James E. Nersinger, 334-9057  
 Sec. Robert Sweeney, (h) 381-5286 (w) 464-6316  
 38 Cullens Run, Pittsford, 14534



Brothers, our May 13th meeting is a Summoned Meeting for the Election of Officers for the ensuing year. There will not be a dinner that evening. Brother Kerry Ripley, our Junior Warden, will be providing refreshments after the meeting.

Installation will be on June 10th. Details to follow.

**Lodge happenings**

R..W.. Robert Sanford conducted a Walk About Program during the April meeting for our two newly raised Brothers, Patrick Michael and William Nersinger.

We also had our Senior Warden, Gary Sanford, and Junior Warden, Kerry Ripley, receive Certificates from Grand Lodge on their completion of the recent Road to the East Program. These Certificates were presented by R..W.. Clifford Short.

Please note that on Saturday, May 11th, our Lodge will host the Masters and Wardens Association meeting. There will be a hot breakfast at 9:00 a.m. The business meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. Both will be at our Lodge in Honeoye Falls. All Masters, Wardens and Past Masters are invited. Reservations are required. Call 334-9057 to reserve a place. Brother Rob Sweeney will be in charge of the kitchen.

Details for our annual Festival on the Green will be in the June issue.

**Welcome back!**

Our first snowbird has returned. Brother Les Moore, our Senior Master of Ceremony, is back.

Once again I ask all Brothers who have not visited in a while to come and see the changes which have taken place in your Lodge, especially in the basement, where we expect to be bowling very soon. There have been several Brothers of Union Star (you know who you are) who have put many, many hours into the work

of our Lodge. I thank them formally for their efforts. We all notice the "GREAT" work you have done. □

**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



**May birthdays**

Happy birthday to Kay E. Dodds, Art Miller, Stephen W. Mitchell, Ken Mullen and Gary Thompson.

**Upcoming events**

Our Spaghetti Dinners will be May 15th and 29th.  
 Our Ox Roast will be May 4th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
 Come out Brothers and give us a hand. It makes lighter work for all.

May 7th is the 2nd Degree. We will have our Election of Officers and Annual Budget Meeting with Dinner at 6:30 p.m. on May 21st.

**Dues**

Have you overlooked paying your dues? Several Brothers are missing theirs. Please send them in.


**Have you moved?**

Please call Sean Noonan at 392-8165 as to 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. E-mail is gfs9261@juno.com. □

**Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109**  
 2nd Tues. 7:30 P.M.  
 W.. Robert L. Hill, Master 256-7445  
 W.. Michael G. Batz, Sec. (h) 820-9018, (o) 272-9470  
 875 Main Street E., Rochester, 14605



Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 is here because you are here. Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 will be there because you will be there. 'Nuff said!

We had a very enlightening meeting last Tuesday (4/9). We heard reports from the Brotherhood Fund Committee (Joe Gingold), Fellowcraft Committee (Herb Spencer), Charities Committee (Dave Mura), Community Activities (Mike McBride), Masonic Service Bureau (Herb Spencer), and Hospitaler Committee (R..W.. Mat Gingold). The Nominating Committee (Glenn Stahl) is still working and the Youth Committee leader, Brother Raul Fernandez, is on the sick list for the time being. We are in good shape otherwise.

All is not well. We heard some disheartening news in that R..W.. Mat Gingold will no longer actively serve the Hospitaler Committee. Brother Mat was saluted for this service and has been appointed Hospitaler Emeritus.

The issue of dues cards has been settled through a group effort including W.. Ed Schmidt, W.. Glenn Stahl, W.. Herb Spencer, W.. Mike Batz and Brother Mike McBride.

**Coming events**

May 7th is an Officers meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Country Village.

May 14th is the Annual Secretary, Treasurer, Trustee reports and Election of Officers. Call Herb Spencer at 334-7493.

May 28th is an open date. □

**Masonic Book Award**

By R..W.. William Lindsay  
 The Friends of the Livingston Masonic Library, Inc., announce the winner for their 2000-2001 William W. Reese II Memorial Book Award, presented for outstanding scholarship on Masonry or Masonic related topics. This second year, the Award winner is the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, Washington, DC, publisher of "The Valley of the Craftsmen". The Sovereign Grand Commander, C. Fred Kleinknecht, will be present to receive the Award. This book is an invaluable reference for all those interested in Masonry in the United States, and presents a 200 year pictorial history of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, S.J., utilizing hundreds of annotated drawings and photographs.


The Award Reception was held on April 18th at the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library, located on the 14th floor of the Masonic Hall in New York City. Refreshments were served and tours of the Livingston Library and Lodge rooms in the Masonic Hall were provided for those interested. The Sovereign Grand Commander, C. Fred Kleinknecht, answered questions and signed copies of his book.


A distinguished panel of judges reviews all submissions in order to determine a publication's relevance and merit. This year the judges were: Dr. William D. Moore, History Department, University of North Carolina, Wilmington; Dr. S. Brent Morris of the Scottish Rite Research Society (withdrew himself from the vote); and Mr. Thomas Jackson, Book Reviewer for the "Northern Light".

The Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library contains substantial holdings of Masonic and Masonic related material of scholarly and historical importance such as: periodicals, newspapers, books, Lodge records, certificates, and other items. In addition, the Library also houses a significant collection of museum quality Masonic artifacts including china, silver, textiles, painting, furniture and other objects. The Library devotes itself to maintaining these invaluable historical materials for future generations of scholars and historians devoted to Masonic and other fields of research.

Members created The Friends of the Livingston Masonic Library, an independent foundation, to raise funds for special projects crucial to the Library's future. These projects are to prevent deterioration and convert records into microfilm and computer readable media. The Friends also host lectures featuring prominent authors for public events at the Library. Membership to this organization is open to those members of the public interested in Masonic learning. For application information, please contact us at 71 West 23rd Street, New York City, 10010. □

**Visit a Masonic War Veteran**



**District Deputy Grand Master**  
 Genesee/Wyoming  
  
 R..W.. Raymond G. Barber (585) 457-3079


This will be my last message. I thank all the Chairmen of the District Committees over the last four years. I was very fortunate in having two excellent Staff Officers to work with. This has made my job a lot easier.

R..W.. Len Mason and R..W.. Ken Kohlhagen were always there when I needed them, as were most of the Purple Aprons. Thank you. A special thanks to all the Brothers who traveled with me. I can remember only once in the 48 Official Visits that I had to go alone. That's a great record.

There were a lot of things I was hoping to do in the District, some things were accomplished, but many were not. I hope I left the District as good as I found it. I wish the new D.D.G.M. and Staff Officer the best, and I hope you give them the same support you gave me.

In the words of General Robert E. Lee in his farewell address, General Order No. 9, "With an increasing admiration of your constancy and devotion to your country and a grateful remembrance of your kind and generous consideration on myself, I bid you all an affectionate farewell."

God bless you. □

**Assistant Grand Lecturer**  
 Genesee/Wyoming Dist.  
  
 V..W.. Adrian J. Miller 676-2775

We are very excited in the Genesee/Wyoming District with our new Masonic School of Instruction for all Master Masons. Our first School was held at Batavia Lodge No. 475, and was well attended. Our first program was Opening and Closing Lodge and the proper way in doing signs. We are meeting at the various Lodges every month at 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.


Our next School will be at Warsaw Lodge No. 549 at 75 South Main Street, Warsaw. The time is 8:00 p.m. Our topic will be Balloting and Protocol. We hope to see you on May 21st.

Our School will be closed during the months of June, July and August, and will reconvene on September 24th at 8:00 p.m. at Arcade Lodge No. 419, 297 Main Street, Arcade. The topic for the evening will be the Duties of the Master and Officers, Installation and Protocol. Don't worry, it's public, you can read it off the cards.

Our motto is, "What came you here to do? To improve myself in Masonry."

A gavel was presented to Batavia Lodge No. 475 for the most members in attendance and will be in Warsaw Lodge No. 549 for the taking if you have the most members present. □

**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



The deadline for the Masonic Brotherhood Fund is May 29th, and we are far behind last year's Campaign. I pray that you will support this worthy cause and send in your donation to Brother David Frost. No matter how small it may be, it will be greatly appreciated.

On May 27th, Arcade Lodge No. 419 and Arcade Chapter No. 337, Order of the Eastern Star, will be hosting our Annual Memorial Day Breakfast and Bake Sale. The time is 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., price is \$5.00.

**Veterans Hospital**

On April 16th the members of Arcade Lodge No. 419 visited the Veterans Hospital in Batavia and assisted them in playing Bingo. The winners received canteen books which they cashed in at the store. We supplied ice cream and cookies for all.

Arcade Lodge No. 419 thanks William Koch of Prestolite, Leece Neville, Inc., for their contribution of the kitchen equipment which will make it possible to raise funds through our breakfast, dinners and hot dog roasts.

These items are greatly appreciated and will be put to good use. We support the Recreation Program at the Vets Hospital in Batavia, the Child ID videotaping throughout the Genesee/Wyoming area and the Medical research Program in Utica.

On behalf of the Officers and members, we thank you for your generosity.

**Installation**

Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 263 and Arcade Lodge No. 419 will have a Joint Installation on June 10th at Mt. Vernon Lodge. This will be open to the public, so bring your wives and families. Time will be 8:00 p.m. and refreshments will be served following the Installation. Again, we are indebted to the Genesee/Wyoming Purple Apron Club for their fine Ritual work in the Installation. Thank you.

**April birthdays**

Happy birthday to Herschel Akin, 4th; Douglas R. Cronk, 16th; Raymond A. Garlapo, 24th; Douglas McDonald, 25th and Carl J. Gertis, 30th.

**May birthdays**

Best wishes to Stanley J. Tarbox, 13th; Francis D. Harrison, 16th; Donald R. Hopkins, 20th and Richard A. Wiedemann, 23rd.

**Historical note**

This upper floor was the home of the Lodge until the Great Fire leveled the building on December 14, 1898. Thereupon having saved most of its belongings, the organization moved to the second floor of the Howlett Block, and after 1902, occupied quarters jointly with the Odd Fellows in the Davis Block. Brother Henry J. Beardsley purchased the old site and erected thereafter the present building.

Lodge activities were quickened during the Civil War years when there were frequent and special communications. In October, 1861, the usual time of

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meeting was moved to 6:30 p.m. To confer Degrees upon soldiers, the records show communications as early as 8:00 a.m.

It is also of interest to note that the first death of a member occurred in 1862 when Silas Parker, a founder, died.

The Grand Lecturer visited the Lodge for the first time recorded in 1863, remaining five days and was paid \$43.99 for expenses and services. This was the first such arrangement to be followed for several years.

In 1863, consent was given to locate Triluminar Lodge at Pike. During those years dues were still 50 cents.

The death of President Lincoln was noted and resolutions were drafted in 1866. Consent was given to form a Lodge at Franklinville, as was done subsequently for Holland and West Star at Varysburg.

In 1868 three dozen arm chairs and 18 small chairs were purchased, the total cost being \$72.00. To this day, the Lodge owns a considerable number of these arm chairs, each especially stenciled with Masonic emblems, precious heirlooms, now 90 years old.

**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

As of this writing, preparations for the Centennial celebration at Hesperus are almost complete. Members and friends who have not visited us in some time will discover that the Lodge and dining rooms have been completely refurbished. Over the past four years, members of the Temple Association have insulated the roof, installed electric heat, air conditioning, lighting, painted, replaced the windows, replaced the blinds, and installed carpet throughout. The total project came to over \$10,000 for materials, and hundreds of hours of donated labor.

Our thanks to John Jessop, John Specht, John Bater, Jim MacConnell, John Cooper, George Springett, Dick Sands, Don Matice, Reno Marsocci, Ralph Marsocci, Buz Lovett, Dave Liles, Harry Tyson, Jim Hicks, Garry Hutcherson, Ken Barons, Don Hargrave, and members of the Eastern Star. We also thank Chet Banach, Holden Miller, George Hoke, Leo Vanio, Don Read, and last, but not least, Joe Chimino, who put in countless hours over the past 4 years.

**Sickness**

Brother Tracy Miller's wife, Loretta, is recovering from an operation and could use some cheer.

Brother Gib Ernst's friend, Jean Butler, is very sick at their home in Byron and could use your prayers or a visit would be welcomed.

