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Over 900 Children Videotaped

By John E. Dyer, Committee member

By now all of you have heard of our Child ID Program. Now it is time to tell you of some of our successes this past year. It has been an outstanding year that began last June.

The year started with an idea that soon quickly became reality. Generous donations from Eto-lian and Charlotte/Corinthian enabled us to purchase all the equipment and supplies needed to start the Program. Through the next 12 months we received over one thousand dollars in additional donations from other Lodges and Concordant Bodies, as well as individual donations from our Brothers.

Raising funds for the Program was work, the reward was the children. In our first year we, as a District, completed 12 events for a total of 910 children videotaped. The events ranged from a one-day session at a day care center to major festivals such as Canal Days in Spencerport and Fairport, the Lilac Festival and the Hilton Apple Fest. We have worked together with the Jaycees, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, day care workers, several police departments and, of course, the many friends, family members and Brothers who have worked so hard to make this Program so successful.

I want to call your attention specifically to the 2002 Hilton Apple Fest, sponsored by Clio Lodge. The weekend of October 5th and 6th, Clio Lodge videotaped 205 children in two days. Not only is this a new District record, but they have shattered any expectations that we ever had for a two day event. Our congratulations and my deepest thanks go out to Master Gordon Smith and the Brothers and friends from Clio Lodge.

As well as the support of our Lodges and Concordant Bodies, I also wish to thank Eastman Kodak Company for their donation of 500 dollars from the Dol-

lars-for-Doers Program, and Wegman's for donating 6000 tapes for our use, and another 11,000 tapes to the Grand Lodge Program.

Thank you all for your time and donations, and with your continued support we will continue to make this Program as successful as in the last year. If you want more information about the Program, refer to the District website, www.monroemasonic.com, or feel free to contact a member of the Committee. □

Excitement Builds for Grand Master's Class

All 3 Degrees on March 29th
No Memorization Required

Enthusiasm and anticipation has been growing rapidly throughout the State in preparation for the first Grand Master's One-Day Class in more than one hundred years. Planners have been working for months establishing details for the event.

In short, new candidates will receive all three Masonic Degrees in one day, with no memorization required between Degrees.

All candidates must petition a regular Lodge, be investigated and approved by ballot in the usual manner.

**Completion of Degrees
for Long-Standing EAs & FCs
Goal of One-Day Class**

One of the objectives of the Grand Master's One-Day Class is to give existing Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts the opportunity to complete their work.

Virtually every Lodge has a number of these candidates who have begun their journey to become a Master Mason, but for a variety of reasons, have not completed their Degree work.

The elimination of the memorization requirements is one powerful reason for them to finish their Degrees at this time.

Grand Master Carl J. Fitje has urged Lodges to contact these individuals and encourage them to complete the work.

**The One-Day Class
is "Perfect" for...**

Sons, grandsons, nephews of Masons, who simply have never decided to join, although strongly encouraged by a family member.

Individuals who, because of work or family commitments, have just never had time to join in the traditional manner.

Men, who have feared the memorization requirements, which have been waived for this class.

**Candidates to Have Mentors
During One-Day Class**

Each candidate during the One-Day Class will have a mentor assigned to him, to be with him and help him all day. The mentors will assist in several parts of the Ritual work and will serve as a friend and companion.

Depending on the number of candidates in the One-Day Class, seating for visitors may be limited at some of the locations.

Obviously, the candidates and the assigned mentors will be given first priority for seating. □



EDICT

To: All Grand Lodge Officers, Permanent members, and to the Masters, Wardens and Brethren of every Lodge in the State of New York.

In a concerted effort with the Grand Lecturer, Custodians of the Work, and the Assistant Grand Lecturers, I, the Most Worshipful Carl J. Fitje, pronounce the following EDICT, which I order to be read in every Lodge and District throughout the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of F & AM of the State of New York.

Whereas, pursuant to my authority under Section 114 of the Constitutions, I establish, by means of this EDICT, the following compulsory program to take effect the day after the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in May, 2003.

First, annually, each Lodge, employing its own Officers and Brethren, shall confer at least one Masonic Degree in its entirety, either upon a candidate or an exemplar to be observed by the Grand Lecturer, Assistant Grand Lecturer, or another designee appointed by the Grand Lecturer.

Second, each Lodge shall choose the Masonic Degree it will perform, and in each succeeding year the Lodge will confer a different Masonic Degree, so that the Lodge shall have exhibited its proficiency in all three Masonic Degrees within each three year period.

Third, the attending Assistant Grand Lecturer, shall not participate in, or critique the Masonic Degree; but will report in detail his observations, evaluation and recommendations, in a written Report addressed to the Grand Master no later than April 30th of each year.

Fourth, the Worshipful Master of each Lodge, following his election and installation, but no later than September 1st of each year, shall consult with the Assistant Grand Lecturer, to schedule a mutually acceptable date for the presentation of his Lodge's Work.

Furthermore, should the Master of a Lodge request assistance and/or training for his officers in preparation for the said display of proficiency, the Assistant Grand Lecturer shall endeavor to fulfill the Master's request with suitable training and rehearsals.

In addition, the Grand Lecturer in keeping with Section 123 of the Constitutions shall continue to hold annual conventions for the exemplification of the Standard Work in all of the Masonic Districts in the State, which remains in force as originally approved by Grand Lodge.

Witness my hand and private seal the day and year first above written.

Carl Jon Fitje, Grand Master □

Hawaiian Cruise Raises Over \$12,000 for Service Bureau

By Skip Waterstreet

The photograph on page 2 shows the 60 voyagers, under the auspices of the Masonic Service Bureau, who embarked on a 19-day cruise and land tour to the Hawaiian Islands. Everyone arrived in Seattle for an overnight hotel stay. A bus tour of the area completed day two.

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55 Alive Safe Driving Courses

The A.A.R.P. conducts Safe Driving Courses by request to groups from 15 to 35 people. Many have asked when these courses will be given in their areas. Included below are the names of area coordinators who will assist you in either setting up a course or directing you to Courses planned in your area.

These Courses usually are reserved for people 50 years of age or over. If you have any question about eligibility, ask the coordinator in your area.

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1-888-227-7669. □

Interfaith Service and Brunch

By Linda Zahn, Chairperson

Last call for tickets! Reservations must be in by Wednesday, October 30th. No tickets will be sold at the door. They may be obtained from your Lodge Master, Chapter Secretary or by calling the Service Bureau Office. Once again, I remind you that the Grand Master, Grand Patron and many other Grand Officers from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter will be in attendance and will be taking part in the Service.

Come and support this very important event. You will be richly rewarded by the experience. □

March 29, 2003

By R. W. Vern Goodrich

Is your Lodge or Concordant organization aggressively looking for new candidates? Every Lodge should have a goal of 20% of your membership. If you have one hundred-fifty members, your goal should be 30 new candidates. Impossible? No!

Has your membership been declining? In one day you can reverse that. You can achieve what you can believe. Think positive. "The difficult jobs you can do immediately, the impossible just take a little longer."

I have many petitions available from my Lodge. I even have generic petitions, or ask your Lodge Secretary for several petitions. March 29th is coming, will you and your Lodge be ready? The Shrine, Consistory and Royal Arch all stand ready to help by supplying mentors. Charge!! □

Masons Raise Over \$1000 in Lakeside Foundation's "Final Round of Golf"

By Don Brugger

It was a brisk Columbus Day morning (36°) when 32 Masonic golfers took to the links in the Annual Lakeside Foundation F.R.O.G. at Twin Hills. This year there was even a foursome of Masonic Ladies participating.

It is projected that the final amount will be about \$1230 for this year; more on that next month.

We would like to thank the merchants and businesses who donated prizes this year. They include: Sentry Safe Corp., Kaiser-Wilcox Corp., Sheard's Gun Shop, Bergen Family Chiropractic, Advance Auto Parts, Greg's Bakery, Rainbow Pets, Dale Fisher's Service, Village Donuts, Rose Garden Bowl and Chark's Glass.

The winners are as follows:

Low Gross - Joe Olsouski

Low Net - Ruel Lovett

Longest Drive - Jim Powell

Team Low Gross:

Don Brugger

Gary Cornelius

Terry Moretti

Bill Miller

Team Low Net:

Ruel Lovett

Tom Sardou

Joe Olsouski

Mike Lovett

Ladies Low Gross - Sally Blier

Ladies Low Net - Jean Knubloch

We expect to take to the links again next Columbus Day at Twin Hills, October 13, 8:00 am. □

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger
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Attention submitters!

In one article, submitted for this issue, the author apologizes for incorrect dates listed the previous month. He explained that this situation occurred because dates had been changed after the article had been submitted. **Please!** if there is any change in your article after submitting it, call the *Times* office. Changes will be accepted up to the time the paper is sent to the printer. The paper usually goes to press 10 to 12 days after the deadline. After that, no changes can be made.

Each new author (person responsible for submitting articles to the *Masonic Times*) should have received an instruction sheet labeled "Masonic Times Submission Hints." This sheet lists suggested guidelines which, if adhered to, will make the processing of articles easier for our Staff. If you are the person submitting articles for your organization and did not receive one of these sheets, please let us know.

Errata

I must apologize for the omission of an announcement of M.Why. Neil Laundry's Reception in the Eastern Star District News. If there is an event that has area-wide significance, send us this information on a separate sheet of paper so that we can give it proper treatment. The members of the *Times* Staff, although active in many Masonic Bodies, do not have intimate knowledge of all upcoming events. We try our best to glean these from the articles submitted, but it would be far better for you to highlight them separately.

The names of George Whitfield and Bing Reaves, Sr., under the double-column picture of the Buffalo Soldiers with M.: W.: Carl J. Smith, on the bottom of page 13 of the October issue, were reversed. Our apologies to these Brothers.

Comments solicited

In the last issue I asked for comments on content; no takers. I asked if any were interested in a seminar on writing; no takers. Both are still open for discussion.

The *Times* Staff wishes all a bountiful Thanksgiving and a Happy Hanukkah.

Friends are companions on a journey, who ought to aid each other to persevere in the road to a happier life.
Pathagoras

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Hawaii!

After nearly 3 weeks of absence, it is good to get back(?). It was fun organizing and leading 60 persons on a 19-day tour to Hawaii. There were 2 groups leaving on the same tour from Rochester, the Masonic Service Bureau group of 60 and a church group of 77 people.

We were divided on 3 different planes enroute to Seattle. The next day we had an interesting tour of Seattle and the following day we took buses to Vancouver, where we boarded the Carnival ship "Spirit." The next 5 days were at sea and the next 7 days were spent touring the Islands using the ship as our hotel. We then left the ship and stayed at a hotel at Waikiki Beach for 4 nights before our very tiring "red-eye" flight home from Honolulu.

Many enjoyed the beaches, sight-seeing the Islands, either by bus or helicopter, shopping, luaus, Don Ho, snorkeling, etc.

Overall it was a fabulous trip and at the same time, we made over \$12,000 for the Service Bureau. While we were in Honolulu, 14 of us participated in a tour of the Shriner's Hospital for Children. It is amazing how great a job the 22 Shrine Hospitals around the country do for the children.

LIBRARY NOTES

Mike McCullough, Librarian

Sarachan Library Notes

By Ruel Lovett

We have several copies of books for sale, courtesy of Fingerlakes Chapter of the Philalethes Society. They include:

- "Is it True What They Say About Freemasonry" by Art deHoyos and S. Brent Morris, 1997, for \$4.00.

- "The Search for Leadership" by Allen E. Roberts, for \$8.00.

- "Key to Freemasonry's Growth" by Allen E. Roberts for \$5.00.

There are over 1200 items in the Library, adjacent to the Service Bureau Office on the 3rd floor of the Downtown Temple. Stop in and check one out for your continuing Masonic education (between 9:00 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday.)

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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.

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The Masonic Service Bureau-sponsored cruise attendees gathered on this elaborate staircase in the atrium of the Carnival Cruise Lines ship "Spirit" for a group photo. More on page 13.

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Your Legal Rights FYI
By Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.



Last month I drew an example of the dad who gets pulled over by the police. This dad was driving his son's car, who unbeknownst to him, was keeping marijuana and a gun in the trunk of the car. Our dad, as was his right to do, refused to allow the officer to search the car, unless he had a search warrant allowing him to do so. In that example, the officer decided against searching the car, opting instead to ticket the dad for speeding, and allowing him to go on his way.

Let's change the example I gave ever so slightly. This time, the dad consents to the officer searching the car without the warrant. The officer finds the marijuana and gun in the trunk of the car. Dad gets arrested for possession of these items. Possessing marijuana and an unregistered handgun, are both illegal.

Consent

By agreeing to allow the officer to search the vehicle, without a warrant, dad can't be heard now to complain that his constitutional rights were violated. Dad's consent wasn't coerced out of him by the officer. It was voluntarily given. The officer had probable cause to pull over the car because dad was speeding. What was found in the car can be used to prosecute the dad in court.

Dad loves his son, but he "ain't" doing time for him. Dad tells the officer that the car belongs to his son, who is home from college for the week. Neither the package containing the marijuana nor the pistol contain dad's fingerprints. The police decide to question the son, and soon an investigator drives over to the house to speak with the son. Son is home. The investigator asks the son if he could answer a few questions about his car which the police found. This encounter can go one of two ways. The son has a constitutional right to refuse to talk to the police.

Before the officer can say anything else, the son decides instead to spare his father and admits to the officer that the gun and marijuana are his. By spontaneously admitting his fault, the son has waived his right to remain silent. His admission to the investigator can be used to prosecute him.

Let's change this example ever so slightly. Son knows that what he says can be used against him. Instead, he tells the investigator... "no, there is nothing I want to talk to you about." Of

course this will set off alarm bells inside the investigator's head. The investigator knows that the car is registered to the son and that marijuana and a gun were found inside it. He has a well founded suspicion that the son is involved in criminal activity. The investigator asks the son to step outside. The son complies (even though he doesn't have to). The son is taken into custody and brought to police headquarters for further study.

To be continued. □

EMESSAY NOTES

Flooding in Czech Republic

The Grand Lodge of the Czech Republic suffered extensive damage during the August flooding. Especially hard hit was the library which contained handwritten documents, lodge minute books, membership files, and numerous unique documents, covering the periods 1919-1939 (1st Czechoslovak Republic), 1939-1945 (London - Grand Lodge of Czech Republic in exile), and the (secret) archives of the clandestine survival of Czechoslovak Masonry during the Nazi and Communist regimes until 1989.

The records have been salvaged and are being treated until they can be restored; a very costly process. Those who might wish to financially assist this restoration may do so by bank transfer as follows: Bank CSOB Account #01-68496280/0300 Velika Loze Ceske' Republiky S.W.I.F.T. CEKO CZ PP Reference: Prague Floods.

Walter P. Chrysler

Walter P. Chrysler was born April 2, 1875, at Wamego, Kansas. Beginning as a machinist's apprentice with the Chicago & Great Western R.R., he later held high positions with Buick, General Motors, Willys-Overland, Maxwell and was Chairman of the Board of the Chrysler Corp. He died August 18, 1940.

Bro. Chrysler was raised September 7, 1900 in Apollo Lodge No. 297 at Ellis, Kansas. On December 6, 1918 he demitted from Apollo Lodge and affiliated as a Charter Member with the newly organized Fellowship Lodge No. 490 in Flint, Michigan; it was given dispensation to operate on January 27, 1919. He also received the 32nd Degree and was a Shriner. (Source: Philatelic Freemason, July-August 2002)

Square and Compass Brand

In the 1850's two fellows, Phillip H. Poindexter and William C. Orr, got together in the northern part of California and

formed a partnership that lasted for life.

They came to what is now Montana and became permanent settlers around present day Dillon in what was then Idaho territory. The main or home ranch was on Blacktail Deer Creek. Their brand was the square and compass.


Montana became a territory in 1864 and the square and compass brand is claimed to be the first brand registered in Montana Territory.

Poindexter and Orr were Masons and also members of the York Rite Bodies in Dillon. They both were charter members of Bannack Lodge No. 16 when it was chartered in 1871. Poindexter was the treasurer, Orr was a member. They were charter members of Dillon Lodge No. 30 when it was chartered in 1884. Orr was the Senior Warden.

(Source: Article by Dean H. Lindahl, PGS, Grand Lodge of Montana)

The square and compass brand has now been registered with the Livestock Department as an Ornamental Brand by the Grand Lodge of Montana. It was the first registered brand in Montana and the brand of the P&O Ranch, owned by Charter Members of the original Bannack Lodge No. 16, who were later Past Masters of Dillon Lodge No. 30. The certificate for the Brand will be presented to the Grand Lodge at the 2002 Grand Communication in Red Lodge.

During the 2002 Grand Lodge of Montana Session the brand was used as a fund raiser to help restore and preserve the Masonic Apron owned by Meriwether Lewis of Lewis and Clark fame. (Source: Grand Lodge of Montana) □



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The minutes from our last meeting will be sent out a little late as our Adjutant, Vance Collom, is on a 19-day cruise. He will send them out on his return.

At our last meeting, Frank Jansson presented the Post with a Canadian Flag. This was a gift from Rochester Chapter No. 314, OES. We thank them very much for their donation to our Post and will proudly display the flag at our meetings.

There will not be a meeting in November due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

November activities

There will be a Dedication at 11:00 a.m. on November 2nd of a Monument erected in White Haven Memorial Park. It honors all who served our community as Firefighters, Rescue Personal, Police Officers, Veterans and current members of the U.S. Military. If you would like to attend, please call me at 265-3932.

On November 3rd, the Color Guard will present the Colors at the Interfaith Service and Brunch at Logan's Party House on Scottsville Road. The Service will start at 10:00 a.m., with Brunch at 11:00 a.m. I still have tickets if you need them. Remember, this event is open to all.

November 11th is Veteran's Day; dedication at the War Memorial and the Ladies are invited.

December events

Just a reminder of a couple of events coming up in December. On December 7th will be the throwing of the wreath by the Veterans of Pearl Harbor at the Coast Guard Station in Irondequoit.

Our Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 14th, starting with a Roast Pork Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will follow.

Sickness

Jim Spencer isn't feeling well. You can extend some cheer by giving him a call at 227-2419.

Our newest member, Charles White, has just had another stent inserted. He may be reached at 742-3537. The Masonic War Veterans wish both of them a speedy recovery.

Please remember to take time to stop and smell the roses. □

Ask Angie
About the Masonic Home



Dear Angie:

Q: What are the levels of care available on the Masonic Campus?

A: There are three levels available on the Masonic Campus: Acacia Village is independent living for active seniors; Wiley Hall offers adult care for residents with moderate health needs (available only to New York State Masons, wives or widows of New York State Masons and residents of Acacia Village); and the Masonic Home offers Nursing Care for persons who require assistance with activities of daily living.

For additional information on Acacia Village, contact Cindy Dardano at 800-593-3353 or for information on Wiley Hall and the Health Facility, call Marilu Pacific in the Social Services Department at 800-322-8826. Visit our website at www.masonichomeny.org. □

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By Richard Kessler

We have started another year of bowling at the Viking Valhalla Restaurant (Rose Garden Lanes) in Bergen.

If you are free Tuesday afternoons, we would like to have you join us for bowling, friendship and good coffee. We bowl three games and start at 1:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.


For additional information, call me at 594-9270 or the Secretary, John Specht, at 548-2694. □

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We are excited in the OSY District with the number of Lodges that are at various stages of Degree work. If you find that assistance is needed with any aspects of presenting Degrees, be sure to contact your District leaders. There are Brothers ready and willing to step forward. You are again reminded of the March 29th Grand Master's One-Day Class being planned and you are encouraged to work at processing petitions for that event.

Apron Presentations

On Friday, October 4th, District Apron Presentations were made. Thank you to R.W. James Rice of Rushville Lodge for serving as Master of Ceremonies. In addition to the acknowledgment of myself as DDGM and R.W. William Colin as Grand Sword Bearer, W. Samuel Sedam of Dundee Lodge and W. Robert Geraughty of Pocahontas Lodge, were publicly presented with their Dedicated Service Award Aprons. R.W. James Rice was presented with a Re-Member the Blue Lodge Medallion for his efforts. The Annual Presentation of the District E. Platt Soper Award was made to R.W. Donald Dill of Farmerville/Union Lodge. Congratulations to these Brothers.

The speaker for the evening was Ill. Charles Hancock, 33°. He challenged us to be aware of the responsibilities of service to the Fraternity.

November dates

During November, I expect to conclude my Official Visits. I am thus far encouraged with the work of the Lodges. Keep it up! On November 9th the OSY Association meeting will be held at Seneca Lake Lodge in Dresden with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. I hope to see more Lodges represented.

On November 15th, the District's Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held at Pocahontas Lodge with dinner scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Reservations are a must. Lodges are challenged to have the necessary officers in attendance to qualify for the Potts Award.

It may seem far away, but plans are being put into motion for the first OSY District Surviving Spouse Luncheon to be held on April 12, 2003. All District Lodges are invited to participate in this first time venture. This is not meant to replace any like activity which individual Lodges may plan.

In closing, my Brothers, I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to again serve you as District Deputy. Both R.W. William Colin, Grand Sword Bearer and I, along with District Team Chairs, remain ready to help you and the Lodges in anyway we can.

From R.W. William Colin
GSB

I will be starting my visits in November as follows:

Dundee - 12th
Fayette - 13th
John Hodge - 18th
Eagle - 26th.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be on November 15th at Pocahontas Lodge, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. I hope to see the officers of all the Lodges in attendance.

Our next OSY Association Meeting will be on Saturday, November 9th, at Seneca Lake Lodge, beginning with breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

We will be holding a Road to the East Program. The dates will be announced at a later time, as there is a conflict with Grand Lodge Programs on originally scheduled dates.

The Traveling Gavel has been at Geneva Lodge for a couple of months. It is time that another Lodge in the District went and got it!

Canandaigua Lodge No. 294

1st & 3rd Mon.



Master
W. Ed Hall
289-3395

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

Greetings Brothers. On October 5th, we held a Chicken BBQ at the first annual Shortsville Festival with the proceeds to be donated to the Red Jacket Library. I am pleased to announce that we will be giving the Library a check for \$200.00. My thanks to all who helped in this endeavor.

November 4th is the Official Visit of our District Deputy Grand Master. Let's have a good turnout to hear his message. There will be a dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Steak Out Restaurant.

Save this date: December 21st. It will be our 2nd Annual Breakfast with Santa. The cost will be \$3.00 for everyone 10-years-old or older. The menu will be Pancakes, Sausage, Juice and Coffee. There will be gifts for the children, same as last year.

Milnor

Lodge No. 139

2nd & 4th
Thurs.



Master
R.W. Eldon
N. White
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21 Maple Ave., Victor, NY

Events

November 7th is Brother Bring-a-Friend Night at 6:30 p.m. A light meal will be served.

On November 14th, we will have a regular communication. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., with communication at 7:30 p.m. The Program will be the Scottish Rite, with Robert D. Pedersen of the Rochester Consistory speaking.

There will be no communication on November 28th, a day of Thanksgiving.

From the Scribe

The Worshipful Master, Eldon White, intends to have a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on November 7th at 6:30 p.m. If you have a friend you would like to bring, please call Eldon at 924-1603 for reservations. Brothers and friends are encouraged to bring family members, also.

Work on our DeWitt Clinton Award presentation is in process. It will not be held in November as noted before. A recipient has

been selected and the where and when is being discussed. We are thinking about a March date.

The Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Clayton R. Ruggles, and the Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge, R.W. William L. Colin, was the forum for our last communication. R.W. Donald Dill accompanied them. Thank you to the Brothers who provided our meal of Venison Goulash.

From the West

Brothers, it is great to see so many of you in Lodge. Our meetings have been well attended and the programs nicely presented. Once again things are looking good for this year as we have a petitioner and good prospects for several more. It looks as though we will have multiple candidates this year.

Remember, we will have a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on November 7th. Please try to bring a worthy friend, relative or son. It is up to us to make this Lodge succeed, for as M.W. Carl J. Fitje, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, said in his address: "There is no room in this Fraternity for inactive Lodges or Districts. Neither Grand Lodge or anyone else is going to do our work for us."

Let us pray for God's guidance and support and in God's will may we work together to make Milnor Lodge a strong, growing and energetic part of our community.

District Deputy Grand Master



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

November Official Visits

The Official Visits for the month of November start with Craftsman Robertson Lodge on Tuesday, November 5th, Election Day. On Monday, November 11th, we will be visiting Etolian Lodge in Spencerport and on the next evening, November 12th, we will be visiting Monroe Lodge in Brockport.

It has been an exciting start to the Masonic year. R.W. Derek VanHouten, GSB, and I have had a great time meeting with the Lodges during our Official Visits. We hope that the Brethren have gained insight into Grand Master Fitje's Message and our interpretation of it.

Beacon Project

One of the Grand Master's programs is the Beacon Project. The Grand Lodge of Michigan developed this Program several years ago. The focus of the Program is Masons doing volunteer work in local schools. The Grand Master is looking to log over 100,000 hours in the next two years. The basics of the program are that a Mason, or a group of Masons, volunteers for any activities. If the opportunity exists, the Mason or Masons determine what their involvement is to be and coordinate the activity with the responsible school official. The logging of volunteer hours is done through a form available to the Lodges from me. I will be sending the complete program description to Lodge Masters in the coming weeks. If there are questions after receiving the

booklet, contact R.W. William Lindsay, PDDGM, who is the regional coordinator for the project.

The Non-Mason

Every day each of us comes in contact with men who are not Masons. In our daily contacts we must always follow the injunctions of the Craft to treat all men with sincere friendship and brotherly love. If each of us always acts as a Mason should then discussing Freemasonry with men who are not Masons becomes easier.

In today's society most men do not know anything about our Craft and may never have heard of it. If the topic of Freemasonry comes up in conversation, it is appropriate to discuss the history of the Fraternity, its basic tenets, and the nature of your Lodge. There are many brochures that can be used for reference, such as "Who Are the Masons?", available through Grand Lodge, or "What's A Mason?", available from the Masonic Service Association or the Masonic Service Bureau. In the conversation it is important that the needs of the non-Mason should be probed. In doing this you can determine if the gentleman would be interested in becoming a member of the Craft.

The Constitutions

Your attention is directed to the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. Every Lodge has a copy, or should have one. It is important that the Master and Officers of a Lodge become familiar with the Constitutions. In this document, section 121 describes the duties and responsibilities of the District Deputy Grand Master. Section 300 and its subsections cover the duties and responsibilities of a Lodge and its Officers. At his installation, every Master is charged with making sure the members of his Lodge are familiar with the Constitutions. Various sections of the Constitutions could be used as the basis for very informative Lodge programs.

I have asked a certain question in several of the Lodges this Fall. If you don't know the question and I have visited your Lodge, ask a member of Clio or Webster Lodge. If I haven't visited your Lodge yet, just wait and I will ask the question. Oh, I am not ready to give anyone the answer yet. Watch for the January issue of the *Times* and, if I remember, I will divulge the answer. Intriguing, isn't it, that here is a paragraph without any information, just a mystery?

One last thing, the Junior Grand Warden has received a challenge that involves our District. The challenge is for this District to supply two Brothers to man the Child ID booth at next year's State Fair. The challenge came from the Senior Grand Warden for all the Districts in the State to man the Child ID booth for one day. We will be working to see that the Monroe District meets the challenge. In return, we should be thinking of a challenge for the other areas of the State. Let me know if you have any suggestions.

I wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving Day and hope everyone is starting to get ready for December and all that it has to offer.

True friendship that I have conceived will not be impaired by absence, but it may be no unpleasing circumstance to brighten the chain by renewal of the covenant. *George Washington*

Grand Sword Bearer



Monroe
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Sometimes in our busy day to day life we forget that we are only mortals and we sometimes lose sight of this until the good Lord lets us know that this life is not a permanent position. I thank all my Brothers and ladies who wrote me a note, called or spoke with the Man upstairs on my behalf during an unexpected situation that developed during the last week in September, when a blood clot decided to seek haven in my lung. My doctor expects a full recovery.

Official Visits for November

Our Official Visits are almost half over and it's been a pleasure to get out and be amongst the Brethren and break bread with them. We have both learned from each other. The expected visits for November are: Craftsman Robertson, 5th; Etolian, 11th; and Monroe, the 12th. We look forward to meeting and greeting each of you. The Grand Master's Message is important to every Mason in the District, as it lays out the official plan of your Grand Lodge. Our DDGM and I have enjoyed the opportunity to visit with you and sit in your Lodges this year.

Communication

There are some out there in the District who probably don't read the *Masonic Times* and that is a shame, because the *Times* is truly a treasure to be studied and sought after. There is a richness of articles both in content and scope that fills out our reason for being Masons. One can learn, if one takes the time to read each article, what each Lodge is doing, what Concordant Bodies are doing, what social events are being planned, and the great meals that are to be served at various venues around the District.

It's paramount that each Master or those in leadership make sure that each month an article of some type be submitted to the *Times*. As one writer indicated, those who live outside our area enjoy and really look forward to receiving the *Masonic Times* to keep abreast of goings on at home. Please, Brothers, let them know through the written word how your Lodge is doing. For those who served in the armed forces, mail call was always anticipated. Think of the *Masonic Times* as your mail call. Pass the word to do your best to be part of it.

Thanksgiving

As we sit down around our various tables with family and friends this year, even though the world situation is in a state of uncertainty, it's important to realize that we, as members of the Masonic Fraternity, enjoy a relative calmness in the events that surround us. It's been heard from others, that if more of the world practiced the ideals of Masonry many of the current problems which mankind faces could be reduced.

Let me leave you with this, "Within me is infinite power, before me is endless possibility. Around me is boundless opportunity, why should I fear?"

Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.



President
W. Michael McBride
663-4636
Secretary
Raymond G. Glegg
223-3433

Hello again. I would like to thank Northfield Lodge for their hospitality at our last meeting. I had my gavel and the meeting went quicker.

Grand Lodge trip

Right after our next meeting (listed below), we will start planning for our trip to Grand Lodge in 2003. Cliff Short and Gary Sanford have provided some scenarios and will be asking for input from all Masters of Lodges. Call me for copies of any information or check the website, newyorkcity.com and click on the *Attractions, Hotels* and/or *Visitors' Guide* buttons. We would like to go as a "Unified Body," if possible, so please make every effort to be there.

Ronald McDonald House

I will continue to put this request for help for the "Have-a-Heart" Campaign in my article. We need your help to fill time slots between Saturday, February 1st at 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. (daily) through Friday, February 14th at 6:00 p.m. Call Dean Smith (JoAnn) at 586-9298 for Eastview Mall, Karl-Heinz Reich (Trudy) at 426-6836 for Greece-Ridge Mall and Mike McBride (Jean) at 663-4636 for Marketplace Mall. We can also use Concordant Bodies as well as youth groups and non-Masons. Please help!

Monroe District Website

John Dyer still needs more input from individual Lodges for the website. Please call (733-1743) or e-mail him with your information at john.dyer@kodak.com.

Presentation

Bob Hill, Admissions Councilor for the Masonic Home in Utica, is planning a presentation. More information will follow.

Upcoming events

October 29th - Grand Lecturer's Convention at Fairport/Flower City Lodge. The evening's activities include a Steak Dinner and a demonstration of the 1st Degree (call for reservations). Try for the "Potts Award" (seven top officers)! Dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

November 3rd - The 61st Interfaith Service and Brunch, 10:00 a.m. at Logan's Party House. The 2002 Distinguished Community Service Recipient is Bonnie Vahey, the Executive Director of the Ronald McDonald House. Many of us have already met her through our Annual "Have-a-Heart" Campaign. Please let her know we care by your attendance. Call Moe Schirano (Joyce) for more information, 265-3932.

November 9th - Masters and Wardens Meeting, Craftsman/Robertson Lodge, 9:00 a.m.

December 14th - Masters and Wardens Meeting, Webster Lodge, 9:00 a.m.

March 29th, 2003 - Grand Master's One-Day Class. A District-wide Brother Bring-a-Friend Program is also being planned. More information will follow on both of these events.

Elder Wear

From November 18th, 2002 to January 31st, 2003, there will be an on-going program to assist Elder Wear. Lew Perna asked for help

from each Lodge. Please appoint someone from your Lodge to coordinate your efforts and have him contact Lew at 334-8265 as soon as possible. Let's help keep this program a success! They are also looking for Corporate Sponsors.

E-mail address change

Please change your address book to my new e-mail address: michael_mcbride@nexpress.com.

I hope to see our meetings filled with all Sr. Deacons, Jr. and Sr. Wardens and current Masters, as well as members of the District Leadership Team and anyone else interested in attending. □

District Wide Brother Bring-a-Friend Night

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Webster Lodge No. 538

30 Orchard Street

Webster, NY

January 25, 2003

7:30 p.m.

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R.W. Keith Stambach
865-7416



V.W. John Dyer
733-1743

The Grand Lecturer's Convention is coming on Tuesday, October 29th at Fairport/Flower City Lodge. Every effort should be made to have the top seven officers of your Lodge attend this event. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with the Grand Lecturer and to find out about some of the new changes which are coming out soon.

By having your top seven present, your Lodge becomes eligible for the Howard Potts Award. This Award will be presented to your Master at Grand Lodge in May. To be eligible you must have ALL of your top seven officers, who have been duly elected, appointed and installed. If some of your officers have not been installed, do it now, before the Convention.

The work for the night is the first section of the 1st Degree. The Ritual will be conferred by Wakan/Hubbard and Craftsman/Robertson Lodges. A Steak Dinner will be provided before the Convention. Contact me for reservations.

Other upcoming events

Monday, January 29th, at Northfield Lodge - Walkabout, 3rd Degree Lecture.

Monday, March 31st, at Etolian Lodge - Installation of Officers. □

Web Site

www.monroemasonic.com

By John E. Dyer

Our District has a new look to our website, and some new content. One of our goals was to have our site registered with Grand Lodge, and this has been accomplished. Our District site will now be listed on the District page at the Grand Lodge site.

One of our other goals was to make this site a portal to the Lodges within the District. Each Lodge now has a link from the site to their site, and those Lodges that did not have a site, now have one. The space has been provided for each Lodge to have their own site at no expense to the Lodge. We will provide the work and the server space. All you have to do is contact us. Some Lodges have already taken advantage of this; now it is your turn. This site belongs to you, and it is up to each of you to let us know how we can improve the site to meet your need. If you have not been to the site, check it out, if you haven't been there in a while, go again.

Let us know what we can do for you. □

Membership

R.W. Joseph Privitera
Monroe District

Grand Master's One-Day Class

By R.W. Joseph Privitera

By now, most of us have heard about the One-Day Class that will raise new candidates to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in one day, March 29, 2003. I heard various discussions about this program. Most of what I have been hearing is positive, but there are some Brothers who are not so sure. I have heard quotes taken from our Ritual which I believe are misunderstood or taken out of context. Whatever your feelings are, let me assure you that every new Brother will have a mentor and be instructed through various training programs set up by Grand Lodge.

It is up to us as members of our respective Lodges to support this program by taking part in the Ritual, attendance, and the constructive instruction and training that must be done when the One-Day Class is history.

Dues

It is that time of year when secretaries send out that notice to some Brothers informing them that they are about to be dropped from membership for non-payment of dues. In some Lodges the letter could be a concerned letter or a form letter as cold as yesterday's lunch. Whatever form the letter takes, if you are in danger of being dropped for non-payment of dues because of a financial situation, or some other reason, I urge you to talk to someone. You can call the Master or Secretary of your Lodge or you can call me.

My number and all District level numbers are listed on page 2, under "Hot Numbers" of this publication.

Happy holidays to all and I will see you in Lodge. □

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088



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

Master
W. Clifford A. Short
225-0646

C. William Flemming, Secretary
723-0083
4550 Lake Ave. Rocheste 14812

The weather may be cooling off due to the seasons, but our activities concerning our Lodge are starting to heat up. It's great to see the Brothers getting out for the different events, not only local Lodge happenings, but District programs as well.