**Coming events**

May 2nd-the 2nd Degree, with Ralph Marsocci in the East at 7:30 p.m. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m.

May 5th-7th - Grand Lodge Communication in New York City.

May 16th - Election of Officers for 2002-03.

June 2nd - Installation of Officers at 7:30 p.m. Dinner by the OES at 6:00 p.m.

June 6th - Regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

June 20th - 3rd Degree, with dinner by the OES at 6:30 p.m.

**From the Senior Warden,  
Ralph Marsocci**

Welcome back to all the snowbirds who left us and went South in search of warm weather and plenty of golf. The Brotherhood Fund is steadily increasing with 50% of the Lodge contributing. Hopefully, I will be hearing from the other 50% of our Lodge Brothers.

This year's Picnic will be at my home. More details to follow.

Our 2nd Annual Van Hulbert Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at Batavia Country Club on August 15th. Applications are going to be mailed out soon.

As of the time of this article, we have 11 Brothers going to Grand Lodge. I'm sure it will be an interesting trip.

We welcome back Brother Richard Leavitt from Connecticut. It's always a pleasure having you around.

It's nice to see W.: Ken Barons back in Lodge after having a bout with the flu. Brother James Hicks is doing very well since the operation on his arm.

W.: Marty Krause, W.: Joe Chimino, and I, went to visit W.: John Bater at the Veterans Facility in Batavia. We played a few games of Eucher and enjoyed John's company. He'd love to see anyone if you're in Batavia and be updated on Lodge activities.

**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

**Did someone say "let's eat"?**

Eagle Valley Lodge has begun the "count-down" to ignition of its Bar-B-Que pit charcoal and launch of the Annual Eagle Valley Lodge Bar-B-Que, acclaimed by many to be the finest event of its kind in planet Earth's western hemisphere!

"Lift-off", of the first rack of perfectly Bar-B-Que'd Chicken, is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 18th, at the Lodge's launch pad on Liberty Street in Bliss. Y'all come!!!

**Bravo**

Special thanks to all who made "The Bliss Kids Easter Party" the outstanding event that it was!

**Last thought**

Brothers, let us pray for peace and the eradication of terrorism for all mankind. Amen.

**Batavia**  
Lodge No. 475

2nd & 4th  
Tuesdays

Master  
W.: Lawrence F.  
Belluscio  
548-9958

Sec. R.: W.: Robert F. Dagen  
Sec. (716) 548-7148  
rdagen@rochester.rr.com  
200 E. Main St., Batavia, 14020

The first District School of Instruction was held at Batavia Lodge No. 475 on Tuesday, March 12th. It definitely was a

very successful and learning experience. It was typical of an Assistant Grand Lecturer's visitation where we all had the opportunity to improve our Ritual and formalities. The next School will be conducted on May 21st at Warsaw Lodge No. 549. If you were unable to attend the School at Batavia, you are cordially invited and encouraged to attend the next session. It was quite an interesting evening and a grand time of fellowship.

It should be noted that Batavia Lodge No. 475 was presented the Jack Stockholm Memorial Gavel for the express reason of having the most in attendance. This Gavel will be turned over to the Lodge with the most in attendance at the meeting to be held at Warsaw.

**Widows Dinner**

I take this opportunity to remind all of the upcoming Annual Widows Dinner and Program at Bohn's Restaurant on Clinton Street in Batavia on Friday, May 10th. You should have already received your invitation. If you haven't, and would like to join us, please notify the Secretary. As usual, I'm sure this will be an evening to remember. It is always enjoyable to meet and renew our friendships with the 'gals' and guests.

**100th Year Celebration**

Congratulations to Hesperus Lodge No. 837 of Bergen in celebrating their 100th Year of existence in the Masonic Fraternity in their community. It was quite a three day celebration culminating with a Rededication of the Lodge by the Grand Line Officers.

Lastly, let us not forget our service men and women of the armed forces 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 make commitments to re-establishing a normalcy to our lives and the freedoms we enjoy in this great country we know as America.

God bless America and may God bless us all.

**Attica Lodge**  
No. 462

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

Master  
W.: Paul E.  
McCullough  
762-8539

Sec. W.: Norman Steinhilber, 581-2073  
39 Main St., Attica, 14011

**Last Pancakes**

April 7th was the last Attica Lodge monthly Pancake Breakfast of the season and the grill has been shut down. Thanks to all the members who worked and everyone who supported these fundraisers. It was another successful year enjoyed by all who participated. Hope to see you next October.

**Chicken Bar-B-Que**

Attica Lodge's 34th Annual Mother's Day Chicken Bar-B-Que will be held on Saturday, May 11th, this year in conjunction with the Village of Attica Founders Day Celebration. Serving will start at noon until all is gone. There will also be crafts, horse and wagon rides, games, a parade and much more. Plan on coming to help celebrate the day and have some fun and good food.

**Election**

The Election of Officers will be held at our May 15th commu-

nication. Your presence is needed. Plan on attending to cast your ballot and show your support for your Lodge officers.

**Brotherhood**

The Brotherhood Fund Drive closes on May 31st, so there is still time to make a contribution if you haven't yet. Attica Lodge is 7th in the District as of the last accounting. It is a very good cause and just a dollar contribution per member would raise us to 1st place for participation and we still have a month to do it.

**Mount Vernon**  
Lodge No. 263

2nd & 4th  
Mon.

Master  
W.: Bernard  
Whaley  
457-9905

Sec. W.: Jim Allan 457-3079  
Main Street, Java Village

Hello, Brethren. I welcome two newly raised Brothers in Mt. Vernon Lodge, Brother David Clark and Brother John Klein. Welcome to Mt. Vernon Lodge, my friends, and into the Fraternity.

The Worshipful Master asked me to mention that on April 22nd we held an Awards Night honoring the following Brothers on their years on Masonry; Lynn Eddy, 50 years; Eldred Bush, and Robert Johnson, 55 years; and Earl Barber, 65 years.

A dinner was put on by the Order of the Eastern Star, starting at 7:30 p.m. We opened at 8:00 p.m. sharp with a short business meeting and at 8:30 p.m. the Awards presentations began. This was followed with entertainment by a magician and refreshments, downstairs.

**Election and Installation**

On May 13th is the Election of Officers, with our Installation being held on the 10th of June. This will also be an open meeting.

**Yard Sale**

Please remember that I have been appointed to head up the 3rd Annual Masonic Yard Sale during the Strykersville Yard Sale Days the first weekend in June. As you do your Spring cleaning, please keep me in mind and anything that you can donate to the cause would be greatly appreciated. Before you think about dropping anything off for the event, contact me at (716) 457-3079 or e-mail me at Jpallan57@hotmail.com. I need some help with cooking, as I plan to have a grill on site to sell Italian Sausages with peppers and onions. Arcade Lodge has had great success with this, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Just beware, (in all good humor), as your Secretary, I know where you are, and I will hunt you down and find you as I need hands and bodies for this important fundraiser for your Lodge.

Best regards, my Brothers, until we meet again.

**Masonic Gothic**  
Bowling League

Secretary  
John J. Flynn,  
227-6106

Since my last column two league bowlers earned ABC Patches. Jason Dale rolled a 670 series (267, 223) to earn a Patch for a series 150 pins over his average. Harold Reynolds rolled a 247 game to earn a Senior Award

Patch for a game 75 pins over his average.

Over the last five weeks, league bowlers rolled 10 600 series and 690 200 games. 600 series were rolled by David Hoerth-671 (205, 248, 218), JR Fogarty-638 (243), Don Weis-631 (236) and 610 (220), Brendon Dady-625 (264), Rick Flanagan-624 (236), 616 (229) and 602 (223), and Dave Mawhiney-600 (221).

Other notable scores included Jason Dale-250, Chris Masi-234, Brendon Dady-232, John Flynn-229 and 222, Gary Bonisteel-228 and 224, Don Weis-227, John Feeney-227, Jeremy Fromm-225, Bud Crane-222, Ken Kessel-210, Derek Masi-208, Roosevelt Williams-202, and Scott Kozlowski-200.

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 us.

**Grand Lodge**  
Veterans Service  
Committee



R.W.  
THOMAS M.  
PAGLIA

CHAIRMAN, VETERAN'S SERVICE

**Masons are there  
because we care**

**To all Masonic Veterans**

How many of you would be interested in having an all military reunion dinner? This would include the surrounding area, and you may bring your military friends who are not Masons. What a way to spend an evening, just reminiscing old times. You never know, you just might meet someone who was in your outfit whom you did not know about.

This would include your lady. If you can still fit into your uniform, please wear it to the dinner.

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

This is a first for such a setting. I have heard many say how nice it would be to have such a function. Let us find out if this is really true or just a fancy dream.

Time is running short in seeing your old comrades. Let's make it a big one!

If you are interested, kindly call or fax me at 585-227-2046. The number works for both phone and fax.

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Canandaigua, NY  
Reporter  
Harold Bollotin

The final Ward visit for the current season was made on Sunday, April 7th. The six volunteers present were Tom and Cora Paglia, Larry and Marge Hood, and Sylvia and myself.

Visits will resume beginning on Sunday, October 6th.

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# Shrine News



## From the Potentate



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Spring is here, which means many of our snowbirds are returning. Those of you I have seen look good and healthy with a nice tan.

Nobles, the June 5th meeting will start at 7:00 p.m., instead of the regular time of 7:30 p.m. It will be an OPEN MEETING and the LADIES AND GUESTS are invited. The meeting will also be our Hot Sands, in our new room. Dinner will be a delicious Chicken Bar-B-Que.

This means newmembers, and I hope you have a lot of petitions to turn in. As you know, we have to get back above the 1000 mark. The 2300 letters that the Membership Committee mailed to Masons who are not yet Nobles have been generating positive results.

### Dates to remember

May 16th-19th is the Potentate's Fishing Trip; June 1st, Mendon Firemen's Parade; July 11th, Webster Firemen's Parade; August 4th, Eric Hospital Day; August 24th, Family Day at Seabreeze; September 21st, Dinner Show to O'Canada (eh), along with a venture to Niagara-on-the-Lake; October 12th, Harvest Dinner at the Shrine Center.

In June we will have a Horse-shoe Tournament (and lessons from the PRO, Bob Anderson), with some additional events in the planning.

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the Bishop said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer." □

## Open invitation to all Master Masons

By Vern Goodrich

All Master Masons are invited to a dinner at the Shrine Center on Friday, May 10th. This is our Noble Bring-a-Brother Night where all may be enlightened about the Shrine. No hard sell efforts will be made. This is an invitation to visit us and find out more about being a Shriner.

For reservations, please call the Shrine Office at 671-7701. □

## 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. The ladies are invited to join us every 3rd Monday. The price is right and there are no yearly dues. Come sit down, enjoy and maybe play cards afterwards.

The next Ladies Day will be May 20th, and the speaker will be the Monroe County Zoo Director, Lawrence Sorel. His subject will be "What's happening at the Zoo?"

Remember what Arthur Brisbane said, "Time is precious, use it well. People who are killing time are really only killing their own chances in life. Those who are destined to become successful are those who make time and use it wisely." □

## Wayne County Shrine Club

By Roy Merritt

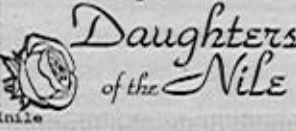
Our March meeting and dinner were held at the Red Rooster in Fairville.

It was a huge success as everyone had a good time. The dinner was excellent and the entertainment was very well presented.

The Officers were introduced. The Divan Representative, Oscar Wilson, gave a report on coming events. He introduced our Divan members and Ill. Potentate, Harry Dainty, and First Lady, Nancy.

The next WCSC meeting will be the Stag Bullhead Dinner at Connelly's Cove. Guests will also be invited. □

## Zama Temple



By Elaine Spiegel, PQ

Zama Temple is bursting forth with a new and exciting year. It all started on April 6th, when we experienced a first for our Temple. We held our Open Installation at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel. What an exciting start of a new year for our new Queen, Kitty Noble, and her staff of officers. We will all long remember the elegance and splendor of the great affair which included a reception, delicious banquet and even dancing in the evening to a wonderful band. Who could ask for more? Congratulations to Queen Kitty for all her planning to make this such a memorable occasion.

## Card Party

That is not all that will be happening at Zama Temple. On May 4th there will be the Annual Card Party at the Damascus Center in the afternoon. Save this date and invite all your friends and card groups to join us.

## Queen's Luncheon

Our new Queen and several members will be off to Winnipeg, Canada, to attend the Supreme Sessions from June 8th-14th. We are planning a Queen's Luncheon on June 2nd to give her a grand send-off.

Another event planned is a Canadian Funset on July 20th. This will be a bus trip to attend the long running spoof, "Oh Canada Eh!". As a first hand witness of this event, I would not miss it again. The food and entertainment are tops! The motor coach will transport people from both Canandaigua and the Damascus Center. Reservations are a must by April 29th, so I urge you not to miss this trip.

Now that Spring has finally arrived, all of you can more easily get out to attend the planned events. We look forward to being together with our snow birds as they return from the South. □

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# Scottish Rite NEWS

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## Commander-in-Chief



Charles O. Hancock, 33°

### Recognition

Recognition may be defined as "the acknowledgment of excellence, service, merit, etc., and the expression of this by some token of appreciation." Here in the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R. we have several forms of recognition. One very obvious distinction is the recognition of various individuals by the color of the hat they wear.

All S.P.R.S. are entitled to wear the black hat, Officers wear gold or yellow hats, DSA recipients wear blue hats, and the hats for the MSA recipients are red. Honorary members (33°) wear the white hat while 33° Active members wear purple.

Another form of recognition is the Past Presiding Officer Jewel. In the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the A.A.S.R. a member is entitled to wear only two decorations or jewels (tokens of recognition) at any time. The custom is to wear the two highest ranking awards. Since the jewels of the 33° and 32° MSA are also distinctive awards, they are included as part of this recognition protocol. Remember also, that every 32° S.P.R.S. is entitled to wear the jewel of that Degree since you were admonished to wear the Jewel of the Order by the Commander-in-Chief during your investiture. Typically, you will observe a Past Presiding Officer proudly wearing his Jewel of Office recognition decoration and the 33° or 32° MSA Jewel, if he is so entitled.

Only those officers who have fulfilled the duties and high responsibilities of their office receive the Past Presiding Officer Jewel. In the Valley of Rochester we wear the decorations at those functions requiring formal attire. For these forms of recognition to have value they must represent excellence on the part of the recipient. Our membership deserves the best and we can be proud when we achieve it.

### Facilities

As the leadership of our Facilities Planning Committee works on the many aspects (discussed here last month) of the move from the Downtown Masonic Temple, a number of concerns have surfaced. The Committee is working diligently to obtain answers to those questions. A special meeting will be held in order to adequately address the issues and inform the members. Look forward to notice of such a meeting in the near future. That meeting will be called when we can provide you, the members, with answers as is our responsibility.

Your Valley leadership team, made up of the top three officers of each Body, is working with the Facilities Planning Committee to diligently protect your rights of membership. The transition from one set of officers to the next should be smooth since the Nominating Committee has provided an effective process for qualifying members of the team in representing the general membership.

### Feast of the Paschal Lamb

My compliments to the Chapter of Rose Croix Officers and the Meritorious Service Award recipients for exemplary work performed in this unique Scottish Rite Ceremony. Most Wise Master, Bob Pedersen, did an outstanding job of bringing this special night to fruition. The M.:W. and Ill.: Gary A. Henningsen, 33° Active Member of the Supreme Council for New York, Past Grand Master and current Grand

Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, was an inspiring keynote speaker for the event.

### Reunion

My compliments and sincere thanks to those of you who contributed to the Spring Reunion portion of the Ill.: Fred Nielsen, 33°, Class. Your participation as an officer, cast member, stage crew, wardrobe, audio/visual, Class Committee, or other functionary is much appreciated by the candidates and all witnessing the fine work you all performed. Each and every one of you, along with your spouse, should attend the Reunion Banquet which is held to recognize all your efforts.

### What is DeMolay?

DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives. Basing its approach on timeless principles and practical, hands-on experience, DeMolay opens doors for young men aged 12 to 21 by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills so vitally needed in society today. DeMolay combines this serious mission with a fun approach that builds important bonds of friendship among members in more than 1,000 Chapters worldwide.

DeMolay alumni include Walt Disney, John Wayne, Walter Cronkite, football Hall-of-Famer, Fran Tarkenton, legendary Nebraska Football coach, Tom Osborne, News Anchor, David Goodnow, and many others. Each has spoken eloquently of the life-changing benefit gained from their involvement in DeMolay.

I encourage those of you who want to make a contribution to today's youth to volunteer some time as an Advisor to the Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay sponsored by the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R.

### Events

May is a month of particular importance to the membership of the Valley. The Reunion Banquet will be held on May 11th. Plan to attend and take part in the fun of the evening.

The Election and Installation of Officers will be held on May 16th. This is a special night for all incoming Officers as they assume their new responsibilities.

### Valediction

This is my last *Masonic Times* article as Commander-in-Chief. I especially thank Distinguished 32° MSA recipient, Editor, Don Brugger, and entire staff of the *Masonic Times* for allowing me to ramble on month after month as I have. They are, in many respects, the glue holding the parts together for our Masonic Fraternity here in Western New York.

As Commander-in-Chief I have attempted to initiate a cultural change within this Scottish Rite Valley. I firmly believe that a need exists to develop basic continuity within the leadership regarding the fundamentals of what we are about.

We cannot continue to function as we did in the past where the organization was structured for a membership approaching 4,000 members as the norm. Realistically the Scottish Rite today of 1,000 members just must do things differently. The new leaders must challenge why we are

doing something in order to assess how best to accomplish the desired result. Leadership development is a key tool for the future of the organization.

I sincerely thank the officers who served with me. I greatly appreciate the efforts of the team members and the support of the general membership. Thank you everyone!

As my term of office winds down, I have reflected on all that has happened in the last two and one half years concerning the Valley of Rochester. When I assumed the chair, I did so under trying circumstances. My initial approach was to use the lessons of the 4° as my guide. I'm happy to say that was the best thing that I could have done.

It is for that reason that I systematically shared with all of you my thoughts regarding the lessons of all 29 Scottish Rite Degrees. They provide the guidance we need as we enter a new century with new challenges. The meaning of those lessons provide the guidance for future leaders.

Freemasonry, in general, is facing a host of trials. To meet those tests in the Scottish Rite here in Western New York we are going through a cultural change. The first steps have been taken by assembling a team of dedicated individuals committed to fraternal success.

Our Scottish Rite team is now made up of players working for the common good. We are prepared to use the tools and skills learned in our modern business working world to enhance the value of membership in our Masonic Fraternity. We have a plan that we all buy into as a means of succeeding.

While I entitled this section, Valediction, meaning a farewell or parting, I did so only in the sense of stepping down from a particular responsibility. I fully intend to continue to do whatever I can to support, enhance, and promote the Scottish Rite wherever and whenever I can. In that sense this is a bridge to the commencement of new activities and challenges as part of the Rochester Scottish Rite Leadership Team.

## Valley Workers Deeply Appreciated

By Vernon Goodrich, 32°MSA

It is with a great deal of appreciation that, on behalf of the Scottish Rite, I thank Sue Hofmann for all her service over the last two decades and more. Sue tendered her resignation as of the end of April, 2002. She has been a great help during my tenure as Secretary of the Valley.

It should also be noted that Jean Brugger will be leaving at the end of September. Since I will not be Secretary of the Valley then, I shall thank her in advance for all her hard work for the Valley. Jean will be retiring with 21 years of service.

## Scottish Rite Highlights

By Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°

### Leadership and change

We are truly indebted to the core leaders of this Valley for their commitment, dedication, knowledge and willingness to work together toward a common

goal. We reach out and sincerely thank our Commander-in-Chief, Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, for his fortitude and perseverance during the past three years. It is we who have profited from his leadership; let us move forward with the same spirit of enthusiasm and dedication.

As with any dynamic organization, it is always challenged by change. Ours is no different. If we look at and analyze the critical mass involved in operating our Valley, it is strategic that we adjust to these changes and remain postured for change and all that it brings. Such will be the focus of things in the near future as we change the shape of our organization and focus on returning value to our customers; that is why we are in business.

### What can I do?

There have been many hours searching for the answer to the question, "Why do I belong?" There are many, many answers to this as well. On the bottom line, each of us is a member because the Scottish Rite lessons are good and right. Going one step further, why not share this joy with a friend and invite him to become a part of our Masonic Craft? It seems that this one on one conversation is the key to increasing our critical mass; this is one thing that you can do on a continuing basis to ensure our future.

### Doing the right thing, the right way

How do we continue to focus on a vision that provides a charter for the future, to ensure that high impact change can continue to lead us in the right direction? As you are aware, this is the essence of our "Strategic Plan" and our "Facilities Planning Team". The Commander-in-Chief has provided several updates that have outlined the major challenges that are on the table. Your teams of "Top Three Officers" have continued to meet and apply due diligence to the many projects that are on the Valley's agenda. These leaders welcome your comments and support.

As we have viewed different operating models, our Valley is fortunate in that our membership is actually several hundred members ahead of what it would have been had not the "Membership Development Outreach" and marketing efforts of this Valley taken place over the last ten or twelve years. As has been discussed with many of you recently, the "Old Days" are gone...our new mission is to continue to re-engineer, shape, mold and develop our organization as it adapts to future changes. You can be a vital part by having those conversations with friends that are not part of the Craft; you too can be part of new, high impact change.

Thank you very kindly for your willingness to be a part of high impact change!

## News from the Thrice Potent Master

On Thursday, April 4th, the Feast of the Paschal Lamb Ceremony was held in Cathedral Hall, preceded by a delicious Roast Beef Dinner prepared by Hilde, Joy, and their assistants. This very impressive Ceremony paid tribute to 45 Brethren who have gone to join the Great Architect of the Universe during the

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preceding year. M. W. and Ill. Gary A. Henningsen, 33° Active, Past Grand Master and currently Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, gave an inspiring address. Musical accompaniment was provided by the Hilton Baptist Choir.

A wonderful performance was given by Most Wise Master, Bob Pedersen, and his Chapter of Rose Croix Officers. A rose was presented by members of the MSA, Red Cap Club, to each attending family of those Brothers honored at this Ceremony. Overall, this was a beautiful rendition.

**Masonic Family Day**

This event took place on Sunday, April 7th, in Doric Hall, under the direction of coordinator, Jim Weick. Those in attendance were amused by the antics of Shrine Clowns, Roscoe and Copper, and treated to music by the string trio, Stringplicity. The Greece Athena Choir unfortunately cancelled their scheduled performance, necessitating replacement by another musical group. Following the entertainment, all enjoyed ice cream in the 3rd floor dining room.

**Reunion**

The Spring Reunion took place on Thursday evening, April 18th, and Saturday, April 20th. Participants in the six Degrees, as well as the Directors and members of the Stage Crew demonstrated splendid performances reflecting the amount of time and effort spent in practice and preparation. The Spring Class was almost double the size of the Fall Class, and members of both will be feted at the Banquet to be held at The Party House on Beahan Road on May 11th.

**Scottish Rite Club**

Work is progressing steadily on the formation of the Genesee/Wyoming Scottish Rite Club. The Charter and By-Laws are being formulated presently, and a meeting will take place in the near future to elect Officers, establish meetings, and address related details.

**Golf anyone?**

Efforts are also underway for the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Learning Center Golf Charity Classic, taking place on Monday, July 29th, at the Blue Heron Country Club. This promises to be a fabulous event. All you duffers out there, be sure to mark your calendars, this is a day you will definitely not want to miss!

Many exciting events will be taking place over the coming months in the Scottish Rite - stay tuned for details.

**Support the  
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**The Valley of  
Rochester First  
Golf Charity  
Classic**

By Joseph Oelgoetz III

The Valley of Rochester of The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry will be holding a golf charity on Monday, July 29, 2002. The event will be held at the Blue Heron Hills Country Club and will support the Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, located at 875 Main Street East in Rochester, NY.

**The work of the Center**

The mission of The Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children is to provide appropriate instruction - free of charge - for children suffering from Dyslexia. Dyslexia is estimated to affect some 2 million school-aged children in the U.S. These children are typically of average or above average intelligence. However, these children have difficulties not only in reading, writing and spelling, but also with listening, speaking and arithmetic. These problems can lead to emotional and self esteem problems.