Updates - good and bad

The good news is that a contingent of Brothers converged on Oatka Lodge last month, and came away with the Traveling Gavel. The bad news is, we lost the Traveling Gavel to Fame Lodge at our meeting on October 1st. It seems that the quest for the Gavel has turned into a horse race. Both Oatka Lodge and Fame Lodge competed for the honor of taking the Gavel away from Charlotte/Corinthian. Fame came out on top. I believe the score was 11 Brothers from Fame to 8 Brothers from Oatka. It was great to see the Lodge so full of many Brethren from across the District. Since we lost the Gavel, I have had two phone calls asking if we still had it.

I promise you, Brethren, that if we can't have it back by the time you read this article, it won't be long before you can see it displayed again in the East at Charlotte/Corinthian.

Our Lodge of Remembrance on October 15th turned out to be a huge success, with over 50 in attendance for dinner and the ceremonies of the evening. Those in attendance included our Masonic Widows and Widowers, Brethren and their wives, District dignitaries, and some honored guests. I think what makes this type of event a success is that it gives each of us a chance to honor the memories of those loved ones we have lost. It also gives each of us a chance to reflect upon our own lives, to the people and loved ones who have been taken from us, how much we miss and loved them, and how each of them has had an influence on our lives and helped make us the men and women we are today.

I thank all of the Brothers who helped make this evening happen, especially Brothers John Bennett, Don Freeman, and Joe Privitera, for escorting some of our widows to and from the Ceremony. As always, my sincere thanks to Hilde and Joy for a superb dinner. You two are the best. It truly was a special evening for me.

It was an honor for me to assist R.W. John Zabel in presenting the Remember the Blue Lodge Award to Brother Art Maupin on October 15th. Next time you happen to run into Brother Maupin, shake his hand and congratulate him for his efforts in promoting our beloved Craft.

Looking forward

Our first meeting in November is our annual budget review. Our Officers and Trustees have put together a proposed budget for the new year. We will be asking all of the Brothers to come to the meeting with questions, or suggestions, on changing and improving our proposals. If you would like to see the Lodge do something different, or stop doing something you believe we shouldn't be doing, bring those ideas to the table at this meeting. We need to approve the budget

before we can send out the dues notices for 2003.

Whether we have a candidate for the 1st Degree or not, we will be conferring the Ritual of the 1st Degree on November 19th. Junior Warden Keith Freeman will be in the East for the evening. If you get a call from Keith to help out, please do your best to give him what you can. We all learn by performing our Ritual. Trying to memorize it works to a point, but acting it out helps us to understand some of the meanings behind the words, and that is what it is all about, my Brothers.

Keep this date in the back of your minds. The Annual Visit by our District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. John E. Zabel, and our District Staff Officer, Grand Sword Bearer R.W. Derek E. VanHouten, will be our first meeting on December 3rd. This is our chance to hear the Grand Master's plan for the future of our fraternity, along with his plans and programs, and how we can support them.

Our committees are planning our end of the year and holiday programs. If you would like to volunteer to help, please get in touch with me, and I will point you to the right people.

That's all the news for now. I will see you in Lodge. □

ETOLIAN Lodge No. 479



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

Master
James E. Toogood
585-594-2189

Sec. W. Michael Schwartz 352-4018

Welcome back, all Brothers who were on vacation in September and October. On September 23rd, Junior Warden Chester Riley was in the East for the 1st Degree.

Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award

This year's Award was presented to Brother Leon Randall on October 17th in the Downtown Temple at 7:30 p.m. He is a Trustee and on the Youth Committee. Congratulations, Leon.

On October 26th we assisted the Eastern Star in setting up for their Craft Show. Thank you to all Brothers who came out on Saturday. I have appointed Brother Craig McCann as Color Bearer.

November events

November 11th is Official Visit.

November 21st is a 3rd Degree rehearsal and High Twelve Lunch.

November 25th, 3rd Degree.

Recently I had the pleasure to deliver Service Awards to many Brothers in Monroe County. The Awards ranged from 25 years to 60 years. Congratulations to all the Brothers who received them. □

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Lodge No. 538
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 7:30 p.m.
 Master
 W. Brad Lewis
 265-2914
 Sec. W. Peter Bowers
 265-2526
 30 Onckand St. Webster, 14580

The weather is starting to get colder and soon the leaves will start to fall. Harvest time is here and activities are jumping at our Lodge.

I was very pleased and proud of the way our Lodge rallied behind a Brother in need at our last meeting. The spirit of Masonry is strong in our Lodge, and the response was very positive. On behalf of that Brother and myself. I say, sincerely, thank you.

I also wish to thank R. W. John Zabel and R. W. Derek Van Houten for joining us and sharing their words of wisdom with the Lodge.

Upcoming events

On November 7th we will have our Annual Lodge of Remembrance and also honor Veteran's Day.

November 21st will be our annual Table Lodge. We have invited members of Eureka Lodge, Prince Hall, as well as our Sister Lodge in Hamilton, Ontario, to join us that night. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., so get your reservations to Bernie Russell, 872-1353.

In a modification to the trestleboard, December 5th will be our 1st Degree.

I came across this article by George Helmer. I hope you find it as interesting as I did. Until next month, let there be Light.

Purpose of the Pillars

By George Helmer

The Senior Deacon, in the Fellowcraft Degree, gives a considerable description of the two great Pillars that stood on the porch of King Solomon's Temple, using some words that most of us can't pronounce. As a matter of fact, as the Senior Deacon indicated, no one is absolutely certain what purpose the Pillars served or what they represented.

If they served no useful purpose, and were largely ornamental, couldn't they be symbolic of some Freemasons we have today? And we have a few who are not even ornamental, such as myself and some others I might name.

If the Pillars were repositories, as has been suggested, no way was provided for getting to and making use of the information they contained. That sounds ridiculous, but don't we often ignore or refuse to make use of information we know to exist?

Our Speculative temple needs something more than ornamental pillars. □

Valley/Simes
Lodge No. 109
 2nd Tues. 7:30 P.M.
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 Sec. W. Edward J. Schmitt
 244-8459
 875 Main Street E., Rochester, 14805

Brrrrrrrr! Time to put an extra sweater and raincoat in the car. Happy Birthday to everyone born in November! Our first "Social" with Craftsman/Robertson Lodge

members went well. Thanks to all who supported the effort! We will continue this, the fourth Tuesday of each month (Widows and their guests are invited and we pay for their dinner). We did not do so well in attendance at the last School of Ritual. We fell from well into 1st place to tied for second, with a wide point spread (Please help!).

Fellowcraft Club had no program, so the meeting was cancelled (Please call Herb Spencer to volunteer with a program. The DeMolay program was Excellent; look forward to more.). I'll let you know how the "Native American Celebration" and "Brother Bring-a-Friend" programs went.

Sickness and Distress

I am sorry to say we lost two Brothers, Marvin Johnson and Bob Wilson. Both funeral services were attended by Lodge members (Masonic Services were not requested). Our prayers and condolences go to the families; we will miss them also.

Upcoming events

October 29th - Grand Lecturer's Convention, Fairport Lodge Hall; Dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Please support this!

November 3rd - The 61st Interfaith Service and Brunch. The recipient of the 2002 Distinguished Community Service Award is Bonnie Vahey, Executive Director of the Ronald McDonald House. Many of us have already met her through our Annual "Have-a-Heart" Campaign. Please let her know we care by your attendance.

November 5th - Officers' Meeting, Country Village Restaurant; Dinner, 6:00 p.m.; Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

November 9th - Masters and Wardens Meeting, Craftsman/Robertson Lodge, 9:00 a.m.

November 12th - Lodge of Remembrance, Dinner 6:30 p.m.; Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

November 19th - Fellowcraft Meeting - call Herb Spencer to volunteer a program or for more information.

November 26th - Awards Night with Craftsman/Robertson Lodge. To honor those with 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 +++. Open to Ladies and friends. Show your support.

Hope to see all of the regulars at each of these events, along with some new faces. Invite your family and friends to the social functions and remember Widows and their escorts will be our guests. For more information or reservations contact Dick Giedd (Molly) at 621-3045, Herb Spencer at 334-7493, Joe Gingold at 637-6008, Dave Mura (Pat) 637-8695, Mat Gingold (Norma) at 266-6384 or me (Jean) at 663-4636. □

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 7:30 P.M.
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 423-1965
 Secretary
 R. W. Terry
 W. Whilen
 346-4380
 www.erac.org
 152 West Commercial St., East Rochester

Official Visit

My thanks go out to all of you who attended the Official Visit. Our District Deputy Grand Master, R. W. John E. Zabel and the Grand Sword Bearer, R. W. Derek VanHouten, visited us as scheduled on September 23rd. R. W. John Zabel brought us a message from the M. W. Carl J. Fitje, and reminded us of the many opportunities we Masons have before us.

R. W. John Zabel went back in history by tracing the origins of what is known today as East Rochester Ancient Craft Lodge No. 163. Many of our Brothers, including me, were extremely thankful for that piece of history.

Our Treasurer, W. Craig Covert, and our Secretary, W. David Zegas, have received thumbs up from the Deputy Grand Master for having their books in order.

Taking care of our own

Congratulations, Terry! Our Senior Warden Terry Wihlen, Jr., and wife, have a new baby. We send them our blessing.

Please feel free to update us on what is going on in your life if you cannot attend Lodge. Please do not hesitate to contact the Lodge if there is anything that we can do to be of assistance to you or your family. If you change your address, do not forget to inform us.

Please remember to volunteer to assist Brother James J. Hamme. As you all know, Brother Jim has just received a hip replacement and does not have family in the area. He counts 100% on us to be there for him and his young children. Call Brother Steve Lysenko at (585) 671-2060 to see how you can help Brother James Hamme. This Brother has been there for us, it's time now to be there for him.

Looking forward

Due to personal circumstances, our Secretary is stepping down and R. W. Terry Wihlen, Sr., is willing to step in for the remainder of this year. We are very thankful for what our Secretary has done for us, during a difficult situation. Thanks very much, Brother Dave. We will handle the transition by following our Constitution.

Please sign up for the Have-a-Heart Campaign. We have to secure our usual location, which is at Market Place Mall. I hope to see all shifts covered. □

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

Greetings Brothers and friends. The Official Visit was October 1, 2002. R. W. John Zabel, R. W. Derek Van Houten and R. W. Keith Stambach officiated. The books and records of Clio Lodge were found to be in order and the Grand Master's Message was delivered by R. W. John Zabel. For details on their programs, please read your *Masonic Times*, as each authors a monthly article. My thanks to Brother Charlie Tucker for holding my hand through another Official Visit. Thanks also, to members of Leah Chapter No. 183, OES, for a super Roast Beef Dinner.

Hilton Applefest-Child ID

W. Gordon Smith reports that this year's Child ID Program was a huge success, with over 200 children recorded. Several off-duty Monroe County Sheriff's Deputies attended with their children and lauded the program. Our thanks to V. W. John Dyer and his staff, all the Brothers and wives, and Girl Scouts from Kendall. By the way, it was mentioned that Fairport/Flower City

did 175 tapings at their recent Child ID event, and we would be hard pressed to top that. GREAT WORK, CLIO!

Coming events for November, include regular Lodge meetings on November 5th and 19th, and a Spaghetti Dinner on November 13th.

Brothers, please, if at all possible, come out and help us with the Spaghetti Dinners. We can't continue this program with only 4 to 5 Brothers working. Several who are retired, should not be working 12 hours in a hot kitchen. The only other option is raising dues, and no one wants that. Speaking of dues, the 2003 dues notices should reach you by this reading, if not, please call me at 585-392-8156. If you are in arrears, please bring them up to date. Don't forget, we pay both Grand Lodge Assessments and your *Masonic Times* subscription up front. This amounts to several thousand dollars per year.

November Birthdays

Birthday wishes to Brothers Harry Adams, Jr., Harry Bostley, Rev. William Burdick, Stephen Burritt, Dick Caupp, Gerry Gilmore, Roy Spry and Herb Wilmot.

Profiles of Clio Members

Brother Aaron Thompson comes from a family rich in Masonic tradition and values. He was raised in Clio Lodge No. 779 by his father, W. Brother Gary Thompson. Aaron's mother, Beverly, is Past Matron and current Secretary of Leah Chapter No. 183, OES. Both mom and dad are active in Concordant Bodies. Aaron said this greatly influenced his desire to become a Mason. Aaron attended Hilton High School, and Rochester Institute of Technology, graduating from the latter in 2002, with a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering. Brother Aaron has served as Steward, and has taken several parts in Degree Ritual, which he enjoys.

Aaron and his wife, Winnie, were married on June 1, 2002. They recently relocated to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he accepted a position with Sandia National Labs. He plans to maintain his membership in Clio Lodge and to seek out a local Lodge to attend. All the Brothers who have come to know Aaron, miss him greatly, and, at the same time, wish him and Winnie the very best in their new adventure. They will be home at Christmas for two weeks, and Aaron hopes to attend a Lodge meeting.

In closing, let me remind the elected and appointed Officers, as well as all the Brothers, of upcoming Monroe District events which are announced monthly in your *Masonic Times*. Also, thanks to all the Brothers and friends who were on hand to see W. Brother Stu Brickman receive the Symbolic Lodge Award. By the way, Stu, Carol did a real nice job dressing you in that tux! □

O-At-Ka
Lodge No. 759
 2nd & 4th Wed.
 7:30 P.M.
 Master
 W. Richard
 Fimbel
 (585) 494-1474
 Sec. W. Charles W. Crovison
 (585) 594-0231
 5 Browns Ave., Scottsville, 14546

Greetings, Brothers. By now the leaves are changing colors and the air is cooling down.

Information

As you know we took possession of the Traveling Gavel last Spring from Fame Lodge. Well, in September, Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge took it from us with seven Brothers present. We attempted to retake it in October with eight Brothers, but were beaten by Fame Lodge with eleven Brothers. I think the interest in the Gavel is alive again!

The Traveling Gavel is now at Northfield Lodge!

Official Visit

The Official Visit was October 23rd. The books and records were reviewed. The DDGM, R. W. John Zabel and R. W. Derek VanHouten, GSB, were present and delivered the Grand Master's Message.

Make a note

Our first meeting in November will be a vote on the issue of raising our yearly dues. Please make every effort to attend. □

FAME
Lodge No. 722
 4275 Culver Rd.
 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:30 P.M.
 Master
 W. David
 Foster
 (585) 244-0194
 Sec. Leon
 VanHuben,
 (585) 647-1391

Our first meeting this November is on the 12th and will be a short business meeting followed by a Card Party. There will be Euchre for sure, and other games as well. Prizes will be awarded. Come on out and see if Lady Luck will shine on you! The meeting will be preceded by a dinner buffet at 6:30 p.m. featuring stuffed shells, antipasto tray, salad, vegetable, and garlic bread. The cost is \$8.00 per person and reservations are required.

Our second meeting on the 26th will be preceded by a Pot Luck Dinner, also at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Don't forget - our ladies are encouraged to join us at our Pot Luck Dinners!! Trust me; they won't be bored while we're at our meeting.

Traveling Gavel

Easy come - easy go! Congratulations to all the Brothers who went to Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge and reclaimed our Traveling Gavel (special thanks to Dean Marsaw who organized the recovery). However, the fellows from Northfield Lodge were at Lodge on October 8th and spirited it right off again. Looks like we'll need to round up the troops and head out to Pittsford. More on this at our November 12th meeting.

The Brotherhood Fund campaign for this year is off and running. Lodge Chairman, W. Keith Moore, assures me that he is ready for all your donations. We were one of the highest performing Lodges in the District last year, but we can do better! Please open your hearts and your checkbooks to assist our Brothers who depend on our help.

I hope this finds you all healthy and enjoying yourselves. If you (or if you hear of one of our Brothers who) are under the weather or otherwise need our help or charity, please make sure you call one of our Officers.

Last, but not least, Happy Birthday to all our Brothers with November birthdays. See you in Lodge. □



NORTHFIELD
Lodge No. 426
Instituted March 1857
1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:30 P.M.

Master
W. Dean L. Smith
(h) 586-9298
chef@rochester.rr.com

R. W. William D. Spillane
Secretary 334-6596
17 Church St., Pittsford 14534

Honoring our commitments

Does this phrase sound familiar? "I will do whatever is necessary to accomplish this goal." How many times have we said this to ourselves as we began a new challenge in life? Are we prepared to give total commitment to reach this goal? Sound familiar? This raises even more questions. "Why am I here and how will I attain these goals?" Each of us seeks answers to these questions based on our individual levels and needs as we journey into the future.

We know that the answers we give will determine the extent of our success in life. Our sincerity will bring us to the right door, at the right time, and in the right place.

In Freemasonry, we are called the candidate. Being hoodwinked, we cannot determine the direction that we will travel, but we soon realize that the answers

we seek and find must be of the same intensity as those we practice in our everyday life. We also realize the door is open only as wide as our sincerity commands. As the door is open to us, we must remember our dedication and we must practice these tenants every waking moment.

As we all know there will come that time in our earthly sojourn when we must ask ourselves the important question, "Did I really try?" I learned the basic truths, but did I live up to them? We and our Creator are the only ones who know the true answer. I encourage all Master Masons to live up to their commitments to Masonry, to their community, to their families and to themselves.

Traveling Gavel

I am very proud of the Brethren who were at Fame Lodge on October 8th to bring home to Northfield the Traveling Gavel. We plan to visit several of our area Lodges this year in support of Masonry and for good fellowship. Thanks to the Brothers who participated in this visit.

Communicating

With the additions of Brother Mike Zona and W. David Bishop to our Calling Committee, we will be calling to inform the Brethren of the coming events and to get some information about birthdays and Masonic anniversaries. I thank the Calling Committee for a job well done as they are the lifeline of the Lodge.

Child ID Program

Northfield Lodge is proud to announce the Child ID Program is scheduled for the United Church of Pittsford for the 2nd and 3rd of November. The clergy

of the Pittsford area are working with the Lodge for this Program. The times are Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Birthdays

We at Northfield would like to wish a Happy Birthday to the Brothers with July, August, September and now October and November birthdays. Sorry I missed you on your special day. Enjoy, Brothers.

Potts Award

Please make a special notation of the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Fairport Lodge on October 29th. Northfield's top seven officers are requested to represent our Lodge to we can receive the Potts Award. Thank you for the support.

Great work!

On behalf of the Craft, I thank the Senior Warden for his work in the conferral of the 1st Degree work conferred on the candidates on October 17th, and to the Junior Warden, W. Glenn Hedges, for the arrangements for a great dinner. Brothers, great work in the Degree.

We are looking forward to the 2nd Degree on November 21st, and a talk on the York Rite Bodies by George Springett on November 7th.

I hope to see more Brethren in Lodge for the next meetings. It would be nice to see the Lodge room full for the DDGM Official Visit scheduled on December 5th.

Fall is the time of year to see the beauty of Nature with all the colors on the hillside, crimson, red, yellow, rust and some green. I do hope each of you find some time to enjoy the beauty of the Autumn season.

Churchville
Lodge No. 667
2nd & 4th
Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Master
W. Franklin D. Higgins
544-1952
Secretary
W. George R. Burke
293-1629
www.geocities.com/churchvillelodge667
20 S. Main St. Churchville 14428

On September 25th a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night was held at Churchville Lodge No. 667. There were two candidates in attendance. The membership tool kit was used and the tape, "Freemasonry in the Empire State" was shown. R. W. Clifford H. Short gave a detailed lecture about the tape and on becoming a Mason. Thank you, Cliff, for a job well done.

R. W. Craig Mollon also gave an outstanding lecture on some of the history of Freemasonry. I think that the candidates were very excited to know that Freemasonry has been around for so long. Thanks to Craig for a job well done.

Trestleboard change

To all Brethren of Churchville Lodge: the 1st Degree will be exemplified and conferred November 13th at 1:00 p.m. There are no candidates at this time, but there will be a rehearsal on Sundays, November 3rd, and 10th. I hope to see everyone there.

Craftsman/Robertson
Lodge No. 969
1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 P.M.
Master
W. Duane Smith
473-6195
Sec. W. Thomas W. Kendig
1-315-524-4063
875 Main Street, East, Rochester, 14605

By W. Skip Waterstreet

Elsewhere in this issue I assume you will be able to read some highlights of the Hawaiian Cruise trip sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau. All I will say at this point is what a great time the sixty participants encountered and what a wonderful experience it was.

As a result of my absence, I can't personally discuss the events that happened in late September or early October. Worshipful Master Duane Smith has provided the following information. The first joint dinner meeting with the ladies and members of Valley/Simes Lodge was a huge success. Forty-seven people indulged in an excellent Swiss Steak Dinner served by Hilde and Joy. Following the meal, Brother Matt Walicke, assisted by Brother Ken Shumacher, did an

outstanding job presenting a wine-tasting program that everyone enjoyed.

On October 17th Brother Matt Walicke received the Symbolic Lodge Award from the Scottish Rite, Valley of Rochester. It was presented by M. W. Carl J. Fitje, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. We thank Brother Walicke for his dedication to the Lodge and its activities.

Sickness and distress

R. W. Derek VanHouten was in the hospital for a few days recovering from a blood clot in his lung. He is now at home and getting back to normal health. W. David King had a bout with shingles. Hopefully he has recovered by the time you read this.

To all Brothers or their ladies who may be suffering from injuries or ailments, we extend our good wishes for a speedy recovery. Please let us know of these incidents, especially if we can be of assistance in any way.

I am pleased to be able to report that W. Bill Hook recovered rapidly enough for the doctor to allow him and Helen to join the group on the cruise. He didn't seem to show any ill effects as he participated in many of the tours, and his appetite was normal.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

Remember, Tuesday, October 29th, is the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Fairport/Flower City Lodge, starting at 7:30 p.m. Craftsman/Robertson Lodge will put on the second half of the 1st Degree. You may be too late to make a dinner reservation, but you can show support for your officers by your presence at the meeting.

Official Visit

This is a reminder of the Official Visit by our DDGM, R. W. John Zabel, which is scheduled for November 5th at 7:30 p.m. Please plan to attend so we can have a good turnout for his appearance.

Chinese Dinner

How's your appetite? W. Bill Shelby and his wife, Roberta, are organizing, once again, a night at a Chinese restaurant. The date is November 9th. Call Bill at 244-6495 to get more information or to make a reservation.

Brotherhood Fund

After years of dedicated service as the Chairman of our Lodge's participation in the Brotherhood Fund Campaign and keeping us at, or near, the top in our District, Brother Bob Ogden has relinquished this duty. Our new Chairman is Brother Ralph Jurgens, Junior Deacon, who "volunteered" to step in and attempt to fill Bob's shoes. Watch your mailbox for the current campaign's appeal letter and give as generously as you can. We want to maintain our lofty position.

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W. David Foster, Master of Fame Lodge, assisted by R. W. John Zabel, DDGM, and R. W. Derek VanHouten, GSB, presents the Traveling Gavel to W. Dean Smith, as his Brothers watch. Northfield Lodge retrieved the Gavel at the DDGM's Official Visit to Fame Lodge in October.

Wakan/Hubbard
Lodge No. 154
2nd & 4th
Mon. 7:30 P.M.
Master
W. Steve S. Xander
223-7162
Sec. W. Theodore J. Snyder, 467-0165
Asst. W. Donald C. Bell 334-7768
1822 Penfield Rd. 14526

We welcomed a new Brother to Wakan/Hubbard Lodge on September 23rd. Our Senior Warden, Joe Oelgoetz, occupied the East for the 1st Degree. I wish to thank all who participated for a fabulous job. I am asking for a good turnout for the 2nd and 3rd Degrees on October 28th and November 25th respectively, particularly for the 3rd Degree as we will need Craftsmen.

Sickness and distress

R. W. Charlie Spiegel has undergone surgery for his second knee replacement. He has met with some serious complications which required that he return to the hospital for further treatment. Thankfully, the complications have been properly addressed and Charlie is feeling much stronger. He has returned home where he is receiving physical therapy three times per week. Charlie, we are all wishing you the best in hope of a rapid recovery.

District Deputy's Visit

The R. W. John E. Zabel, District Deputy Grand Master of the Monroe District, returned to his home Lodge to give the Message of the Grand Master. This was a very informative and inspirational meeting. The Brethren of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge wish John continued success as he travels throughout the District in

his new office as District Deputy Grand Master.

Service Awards

I presented Paul Kuritz with his 25-year Service Certificate and Pin. Paul is recovering from a fall where he fractured a couple of ribs. He said he was prettysore, but is doing much better. He intends on seeing us in Lodge when he feels up to it.

Ivar (Les) Hultman received his 50-year Service Certificate and Pin. Les is doing very well and plans on attending some Lodge meetings this year.

I also presented Ralph Harper with his 55-year Service Certificate and Pin. Although Ralph is unable to attend Lodge, he wanted me to relay to the Brethren that he wishes us well in our work this year and thinks about us often.

Thank you to all the Brothers of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge for your continued support.

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Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for many happy returns go to: Jeffery Beecher, Frank Zaffino, George Lloyd, Wayne Gundry, William Evert, Robert Traub, George Pasch, James Spencer, James Locklin, William Mallo, Clifford White, Gary LaSchomb, Fouad Farah, and Robert Malley.

Petitions

You have heard or read about the One-Day Class next year on March 29th when we will have the opportunity to raise new Brothers at an unprecedented event. Since it is several months away, you have plenty of time to consider suggesting to worthy candidates they join our Fraternity. Our Lodge petitions for membership have been revised for the new century and are available from our Secretary. Please call him at (315) 524-4063, or pick one up at our next meeting so you have one available to present to a potential candidate. (The call is toll-free.)

If you have any questions on this procedure, please contact one of our officers to get answers or any assistance you may need. Let's help make this State-wide program a success and a benefit to Craftsman Robertson Lodge as well.

From the Secretary's Desk

You will be receiving shortly your 2003 dues notice. Please note, per approval of the Lodge, the dues have been increased by \$8.00 per year.

Union Star
Lodge No. 320


3 N. Main St.,
Honeoye Falls

2nd Mon.
7:30 P.M.

Master
W. Gary R.
Sanford
425-4248

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

38 Cullens Run, Pittsford, 14534



Our Lodge meeting in October recognized many of our Brothers for their years of service and gave us the opportunity to thank them for their contributions. Those in attendance were: W. Harris Nesbitt, Brother John Yendell, W. John Armendinger, all with 35 years; W. Gordon Macaulay, 40 years; Brother Louis Timm, W. Norman Johnstone, 45 years; W. Skip Gilbert, R. W. Martin Reitz, Brother Gene Mosholder, 50 years, and W. Ralph Kennedy, 55 years. Thanks to Gail Sanford and Cheryl Ellsworth for providing the dinner.

Condolences

We have lost one of our Brothers. John (Jack) R. Mamerow was called by the Supreme Architect of the Universe on September 23rd. John was a member with us for over 50 years. May the blessing of God be with his family and may he rest in Peace.

Symbolic Lodge Award

Congratulations to Gene Mosholder on receiving the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. This was presented to Gene on October 17th in Cathedral Hall at the Downtown Temple. The guest speaker for the evening was M. W. Carl J. Fitje, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in the State of New York.

November activities

Our regular meeting in November will consist of a Table

Lodge. Please come prepared to feast, charge your glass and enjoy the fellowship of our Brothers. Please make your reservation for dinner by contacting Gene Mosholder at 436-1398.

The Interfaith Service and Brunch is being held on Sunday, November 3rd at 10:00 a.m. at Logan's Party House on Scottsville Road. The Distinguished Community Service Award will be presented to Bonnie Vahey, Executive Director of the local Ronald McDonald House. The M. W. Carl J. Fitje, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in the State of New York, will give the main address. Please contact me for tickets at 425-4240.

We will be holding a 1st Degree on November 25th for our new candidates. Please make your reservation for dinner by contacting our Secretary, Robert Sweeney at 381-5286.

December

Our meeting on December 9th will be the Official Visit from our District Deputy Grand Master, R. W. John Zabel and the Grand Sword Bearer, R. W. Derek Van Houten. Please support them by attending and hearing the messages they have for us from the State and District levels.

Fairport/Flower
City No. 476

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

Master
W. Kermit B.
Moyer
388-9303

Sec. W. George R. Bracht
383-1947

Fairport Temple,
87 South Main St.



Congratulations

I would like to extend my congratulations to Brother Ron Weber on being selected as our Lodge's recipient for the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. Ron received his Certificate of Recognition on October 17th, at the Annual Awards Presentation. Ron is a very loyal and dedicated member of our Blue Lodge, and is one of our chief organizers for the Adopt-a-Highway Program. The next time you see Ron, thank him and congratulate him on a job well done.

Condolences

At our last meeting in September, we were made aware that two of our Brothers had been called home by the Great Architect of the Universe; Brothers Abe Falk and Charles Klein. Our sincerest sympathies and prayers are extended to their loved ones who cherished their time with us.

Fairport/Flower City Lodge's Past Masters Recognition Evening

(front) R. Adrian Solomon, Maurice Solomon, Phil Averbach, Bill Laird, George Bracht, Bill Nardone, Jerry Spero. (middle) Scott Pellegrino, Sy Kopen, Al Fowler, Harvey Nusbaum, Ed Goodrich. (back) Mike Moms, Dave Taber, Jerry Glaser, Tommie Richenderfer, Dwight Turner, Doug Higgins and Kermit Moyer- Master of Fairport/Flower City Lodge.

Boy Scout Night

Our meeting on October 28th was our Scout Night Tribute. These young boys are strongly committed to bettering themselves through their participation in the Boy Scouts.

2nd Degree

Our November 11th meeting will be our 2nd Degree. W. Tommie Richenderfer will be in the East. Give Tommie a call if you are interested in taking part in the Degree Team.

Table Lodge

Our meeting on November 25th will be a Table Lodge and dinner. Please be prepared to come and enjoy good food and drink with your Brothers. More details will follow as we get closer to the date. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call.

A Special Thank You

A special thank you to all of the Past Masters who attended our Recognition Night on September 23rd. I was really honored and humbled to have the pleasure to meet with you and have you share some of your Masonic history and insight with us. Those Past Masters who were in attendance included: Right Worshipful Maurice Solomon, Phil Averbach, Dwight Turner, and Jerry Glaser. The group also included, Bill Nardone, Bill Laird, Dave Tabor, Sy Kopen, Al Fowler, Tom Goodrich, Ed Goodrich, Dug Higgins, Jerry Spero, R. Adrian Solomon, George Bracht, Harvey Nusbaum, and Tommie Richenderfer. Finally, I had the pleasure of handing out Past Master's Aprons and Pins to Scott Pellegrino and Mike Morris. Each of the Brothers also received a paperweight which indicated the year they were Master, the Lodge of which they were Master, and that it was presented to them by the new Fairport/Flower City Lodge. Again, my sincere thanks, and I look forward to seeing all of you soon.



W. Mike Morris-Past Master, Fairport No. 476, W. Kermit Moyer-Master, Fairport/Flower City No. 476 and W. Scott Pellegrino-Past Master, Flower City.

In Closing

My Brothers, I hope all of you are enjoying the nice fall season. Please try to support us this year by coming to a meeting and getting reconnected with old and new friends. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge. As always, any questions, comments, and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call. Take care and God Bless.

Seneca Lodge
No. 797

2nd Tues
6:00 P.M.

Master
W. Stuart A.
Walthour
(h) 321-1948



Sec. Robert C. Green, Jr., 223-5953
30 Orchard St., Webster 14580

Degrees

On September 10th, Seneca conferred the 1st Degree on three candidates. Our Junior Warden, Brother Robert Kimmel, was the Master for this Degree. On October 8th, we conferred the 2nd Degree on these same Brothers. W. Paul Vick gave the Middle Chamber Lecture, and did an excellent job, as usual. On November 12th, we will raise these three Brothers to be Master Masons. Our Senior Warden, Brother Ray Glegg, will be the Master for the evening. Come join us for this important event.

Social time

On Saturday, October 19th, the Lodge sponsored a trip to GEVA. We saw a great play that received the 2001 Tony Award for Best Play. All who attended enjoyed the play immensely.

Happy Birthday

Our birthday wishes go to Brothers William Wildridge, James Scobell, John Frazer, Allen Gardner, Vincent Palmer Jr., Ri-

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chard Gilmore, Clifford Heir, Robert Green Jr., Charles Hancock, Hedwig Lobo, Kenneth Gordon Jr., Larry Leister, Frank Johnson Jr., Carl Preddy, Raymond Glegg and John Kohmann.

Our January meeting will be Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Our aim is to generate interest in our Fraternity and to participate in the special day on March 29th.

District Deputy Grand Master Wayne District

R. W. Francis E. Powley, Jr.
315-483-2745

What's the Plan?

Sounds like a simple question. Unfortunately, it's often in one man's head rather than on paper. Should someone else like to carry on the tradition or do it in another Lodge or District it would be difficult. That common truism: "the job is not completed until the paperwork is done," applies in our Lodges as well. Please start collecting all the wisdom that is in your member's heads and having it put down on paper. Hand written notes are fine to begin with. The important thing is to get it down on paper and in a central location where it can be found easily, for example a notebook at the secretary's desk. Masters, I suggest that you make this a part of the committee's final report. Don't discharge the committee until this important work is done.

Committee members, this is an opportunity for you to show all the challenges and complexities you had to overcome to make your event successful, a place to write down all the things that you think can be improved upon the next time.

This process is also a great training tool for the future leaders of our Lodges, no matter what their experience or ages are. Time management, budgeting, goal setting, breaking a complex task into manageable steps are all skills useful in life. Training companies and colleges charge big bucks for learning these skills. We offer them for just our annual dues. What a bargain!

November

Official Visits continue in November at a hectic pace! In Pultneyville Lodge No. 159 on November 4th, Rose Lodge No. 590 on the 6th; Marion Lodge No. 926 on the 12th; and at Humanity No. 406 on the 13th. That is only half the month!

We will continue at Newark No. 83 on the 18th, and at Sodus No. 392 the next evening, the 19th. We will conclude our November Visits by visiting Clyde Lodge No. 341 on November 25th. Remember Clyde Lodge has moved to the Grange building on the opposite side of the bank parking lot.

Holiday times

R. W. Jim Frind and I wish all the Brethren a happy Thanksgiving and hope that you can enjoy it with lots of family and friends this year. Take a minute to remember those who are sick or alone, support those who help the less fortunate in our communities. Because of the holidays, there is no Masters and Wardens meeting in November or December in the Wayne District.

There are plans being made for our second annual Christmas dinner party. R. W. Edward Marriott is the prime mover on this event. Reserve the date of December 14th now, more details will be coming from Ed.


Website

Check out our website at waynedistrictnymasons.com for the latest information for the Wayne District. I thank R. W. Cyril White for being our web master this year. Lodge secretaries are collecting e-mail addresses to improve our communications within the District. Please give your e-mail address to your Lodge secretary.

I was very pleased to be invited to Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180's October 16th communication. During the evening, representatives of the Walworth Cemetery Association, the Walworth Historical Society, and the Walworth Library were each presented with gifts of five thousand dollars. During the business portion of the meeting, the Brethren approved moving ahead on substantial renovations in the Palmyra Masonic Hall.

Degree work is going on in Sodus Lodge No. 392 and Humanity Lodge No. 406. Remember we are free to talk openly about becoming a Mason these days. For those who are on tight schedules, the Grand Master's Class on March 29th may be the right vehicle. Remember it will take time to have these applications filed, investigated, and balloted upon. Each Lodge in Wayne District has received the new Membership Tool Kit for spreading the message why good men should want to become a Mason. As I pass out my trifold, which contains the Grand Master's Mission and Vision statements, I realize that those are great additions, too. We have the tools, get started now.

Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180
1st & 3rd Wed.



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R. W. Edward C. Lonneville
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Secretary
R. W. William C. Jones
315-986-9150

Palmyra Masonic Hall
161 E. Main St., Palmyra

On October 2nd the Lodge gave gifts of \$5,000 each to the Walworth Cemetery Association, the Walworth Seeley Public Library, and the Walworth Historical Society. There will be more information to follow in the December issue.

Condolences

On a sad note, R. W. Austin Keith, Past Grand Steward, passed away on October 9th. Austin had been an active Mason since his raising in Ivy Lodge No. 397, Elmira, in 1941, and especially after affiliating with the old Walworth Lodge, prior to the consolidation into Drumlin Square. He had, for many years, been active as a volunteer at the VA in Canandaigua, for which, 18 months ago, Grand Master Carl J. Smith presented him with a Grand Master's Certificate of Appreciation.