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

The cost of training one child is approximately \$5,000 per year or \$10,000 for the entire course.

Since the training is free of charge, fund raising is critical to the success of the Center. This is why the Valley of Rochester wants to establish and hold the Golf Charity Classic.

**The event**

The event is scheduled to be a premium day of golf, food, festivities, fun and camaraderie. The event is open to all. The Golf Charity Classic will be held on Monday, July 29th, at the beautiful Blue Heron Hills Country Club located at One Country Club Drive, Macedon, NY (315-986-8599). It takes approximately 10 minutes from the East side of Rochester (i.e. Fairport).

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., with a sit-down lunch beginning at 11:00 a.m. Golf begins with a 1:00 p.m. shot gun, scramble. After golf festivities consist of a cash bar beginning at about 5:45 p.m. with cheese and

fruit. A Buffet Dinner will begin at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Opportunities for prizes abound: overall team champion, closest to the pin, longest drive and a 50/50 putting contest.

The cost is \$125.00. Friends and spouses/significant others are welcome to dinner for an additional charge of \$35.00. All proceeds will benefit the Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children. By participating in this fun filled event, you can also help to bring more children suffering from the affects of Dyslexia into a life of self-confidence and high self-esteem.

To register for the event or to gain additional information, contact the Valley of Rochester Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite's office at (585) 271-0715. For more information on The Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, contact the Center at (585) 442-7290. □

**Supreme Council, 33°,  
NMJ**

Boston will be the site of this year's annual meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. More than 2,000 Thirty-third Degree Masons and their ladies from 15 Northeastern States are expected at the meeting on September 1-4. The Supreme Council last met in Boston in 1996.

The 2002 Session will be highlighted by the conferral of the organization's Thirty-third Degree upon 136 Scottish Rite Masons who were elected for this high honor at last year's meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Thirty-third Degree is awarded for outstanding achievement in the Fraternity or for significant contributions to others, reflecting credit on Freemasonry. The impressive Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, September 3rd, in John Hancock Hall.

Introductory luncheons honoring the Thirty-third Degree candidates and their ladies will be on the schedule for Sunday noon.

Earlier business conferences attended by the officers of the Supreme Council will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 30-31.

The larger scale events will begin on Sunday afternoon, September 1st, when the Ballroom at the Boston Marriott Copley Place Hotel will be the scene of the traditional Supreme Council Vesper Service.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Robert O. Ralston, will preside over the General Sessions of the Supreme Council on Monday, September 2nd. In the course of these Sessions, prominent leaders from other Masonic organizations in the United

States and throughout the world are expected to be in attendance.

A number of other events have been scheduled, including a Monday luncheon in the America's Ballroom, Westin Hotel, for all ladies attending the Boston meeting. Mrs. Susann Ralston, wife of the Grand Commander, will preside over the luncheon and program. At the same time, another luncheon will be served for all Supreme Council members, distinguished guests, and members of the Class in the University of Massachusetts Exhibit Hall, Boston Marriott Hotel.

That evening, the renowned Empire Brass will perform in concert in the Ballroom of the Boston Marriott Copley Place Hotel. During the week, special sightseeing tours will be available for those attending the meetings.

In addition to the major events sponsored by the Supreme Council, a Masonic Marketplace will allow vendors to display Masonic-related items.

A seminar on Tuesday will provide an opportunity for those attending the session to learn more about Boston's "Big Dig". Throughout the week, there will be many smaller social functions occurring under the auspices of the 15 participating States and the 102 Valleys comprising the Northern Jurisdiction.

The 2002 meeting will end with the announcement of the names of those elected to receive the Thirty-third Degree at St. Louis, Missouri, in September, 2003. □

**Family Day**

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and balloons for the kids. They did a great job before the show and between each music act. A big thank you for their time comes from all attending. A donation for their services has been made to one of the great Shrine causes.

After the show, everyone had a choice of ice cream that was very welcome as the day was bright with sunshine and Spring warmth.

This year's show had added features compiled by Phil Hurwitz. Phil coordinated displays and information from the Masonic Home, Veterans programs, Brotherhood Fund, Drug and Alcohol and Abuse Prevention and the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Library and Museum. Manning these displays were Dennis Gellasch, Bill Spillane, Robert Mix and R. W. William Dupree. We appreciate their time and expertise.


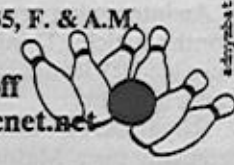
In concluding this series of shows, I thank those involved. They include Glenn Hedges as Stage Manager, Gary Burke who offers a helping hand where he sees it needed, and all my ticket sellers. Thanks also to Barb Goodrich for coordinating the building and Don Brugger for the support in the Times, and other tasks he steps up to. I am also grateful for the promotional efforts of the District team of Keith Stambach, Jim DeLorenzo and Cliff Short, and especially, Bill Lindsay. Our exit interviews of those attending indicated everyone thoroughly enjoyed this event. Thanks! □

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I have completed two of my Official Visits. My last one for this year will be on June 11th at 3 X3 Chapter in Spencerport.

I remind everyone of the Grand High Priest's edict that all Chapters will confer all Degrees next Fall. The Chapters may comply with two of them by sending candidates to the annual outdoor M.E.: Osco W. Peterson Memorial Degrees on August 24th. The Grand Chapter Line Officers will be conferring the Mark Master Degree, followed by the Past Master Degree. I have, or will be giving, the Secretaries of the Chapters the information sheet during my Visit.

We will be holding a District meeting at a picnic at R.E.: Bill Kuehne's place in Naples on Sunday, August 4th. If you have never been there, you should make every effort to attend this year. The setting is absolutely gorgeous, fellowship is grand, and you couldn't ask for better hosts than the Kuehnes. I will send directions, times, etc., to your Chapter Secretaries soon.

As of this writing, the following Degrees will be conferred in May. The RAM Degree will be conferred in Dansville on Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m. The HRA Degree will be conferred at Hiram on Thursday, May 9th or the 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. □

## 3x3 Chapter RAM

NO. 333 (Chartered in 1990)

2nd Tue.  
7:30 p.m.



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Springett  
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Secretary  
R.E.:  
Karl-Heinz  
Reich  
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### A Leader's Leader

An interesting header for this month's article. Think of it, are you a leader's leader and who is a leader's leader?

Royal Arch Masonry was originally for a Mason who had spent his time learning to become the Master of his Lodge. Only after being elected and installed as the Master of his Lodge did he become qualified to receive the Holy Royal Arch Degree. This

relocate on short notice. You were all super!

The real question for today is, has the mentality of society changed significantly whereby the growth of true leaders in Masonry may be diminished by joining a Concordant Body? This writer thinks that in most cases it has not affected the development of better educated leaders in Masonry.

Yes, the system does have its flawed members. You know, the man who is a title seeker who jumps from Concordant Body to Concordant Body without really working in the trenches along side the rest of us quarry workers. Then there is the many who receive the honor of Right something or other, who believes now that he can live on his past laurels instead of continuing the advancement of Masonry. These men Masonry can do without.

The true leader's leader is the man in Masonry who continues to grow and educate himself for the betterment of all Masonry, especially in his Blue Lodge and all of the associated Concordant Bodies of which he may hold membership.

A tireless quarry worker and leader is what we all must strive to be, always being tried, and tried again.

I congratulate you if you are one of these Masons, especially if you are a Mason who is always seeking the truth and belief that leads us all down that pathway to a righteous life, and never stops giving of yourself through your good leadership and guidance. You are a true Leader's Leader.

### Sickness

It is a pleasure to report that E.: David Goodrich has mended and is taking an active part in life again.

Companion Art McMichael and his wife are not in the best of health lately and it would be nice to remember both in your thoughts and prayers. A card of good cheer would also be in order to assist them both towards improved health. □

## Hiram Chapter



No. 62  
2nd & 4th  
Thursdays

E.: Dennis K. Gellasch, High Priest  
265-3993

E.: John A. Dudley, Secretary  
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### Degrees

The dynamics of our Chapter have been a wonderful experience

relocate on short notice. You were all super!

The Most Excellent Master Degree will be held on May 9th with a dinner before the work.

The Holy Royal Arch Degree will be held on May 23rd with a dinner before the work. Our traditional Past High Priests Night will be scheduled for our Fall season.

### Harmony-support of all institutions

Companions, we have experienced some stress within the Craft over the necessary move of our Chapter. Some words have caused personal responses that remind me of our Blue Lodge roots...think of your words in the light of the total Craft. As we emphasize the "harmony" within the work of the Blue Lodges, so must we walk upright within the Chapter emphasizing "harmony". It is not to be disturbed. □

## District Deputy Grand High Priest



29th Dist.  
RAM

R.E.  
Richard C.  
Anderson  
493-2203

ddghp29

With Winter being over and the Official Visits are in process, let's use this time and the Grand High Priest's Message to prepare ourselves for our obligations as Royal Arch Masons. Let's plan our fellowship at meetings with one another, at our Summer recess. Nothing happens without some plans.

I remind Companions to include in their plans, their attendance at the Western New York Past High Priest Scholarship Dinner at the Elma Inn, Elma, NY. Check with your High Priest. Also, St. John's Day in Utica, June 22nd.

The Grand Line will confer the MMM Degree at Lake Osco, August 24th. Try to attend.

The 29th District RAM Picnic is at Kiwanis Park, Rte. 5, Batavia.

High Priests that still owe me a Trestleboard, please get it to me ASAP.

Please support the royal Arch Charities as this supports the Scholarships and the Medical Research for Royal Arch Masonry. □

## Excelsior Chapter No. 164

2nd Mon.



High Priest  
E.: L. Ronald  
Edwards  
289-3205

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

Shortsville, NY

last month's Times. Yes, I did enjoy myself in Florida!

### Grand Lecturer's Convention

May 13th is the Grand Lecturer's Convention for our 25th District. It will be held at the Shortsville Masonic Temple, 7:30 p.m., with a dinner at the Steak Out Restaurant on the corner of Rts. 96 and 21 at 6:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy the fellowship and meet our new Grand Lecturer, R.W.: William Zufar, whom you will find very interesting and knowledgeable to converse with. Let's have a good turnout. Remember, we are the Holy Chapter.

Find an idea big enough to live for and you'll never be unemployed. Cheerio!

## LeRoy Chapter No. 183 RAM



HP E.: Donald R. Read  
494-1565

Sec. E.: Norman P. Austin  
494-2223  
8 West Main St., LeRoy

Time is fleeting, and the Masonic year is nearly at a close. Soon picnics and outdoor activities will be the order of the day. In fact, we have wonderful Spring-like weather today, and I saw a farmer and a golfer begin the plowing together!

Due to an insufficient number of Companions in attendance, we were unfortunately, unable to open our Chapter last month. We did, however, hold an unofficial meeting, and utilize our time productively, practicing Ritual and floor work, with both steadily improving. This month, at our April 23rd meeting, we had the Official Visit of DDGHP, Dick Anderson. We look forward to having him visit our Chapter and deliver his message.

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Our Table Council went well. At our next meeting we will be voting on where our Council will go. Since the Most Illustrious E. William Whittaker will be in the East, this will be my last article. I thank all my officers and sideliners for their support this past year. I have enjoyed the friendships of many and I wish the new Illustrious Master well.

Aristotle once said, "Anyone can become angry - that is easy. But to be angry with the right person, to the right degree, at the right time, and in the right way - that is not easy." If I have become angry in the wrong degree, I apologize.

You've been given two ends with a common link.

On one end you sit, with the other you think.

Success depends on which you choose,

Heads you win, tails you lose. □

**Nundawaga Council**  
**No. 92**

4th Monday  
 West Main Street  
 LeRoy, NY 14482

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

Greetings Companions. The nice weather is finally here. It is said that Spring is the time when a young man's fancy turns to love. I believe love quickens senses except the common. I was in love with Miss Linda when she lived next door. I walked my dog in front of her house so often her tree died!

Well, we have nearly reached the end of the Council year. It doesn't seem possible that my term as Illustrious Master could pass so quickly, but it has. I've enjoyed every minute of it. What has made the year particularly enjoyable is the wonderful line of Officers with whom I've had the privilege to serve.

Our meeting last month was very informative, with Grand Lecturer Dave Barwell instructing us in proper Ritual and floor work. We were also honored to have in attendance DDGM, Dan Evans. This proved to be a very educational conclave.