November

The November 20th communication will be an open meeting with a Pot Luck Supper and all members are encouraged to bring a non-


Mason to acquaint him with the Fraternity. This will be followed up with a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, in the hopes of promoting the Grand Master's One-Day Class on March 29, 2003. As this program unfolds there is more information becoming available, which will be more attractive to those who are not in favor of this event. No matter what your feelings are we all took an obligation to support our Grand Master in all his programs and endeavors. The time has come in the Fraternity to lay aside all negative thoughts and comments.

If every Brother were to replace himself, imagine the influx of members in the immediate future. In return if those new Brothers replace themselves within the next 2 years, and on down the line, in a few short years we would increase the membership within the State to the numbers we had at the end of the Korean War. In other words, it could and would have a snowball effect. Remember it is in your best interest, and that of the Fraternity, to support and be involved in this undertaking. There will be more information on this subject as it becomes available.

The Secretary is in need of e-mail addresses for any Brother wishing first-hand information and has a computer. It will only be used as a means to contact you for such events as Memorial Services, and unplanned Lodge events. For those of you who have changed ISP's or your user name, please inform him of such.

Come and support your Lodge. Your input and attendance will be greatly appreciated.

**District Deputy
Grand Master**
Genesee/Wyoming



R. W. Robert W. Strang, Jr.
591-2888

Brothers, look about us. The changes in nature are evident in everything we see; trees changing colors, leaves falling, all this is so the Supreme Architect can produce new in the Spring. Our Masonic heritage is much like nature, in that things cannot remain static. There must be, of necessity, change, however subtle or drastic remains in the eye of the beholder. In nature the change is only evident by paying close attention. Without our noticing, the leaves change and suddenly the colors burst upon you.

Grand Master Fitje has given our Craft an opportunity to affect this change in our membership. The change of which I speak is the program incorporating all the Degrees in one day, taking place on March 29, 2003. This change may seem drastic to some, and appear a necessity to others. Without an attempt to utilize this change, we as a Craft, may not live to see our Spring rejuvenation. In one of our charges, it is given that some of necessity must rule and govern and others must submit and obey. We must trust, as in the same charge, that those selected to govern are suitably familiar with our concepts, not to violate those powers entrusted to them.

Take this opportunity to organize, plan and stage Brother Bring-a-Friend Programs to revitalize our Craft. This task may be

a hardship for any one Lodge to do on its own. However, if Lodges together, in Brotherhood, set up these programs and move them to different venues, think of the number of people we can inform of our Craft and its marvelous heritage. There are changes in how Degrees will be done, but that will not change their meaning in any way, unless we, as a Craft, fail to perform our duty to inform our Brothers of the valuable meaning therein.

Community involvement also will provide many avenues to increase our numbers. The Child ID Program is a valuable tool, not only to our Craft, but to our communities. Support this and the other Grand Lodge programs.


My Brothers, in these times of instability in the government and financial realms, it is a responsibility to men of our heritage to assist our Brothers and our communities, as well as the world at large. Please do not forget the Brotherhood Fund and its necessary continued support, perhaps increasing your contributions to further the Masonic influence in our communities.

Masters, Wardens, Trustees, and Brothers, please make every effort to attend the "Plain Talk" session to be held at Attica Lodge on November 9th at 9:30 a.m. This is your opportunity to get and give information that can be used to support the future Grand Master's long range plans. It should be a time to get first hand answers to your questions regarding where this Fraternity has been and where it expects to go in the future. These plans affect all of us and this plain talk session is not limited to Masters, Wardens and Trustees, but is open to all.

Brothers, in closing, I would strongly remind you all that one person, persistent, and with goals, can make a difference. Think about your legacy in the Brotherhood and what consequence your membership can and will make.

May every moral and social virtue cement us and Brotherly love prevail. God bless.

Grand Sword Bearer
Genesee/Wyoming



R. W. Norman P. Austin
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It was nice to see the fine turnout at the Symbolic Lodge Awards last month. I found it encouraging that so many Lodges came out to support their nominee, and this year, for the first time, Masters of the Lodges received certificates along with their honorees.

Educational Opportunities

In previous years, there has been scheduled a Grand Master's Town Meeting within the District, at which the Grand Master fielded questions and discussed various topics of relevance to the Brethren. This year, however, there will be an event known as "Just Plain Talk," to be held at Attica Lodge, with Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Edward R. Trosin, on Saturday, November 9th, at 9:30 am. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss items of concern and to learn more regarding the future of both the District and Craft. Please make every effort to attend and support R. W. Trosin, who will be our next Grand Master.

Official Visit

Official Visits have been made to all but two Lodges, and these will take place in December. I thank the Brethren of each of these Lodges for the hospitality they extended to the DDGM, Bob Strang and myself as we spent time with them delivering the Grand Master's Message. We have been accompanied on most of our visits by R. W. Bernie Whaley, District Chairman, who presented facts concerning the Brotherhood Fund Drive, including that there are now a couple of new designation choices.

We thank him for taking his time to join us and to share his information.

Veteran's

With Veteran's Day right around the corner, let us not forget those who sacrificed so that we might have all the freedom we enjoy. Sunday, November 3rd, is Masonic Visitation Day. Masons will meet at the Veteran's Home at 2:00 pm. Hope to see you there! R. W. Sheldon Moden, as head of the Veteran's Service Committee, does a wonderful job overseeing the Masonic Bingo Nights at the V.A. Hospital in Batavia. Please try to attend when your Lodge hosts Bingo, it's humbling but rewarding.

A reminder

If you have any events upcoming, please feel free to remind me, so that I may share the information as I travel throughout the District. With the holidays close upon us, any festivities will be of particular interest to your Brethren. Also, remember that R. W. Bob Da-

gen will post your news on the District Website, thus making the information available to all Brothers with e-mail capability.

G/W Scottish Rite Club

On September 25th, the Genesee-Wyoming Scottish Rite Club held its meeting and welcomed Distinguished Brother Donald Rose, 32° MSA, as its newly appointed General Committee Member from the Valley of Rochester. He will act as liaison between the Valley and the Club--Welcome Aboard, Don!

The Club will also meet on the 30th of October. On the 1st of November, something new will take place. The Genesee-Wyoming Scottish Rite Club, in conjunction with the Valley of Rochester, will present the 9th and 14th Degrees at Olive Branch Lodge in LeRoy. A Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner, at 6:30 pm, prepared by the Olive Branch Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, will precede the Degrees, which will commence at 7:30 pm. Come witness this first time "On The Road Performance". Don't forget to bring your passport!

Best Wishes are extended to W. Craig Reitmeier of Arcade Lodge, as he undergoes treatments, and our sympathy is extended to the family of W. Kenneth Unger, of West Star Lodge in Varysburg, who passed to the Great Architect of the Universe last month.

The Best of the Thanksgiving Season goes out to you and yours from your Grand Lodge Representatives of the Genesee/Wyoming District.

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I hate to start out two straight articles by apologizing, but I must. Every date I reported for the month of October in last month's article was changed. The Official Visits by both the AGL and DDGM were changed the day after I sent last month's article in for publication. Our roadside cleanup detail was delayed one week due to weather conditions. I apologize for any confusion this may have caused for the Brothers of Oakland Lodge and fellow Brothers throughout the District.

Official Visits

The Official Visit by DDGM R.:W.: Robert Strang to Oakland Lodge took place on October 15th. Hopefully all Brothers present enjoyed the evening and the Grand Master's Message that was presented. The Official Visit of AGL V.:W.: Adrian Miller to Oakland Lodge will be rescheduled for a later date.

Community event

Oakland Lodge performed a roadside cleanup detail on October 12th. Both the Lodge and the community appreciated every member's help. If any member missed out on this cleanup, don't worry. We will be performing another one in the Spring.

Congratulations

Oakland Lodge would like to extend a belated congratulations to DJ Beardsley and Bob Kemp. The granddaughter of these two members was one of the recipients of a scholarship presented by the Masonic Service Bureau. If you happen to run into or see DJ or Bob, congratulate them on the accomplishment made by their granddaughter.

Masonic Temple Update

I reported last month that every member of Oakland Lodge would be receiving a letter informing them of a special communication regarding the future of our Masonic Temple. The letter was sent and the communication took place on October 8th.

After some additional discussion, a vote was taken and a decision was made to sell the Masonic Temple. Oakland Lodge has received a preliminary offer by a third party to purchase the Temple and we are going to pursue that offer.

I would like to confirm to every member that this was not an

easy decision by anyone to make. There are a lot of great Masonic memories contained within the walls of our Temple. A lot of these memories were expressed and shared on October 8th. All these memories still couldn't hide the current condition of our beloved Temple. The final decision came down to economics, not emotion. It would just require too much money to restore and maintain the Masonic Temple.

It has been a wonderful home for Masonry for a number of years and will truly be missed by members everywhere. I will keep all members informed on the progress that we are making each month.

Finally, I would like to remind all members and Brothers throughout the District that our current communications are being held at the American Legion Building. This is the big, white building, just down the hill from the Temple.

HESPERUS Lodge No. 837

1st and 3rd
Thursday



Master
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Marsocci
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Sec. Lee Vainio, 548-2470
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W.: Jim MacConnell and I are having a great time in England. The Ryder Cup event, even though we lost, was great. The rest of our time here was spent golfing and touring the countryside. I will tell you all about it in the next issue of the *Masonic Times*. The article will include our visit to the Roslyn Chapel and the Masonic history that it contains, especially for the Knights Templar.

Our 2nd Degree on October 3rd, with Brother Ron Morris in the East, was conferred on three Brothers. All did a great job! For the 3rd Degree on November 7th, I will be in the East. I am looking forward to this.

Sickness and distress

Brother Gib Ernst is back in the hospital and will need at least two more operations. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Get well soon!

Delores Hargrove has had some health problems; hopefully she is recovering well.

My wife, Rosie, spent a few days in the hospital and is doing better.

Loretta Miller had a setback with her rotator cuff and is doing well.

A reminder, R.:W.: John Bater is still in the Batavia Veteran's Home. Phone calls, visits, and cards are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Brothers Ron Morris and Harry Tyson for taking care of business in my absence.

We will be back soon to con-

Agenda

November 3rd - rehearsal for 3rd Degree.

November 7th - 3rd Degree with Ralph Marsocci in the East.

November 12th and 13th - Open House at 7:30 p.m. (BBAF)

November 14th - High Twelve Club meets.

November 21st - AGL Visit, Ladies and Widows Bingo Night. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. by members, Bingo at 7:30 p.m.

November 25th - OES Card Party.

Batavia Lodge No. 475

2nd & 4th
Tuesdays



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The month of October has been busy. R.:W.: Robert Strang, DDGM of the Genesee/Wyoming District, along with his Staff Officer, R.:W.: Norman Austin, conducted their Official Visit on October 8th. The Brothers of the Lodge and the District Deputy enjoyed dinner at a local restaurant before the Official Visit. The District Deputy, R.:W.: Robert Strang, presented the Grand Master's Program for this year and it simply is recruitment and retention.

In March of 2003 the Grand Master is hoping to add 5,000 new Masons to our Fraternity, including our Governor, George Pataki. All three Degrees will be conferred at this time, and it is a wonderful opportunity to bring good men into our Craft.

Here at Batavia Lodge, we are planning to have a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night very soon. This will be a joint effort with other area Lodges. More details to follow.

The District Grand Lecturer's Convention is scheduled for the 16th of the month at Hesperus Lodge. I will let you know if we earned the Potts Award in next month's article. Also, on the 22nd of the month, the Assistant Grand Lecturer, V.:W.: Adrian Miller, was scheduled to conduct his Official Visit at Batavia Lodge.

Celebration

We here in Batavia Lodge have a momentous occasion that will take place on Tuesday, December 10th. This will be Batavia Lodge's 400th stated communication. I would like to see as many of our Brothers attend this stated communication as possible. I extend an invitation to all other Lodges to join us in our celebration.

Batavia Chapter No. 267, OES, celebrated its 100th Anniversary on Friday, October 25th. I congratulate the ladies on their milestone.

Sickness and distress

Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to W.: William Genagon, who is recovering from an injury he sustained. Hope you are doing well, Bill. Our prayers and concerns are also extended to W.: Bob Clement. We have been informed that he has had a few setbacks of late. We hope to see

you out and about very soon, W.: Bob!

Finally, my Brothers, I ask each of you to continue to remember the victims of the 9/11 event. Remember our service men and women as they continue to serve you and me in providing their service to our country.

May God bless America! May God bless us all!

Arcade Lodge No. 419

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



Master
R.:W.: Leonard
Mason
492-1813

Sec. R.:W.: Arthur Drew, 492-4860
Main St., Arcade, 14009

This October has seen the journey start for an Entered Apprentice in Arcade Lodge. It was enjoyable to see him become a Mason. Some of us have been Masons most of our lives. He was accompanied by two fine gentlemen, one from Attica, and another from LeRoy. The current schedule is to confer the 2nd Degree in LeRoy on Saturday, November 23rd, at 9:00 a.m. Why not try to make it over and have breakfast prior to the Degree?

Remembering others

Your support is needed to assist in making visitations to the Brothers who can't make it to Lodge. Please try on your own, or call me at 585-492-1813. I believe we, as Masons, are missing the boat by not working harder at making some visitations. The last time you were laid up or not feeling well, would YOU have enjoyed a brief talk with a Brother?

Help needed

I am planning to serve a Thanksgiving Dinner for some of the needy in Arcade. Your presence is needed, since this will be done during the daytime on November 26th. If you will be available and can help, call and leave a message. I am planning on about thirty being served. Please come and share in the warmth of helping someone less fortunate.

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Our Next training session is scheduled for October 19th & 20th

one and someone worked hard to make your season a little brighter? Many times in our hustle bustle we don't stop to think, and enjoy the memories we have.

One Day Class

You have undoubtedly read that March 29, 2003, will be a day when a man can become a Mason in one day. If you have a family member or friend, whom you believe is a qualified person, think about asking him if he would like to join our Fraternity. It will definitely help those who are hampered by job restrictions such as professional people or second and third shift people. If you have questions or need a petition, let me know.

November Birthdays

November 3rd, Robert L. McElheny; 4th, Ronald M. Belden; 9th, Howard A. Most; 16th, Michael E. Boreanaz; and 24th, Gerald L. Schaefer.

Assistant Grand Lecturer Livingston District

V.:W.: Mark G. Dibella

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Here we go again! Starting into the new season of Schools of Ritual as well as all the fun and frivolity that comes with a Masonic year.

As I promised, I will be providing each Master with the written report that I would file with the Grand Lecturer after my visit to their Lodge. Also as promised, if the Lodge is not happy with the report, they will be given an opportunity to change it by working on the portions in which they were found lacking. All that needs to be done is to contact me to help the Lodge fix the perceived problem, or invite me back for a follow-up session. To facilitate this, I will be carrying out all my visits prior to the middle of the Masonic year and leaving the rest of the year open for follow-up and Degree work. Please use me as a resource before we have to look at fixing something!

School of Ritual

The first School of Ritual will be hosted by Nunda Station Lodge on Saturday, November 9th, at 3:00 p.m. The work will be



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on Masonic Etiquette and I will present it. There are two major reasons for this change of day and time - the Lodge building would likely not be available for use (it is owned by a veteran's organization and the normal night for the School is on Veteran's Day), and to see how a Saturday afternoon session would be received. I hope to see all of you there, including any new Brothers who need to know about the niceties of the Craft, and heaven knows we could all use a refresher.

I am planning my visits for the month of November as follows:

- 4th - Mt. Morris;
- 7th - Avon Springs;
- 14th - Genesco
- 19th - Phoenix.

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

Now, let's see if we can pull together and bring Livingston District into a year we will all remember!

Livonia
Lodge No. 778

1st & 3rd Wed.
Master
W. Benjamin
Thorp
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Sec. R. W. Richard Brown
346-3618
65 Big Tree Street, Livonia, 14487

Greetings from Livonia Lodge No. 778!

Our first Official Visit of the year was Wednesday, October 16th, when we welcomed our new District Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bob Fisher.

October also included our Livingston County Association meeting held the 28th at Livonia Lodge.

Coming up in November, I look forward to our regular meetings on the 6th and 20th, and I ask our members for a good turnout. Let's enjoy our fellowship before the snow hits!

Best wishes to all for a blessed Thanksgiving.

Eunice Lodge
No. 830

1st Thurs.
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Sec. R. W. Francis E. Oberer
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It is my privilege and pleasure to announce 1st Degree work for a candidate to take place at Eunice Lodge on Wednesday, November 20th, at 7:30 p.m. This announcement also is due and timely notice that this special communication is taking place in addition to the regular scheduled communication for November.

The 2nd Degree is planned for January. The Junior Warden was scheduled for the Master's work but, as he is unavailable now, the Senior Warden will sit in this time as Master. Thanks Steve Cross. Thanks, also, for the help of our

AGL, Mark Dibelka, in support of our effort.

At this writing, I am filled with optimism for a good attendance for the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night coming up, hopefully, galvanizing the Brothers to pull together, too. Getting some of that telephone ear, if you know what I mean.

Brotherhood Fund

It's a little early for results there, but our Chairman, Fran Oberer, has the requests sent out. Mine is filled out and returned already; how about yours?

Events for November

Fridays, November 1st, 8th, 15th, and 29th, Euchre Card Party, Eunice Lodge.

Sunday, November 3rd, 2:00 p.m., 1st Degree rehearsal.

Thursday, November 7th, 7:30 p.m., regular communication, Official Visit.

Sunday, November 17th, 2:00 p.m., rehearsal, 1st Degree.

Monday, November 25th, 7:30 p.m., Livingston Association Meeting; dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Think about it

We get more places by accident than on purpose.

A Few Good Men

We are still looking for a few good men to clean and repair our loan equipment at the Bureau. The appeal is a little stale, but, the need is fresh. Let us know when you have some free time. Even if you can only spare two or three hours a month, your help will be appreciated.
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Future events

On Sunday, November 10th, the second Ward visit of the season is scheduled.

No December visits are scheduled due to the special annual events in which our regular vol-

unteers have participated for many years. The events are the Annual Holiday Gift Wrap Session on Tuesday, December 10th, and the Holiday Gift Distribution on Sunday, December 22nd.

Drivers wanted

The Disabled American Veterans have an urgent need for volunteer drivers to transport veteran patients in the DAV special bus to and from the VA Outpatient Clinic on Westfall Road to the VA Medical Center in Canandaigua for treatment.

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**James Knox Polk
11th President**

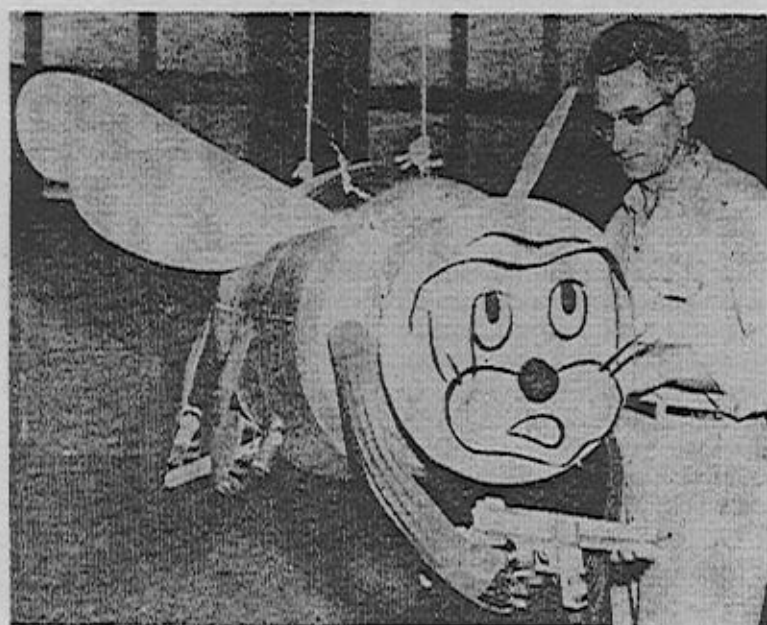
Born November 2, 1795 in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, James Polk was the son of Samuel Polk and Jane Knox who were of Scottish-Irish descent. James was educated at the University of North Carolina and became a lawyer. Although James was of Presbyterian heritage, he never joined the church. He did attend services with his wife, a Presbyterian. Just a few days before his death he was baptized, at his own request, by a Methodist Episcopalian minister. James Polk died on June 15th, 1848 at Nashville and was buried on the State grounds in Nashville, TN.

Government Service

Polk was a legislator, Congressman and Governor. For two sessions he served as Speaker of the House. He was a brilliant orator and was called "the Napoleon of the Stump." James was elected by a slim margin and served as President from 1845 to 1849. Soon after taking office he sent troops to the disputed Texas-Mexican border. Clashes there led to war, declared in 1846, with the U.S. Armies eventually entering Mexico City. After the war, in 1848, the United States acquired California and the area called, at that time, New Mexico (including Arizona and parts of Colorado and Nevada) for fifteen million dollars. A few months later gold was discovered in California, and the rush began.

During his administration the first "tariff for revenue only" was adopted, the Free-Soil Party was founded and slavery remained a

He's a Busy SeaBee



As promised, here is the answer to last month's question, "Who is this guy?" The person in the picture with the Large "SeaBee" is none other than our own Thomas M. Paglia. When this picture was taken Tom was

employed as a steel worker. He was putting on the finishing touches to his own "creation" for the Rochester Memorial Day Parade in May of 1961. At the time he was a member of the SeaBee Reserve Unit here.

lively issue. Three months after his successor took office, Polk died at his home in Nashville.

Polk was initiated on June 5, 1820 in Columbia Lodge No. 31, Columbia, TN. Brother Polk assisted in the cornerstone laying of the Smithsonian Institution in

Washington, May 1, 1847 and was governor of Tennessee from 1839-1841. He was called "Young Hickory," and hosted the first Annual White House Thanksgiving Dinner. The first use of the telegraph was to transmit news of his Nomination.

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Wagon rides through the campus, music, arts and crafts, hundreds of flickering lights and festive greenery will transform the Masonic Home into a Winter Wonderland. Our Rose Garden will be illuminated with Disney-themed displays in a fantasy of color and design. Disney characters will greet the children as they enter this Wonderland.

Our Campus Wagon tour will take you on a journey through the fields to Acacia Village for a visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus. Make sure you bring your smile for your free photo with Santa Claus next to a cozy fireplace!

Free musical entertainment will be available all afternoon in various buildings on the campus.

A complete schedule of events will be distributed as you enter. Refreshments will also be available for a nominal cost.

Continuing this year will be our popular Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair and a Holiday Ornament Workshop. The children will enjoy free train rides by Scotty's Express Train and another chance to view and pet two beautiful oxen provided by Paul Credle!

Strolling street carolers, wagon rides, the aroma of roasting chestnuts, people costumed in old-fashioned holiday dress will certainly make this a celebration you will not want to miss.

The day culminates at 5:30 p.m. with the traditional lighting of the Masonic Home Christmas Tree while carolers sing your favorite holiday tunes.

The only price of admission is a non-perishable food item from each family for the Utica Community Food Bank to be given to needy families during the holiday season.

Put this event on your calendar, Sunday, December 1, 2002. For further information regarding the Winter Fest, contact Angie Caiola, Director of Community Relations at 800-322-8826.

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Annual Meeting highlights

Special thanks to our dedicated Secretary, Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, and our Office Secretary, Ms. Julie Pettis, for their timely efforts to ensure that all of the materials and information were ready for that meeting. Appropriate copies of the Annual 2002-2003 Budget, Financial Investments Report and other Committee Reports were presented and approved. Special thanks as well to our Valley Treasurer, Ill.: Lawrence E. Hood, 33°, for his assistance and guidance in the presentation of these documents.

As a point of information, our membership now stands a 995. Special thanks to those who participated in this meeting which was presided over by our Thrice Potent Master, Sublime Prince Gary L. Burke, 32°.

As high impact change begins to effect our operating environment, we are very thankful for the planning and preparation that the many Valley Teams have done to ensure an orderly transition.

Lauer's Building update

Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, has reported that progress is being made as this new facility is being renovated for the use of both our 32° Masonic Children's Learning Center and our Scottish Rite Valley's Office. Special thanks as well to sublime Prince Roy L. Williams, 32°, who has been involved as our Business Consultant. He has been very dili-

gent in collecting many of the pieces of information necessary to make this transaction and taking appropriate action.

Facilities and Planning Team

All of these activities have been under the guidance and counsel of the Facilities and Planning team, chaired by Sublime Prince Glenn A. Stahl, 32°. We reach out as well to Ill.: Brothers Rodney Rittenhouse, 33°, Charles O. Hancock, 33°, John E. Zabel, 33°, Distinguished Brother Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr., 32° MSA, Sublime Princes Robert D. Pedersen, 32°, and Roy L. Williams, 32°, who have been diligent in their special efforts to ensure that our future is secure. The Valley owes a sincere debt of gratitude for the special efforts put forth by this team. We thank you very kindly.

Symbolic Lodge Award Night

It was an extreme pleasure to have our Ill.: and M.: W.: Carl J. Fitje, 33°, and the members of his Grand Line with us to share the love and care of our Scottish Rite with our many Symbolic Lodge Craftsmen who have displayed enthusiasm and leadership within their Lodges. Special thanks to our Deputy Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Deputy for New York, for his presence and support of this Craft Lodge Program.

Let us all remember that Ill.: Robert C. Pettit, 33°, our 1988 Commander-in-Chief, started this tradition by inviting M.: W.: and Ill.: Robert C. Singer, 33°, to the Valley of Rochester for the inaugural of this Symbolic Lodge Awards Program. We offer thanks to the Program Chair, Sublime Prince Eldon White, 32°, who coordinated the activities for this annual event. Of particular significance was the presentation of the Daniel Carter Beard Award for Boy Scout Leadership by Ill.: John E. Zabel, 33°, the 2nd Lt. Commander of our

Valley and District Deputy Grand Master of the Monroe District, to Sublime Prince Peter J. VanElzakker, 32°, a member of our Valley's General Committee and a Past Master of Seneca Lodge No. 797. His Award is the tenth one of record! Congratulations for being recognized for your contribution to the young men of our country!

Reach Out and Say Hello

Under the leadership of our 1st Lt. Commander Sublime Prince Robert D. Pedersen, 32°, the valley has again expanded its horizon and mailed over 6,000 informational letters to non-Scottish Rite Masons in the surrounding Masonic Districts. We look forward to the results of both the Brother Bring-a-Brother Programs for a large Fall 2002 Class. The Class Sponsor, Ill.: Myron L. Dox, 33°, will be pleased with the hard work and special efforts by so many of our Reach Out and Say Hello Team members!

The primary mission of our Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite is to educate and advance our Craft Lodge Brothers to new heights of wisdom and understanding. It is a marvelous experience as a candidate to witness these ceremonies that display the lessons that apply to our daily lives. Please allow yourself the special privilege to sponsor a Craft Lodge Brother for our Degrees; it will add to your pride as a Scottish Rite Mason that you have helped another to grow and learn as you have.

Strategic Planning

Special thanks to the many very hard working Sublime Princes who are developing a new Scottish Rite Club. We congratulate them for their vision and insight into our future. We are very blessed to have leaders like Sublime Princes Norman Austin, 32°, Rev. Richard Luh, 32°, Kenneth Kohlhagen, 32°, Neil Bedford, 32°, Raymond Barber, 32°, and Distinguished Brother Craig T. Mollon, 32° MSA, to provide the necessary insight to make this a meaningful organization. The Valley of Rochester is pleased to announce that Distinguished Brother Donald Rose, 32° MSA, has accepted an appointment as the liaison between the Valley of Rochester and the G/W Scottish Rite Club.

On the first road show of Degrees for the Lodge of Perfection (the 9th and 14th) will be held at Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 in LeRoy on November 1st. Special thanks to the Club for hosting our Valley for this session. It is a very important part of our future as we begin to look into the management of our organization utilizing its current critical mass. Thanks very kindly Sublime Princes for your dedication and support.

ReMember the Blue Lodge

Congratulations to Distinguished Brother Arthur Maupin, 32° MSA, and Sublime Prince James Nersinger, 32°, who have filed the appropriate form and have been designated as recipients of this Award for being first line signers for petitions presented in their Craft Lodges.

Deputy's Representative information

Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, attended a recent Deputy's Representative Training Seminar that was sponsored by our Deputy, Active Member, Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33°. Among some of the new topics are several Protocol updates, a formal Ritual and Degree presentation grading system (that will be used with our Fall 2002 Degree series) and a change in accountability for the Valley's Reach Out and Say Hello activities to the Deputy's Representative. This new information has been shared with the top three Officers in our Valley and is focused on continuous improvement. Special thanks to our Deputy's representative for his coaching, guidance and support of the Valley's activities.

Our prayers

Please continue to offer your prayers for: Ill.: Fred Neilsen, 33°; Sublime Prince Richard Henderson, 32°; Sublime Prince Derek VanHouten, 32°; Distinguished Brother Charles C. Spiegel, 32°, MSA; Sublime Prince Alfred K. Miller, 32°, DSA; Distinguished Brother Frank Jansson, 32°, MSA, and others who may be in need of the special blessing of our Great Architect.

Change

If you're not riding the wave of change, you'll find yourself beneath it! Continue to think out loud, stick to basics and be kind. ☐

Calendar Erratum

Please note that an error has been made on the April 2003 schedule. The correct Reunion dates should be April 24th and 26th.

In response to the many inquiries that have been made for a Quick Reference Guide, our 2002-2003 calendar lists the top three officers for each line on page 51. Please note the following changes:

The correct e-mail for the Scottish Rite Office is:

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The correct e-mail for Dr. George Nasra is:

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The correct e-mail for Norman Austin is:

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Hospitaler's Report

By Thomas M. Paglia, 32° MSA

Gerald Jones - Prostate surgery, slow recovery.

William Zufall - emphysema.

Robert Pettit - having back problems.

Wayne Slack - Not feeling well.

Mat Gingold - Carpal Tunnel surgery.

All of these Brothers could use a phone call, visit and/or cards. ☐

News from the Sovereign Prince

By Joseph Oelgoetz

Family Life event

The Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, will hold its annual Family Life Toys for Tots event the evening of December 5th. The objective of this event is to provide a forum where we can provide a little holiday happiness to those less fortunate

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nate children of our community, as well as provide an event for our families to enjoy.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m., and will be held at the Damascus Mosque, 979 Bay Road in Webster. Dinner begins around 7:00 p.m. and will consist of a holiday Turkey feast with all the trimmings. Festivities will include a short talk from a representative of the United States Marine Corp, a visit from Santa Claus, and possibly a magician.

Cost of the event is simply one unwrapped present for a girl or boy to be donated to the United States Marine Corp's Toys for Tots program.

This event is open to all. Bring your wife, significant other, children, grandchildren, friends and their families, or anyone else. The plan is to have fun for the whole family, while doing something for the needy children of our community.

32° Masonic Learning Center for Children

I will begin, in this issue, a series of short talks concerning one of our most important community service programs - the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children.

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The Mission

The 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, Inc., is a service to the community provided by the Scottish Rite Masons.

The purpose of each Center is to provide free, state of the art treatment to children with dyslexia. Professional clinical evaluation will determine which children can benefit from the specific programs offered by the Center. Children will be treated on a "first come, first served" basis regardless of race or creed.

The Center will endeavor to inform the public about these "silent" and frequently unrecognized conditions.

Brief history

In 1991, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Massachusetts decided to focus its resources on the establishment of a Foundation dedicated to improving the diagnosis and treatment of learning disabilities of children.

In 1992, the Massachusetts Scottish Rite Foundation Inc., was established to raise funding to establish and support Centers initially in Massachusetts and subsequently throughout the fifteen States in the Northern Jurisdiction.

The first Learning Center for children with dyslexia opened in July, 1993, in the Newton Masonic Temple, Newtonville, Massachusetts, in conjunction with the Massachusetts General Hospital and its Language Disorders Unit. Twelve children were given remedial assistance for nine hours each week during the Summer. Speech therapy was also provided. The 1993 Fall program was even more comprehensive and included an affiliation with the Center for Applied Special Technology (C.A.S.T.)

In September 1994, the Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction, unanimously approved the creation of the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc., a new charity to serve the needs of children with dyslexia. As of March 2002, thirty-eight Centers were in operation in 12 of the 15 States of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction with many in the planning stages. In fact there are plans for four more centers to open during 2002. We currently have an enrollment of close to 1,000 children. The goal is to have 55 Learning Centers by 2005.

Rochester can be proud of the fact that it is the location of the only Learning Center in the State of New York. This Center - The Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, is currently located on the third floor of the Downtown Masonic Temple in Rochester.

Next month I will review the history and status of The Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children. Until then, may the Grand Architect of the Universe bless you and yours.



Shriners Hospital for Children in Honolulu, which was visited by several people traveling with the Masonic Service Bureau group.

Hawaiian Cruise

Continued from page 1

The third day's travel was across the Canadian border to Vancouver. Following a brief stop for lunch in the Gastown section, the travelers were dropped off at Canada Place with passports and photo ID's in hand. The tour promoter's had, thankfully, arranged to have the luggage transported to the ship earlier, so only carry-on bags and personal items required security inspections.

Ship ahoy!

Once past immigration, it was on your way to the gangplank. "Just a minute, please," and "Smile for the camera" were two phrases to be heard often throughout the journey. Photographers were everywhere to record your moments, no obligation of course. This stop recorded the date and the ship's name, Carnival Spirit.

It took some time to load the 2,124 passengers and their luggage, not to mention the food and supplies required for twelve days at sea. Consequently, departure was nearly two hours later than scheduled. No one on board seemed to notice or care about the delay. A state of euphoria was present!

Party time!

For the next six days and nights it was eat, play games, go to spectacular stage shows, eat, gamble in the casino, go to cozy lounges, eat, sleep, eat...you get the picture! The further South the ship sailed, the warmer and nicer the weather became. It soon was possible to be out on one of the deck's to sun bathe and catch up on your reading. You could swim in one of three pools, relax in the spas, work out in the gymnasium, walk around the ship, sit in the library and read, and, of course, eat.

Headlining the daily theatrical performances in the Pharaoh's Lounge Theater on board the Carnival "Spirit," was the Master of Malaprops, Norm Crosby. Among

with the City of Hope, he serves as a co-host on the Jerry Lewis annual Labor Day Telethon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. To recognize his achievements and humanitarian efforts, he was rewarded with a "star" in Hollywood's Walk of Fame in 1982.

Land ho!

The first stops were at Kona and Hilo on the big island of Hawaii. One-day visits at each, with an overnight sail in between. Some ground tours were available or you could do your own thing. Another overnight sail brought the ship to the port of Lahaina, Maui, the picturesque old whaling capital of the Pacific. Two days were available here to take in all the sights. Nawiliwili, Kauai, was the next port of call. It was a brief visit to the "Garden Isle" with not nearly enough time to take in all the sights. Finally, it was on to Honolulu where the cruise portion of the trip came to an end.

The hotel in Honolulu was located a short two blocks from Waikiki Beach, one of the most renowned locations in the world. Pre-arranged tours visited Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery, the East Coast of the Island featuring Sandy Beach, a drive past the Honolulu Zoo and, of course, a visit to Pearl Harbor and the Arizona Memorial, which is always an emotionally moving experience.

Rest and Relaxation

There was plenty of free time to lounge on the beach, go shopping, head to a luau, climb Diamond Head, visit other sights or just plain enjoy the warm temperatures and sunshine. Some of the group went to see the legendary Don Ho, still performing at age 72.

Another visit was to the Shriners Hospital for Children. The map of their "territory" (where their patients have resided) is most impressive. It covers the Far East, Asia, Australia and New Zealand.



Norm Crosby entertained cruise passengers journeying to Hawaii. W. Skip Waterstreet had the opportunity to chat briefly with Norm following his performance.

the most widely-quoted comedians in show business, Norm has been a regular performer in some of the nation's top night clubs, theaters and casino showrooms.