Our meeting this month on the 27th will be the Election and Installation of Officers. Although this will be the day on which Memorial Day is observed, we will still meet, as we have in recent years.

As many of you are aware, I am still currently unemployed, and fortunately, receiving Workman's Compensation. However, I occasionally do peruse the want ads, to see what opportunities exist "out there". The other day I came across the following: (how's this for an interesting want ad?) "Man wanted to work in dynamite factory. Must be willing to travel". Wow! Hope whomever

aspired to that position did a "bang up" job!

Until next month, enjoy the beautiful weather, and may each day be a "blast" for you. □

**Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17**

3rd Sat., 9 a.m.  
 Commander  
 SK L. Ronald  
 Edwards  
 289-3205

Rec. SK David Taber  
 388-0629  
 Phelps, NY

The clocks are turned ahead, let's hope I am ahead enough to get this article written in time to make the *Masonic Times* deadline! I am sorry I did not get anything in last month; it was just too late when I got back from Florida. Inspections and elections should be over by the time you read this, now all that remains of our Templar year is the Installation of Officers. Our Installation is Saturday, May 18th, at 9:00 a.m. Come out and support your new officers and while the weather is good, plan to visit our sister Commanderies for their Installations.

**Installations**

Cyrene/Monroe Commandery will have their Installation on May 20th at 7:30 p.m., Cathedral Hall. This is our only sister Commandery in Zone 11 and we should give them great support with our attendance and this will be the last Installation of Officers in Cathedral Hall, so plan to see this great room one last time. As of December 31, 2002, all of the Rochester Masons will be out of the Downtown Temple and you will never again see Masonry in this Hall.

DeMolay Commandery No. 22 in Hornell and Salem Town No. 16 in Port Byron, are two others we should make a big effort to attend. See you in May at the breakfast table in Phelps.

**Memorial Services**

May 19th is the Ontario/Seneca/Yates Masonic Memorial Service at the United Methodist Church, 100 N. Main St., Canandaigua. Sagoyewatha will have its Go-to-Church Service at the 11:00 a.m. Service; in uniform, less sword and chapeau, followed by lunch, then return to the church in full uniform for the Honor Guard.

The second Sunday in June is the Wayne District Masonic Memorial Service and we will form an Honor Guard for them. More next month on this.

If necessity is the mother of invention, what was father doing? Cheerio! □

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



Commander  
 SK Vernon L. Rupert 343-8429  
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As this is being written, Spring may finally have arrived. The primroses are in blossom, the daffodils are about to burst forth, and the snow roses continue to bloom, although the rabbits are doing their best to kill them. Anne and I continue to play

"squirrel keep-away" as they outsmart us in getting into the bird feeders.

**Election and Installation**

The Election of Officers for the coming Templar year will take place during the conclave to be held on Thursday, May 9th. The Nominating Committee consisting of Sir Knights Steven Wing, Kenneth Kohlhagen and James MacConnell, will present their slate of nominations for the elected officers.

At the conclave to be held on May 23rd, the Installation of Officers will take place. Details concerning the program for the evening will be announced as soon as plans are completed.

**Alexandria, VA**

SK Steven Wing and I journeyed to Alexandria, VA, for the Easter Sunrise Service, which was held at the George Washington Memorial. On Friday evening, the New York delegation attended the Good Friday Service at Christ Church in downtown Alexandria. Several of us made a tour of the GW Memorial on Saturday afternoon. If any of the Sir Knights have the occasion to be in Alexandria, VA, make sure you take a tour of the Memorial. It is truly an impressive structure and the displays cover all of the Bodies of Masonry.

The NY delegations held a dinner Saturday evening at the Holiday Inn, where most of us were staying. The rain held off Sunday morning until after the services had started at 9:00 a.m. Seeing the Sir Knights in uniform, from several parts of the country, marching up the hill to the Memorial, is an impressive sight. After the services, we returned to the hotel, changed and headed home.

Before we left Alexandria, we ran into some rain, which lasted until we were past Frederick, MD.

**Thanks**

As this will be my last article for the *Masonic Times* as Commander, I thank all of the Commandery members, especially the officers for their support during the past year. I have enjoyed serving the Commandery, and will support the officers in the coming years.

Most of all, a very special thank you to the ladies for their support, and for supplying the generous food items for dinners during the year. □

**Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12**

Chartered 1993  
 3rd Monday  
 Commander  
 SK Vernon  
 Goodrich  
 377-0367



Recorder  
 SK Lawrence W. Dunn  
 594-8033

The Inspection went very well. I thank each person who participated and especially our guests who attended, some of whom participated as an officer. I also thank all of my Officers who supported me this past year and the sideliners for their attendance and support.

This past year has been, and next year will be, years of change for us, and all organizations at the Downtown Temple. Friendship, morality and Brotherly love are the cornerstones, nay, the very foundation of Masonry. Let us all look inward and reflect those values to others.

**Schicker Club**

By Barbara Goodrich

This has been a great year and my thanks to all the lovely ladies who have worked so hard in the kitchen and on our project for the battered women. Special thanks to June Stelianou for sending out the cards and/or e-mails about the meetings.

The May meeting will be Installation of Benjamin Thorp as Commander, and he wishes to have our great hors d'oeuvres after the meeting. So, please ladies, let's all work together and set a fine table for him.

I have been enjoying my e-mails from Bob Schicker. I will have them with me at the meetings if anyone would care to read them. Perhaps some of you would also like to 'chat' with him!

Our project for next year will be to collect items for the wish list from the Ronald McDonald House. One of our newest members, Nancy Wright, has been working there for some time now and has compiled a list of things they need. Over the Summer perhaps we can look for items such as standard sized pillow protectors (not plastic), sponges and scrubbers, Swiffer supplies, foil and food storage containers, juice boxes, individual size applesauce and fruit cups, tooth brushes, sample size tooth paste, and small deodorants.

The Schicker Club will reimburse you if you so desire. □

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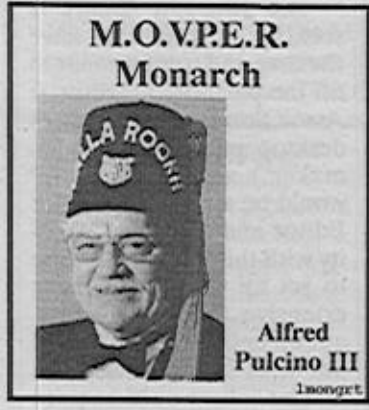
# Lalla Rookh GROTTO

## News

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Alfred Pulcino III, Monarch



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

Alfred  
Pulcino III  
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**Rochester Fire Rescue Squad**

Thank you so much for rescuing our Secretary, Kenneth Milner's wife, Elaine, from the elevator on April 1st. Don't think she thought it was a very good April Fool's Day joke. She was at the Temple that day helping Ken, for it was Grotto Board meeting night. She wanted to go down in the elevator, but pushing the street level button didn't quite do the job, for the elevator decided to stop and stay stopped between the 2nd and 3rd floors. Thank God the phone worked, so she called for "help". The fire rescue squad arrived and pulled her out. Sure hope she is looking at the light side of it now. It will probably be her most unforgettable April Fool's Day experience. Oh yeah, she survived the whole ordeal just fine and is doing great.

On Saturday, March 9th, we had an Officers meetings at 9:00 a.m. at the Temple office with coffee and donuts - lots of them! Not very well attended, but the most important people were there to discuss some of their future with Lalla Rookh Grotto and received the officers part for our Ceremonial on May 15th, etc. I was the one to set the time at 9:00 a.m., that is the time I wake up, sometime or later. For the few who were there, we all learned a little more about what is going on!

**Well done, Don**

I attended the Masonic Service Bureau Luncheon at the Nutcracker on March 13th and on April 10th. We learned that Prophet Brother Donald J. Brugger would be retiring come the first of the year and his wife before that. Need a job? Call or visit Don A.S.A.P.

A big "job well done" and I know I will miss ya! Just got him used to some of my time frames! This is the first big thank you to all, for all of your hard work on the *Times*, from Lalla Rookh Grotto.

On March 15th, my lady, Shirley, and I were off to Warren, PA, for Farrah Grotto's Monarch's Ball. Was much more relaxing to get there a day early, beat the Grotto rush on Blair's. Did get my new black and white wing tip shoes...Leon, they look great with our new Past Monarch's lavender sport coats. We had a very nice showing of Prophets and their ladies from Lalla Rookh Grotto. We all had a nice, fun time there. Even the weather was nice to us for the ride down and back.

The Grotto Ladies Night on March 20th was very well attended. I believe we had a little over 83 people, with Doric Council joining us. It all started out with a great meal put on by H&J catering, followed by a short meeting, then the Hot Flash Tap

Dancers gave us a great show. The ladies all received a nice gift, then back down to the dining room for kuchen, cookies, coffee and more libations. A very nice evening, we need to do this more.

The next day was the Shrine Circus work day. We had a nice showing of Prophets/Nobles with some of their ladies, lots of things to be done that day with a little fun in between. Then the Circus went on, but I was sick in bed, sleeping for the next 3 or 4 days. They did a great job without me, so sorry I couldn't make it.

I made the Masonic Civic Center meeting on the 25th at the Downtown Temple. Then on the 27th of March we had the Grotto Cast Dinner at Rick's Prime Rib House with some new cast members. We all had a nice dinner and a short meeting. A big thanks to Prophet George Knierim and his staff for putting this evening together. For us, we had a nice turn out of actors, and ate well.

The 28th of March was my birthday. Shirley, Kris, Tom and I were off to Casino Niagara and I had a great time. It was costly, oh well, just money. The next day was the start of a nightmare for me, sick again. The doctor said it was a flu virus and prescribed chicken soup, said it worked for his people. I

spent Easter in bed, good one day, sick the next. Went on for a week (seemed like a month, this getting older. Oh, boy.)

I missed all the excitement on April 1st, the Grotto Board meeting. I was sick and nobody wanted me to share that one. Did drag myself out to Webster Lodge on April 4th for their Awards Night and Past Monarch Kenneth Hutchinson was presented his 35 Year Pin with a double standing ovation. He didn't believe it. Boy, I didn't know what to think. It was a very nice night out. Oh yeah, there was a 65 Year Pin given out that night, too.

We were going to head off to Fredonia for the 3 in 1 Chief Justice, Kharram and Sharrif Grottoes Monarch's Ball on Friday the 5th, but not feeling well. So we headed there on Saturday morning. We had a pleasant time with old friends and some new ones. I sure was embarrassed with Lalla Rookh's showing. Sure hope we can show better in the future. We did get the job done with our Master of Ceremonies, Gerald Spero, Trustee Michael Bell and myself. Not good, maybe we need to cut out the reimbursement program, which doesn't seem to be working.



Monarch, Alfred Pulcino III, presenting Past Monarch's Gavel to Ken Hutchinson, 2002 President of Lalla Rookh Past Monarch's Association. (Photos courtesy Ken Hutchinson)



The new Past Monarch Jackets were worn for the first time at the March meeting. Dick Topel - Past Monarch, Monarch - Alfred Pulcino III, and Ken Hutchinson - immediate Past Monarch.



The Hot Flash Dancers entertained at our March meeting: Sandy Mesmer, Joyce Deedee, Jeanette DiLucia-Angeo and Elain Cumbo.

April 11th was Master Mason Night at Henrietta Town Park. It was nicely attended by 35 Brothers, with quite a few new prospective Prophets. Had a great Steak Dinner put on by one of our new Prophets-to-be, Michael Edelman, owner of M.B.G. Catering. It was outstanding to say the least. He will become a member of the greatest Fraternity.

The ladies of Lalla Rookh Caldron put their Spring Smorgasbord on April 13th at the Downtown Temple. They sure know the way to bring them in, for I was told they brought in over \$900.00 for the Humanitarian Foundation. Nicework, ladies, and the food was good and plenty, until it ran short. All had their share with plenty of desserts. That is what has been going on, plus.

Shirley and I went to Buffalo for Zuleika Grotto's Night at the Races on April 20th. Then we packed up for the E.S.G.A. Spring meeting in Binghamton, sponsored by Aahmes Grotto on April 26-28th.

Our Grotto Board meeting is May 6th at the Downtown Office. All welcome.

On Wednesday, May 8th, we will have our Ceremonial rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. in Cathedral Hall. All Grotto Prophets be there, please.

On Saturday, May 11th, 7:30 a.m. (I will have to stay up all night) we will be off to Turning Stone Casino to make our fortune, I hope. We have done great in the past. Then rest up for a day or two, because sometime between Monday and Wednesday, we need to set up for our Spring Ceremonial on Wednesday, May 15th, the day after my Lady, Shirley's, birthday.

We will be having out of town guests from Buffalo, Zuleika Grotto, with a candidate and an actor, George Abraham, to participate with us.

On the 22nd of May we are off to Toronto, Canada, for a great day bus trip. Stop right now, if you are even thinking about going, or have not sent me your check, please do it right now! I don't plan on cashing them until May 17th, but need them because that gives you a committed reservation to make this trip a go.

On Tuesday, May 28th, our Secretary, Kenneth Milner, is going to become Master of his Lodge. Congratulations! On the same night is my Lodge Installation and I'm in the Marshal's chair, but sure hope we can have some Prophets out to show our support.

Packing for the biggie, Supreme Council Convention in Springfield, MO. We will be leaving town on May 31st, events start on the 3rd of June until Sunday, the 9th. Lots of things to do, fun, fun, fun!

Oh my goodness! I hate writing any article, but boy, when I get started. Shirley's not crazy about it either, because she does the spell check and has to figure out what I'm trying to say.

That's all!!!!!!

**Membership**

By Bill Fredenburg

The April showers bring May flowers! It is great to hear the birds and watch the growth of Spring. It is also great to watch the growth of Lalla Rookh Grotto because of the efforts of our Prophets who participated in the Master Mason Night Program on April 11th. Over 30 Prophets and guests attended the Steak Dinner at the Henrietta Town Park. It was a fun outing and the food was excellent.

Now we look forward to the Ceremonial on Wednesday, May 15th in Cathedral Hall when we induct our new members. Mem-

**Attend Grotto Meetings**

Sat., May 4th - White Fez Luncheon at Cartwright's

Mon., May 6th - Board of Governor's Meeting  
Grotto Office 7:00 p.m.

Thurs., May 9th - Caldron Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Wed., May 15th - Grotto Ceremonial 7:30 p.m.  
Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Mon., May 20th - Legion of Honor Din. 6:00 p.m.

*Enjoy the Fellowship*



"WAIST EIGHTY-TWO."

On March 20th, our past Monarchs wore their new Lavender Jackets for the first time. The Jackets were accented by the purple tassel on the fez. All present were delighted with the choice of the new jackets. Despite the tailoring, our Monarch looked resplendent in his.



bership is a continuous activity, so keep a petition with you to give to a Brother Mason.

From the boss, Al Pulcino

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We are really trying to bring in new members now more than ever. These new members will be the last to see the full Ritual in Cathedral Hall. So, if you think you would like to join us, now is the time. The annual dues are \$26.00 and you double your money just by making the one meeting a month.

Please call me at 225-8471 or any Grotto member for more information. □

**Chief Justice**

By Douglas C. Spencer

Greetings Prophets! Hope everyone enjoyed the mild Winter season.

March was a busy month for Lalla Rookh Grotto. I hope that everyone participated in the activities and had a good time. My involvement has been very limited because of my father's illness, Prophet Jim Spencer. He is well on the mend and hopes to get out soon...and so do I!

April started off with the 1st, which was April Fool's Day, and our Board of Governors meeting. Our Monarch, Al, was ill that

evening, so I stood in and ran the meeting, which lasted just a little over an hour. So Al, I guess I put you on the spot again.

April 6th was the Kharam and Sharif Grottoes Joint Past Monarch's Ball. The word is it was a great time. I was unable to attend because of family commitments.

April 11th was our Master Masons Night at Henrietta Town Park. It was a great turnout. A special thanks to William Fredenburg and Ron Morthorst, our Membership Committee, for their dedicated work. Our next meeting was Awards Night on April 17th. As always, a great time was had by all.

May is shaping up to be another business month. Hope to see all of you at the activities. □

**Clowns**

By Uncle Al

Not much to report on because of my on-going sicknesses. Hope all that is over now. Our biggest event of the year is participating with the Shrine Circus. Since I was in bed sick, the other half of our Unit represented us and I heard he did an outstanding job, as always. That is our Vice-President, A-Ha (Kenneth Ratliff). We were expecting a new member to our team, but he has been incognito lately. Where are you Dimples? (Stephen Barish). I'm going to find him soon, because he doesn't know what he is missing. No dues, no meetings, just fun...do as you wish when you wish.

Nazir Grotto clowns of Canton, Ohio, are the hosts of this year's Grotto Clown Convention from June 28-30th in Canton. The registration fee is \$30.00 U.S. Funds. June 15th is the cut off date. For more information, please call me at 225-8471.

Happy birthday to all of you Prophets who had one in late March and April. No one invited me to their party, so I had one myself. Think I'm going to see what I can do to change it, or stop it because I've been a mess since this last one!

Keep smiling 'til next time! □

**Master of Ceremonies**

By Jerry Spero

May 15th, at 5:00 p.m., will be the start of our social hour. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and Roast Pork or Chicken will be available. I am

going to request that all reservations be in by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 10th, so that the food can be purchased for those who plan to be there for dinner. This May meeting is going to be very special, so please plan to attend.

Please call me at 334-7616 for the Grotto dinner reservations. □

**Legion of Honor**

By Ron Morthorst, PM

The flowers are budding and we can enjoy the warm breezes and sunshine at last. There are changes coming on the place where we will be meeting in the future. At this time everything is not finalized, but when you call in your May 20th meeting reservation to Gerry Spero, he will have the information you will need as to where we will meet.

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

The Color Guard is in great shape and represents your Legion and Grotto very well. If you would care to join the Honor Guard, you are more than welcome. Contact Bill Fredenburg today. Thank you, Prophets, for a job well done.

Monday, May 20th, is our regular meeting. Attitude adjustment is at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., with a reservation. Please note: reservations are being taken by Vice-Commander Gerry Spero at 334-7616 before Monday, May 13th. All reservations will be honored. We plan to have a speaker and to give the membership a rundown of up and coming programs.

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

**Caldron News**

By Cecil Losinger, MCO

Daughters and friends, how did it get to be April so fast? It's here with its showers to bring our May flowers and Summertime.

When this is printed, our April Caldron meeting will be past, as well as our Smorgasbord. I sincerely hope we had a good turnout and everyone had plenty to eat and we (the Caldron) ex-

Groundhog Day predictions.

The ancient Candlemas legend and similar beliefs continue to be recognized annually on February 2nd.

(Courtesy of the Scottish Rite Heritage Society) □

**Veterans, Veterans!!!**

James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12 Needs you!

Open to All Veterans Peace, War, National Guard, or Reserve.

For information or application, Call or write: Emil Schirano - Comm. e-mail-moejoy1@juno.com or Vance Collom - Ajutant 217-9817, e-mail-vancollum@juno.com

Let our Patrons know you saw their Ad in the Masonic Times

press our heartfelt thanks for your participation.

**Future meetings**

There will be an Executive Council meeting on April 18th at my home.

On May 2nd there will be a combined Executive Council and Convention work meeting at Daughter Beverly Murray's at 7:00 p.m.

Sorry about the changes, but it's a busy life and we don't want to miss important happenings.

The White Fez Luncheon will be at Cartwright's on May 4th at 12:30 p.m. Contact Daughter Sue Wilson for reservations. Blue Caps welcome. No steps or long walks, so I am looking forward to seeing you there.

17 May 9th is Prophets and Ladies Night with the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and entertainment at 8:30 p.m. Goodies will follow.

Check into Monarch Al Pulcino's trip to Toronto in May. Sounds like a fun thing.

"God is like Scotch tape, you can't see him, but you know He is there!" □

**Save the Date!**  
**Grotto Night at the Races**  
July 28th  
Finger Lakes  
Starting at Noon

**Lalla Rookh Grotto**  
**Monarch's Open Masonic Bus Trip**

May 22, 2002  
Toronto Ont. Canada

7:30: Dep. Old Ames Plaza, Howard Rd. & Lyell Ave.  
11:45: Arrive Old Scott House, Scarborough, Ont.  
Noon: Sit down luncheon (Super fine dining)  
1:30: "Viva Las Vegas" (Great fun)  
3:00: Depart for Harbor Front - Free time at Queens Quay until sailing (3 deck paddle wheeler)  
4:30: One Hour Cruise on the Mariposa in Harbor  
5:30: Free time at Eaton Center  
7:30: Depart for home  
10:30 Arrive Rochester

Included: games, prizes, movies, audios, escort, taxes, gratuities(including driver's)

Dinner Theater Menu:  
Roast Prime Rib of Beef Au jus, Potato & vegetable.  
Chicken Washington - Whole Chicken Breast with long Grain Rice topped w/white wine sauce, Pot. & Veg.  
Poached Atlantic Salmon - Topped with Lobster Sauce, served with Rice & Vegetable  
All include: Soup of the Day or Salad, French Sticks & Butter Relish tray, Dessert, Coffee or Tea

One of the best Day Trips you will ever be on!  
All for \$75 each U.S., your check made out to: Alfred Pulcino III, 1406 Long Pond Road. 14626, is your reservation.  
Cut Off date May 11, 2002 Don't miss out

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

**Golf Tournament**  
Saturday, June 22, 2002

**Old Hickory G.C.**  
6655 Big Tree road  
Livonia, NY

Open to all Masons and their Friends!

\$37.50 per person  
Limit: 40 reservations  
Deadline: June 12, 2002

+18 Holes of Golf  
+Cart  
+Steak Dinner  
Tee off at 10:00 a.m.

Make checks payable to & send with reservation form to: Dick Topel, 949 Bennington Dr., Rochester, NY 14616  
Please list names, FIRST & LAST of player on separate sheet.

Number in party \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**The Roots of the Ground Hog**

Groundhog Day, February 2nd, is the day when the famed groundhog comes out of his hole after a long Winter's sleep to look for his shadow. If the groundhog sees his shadow, he regards it as an omen of six more weeks of bad weather and returns to his hole. If the day is cloudy and without shadow, he takes it as a sign of Spring, and stays above ground.

The legend of the groundhog traverses centuries, its origins clouded in the mists of time. Myths such as this tie our present to the distant past when nature and weather had a more direct influence on our lives. The groundhog tradition stems from similar beliefs associated with Candlemas Day. The custom of early Christians in Europe was to have the clergy bless candles and distribute them to the people. Even then, it marked a milestone in the Winter and stressed the importance of weather.

According to an old English song:

If Candlemas be fair and bright, Come, Winter, have another flight;

If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, Go Winter, and come not again.

According to an old Scotch couplet:

If Candlemas Day is bright and clear, There'll be twa (two) Winters in the year.

Another variation of the Scottish rhyme:

If Candlemas Day be dry and fair, The hall o'Winter to come and mair.

If Candlemas Day be wet and foul, The half of Winter's gone at Yule.

The Germans recited:

For as the sun shines on Candlemas Day, So far will the snow swirl until the May.

This German passage may be the one most closely represented by the first Punxsutawney Groundhog Day observances, because there were references to the length of shadows in early

**Rochester Forest**  
**No. 133**  
*Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America*  
 4th Wed. - 7:30 p.m.  
 Penfield, New York 14526



Don Brugger, GTC  
 (h) 458-6125, (w) 473-4351  
 Donald C. Bell, Scribe

Our meeting on March 27th, which lasted about an hour, was a productive one. The general comment was, "great meeting, we really got things done".

The records of the Forest appear to be adequate, although some parts are missing and may never be recovered. This unfortunate circumstance resulted from a loss of some things when our previous Scribe moved.

We scheduled a Pot Luck Dinner, with the ladies, for our April 24th meeting. Hopefully this had a favorable outcome. Perhaps this could help get the members out to our monthly meetings if we did this a couple times a year.


Our Schedule for the coming year was ironed out and there was much discussion about our potential new influx of affiliates from Canada. As a result, a letter was sent to our DD with a copy to Supreme Forest. This letter addressed questions about how we handle the financial responsibilities of the SF's transfer of "Members at Large" (remnants of Garden City Forest, Hamilton Ontario, Canada) to our roll.