Brother Norm Crosby, a 33rd Degree Mason, has been an active fundraiser and charity worker. In addition to problems of the hearing impaired, child abuse prevention, and work



At a "Farewell to Hawaii" Dinner, R.W. Vern Goodrich, President of the Masonic Service Bureau, was presented with a hula ensemble by Linda Zahn as a "Thank You" for his efforts in arranging the cruise and tours. Here he poses with his wife, Barbara, and W. Skip Waterstreet, who had just returned from his hula lesson.

Display cases are filled with gifts and accolades from parents of children treated at this facility. One item of great interest and beauty was the Japanese wedding dress.

This article touches briefly on the trip. Most of the people (haven't talked with all of them) were thrilled with this vacation of a lifetime. Many are looking forward to the Masonic Service Bureau's next endeavor, whatever that may be. If this description has whetted your appetite for adventure, keep looking in the *Masonic Times* for details concerning the next adventure

Theodore Roosevelt 26th President

Former Police Commissioner of New York City, Civil Service Commissioner, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Commander of the Rough Riders in Cuba, and Governor of New York, Theodore Roosevelt was 42-years-old when he was inaugurated in 1901, the youngest president in our nation's history.

His most noted achievement in office was to start building the Panama Canal. He fought vigorously against trusts and monopolies, which earned him the nickname, "Trust-Buster."

Other highlights of his administration included: the creation of the Department of Commerce and Labor; a new railroad act was passed empowering the Interstate Commerce Commission to fix rates; the Alaska Boundary was settled; a pure food bill approved; and Congress enacted the first bill to irrigate the desert lands of the west.

While in office, he issued an edict which changed the name of his residence from Executive Mansion to the White House.

Through his invitation, the Japanese-Russian War treaty was written at Portsmouth, NH. For this achievement, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, the first president to be so honored.

Private life

His Masonic career began in Matinecock Lodge No. 806, Oyster Bay, NY, in January, 1901, during his term as Governor.

He was of Dutch ancestry, born in New York City on October 27, 1858. His mother was Martha Bulloch and his father Theodore Roosevelt, a merchant. "Teddy" was a lawyer, educated at Harvard. A hunter, he explored Africa and South America extensively on big-game safaris. He was also a horseman, tennis player and author, writing many books and helping edit a magazine.

He was an extremely active man until his death on January 6, 1919, at Oyster Bay.

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As reported in the October issue both our June Sausage Roast and the September Steak Roast were great successes. According to the Treasurer's Report at our October meeting, we were even money ahead; not much, but no loss. Our November meeting has been moved up to the 20th, the third Wednesday. Business for the evening will be approval of the 2003 Budget and Nomination and Election Officers. Make every effort to attend this meeting. If enough of you would like to have dinner at a restaurant before our next meeting, please let me know and I will make arrangements.

Membership

One petition was read, investigated and approved at the November meeting. I encourage all members to get at least one new member. We must increase our membership if we are to survive.

Coming up

Our Holiday Party will again be at Valicia's Restaurant on Long Pond Road, near Lyell. There will be a choice of Prime Rib, Chicken, Shrimp Scampi and possibly Fish. The details will be forthcoming on e-mail and by phone in the next few weeks.

Concerns

It was reported that Lou Weekes is in Westgate Nursing Home, 525 Beahan Road, 14624. He enjoys getting cards. Carl Busack is not feeling his best and has limited his driving. Charles Spiegel is recovering from knee surgery and could use some encouragement. Ben Silver is in St. John's Home. Louis DiJames is having back problems. Finally, Vern Bishop and Jane will be moving soon to a condominium off Nine Mile Point Road. See you at our next meeting.

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The Grand Scribe Royal Arch Masons, R.E. James Hemstrought, thanks Western Star Chapter and those attending his Visitation to the 29th District for their support. Those who attended heard the message and wishes that he delivered from the Grand High Priest. For those who could not, or did not, find the time to attend, I will pass them on to you.

First, it should be a privilege for a Chapter or District to receive a visitation from Grand Line Officers to air their questions and problems. This is part of the continuity of Royal Arch Masonry. We need the support of all, not just one or two Chapters.


The High Priest, or a representative, was asked to attend and report on their Chapter's status to the Grand Line Officer. Only one High Priest attended. You were also to provide him with your Trestleboard for his year as High Priest. Excellent High Priest, this was your opportunity to make your Mark in Capitular Masonry.

Let's stop procrastinating and put the effort toward fulfilling our duties.

Issues communicated

1. EHP has sign up sheets for Companions to commit to being mentors for the new Brothers.
2. Conducting Degrees at each Chapter (even to exemplify.)
3. Fervency and Zeal Program available to you by asking the AGL.
4. Contributions to the Royal Arch Charities.
5. AGL visitation schedule to your Chapter soon.

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For those of you who read my other article this month, you will find me repeating myself. However, I want my feelings to be loud and clear.

As we all know, all the Bodies who meet in the Downtown Temple will have to find new homes by December 31, 2002. That being said, I want to say that the apathy and animosity that is plaguing the York Rite Bodies in the Monroe District is appalling. We should remember who and what we are. We all pledged to abide by the tenets of Freemasonry when we were made Masons. I feel that if the current trend continues, there will be no

more York Rite Bodies to worry about. So remember, we need to please the majority, not the minority. Those who are spreading dissension and, in some cases, false statements, should make sure they have all the facts before saying anything. We need harmony, not chaos. Most of all, remember we are all Brothers and we should treat each other as we would like to be treated. Enough said.

Mentor Program


I remind everyone about the Mentor Program proposed by our Grand High Priest in support of the Grand Master's Class in March. Please add your name to the list. These need to be sent to the Grand Secretary's Office by November 1st.

Visits

I, along with our AGL, V.E. Michael Adamus, will be visiting 3x3 Chapter on November 12th. I know some of the members from Dansville will be joining us, so come on Hiram, let's see some of your members there, also.

Let's have a nice evening of fellowship. See you then.

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Companions, thanks for the turnout at our Grand Line Official Visit on October 1st in Seneca Falls, Waterloo Chapter room. It was one of the best Official Visits that I have attended. A lot of discussion by a lot of Companions gave us new guidelines, which we started in October and I hope we continue them. The main thing is, for all who are able, to visit our Sister Chapters in the District every month thereby enabling us all to open our Chapters every month. All of those present agreed to this. It has worked so far. Let's hope it continues until each of us can get enough members to stand on our own.

Membership

R.E. E. William Whittaker made five copies of the Fervency and Zeal Program for each of the Chapters. This Program I plan to push hard, because I believe it WILL bring in new members. We all know that in the long run, new members are our only salvation.

Next convocations

Excelsior Chapter's next convocation will be Monday, November 11th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Shortsville Masonic Temple. With our visitors' help, we will open. Come and join us, and then travel with us to help our Sister Chapters open: Salem Town in Waterloo, Tuesday, November 5th, at 7:30 p.m.; and Geneva Chapter on Wednesday, November 13th, at 8:00 p.m. We must reciprocate, that is, we must visit them if we expect them to visit us. Plan now to help make this idea work by traveling with us.

Work to be done


We will rehearse the Fervency and Zeal Program and try to present it in a Symbolic Lodge in November. This will be work, but it will also be fun. This Program will educate the Brothers of the Symbolic Lodge of that vital, important, and necessary value which the Holy Royal Arch has in relationship to the Symbolic Lodge. This Program is like Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, in the sense that so much is said in so few words.

Distress

Companion R.E. Cullen Henry was in the hospital with stomach problems and is home now, but still having problems. Our prayers go out to you, Cullen. R.E. George Stanton had follow-up tests and they found all results to be still good. We pray you stay that way, Deke. Our prayers go out to all of the Companions and their families who are ill. May God touch you. God Bless you. Cheerio.

Explain this one! The Bible is the most shoplifted book in the United States.

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Unfortunately, due to some of our Companions traveling across the globe, we did not have enough in attendance at our last meeting to open the Chapter. Now that our intrepid travelers have returned safely, we hope for a better turnout this month. November's meeting also marks our annual Election of Officers. The results of this election will appear in next month's column. Due to the Christmas Holidays, there will be no meeting in December, and our Chapter will once again convene at our January 28th meeting.


This month is the time we gather together to give thanks for all we have. As I look around, and listen to the news regarding what is happening in the world, I have

come to realize how "good" we have it in this country. There is so much we take for granted until we really take time to ponder. No matter how bad things may seem, there always are those less fortunate than ourselves. Much of what many consider essential is, in reality, superficial. Why not take time this Season to let your family, friends, and other loved ones know how thankful you are to have them, and how much they mean to you. You might be surprised at the response you receive in return.

On behalf of all the Officers and Companions of LeRoy Chapter No. 183, we wish you and yours a wonderful and bountiful Thanksgiving Holiday.

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Companions all


I am saddened to report the passing of R.E. Austin S. Keith, Past District Deputy Grand High Priest for the 24th Capitular District, and Past High Priest of Palmyra/Eagle Chapter. R.E. Austin held many offices in the family of Freemasonry, and he will be greatly missed.

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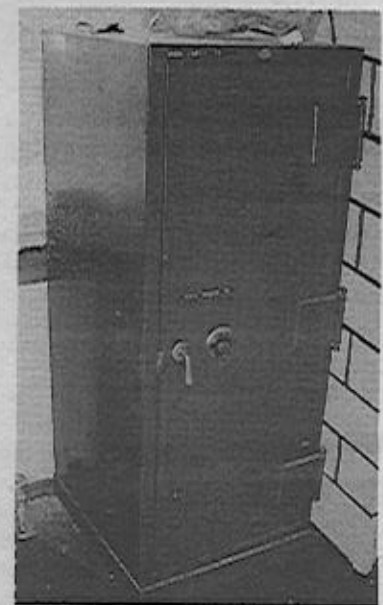
The next conclave will be on Monday, November 4th, at 7:30 p.m. As usual, a dinner will precede the meeting. We have had an English meal (bangers and mash), a German meal (Bratwurst and Knockwurst). Now it's time to get a little closer to home, Mexican. A bowl, or two, of Chili Con Carne, with an American touch, grated cheese on top!

The program for the evening will be the exemplification of the Holy Royal Arch Degree. I am looking forward to the Companions from the entire area coming and breaking bread with us. Give me a call at 315-597-9546, or e-mail me at ukcy@juno.com, if you don't usually attend. Complete the evening with a big helping of fellowship, Brotherly love and Masonic Light.

Doric Council
No. 19 Cryptic Masons
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I extend special thanks to Edward Walker and Bill Lindsay for helping me with the Doric Council inventory at the Downtown Temple. We are in fine shape for our upcoming move. We discovered a big safe labeled "Doric Council", to which no one seems to have the combination. We have contacted all previous secretaries, treasurers and Illustrious Masters, and may have to contact a locksmith, if no one can provide the combination. If you know about the safe, please contact one of the Doric Council officers as soon as possible.



This is the safe we found.



Do you know the combination?

Grand Line Rededicates Excelsior Chapter No. 164



Companions of Excelsior Chapter No. 164 pose with members of the Grand Line following the rededication ceremony. (front) R.E. Walter Hilsenbeck, R.E. David Stoy, E. Ronald Edwards-HP, M.E. Edmund Harrison, R.E. James Hemstrought, R.E. John Jones, and R.E. William Zufall. (middle) R.E. Robert Bukowski and R.E. Keith Dash. R.E. Thomas Paglia is in the back row.

The newly formed York Rite Planning Committee is trying to give all York Rite organizations viable options as to a meeting location for next year. As reported by TCC management in their July emergency meeting, the Shrine wanted the TCC to pay for ALL operating costs of the Shrine building and property. Both Vern Goodrich and Gerald Glaser stated that this would bankrupt the TCC in only a few years and the groups would have then to fend for themselves. Since July, the TCC had no firm information to share. At the end of October, the York Rite Planning Committee finalized their recommendations.

Our November 20th Doric Council meeting is very important as we will be voting on where to move our Council. Please put the date on your calendar and make every effort to attend. Remember that we will be having a fine meal before each meeting. If you want to attend the dinner, please contact Edward Walker at 647-2382 with your reservation and your meal choice.

See you in Council.

Nundawaga Council No. 92

4th Monday
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Ill. Charles H. Lee
Master - 343-2819
Ill. Vernon Rupert
Recorder - 343-8429

November meeting

As America's Annual Thanksgiving Day draws near, our November 25th meeting at Nundawaga Council celebrates: Thanksgiving for the founders of our Council; Thanksgiving for 46 Illustrious Masters, who have served our Council since its first meeting, October 1st, 1952; and, Thanksgiving for our present members and the Ladies of Nundawaga Council members.

Plans for the evening will begin with Council being opened prior to a 6:30 p.m. dinner to which ladies are invited, as well as any prospective member. There will be a \$10.00 per person fee for the dinner, which is being prepared by R.L. Daniel N. Evans, Sr., and Companion Richard C. Anderson, Captain of the Guard. It will be "A Feast of Thanksgiving."

Any profit from this dinner will be placed in a special fund to assist Nundawaga Council in hosting the Testimonial Dinner honoring R.L. Steven A. Licht as Grand Master of the Grand Council, to be held October 16th, 2004.

During the Open Meeting following dinner, there will be a public recognition and thanksgiving program honoring our seventeen living Past Illustrious Masters of Nundawaga Council. You'll have to come to find out the other parts of the program, quite possibly a first for Nundawaga Council.

Anniversary Year Vignette

The first meeting of Nundawaga Council, Under Dispensation, was held at Warsaw on Monday, November 10th, 1952. M.L. E. Parker Waggoner, Grand Secretary, convened the meeting and introduced M.L. Howard L. Adams, Grand Master, who presented a Dispensation he had issued on October 6th to Companion Nicodemus Bailey, which empowered the new Council to work

The minutes of this first meeting indicate that Companion Bailey responded with considerable feeling as he received the Dispensation from the Grand Master. Also noted was that 45 were in attendance with balloting on 11 petitions. Palmyra Council No. 26 Officers conferred the Royal Master Degree and, after a brief recess, Buffalo Keystone Council No. 17 conferred the Select Master Degree. Comment on the work of the Degrees was noted as "splendid" and "done with considerable credit" - these notations entered by M.L. E. Parker Waggoner, Grand Recorder.

After lunch, the Companions continued meeting to discuss future plans under the leadership of the first Illustrious Master, Chief Nicodemus Bailey.

Thus was the launching of Nundawaga Council, now in our 50th Anniversary Year.

Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17

3rd Sat., 9 a.m.

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

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

I have to go back in time to September 20-21 to report that our Commandery was well represented at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery. Those attending included: SK's F. Edward Powley, Jr., William C. Jones, David W. Taber, L. Ron Edwards, Cyril R. White and myself. We wish to congratulate SK M. Eugene Ellis on his election as Right Eminent Grand Commander as well as Sir Knights moving to the next station in Line. SK Courtland M. Andrew, KTCH, was elected as the Grand Warder. We wish them well in the coming year.

On October 19th the School of Instruction was held by SK Don Markham, Grand Captain General at Sagoyewatha Commandery, and was well attended. The Tactics, Protocol and Proper Reception of the Inspecting Officer, as well as the Grand Line Officers, were explained. I'm sure all the Knights present learned something they did not know or understand. It was well covered by SK Markham.

November

On November 9th there will be a Pilgrimage in Hornell by the DeMolay Commandery. Let's have a good turnout for this by bringing a candidate.

On November 16th, the R..E.. Grand Commander, M. Eugene Ellis, will be visiting our Commandery. Let's have a well attended conclave for him. I know that he will probably be having breakfast with us at the Blue Ribbon, as he has done at past visits. I would like to see Zone 11 well represented at this conclave, too.

Future plans

December 21st will be our Christmas observance at 10:00 a.m., with our ladies. There will be more information coming at a later date.

On January 18th, the Western Area Seminar, which includes Zones 11, 12, 13, and parts of 9 and 10, will be hosted by our Commandery, with SK Paul Berrara, Jr., V..E.. Deputy Grand Commander presiding.

We did explain that the time of year might interfere, but we are hoping for a "sunshine" day in Phelps.

We should all be looking for qualified men to petition our Blue Lodges as the Grand Master of Masons will be holding a One-Day Class on March 29, 2003, throughout the State of New York. We need the Blue Lodge Masons in order to strengthen our York Rite, by inviting them and explaining to them the Christian side of Masonry, what we stand for and the honored tradition which we represent.

To my Officers

Let's keep on going over our Duties, Questions and Answers, as we will be working on the Sword Manual at our future meetings.

Batavia Commandery No. 34 Knights Templar

2nd & 4th Thursdays

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

Batavia Commandery was honored by a visit of SK M. Eugene Ellis, Right Eminent Commander, Knights Templar, State of New York, on Thursday, October 10th. SK Ellis addressed the Commandery with appropriate remarks. A dinner preceded the conclave.

Looking ahead

The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will take place on Thursday, November 14th, at 6:30 p.m. The turkey will be prepared by my wife and me. Letters will be sent suggesting items of food to be furnished by the other Sir Knights and their ladies. As usual, everyone is requested to furnish their own table service.

December 12th is the date for the Christmas Observance which will commence at 8:00 p.m. Refreshments will follow in the dining hall. If you do your Christmas shopping early, keep in mind that we are planning to exchange dollar gifts. More about the Christmas Observance will follow in next month's issue.

Cyrene Monroe Commandery No. 12

Chartered 1993
3rd Monday
Commander
SK Benjamin P. Thorp, Jr.
347-6542
Recorder
SK Lawrence W. Dunn
594-8033

Sir Knights

As I write this article, we still don't have a definite answer as to where our new home is going to be. I am waiting for a response back from the Templar Jurisprudence Committee as to how we are to proceed with the re-vote. That being said, I want to remind all Sir Knights that we all pledged to live by the tenets of Freemasonry when we were made Masons. This apathy and animosity that has festered in the York Rite Bodies in the Monroe District is appalling, to say the least. We all need to fall back and regroup and remember who and what we are, or we are going to see the York Rite Bodies dissolve. That is real-

ity, not fiction!

We know we have to move from where we are by December 31, 2002. That's a fact! What we need to do now is to move where it will serve the best interest of our Commandery. We need to look at what is good for the majority, not the minority.