**Dates**

Our Treasurer (and party person) Paul Kober put together a suggested schedule for the coming year. The adopted schedule is: May 29th - regular meeting, Jun. 26th - Sausage Roast (Camp Smile), Sept. 25th - Steak Roast (Camp Smile), Oct. 23rd - regular meeting, Nov. 27th - Election of Officers, Sat., Dec. 14th - Christmas Party (Valicia's). All of our regular meetings are preceded by a Dutch Treat, restaurant dinner. Please call Paul or myself if you will partake.

**Response**

If you have any suggestions or comments about our schedule, call me; don't be shy. If you would like to go into the elected line in the Forest, with the commitment to serve as Grand Tall Cedar, please let me know by Sept. 30th.



**James A. Hard/**  
**Wayne Charter**  
**Post No. 12**  
 Kenneth Rhodes, Commander  
 621-6051  
 Vance R. Collom, Jr., Adjutant  
 217-9817

On May 11-12 we will be attending the Masonic War Veterans of the State of New York Annual Meeting in Utica. If anyone is interested in going, please let me know. I have reservation forms.

**Installation**

There will be an Open Installation of Officers on May 23rd. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Installation. Refreshments will follow. This is open to all family and friends. Please call me at 265-3932 for dinner reservations.

**Parade**

The Greece Parade is on May 27th and starts at 1 p.m. We must

be at the corner of Kuhn Rd. at 12:15 p.m. We will try to have cars for those that aren't able to march. If anyone has a classic car or convertible we can use, please let me know.

**Important date**

Please mark your calendars for the rededication of the James A. Hard headstone at Mt. Hope Cemetery on July 20th. We will have guests there from all over the state. Lunch will be at the Shrine Center on Bay Road starting at 11:00 a.m. More information will be available next month.

**Picnic**

There will be a picnic at Don McDill's cottage this Summer. You will be notified of the date and time.

**Drivers needed**

The Disabled American Veterans are in desperate need of part-time drivers for the VA Outpatient Clinic on Westfall Road. If you would like to donate a few hours a week, please call Phil Gaberual at 241-2028 or Dean Smith at 586-9298.

At this time I thank our Commander, Kenneth Rhodes, and his officers for all they have done this past year. Thank you, Ken, for a job well done.

**Program Speakers**

(Current List. If you have any other prospects, please let us know.)

**Donald Brugger**  
 "The Masonic Times, a short History and Profile", "Writing for Publication" - (w) 716-473-4351, (h) 716-458-6125.

**Vern Goodrich**  
 "The Masonic Service Bureau", "Financial Planning" - (w) 716-473-4351, (h) 716-377-0367.

**Charles Hancock**  
 Scottish Rite - 716-223-1850.  
**Bruce Horncastle**  
 Roslyn Chapel and Scottish Masonry - 607-347-4680.

**Thomas Michielsen**  
 Taxation, all forms - 352-4531.  
**NY State Trial Lawyers Assoc., Speaker's Bureau**  
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**Grant Romer**  
 "Solomon's Temple", "Masonic Aspects of the Great Pyramid" (w) 716-271-3361, (h) 716-242-0619.

**William Schenke**  
 "55 Alive Program" 716-254-0729.  
**William Zufall**  
 "The Morgan Affair" 716-271-0795.

**Masonic Home Admissions Councilors**  
 William Hook - (716)-671-6452  
 Frank Kelsey - (716)-624-4568

**PRECIOUS MEMORIES WEDDING GOWN FASHION SHOW (1800'S - PRESENT) AND HIGH TEA**  
**MAY 11, 2002**  
**2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.**  
 NOLATKA CHAPTER NO. 320  
 20 SOUTH MAIN STREET CHURCHVILLE, NY  
 ADMISSION \$7.00  
 CONTACT  
 KIM OR WILDA  
 (585) 293-1405  
 OR SUSAN (585) 293-1662

**Monroe District HiLights, O.E.S.**  
 DDGM  
 Rt. Wthy. Barbara Bossert 225-0812



DGL  
 Rt. Wthy. John M. Lenzi 586-7492



By Rt. Wthy. Barbara Spano  
**Grand Matron's Visit**

The Grand Matron's Official Visit is over and the day was beautiful. The Luncheon was so nice, it is always wonderful to see our friends from around the State in a relaxed setting where you can have such great fellowship. The program was fantastic with Wthy. Hildegard DiJames as Mistress of Ceremonies. She said she was very nervous, but if she was, it did not show. Her humor and smile made the afternoon. A great job well done. The centerpieces and favors were lovely.

The evening was another great success, over 200 Sisters, Brothers and friends were there. The dinner was delicious, the conversation happy and everyone seemed to be having a good time. The Tableau in the East was so nice, the Shooting Star, made by Wthy. Debra Leipold, will be going to Grand Sessions in October. The remarks were short and meaningful and very funny at times.

Our Associate Grand Matron is sure that by the end of Rt. Wthy. Neil's year he will love snow, a little. The Grand Matron, being an experienced walker, spoke on the Walk-a-Thon which will be over by the time you read this. Even though she was not soliciting in our District, she certainly gave Rt. Wthy. Neil a run for his money. The Bell Choir from Bethany Presbyterian Church played while we dined, that was very nice. Fidelity Triangle No. 4 did song in motion. All in all, it was a very successful and wonderful evening.

The last Official Visit for our District is May 1st at Henrietta Chapter, 7:30 p.m. Let's all get out for this and support this first time Matron.

Sunday, May 5th, from 11:00 a.m - 2:00 pm. for \$5.00 you can enjoy a Brunch at Webster Chapter. This is sponsored by the West Study Club. Your Associate Matrons have tickets. Family and friends are welcome.

Neil's Amigo's will be meeting on May 15th at Leah Chapter in Hilton at 7:30 p.m. Come out and help us do our duty. We need you.

The District Walk-a-Thon and Picnic will be on June 2nd at Perinton Park. The Walk will begin at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. You are asked to bring a dish to pass and your own table settings. Even if you cannot walk, you can be a sponsor and enjoy the fellowship of the day. I am sure there will be information coming to the Chapters. Directions to the Park: Take 490E, exit at Fairport 31F, just before the canal bridge, turn left onto O'Connor Road and you are there. There is ample parking, very accessible.

June 13th is the Annual Lilac Luncheon in Oriskany and June 14th is an elegant picnic at Webster Lodge.

June 22nd is the combined Homecoming and June 26-28 is the Pilgrimage to Oriskany.

As I have said before, if you give me the information I will be very happy to include open events

from your Chapters in this article. Put it on paper and mail or hand it to me. Until next time, I wish you peace.

**Webster Chapter**  
**No. 171 OES**  
*Card Party and Luncheon*  
**Monday, May 13th**  
 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
**Webster Temple**  
**Donation \$6.00**  
**Reservations - 381-4241**

**Rochester Chapter No. 314**  
*Order of the Eastern Star*  
**First Saturday 7:30 P.M.**  
 Matron  
**Wthy. DIANNE JOHNSON**  
 352-8092  
 Secretary  
**Rt. Wthy. BARBARA MERTENS**  
 482-0994  
 875 East Main Street, 14605

Something to be happy about: the sun is shining, the birds are chirping, and it is not snowing. A hug and hello to the members and friends of Rochester Chapter. The year is moving on and we are keeping busy with the business at hand.

**April**

Our April meeting was filled with decisions and discussion. We will be having a Summoned Meeting in May and it is also Memorial Night. White gowns are in order for this night. Review your Ritual so you will be ready.

**News**

The Worthy Matron visited wish Sisters Gail Caraballo and Anne Deyle and I am sure they enjoyed her visit. Please remember our Sisters who can't get out too often and let them know we are thinking of them. We had a very successful Brown Bag Auction at our last Chapter meeting, it was so much fun. Rt. Wthy. Jim Coleman was with us and he always gets us laughing. Sister Carolyn Dowling will be leaving us at the end of May. We will miss her, she will be moving to Ohio where she will be working at the University. Wthy. Nancy Biggar, sister-in-law of Diana Woodruff, will be a Page at the PA Grand Sessions for the Grand Trustee. Pennsylvania has a Page for each Grand Officer on the floor to fill in if the Grand has to leave her seat. Interesting.

**Coming events**

May 18th is the Chapter Birthday Banquet at Leah Chapter in Hilton. This will be a Pork Roast Dinner. Officers of 2001, no charge and all others, \$5.00.

Camp Polyfil will begin on Father's day, June 16th. Send your "stuffers" to Camp, it is only \$5.00 per "stuffer". It is at Debbie and Karen's, more information will be forthcoming.

There will be a show in the Auditorium at the next meeting so you should get there early.

**Sadness**

Our sympathies to Sue Huff's family on the death of her father. When you have any sickness or distress, please let the Matron or Secretary know.

**Interview**

This month I picked Rt. Wthy. Pearl Smith, who turned 95 in February. She is a 50 year member of Star. She joined Golden Rule Chapter in 1952, she is a 74

year member of her church, and is also a member of the White Shrine, Amaranth, and is at this time a member of Caldron.

Q. What have you most enjoyed in Star?

A. The Ritualistic work and all of the religious aspects. After my husband passed away, Star was there for me and I made so many wonderful friends.

Q. What was the most fun for you in Star?

A. I so enjoyed going through line, it was very busy, but so enjoyable. I worked at Stecher-Traug and every year when Temple Social had the luncheon, I would bring 30 or more fellow employees with me to this lunch. When the Shrine Circus came to town we would make dinner and pies for the workers. It was a lot of work, but we did it together and had so much fun.

Q. What did you find the hardest?

A. Oh, the memorization, and now there are so many more distractions. Years ago Chapter was ladies night out and you were able to spend time trying to memorize, nowadays women are more active in so many things, it is hard to get them to take part, times change and we have to adjust. We cannot go back.

Q. What lessons have you learned from Star?

A. I have learned to be less critical. To give sunshine to people and enjoy them. OES takes care of their own and are very thoughtful especially to the older members. Wthy. Cecil and Wthy. Jean have been so good to me. The best lesson of all is to help one another and be happy and enjoy it.

Q. What would change if you could?

A. I would have more sideliners, more people coming into the Order, the young people are not interested, there are so many things they could be doing like Star and church.

Q. What year were you Deputy?  
 A. 1968, there were 30 Chapters and that meant 30 Official Visits and every Saturday a meeting with Line Officers. We did everything, went to everything and enjoyed every second of it.

Thank you so much, Pearl, for letting me interview you. At 95 years, Rt. Wthy. Pearl is a very active member and can work rings around a lot of us and is always smiling. We can all learn lessons from her. Until next time, I wish you peace.

**NOLATKA Chapter No. 320**  
*Order of the Eastern Star*  
 1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.  
 Matron **Wthy. Alice Hassert**  
 889-4353  
 Patron **Wthy. John M. Lenzi**  
 586-7492  
 Sec. Rt. **Wthy. Carol Wynings**  
 594-4692  
 20 S. Main Street, Churchville, 14428

Our April 2nd meeting featured Sister Anne Mollon, who spoke with us about healthy eating, including the DASH diet - Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension. She distributed a handout which explained that program and included a few recipes. Also, Sister Anne provided internet resources for further information. We especially appreciate programs offered by our own members which deal with their areas of expertise.

Our April 16th meeting was in Ample Form, and we discussed

further plans for the Precious Memories Fashion Show and High Tea to be held on May 11th from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Churchville Lodge. If there are last minute loans of wedding gowns, or volunteers who can model them, please phone Wthy. Susan Drake-Mason at 293-1662. For tickets and reservations, phone Rt. Wthy. Wilda Robinson or Wthy. Kim Morici at 293-1405. This will be a memorable afternoon for mothers, daughters and friends, who are celebrating Mother's Day weekend.

The May 7th meeting will feature a Mother-Daughter-Son Banquet, with dinner and program at 6:00 p.m., meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m.

On May 21st, we celebrate Master Masons Night. Churchville Historian, Ron Belczak, will speak to us and show overhead projections. His title, *By Dawn's Early Light*, is the story of Churchville's patriotic past. He will be discussing Churchville history in the 1800's and will explain the origin of the monument at the cemetery. Masons and their wives, as well as members of the American Legion and Auxiliary, have been invited to this open meeting, celebrating the upcoming Memorial Day.

**OES Plaques for Village of Churchville**

Don't forget to send contributions to Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings for OES Plaques at the entrances to the Village of Churchville. Checks should be made out to Nolatka Chapter No. 320, with a note on the lower left indicating "OES Sign". Signs are \$90.00 each. We hope to get one sign erected this year, and hopefully, one more each year until our goal of all five are mounted.

**Dues reminder and thanks**

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

Gratefully, we acknowledge the donation made to our Chapter by Sister DeMaris Utrich in memory of her mother, DeMaris Girven. Sister DeMaris, who resides in Glenn Allen, VA, is another of our loyal members who lives out of the area and yet supports our Chapter and activities in an on-going fashion. Thank you, again.

**Sunshine**

Sister Kathleen Skelton's husband, Jim, passed away just before Easter. Prior to our April 2nd meeting, our Chapter met at 7:00 p.m. and attended calling hours at the Walker Funeral Home. In addition to Sister Kathleen, our condolences are extended to Rt. Wthy. Susan Huff, Jim's daughter, and to Wthy. Avis Theis, Jim's sister-in-law. Please keep our three Sisters in your prayers during their periods of grief and adjustment.

Sadly, we inform our members of the passing of former Oatka Chapter member, Sister Sarah Page, on April 3rd. Our condolences to her family and friends.

Wthy. Charlie Daycock is recuperating from heart surgery, which was done in early April. We're glad to hear all was successful.

Meanwhile, Wthy. Susan Drake-Mason is recovering from surgery and Wthy. Anita Drake from a cataract operation. Keep those Sisters and our Brother in your prayers.

**Birthdays**

Celebrating birthdays in May will be Sister Gladys Neilsen, Brother Gilbert Ralston, Wthy. Avis Theis and Wthy. Jean Stewart. Although I mentioned Wthy. E. Lucille Mason's birthday occurring in April, actually it's the 24th, I neglected to mention that she was turning a young 96 years old. You may want to send her a card at her new address: The Hurlbut, 1177 E. Henrietta Rd., Rochester, NY 14623.

**Committee**

The Refreshment Committee for May, also responsible for cleaning, is Chaired by Rt. Wthy. Anita Drake. Others on the Committee: Wthy. Susan Drake-Mason, Wthy. Sheila McDonald, Wthy. Sherre Albright, Wthy. Sara Stephens and Sister Diane Drake.

**West Study Club**  
presents  
**Brunch**  
May 5th, 2002  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Webster Masonic Temple  
30 Orchard Street  
Donations \$5.00  
Come one come all!

**Canandaigua/Fenogowone**  
Chap. No. 326 O.E.S.  
2nd & 4th Weds.  
Mat: Wthy. Leslie Smirk  
554-6715  
Sec: Wthy. Shirley Wells  
394-2778  
Shortsville Temple

Well, Spring should be on its way very shortly, and the May flowers should be coming up. Time to think of planting our gardens.

**Official Visit**

I thank our members and the ones from other Chapters who filled in for me at our Official Visit. I was glad to have some of our travelers back with us just in time. The program on the Civil War was well received. It was nice to have with us Grand Officers from Monroe and Wayne Districts to share the evening. Thanks for attending.

**Many years of service**

The DDGM and I were very lucky to hand out Service Pins to some of our members. We have 4 50 year members: Isabelle Ottley, Barbara Ames, Jessie Hibbins, and Myrtle Eskildsen. Isabelle and Jessie were able to be with us. Barbara Ames had planned to be, but was ill.

We have two 40 year members; Kathleen Mott and Ruth Ledgewood. Three 25 year members; Frances Ann Hughes, Linda Page and Eva Holcomb. These members will be receiving their Pins at a later date.

We would have had 2 more members, Katherine Cook and Irene Reed, but these Sisters departed us just before their 50 years. Katherine Cook joined on March 27, 1952 and passed away on February 28, 2002. Irene Reed joined on April 8, 1952 and passed away on January 19, 2002.

We lost another member on April 1st, Martha Knapp.

By the time you receive this newsletter, Rt. Wthy. Shirley Wells will have a new knee. I hope everyone is well.

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

Everyone loves a party, so that is what we will do on May 7th, a Chapter Birthday Party at the Temple. Punch and munchies at 6:00 p.m., Pot Luck at 6:30 p.m., with cake to follow. Munchies and cake will be provided. We will honor our 12 members with more than 50 years of membership as well as W.. Ruth Peck, our 25 year Matron. Please try and come.

On May 13th we will have a Card Party and Luncheon from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You may come for lunch only.

May 21st is Ample Form and Draping of the Altar.

**Looking ahead**

Save June 2nd for the District Picnic and Walk-a-Thon.  
June 13th is the Lilac Luncheon.

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shadow box. Upon receipt of your \$1,000 gift or pledge, we will personalize this plaque with your name or the name you designate. The background image features the famous stained glass window at DeMolay Headquarters and is laser engraved on special anodized aluminum.

Also included in the recognition package is a distinctive 7/8" gold lapel pin that can be worn in place of the medallion.

Engraved on the back of the shadow box is the following famous quote from Dad Land: "Goodness is just a generation away from extinction always, and this movement of DeMolay tries to keep alive in the hearts and minds of its nearly 3 million members that little flame of Love of Country, Love of God, and Love of Humanity. And so I can say to you with all gratitude of Almighty God, that He has blessed this movement as He has..."

"Dad" Frank S. Land, Founder, Order of DeMolay.

**2002 Annual Fund Appeal Goal Announced**

Gregory Klemm, Grand Master of DeMolay International, today announced an aggressive goal of \$434,100 for the 2002 Annual Fund Appeal. "This goal represents a significant increase over 2001 and despite the current economic challenges, I am confident we can achieve our goal. Americans have always responded positively in the face of adversity, and I believe we can count on our loyal supporters from the DeMolay and Masonic communities to achieve our goal - to obtain the funding necessary to provide excellent service to our Chapters and members while innovating new training programs and membership development."

We are pleased to introduce DeMolay who make an outright gift or pledge of \$1,000 to the Annual Fund Appeal. Fellow contributions will enable DeMolay to fund important programs and services necessary to ensure our long-term growth.

Fellows will receive a donor recognition package that includes a custom designed, engraved, limited edition "shadow box" plaque, medallion, and gold lapel pin.

We are pleased to announce that we have already received our first two Fellow gifts from Keith K. Klein, Executive Officer of Indiana and William R. Miller, S.G.I.G. in the State of Washington.

(Courtesy DeMolay Development News)

**In Memoriam**

**March**

**Worden, Berton B.**

Berton entered Eternal Rest on March 15th at the age of 92 years. He was a member of Oatka Lodge No. 759 and leaves a son, 2 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**Davidson, Gordon G.**

The Grand Architect of the Universe claimed Gordon on March 20th at his home in Florida. He was Master of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 in 1973; District Deputy Grand Master in 1978-79; a member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and 2 daughters.

**Bock, Loren O.**

Clio Lodge No. 779 lost a member with the passing of Loren on March 23rd. He leaves his wife, Evelyn, 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**Goebert, Bernard**

Bernard was a member of Sagoyewatha Chapter No. 17 when he passed away on March 28th. Survivors include his wife, Martha, 2 children and 6 grandchildren.

**Girke, Louis R.**

Louis met his Maker on March 30th. He was a member of Northfield Lodge No. 426 and is survived by his daughter, 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**April**

**Birr, Robert J.**

The Supreme Architect called Robert Home on April 2nd. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 and leaves his wife, Dorothy, and 1 daughter.

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

**Miller, Gerald**

Gerry supported the Order of the Eastern Star by being Worthy Patron of Leah Chapter No. 183 six different times. He was also District Grand Lecturer of Monroe District in 1982. He died December 12, 2001 and is survived by his wife, Kay.

**Ruppel, George C.**

George was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 and passed away March 28th.

**Zilinski, Arthur C.**


Arthur was a member of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 at the time of his passing.

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**JUNE 29, 2002**  
FIDELITY TRIANGLE  
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# Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

2002

- Jun. 21, 22 St. John's Day, Utica Campus
- Jun. 22 Open Grotto Golf Tournament - Old Hickory GC
- Jul. 13 Hobert Cook Testimonial Dinner  
Barbagallos Restaurant, East Syracuse
- Jul. 29 Scottish Rite Charity Classic Golf Tournament  
Blue Herron Hills C.C.
- 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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**Auditorium CENTER**

Wed., May 1 - Sun., May 12  
**Aida**  
 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.

Wed., May 29 - Sun., Jun. 2  
**Stars of Tomorrow**  
 All Day

## Lodge Rentals Available

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The Masonic Times will list your Lodge in this space if you desire to offer your facility for rent. Call: 9 - Noon 473-4351.

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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 (Acces.)	2
Canes	115
Commodos	77
Crutches	226
Walkers	188
Wheelchairs	111
Miscellaneous	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>866</b>

May Flower - Lily of the Valley  
 May Gem - Emerald

# Big Calendar May 2002

Deadline for the Masonic Times

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2002 APRIL 2002</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6                      7 8 9 10 11 12 13                      14 15 16 17 18 19 20                      21 22 23 24 25 26 27                      28 29 30</p>	<p>2002 JUNE 2002</p> <p>1                      2 3 4 5 6 7 8                      9 10 11 12 13 14 15                      16 17 18 19 20 21 22                      23 24 25 26 27 28 29</p>		<p>1                      Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Livonia                      Damascus Shrine                      OES - Henrietta</p>	<p>2                      Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Phoenix - Dansville Webster</p>	<p>3                      Spaghetti Dinner Webster Lodge 5-7 p.m., \$6 Adult, \$3 Child 30 Orchard Street</p>	<p>4                      OES - Rochester Chapter                      OES - District Meeting</p>
<p>5                      Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Weds. May 15th &amp; 29th East Ave., Hilton</p> <p>Mothers' Day</p>	<p>6                      Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg                      OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy                      Shrine Lunch Club                      Grand Lodge New York City</p>	<p>7                      Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson Oakland - Castile Warsaw                      OES - Fairport, Monroe, Nolatka, Perry, Webster                      Grand Lodge New York City</p>	<p>8                      Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike                      Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting                      OES - Batavia, Corinthian/Fellowship, Canandaigua/Fenogowone - Shortsville</p>	<p>9                      Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor                      Lalla Rookh Caldron                      RAM - Hiram, MEM</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11                      Masters &amp; Wardens Honeoye Falls 9 a.m.                      Scottish Rite Spring Reunion Banquet</p>
<p>12                      ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield                      RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville                      OES - Mary Jane Holmes, Charlotte                      Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>13                      Arcade Batavia Craftsman/Robertson Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes                      RAM - 3x3, Dansville, Wyoming                      OES - Leah - Hilton</p>	<p>14                      Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Livonia                      Lalla Rookh Grotto                      RSM - Doric Council                      OES - Henrietta</p>	<p>15                      Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster                      Scottish Rite - Election &amp; Installation                      RAM - Western Star</p>	<p>16                      Joint Investiture Rochester Temple Dinner 6:15 p.m. Ceremony 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>17                      KT - Sagoyewatha Comm. Phelps, 9 a.m.                      Eagle Valley Chicken Bar-B-Q 4 p.m.                      Armed Forces Day</p>	
<p>19                      O/S/Y District Memorial Service, Canandaigua 2 p.m.                      Triluminar Lodge Pancake Breakfast Pike - 8 - 11 a.m.                      Communion Breakfast Phoenix - Dansville 7:30 a.m.</p>	<p>20                      Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg                      Livingston Dist. Meeting Dansville                      KT - Cyrene/Monroe                      OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy                      Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>21                      Charlotte Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson Oakland - Castile Warsaw                      OES - Fairport, Monroe, Nolatka, Perry</p>	<p>22                      Churchville Milnor - Victor Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike                      OES - Batavia, Corinthian/Fellowship, Canandaigua/Fenogowone - Shortsville</p>	<p>23                      Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor                      RAM - Hiram, HRA                      KT - Batavia Commandery</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27                      Mt. Vernon - Java Village                      RSM - Nundawaga Cncl., I                      OES - Charlotte                      Memorial Day Observed</p>	<p>28                      Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Valley/Simes                      OES - Leah - Hilton</p>	<p>29                      O/S/Y Investiture Service Garoga/Sincerity Lodge 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>30                       Memorial Day</p>	<p>31                       Let's We Forget</p>	