Orders of the Temple

The Orders of the Temple will be held on Saturday, November 16th, at DeMolay No. 22 in Hornell. The Orders start at 9:00 a.m. Plan on being there by 8:00 a.m. I am told coffee and donuts will be provided. As of this writing, we have not been contacted about our role in the Orders. We are supposed to be doing the Order of Malta. When I know definitely, I will let you know.

Christmas Toast and Rededication

I need your input on our Christmas Toast. My feeling is to wait until we are moved and combine our Toast (belated) with our Rededication. If there is enough support for us to have our Toast Downtown, and to say goodbye to the Temple, then so be it. We will need to have this settled by our November meeting.

Schicker Club News

By Barbara Goodrich
A Pot Luck Dinner is planned for Monday, November 18th, and we are hoping for a good turnout. Each lady will be contacted shortly to see if she is planning to attend the suppers.

Don't forget to bring items for the Ronald McDonald House. Their "Wish List" includes sponges, scrubbers, Swiffer supplies, foil and food storage containers, juice boxes, tooth brushes, sample size tooth paste and small deodorants.

Hanukkah

If you live in the northern hemisphere, the middle of Winter can be gloomy and dreary. The Winter sky may be dark when you get up in the morning and it may be dark when you come home. What a wonderful time for the *Festival of Lights!* For eight days, Hanukkah candles shine in the window to brighten the night. Family and friends come to help light the candles in the menorah, to eat *latkes* (pancakes) and *sufganiyot* (doughnuts), and play games of *dreidel* (spinning top).

History

The story of Hanukkah is the struggle for religious freedom. Over two thousand years ago, a Syrian king named Antiochus tried to force the Jews to give up their religion and bow down to

his statue, which had been erected in the Temple.

The Jewish people were forbidden by the law of God to bow to statues or idols. Inspired by Mattathias and led by his son, Judah, a small group of Jews called Maccabees (meaning "hammer") rebelled. The Maccabees risked their lives to live according to Jewish law and to prevent this desecration of their sacred Temple. Although the Maccabees won, the Temple in Jerusalem, the Jews' holy place, was destroyed.

The Jews had to clean and repair the Temple. When they were finished they rededicated it to God by rekindling the menorah, the candelabrum symbolizing the eternal covenant between God and the Jewish people and the continuity of tradition through the generations. But they found only enough pure oil to fuel the menorah for one night. It would take eight days to make more oil. The legend of the miracle at Hanukkah says that the one-day supply of oil burned for eight days and nights until more oil could be made.

Traditions

There are eight days of Hanukkah corresponding to the legend of the miracle of the oil in the Temple. Foods cooked in oil are traditional, particularly potato pancakes, called *latkes*. Today, candles are used instead of oil. On each successive night, the number of candles lit increases by one. Prayers accompany the lighting of the candles.

Hanukkah is celebrated in the home beginning on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev. Even though it is not mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures, Hanukkah is widely celebrated as a major holy day of the Jewish liturgical calendar. Given its proximity to Christmas, Hanukkah has taken on importance in the United States and many other countries where Christmas has been commercialized.

It is traditional to give small gifts to children on each night of Hanukkah. The party atmosphere is enhanced with songs, games and toys, such as a dreidel. Yet the religious celebration -- the lighting of the candles with accompanying prayers -- must come before the party.

NOTE: Hanukkah (rededication) has only five letters in the original Hebrew. In English, however, there are at least 17 ways to spell it, including: Channuka, Channukah, Chanuka, Chanukah, Chanuko, Hannuka, Hannukah, Hanuka, Hanukah, Hanukkah, Kanukkah, Khannuka, Khannukah, Khanuka, Khanukah, Khanukkah, and Xanuka. (Sources: www.joi.org and www.night.net)

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Alfred Pulcino III, Monarch

Master of Ceremonies

By Jerry Spero

The November meeting is our Moving Up Night. We would like to see everyone at the meeting to encourage the new slate of officers. Our Monarch, Al Pulcino III, this year has created lots of fun and many surprises. Don't blame anyone if you don't show up. These are the type of meetings that you joined the Grotto for.

Our social hour starts at 5:00 p.m., with dinner at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be Chicken at \$8.00 per person and is by reservation only. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Please phone me at 334-7616 or Al Pulcino III at 225-8471 for reservations so there will be enough food for everyone. No reservations on the answering machines, just leave a name and a phone number. See all of you there. □

Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

I am happy to report that at our Fall Ceremonial on October 16th we created four new Prophets. Thanks to all Prophets who came to the Master Mason Night on September 25th to welcome our guests.

Membership is still our number one goal in keeping Lalla Rookh Grotto strong. Please carry a petition with you so that you can be prepared to invite a Brother Mason to become a member of our great Fraternity.

We wish all of you a wonderful and healthy Thanksgiving. □

Legion of Honor

By Ron Morthorst, P.M.

Things are on the move. I must apologize for missing the October Times. The calendar got away from me.

November brings us up to the Veteran's Day Service at the War Memorial and, as I write this, we do not have the details, so come to your Legion of Honor meeting and we'll have them for you.

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Fall is here

The Legion of Honor meets the third Monday of each month (this month on November 18th.) The social hour is at 5:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. at Bosdyk's Restaurant, Long Pond and Lyell Roads. You may order off the menu, with individual checks.

Reservations are made by calling me at 334-4196 by November 11th, so we can give the restaurant a count to set up for our meeting.

Many things are coming up this Fall. We have a choice to be involved in many programs that can be put in motion and have a good time doing it. These things were discussed at our September meeting. Remember, this is your Legion of Honor.

We welcome our new members to the Legion and hope they will come to enjoy the Legion of Honor fellowship as much as I have over the years. It is open to any Grotto member. We are interested in building up our membership. If you are a Mason and a veteran, please feel free to call me and let's talk about it. You'll be glad you did! There are many new benefits available to all veterans. Call me or Al Pulcino III at 225-8471.

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

Chief Justice

By Ken Hutchinson

September and October were very busy with all the Fall Masonic activities, especially with the Grotto. September 14th our Grotto was well represented at Williamsport, PA, where Michael Bell was elected and installed as President of the ESGA.

A tip of the fez is in order to our Monarch for a great job at the the September 18th meeting. It was Past Monarch's Night and each PM present received a black monogrammed sport shirt. The public was invited and they were royally entertained by a musical revue presented by 30 members of the Actors for Catholic Education. It certainly was an evening that will long be remembered.

In October our out-of-town activities included Zuleika's Monarch's Ball, on the 12th, in Buffalo. Zafar's Monarch's Ball and afternoon Ceremonial was on the 26th in Williamsport, PA.

Let's not forget the Monarch's Ball on November 2nd. This is Lalla Rookh's biggest night of the year; a time to pay tribute to our Monarch. He is certainly the top Monarch in words, deeds and action, bar none. All is ready at this writing. If you miss this one, you and your lady will be very sorry. □

Historian's Corner

By Ken Hutchinson

This month I would like to highlight the Masonic life of one of Lalla Rookh's Charter members.



Actors For Catholic Education members with Monarch Alfred Pulcino III. They entertained at Past Monarch's Night, September 14th.



Monarch Alfred Pulcino III congratulates Past Monarch Michael Bell on his election as President of the ESGA in Williamsport, PA, on September 14th. Lalla Rookh Prophets line up to extend their personal best wishes. (Photos courtesy of Ken Hutchinson)

Charles M. Colton, P.G.M.
1867-1949

Born in Walton, Delaware County, New York, Prophet and Past Grand Monarch Colton was known to every member of our beloved organization. He served as Grand Treasurer from 1911 until 1948, spanning a period in our country's history covering WWI, the Great Depression and WWII.

He was with the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company for many years, retiring in 1938. A former printer, he had worked in the composing room of the old "Rochester Union and Advertiser" for about 18 years before entering the insurance business.

Prophet Colton was a member of Genesee Falls Lodge No. 507, F&AM, of Rochester, serving as Master in 1900 and 1901; member and Past High Priest of Hamilton Chapter, RAM; member and Past Master of Doric Council, RSM; member of Monroe Commandery, KT; Past Most Wise Master of Rochester Chapter Rose Croix, AASR.

Prophet Colton was a charter member of Lalla Rookh Grotto, serving as its Monarch in 1901 and Secretary from 1902 until 1948.

Prophet Colton served the Supreme Council as Grand Monarch in 1906. He was a member of the Rochester Club and Brooklea Country Club.

By all he did in the service to Masonry, it can truly be said he was an "upright man and Mason." Continued next month... □

Attend Grotto Meetings

Mon., November 4th - Board of Governor's Meeting
Grotto Office 7:00 p.m.
Mon., November 18th - Legion of Honor - Bosdyk's Rest.
Social hour 5:00 p.m.,
Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Wed., November 20th - Grotto
Social hour 5:00 p.m.,
Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Sat., November 30th - Caldron
Chicken and Biscuit
Dinner 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Enjoy the Fellowship

Patients

Daughter Mildred Painton suffered a fracture in her leg and is temporarily staying with her son in Webster. Daughter Rose Hartwig underwent emergency gall bladder surgery and is recovering at home. Send cards to cheer these Sisters.

Fundraiser

November 30th - Lalla Rookh is preparing to serve a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner as a fundraiser for our plans in 2006. More information in the next issue. Save the date.

Lastly

It has been a pleasure to serve as MCO this year and I wish the Daughters taking office in 2003 a very enjoyable year. I pledge my sincere support in every way. □

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Prophet Cast Members and their Ladies enjoyed a catered picnic at Henrietta Park on July 29th.

Did You Know?

By Bill Lindsay

The late founder of Haagen-Dazs® Ice Cream, Brother Reuben Mattus, was a Master Mason in good standing for 53 years in Girard Perfect Ashlar Lodge No. 604 (now known as Scotia Lodge No. 634) in New York City.

Here's the story

The Mattus (mat-is) family has been in the ice cream business through four generations spanning more than 80 years. During this time the family had many product successes but one truly stands out among the rest. Haagen-Dazs. Before Reuben Mattus created Haagen-Dazs, ice cream was a frozen commodity which sold for 50 cents a gallon. It was a Summer time product that tasted nothing like the rich, creamy, old-fashioned ice creams that were homemade.

Mattus knew things could be different. Born into a family whose homemade ices business grew into a popular treat, Mattus and his bride, Rose, worked together in the business to create products which could be purchased at hundreds of local "Mom and Pop" candy stores.

As the small corner stores began to fade away, Mattus made the transition to selling his ices and ice cream products to supermarkets. However, it didn't take long for Reuben to realize that he couldn't compete selling cheap ice cream against the big dairy corporations. Reuben learned that little guys couldn't play by the big guys' rules and expect to win, so he decided to change the game.

When Reuben set out to change the game he applied his own brand of homegrown marketing savvy and the end result changed the face of the ice cream industry forever. He was the first ice cream producer to use special low rounded pint containers, color keyed to flavors. He was the first to distribute Popsicles and other ice cream novelties on a grand scale.

More importantly, Reuben wanted to change the ice cream. It was made strictly from fresh cream, egg yolks, and other superior ingredients. He called it Haagen-Dazs.

Originally sold only to small gourmet shops in the New York metropolitan area, there was no marketing or advertising push for the new ice cream. Over time, word of mouth created such an enormous demand for the product. Haagen-Dazs was the first company to come out with an ice cream sold coast-to-coast. It became so popular Reuben was afraid he wouldn't be able to keep up with the demand.

The Mattus family sold Haagen-Dazs to Pillsbury in 1983, and Mattus stayed on as a consultant in Research and Development until July of 1990. That's when he decided to create the next ice cream revolution by coming up with the world's finest genuine low-fat ice cream. Reuben's daughter, Doris Mattus Hurley, and son-in-law, Kevin Hurley, accepted the challenge of creating a low-fat ice cream product that would satisfy the taste of even the most discriminating ice cream lovers. For two years, the family tested recipes until they finally hit upon a product so good. Reuben Mattus decided to put his name on it!

Reuben Mattus passed away unexpectedly on January 27, 1994 at the age of 81. His wife of 58 years, Rose Mattus, assumed the title of Chairman at the Mattus Ice Cream Company.

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**VA Plans for
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Why is CARES Necessary?

VA initiated CARES for several reasons. Much of VA's medical structure was built decades ago when the focus was inpatient care. VA has been shifting from a hospital-based system; and, today, more than 80 percent of the treatment VA provides is outpatient care. VA needed a new way to address the projected changes in the veteran population - where veterans will be living, their medical needs and their declining numbers over the next 20 years. VA also must be prepared to treat younger veterans who may need care for illnesses from their service in more recent deployments and to fulfill VA's role in Homeland Security. In addition, VA needs to determine if other uses can be found for outmoded buildings that are not suitable for delivering modern health care.

How Does CARES Work?

VA's medical system - the largest in the country with more than 1,300 sites of care - is divided into 21 regional Networks. A pilot CARES study was first conducted in Network 12 (Chicago, Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of

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Michigan). VA is now conducting CARES in the remaining 20 Networks. Data are being gathered on veteran population projections and their projected health care needs, as well as information on the locations of and access to VA facilities, their sizes and the services they currently offer.

The projected data on demand for VA care will then be compared with facility information, and each Network will develop a Market Plan that will provide a blueprint for matching VA facilities and services with veterans' future health care needs.

Throughout this process, veterans, academic affiliates, employees and others interested in CARES will be kept informed, and their input sought and considered. Once Network Market Plans are completed, a draft National CARES Plan will be published for public comment and evaluated by an independent CARES Commission appointed by the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs.

As part of its review, the CARES Commission will conduct site visits, hold public hearings for stakeholders and solicit their input. Following this process, the Commission will forward its recommendations to the Secretary, who will make his decision on the National CARES Plan in late 2003.

How Will Veterans Benefit?

This comprehensive analysis and restructuring of VA health care will change only the way VA delivers care - health care ser-

vices will not be reduced. The goal of CARES is to enhance outpatient and inpatient care, as well as special programs, such as spinal cord injury and blind rehabilitation, and long-term care.

Once CARES is completed, VA will have a national plan for

directing resources where they are most needed; preserving VA's missions and special services; and, at the same time, continuing to provide high-quality care to more veterans in more locations.

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Harry E.
Dainty
657-8068
Potentate

It was very disappointing to have only twenty-one members make the Erie Hospital trip when we have almost one thousand members. If you toured the Erie Hospital five or six years ago, you would not know it today. The remodeling and addition have changed the whole physical look of the hospital. The advancements in care and treatment of the children have made many of the changes necessary. The Nobles and their ladies who did make the trip had a nice time and a personal tour. The visit to the Merritt Winery was enjoyable and the food tasty.

Now it is time to think about events ahead of us. We are preparing for the Cold Sands on December 4th. Do you have a petition to give a Brother? There are a lot of Brothers who are not Shriners. I am sure if you approach them you will find they will be interested. Tell them about our hospitals and the great service they do. After all, that's what we are all about. All Nobles who bring a new member will have their dues paid for 2003. We need new members - our numbers are dwindling.

The attendance at our meetings has been up. It is good to see so many of you there. Please remember, you must make a reservation for dinner on the reservation line - 585-671-3565.

We have been asked to put on talks at Rotary Clubs to inform them of Shrine and the Shrine Hospitals. If you know of an organization that would like a 20 or 30 minute program, call the office and your request will be given to

the proper person. This is a great way to let people know about the Shrine and what a great philanthropy the Shrine Hospitals are.

When you come to the edge of all the light you have and must take a step into the darkness of the unknown, believe that one of two things will happen. Either there will be something solid for you to stand on - or you will be taught how to fly.

(Patrick Overton) □

Chief Rabban

By Ken Buckland

Wow! These past years have really flown by and it will soon be time to present plans for 2003.

We have been hard at work with the Divan and Nobles in preparing your budget, events, membership activities, and fun times. There will be some firsts this coming year which will take place in our great Masonic and Shrine Fraternity. The One-Day Masonic Class for our Grand Lodge will take place on March 29, 2003. The Shrine of North America is planning a June Ceremonial with all 191 Temples participating at the same time. Details are being planned and will be presented in the near future.

These are just several of the planned changes. *Change* is a word that scares most of us and takes us out of a comfort zone. However, the only path to improvement is through change. Our great Fraternity has been getting smaller every year and now we have an opportunity to do something big about it.

We need your help. What can you do? We would like you to write down the names of men whom you would like to have become Masons. It may be your neighbor, co-worker, church member, relative, etc. Next, give this list to a Divan member or drop it off at the office. We will then present an invitation to these potentials to attend an informational dinner/meeting at our Shrine Center to learn what Masonry is and how to become a Mason.

As Nobles, we need to support all of our Masonic Lodges and

work for membership. We cannot wait for others to get the job done. *The time to start is now.* □

Lunch Club

By John Lindsay, President

The Lunch Club is looking for new members; all Shriners, Masons and guests are invited to attend. I will see you there.

This will be my last official act before the December 2nd Christmas Party and I would like to thank all the people who helped me throughout the year. Following in the foot steps of Past Presidents like Vance Collom, Richard Snyder, Keith Stambach, and Don McDill, you can see that everyone pulls together on a project like this.

I thank the cooks, headed by Rene VanDeVeire. I call these guys the backbone of the Luncheons. The bartender, Joe Minas; Lunch Club Treasurer, Art Maupin; Bill Keuhne, our Damascus News Editor; and to all the rest of you guys and girls who are always happy to help out.

The next Ladies Luncheon will be on November 18th with the First Annual Used Book Sale and the speaker will be R.W. William R. Lindsay, Past District Deputy Grand Master and his subject will be the Grand Master's, "The Beacon Project."

Please sign up for the Christmas Party and please bring in your used books to share with fellow Lunch Club members. The profits will go to the Lunch Club Charities. Be there! □

From the Recorder's Desk

By Erwin Newell, PP

I'm 30,000 feet in the air, half asleep, writing this column upon returning from the Imperial Membership Meeting in Tampa as your Imperial Region 11 Membership Director. I thank Chief Rabban Ken Buckland and Lady Mary for all the courtesies they extended to Brenda and myself.

You, the Nobility, have the most important part of Membership ahead of you. We are very

fortunate in New York State that the Grand Master, M.W. Carl J. Fitje, has declared a One-Day Degree on March 29, 2003. As many of you may, or may not know, Ohio has just completed their first One-Day Degree and raised over 7,800 new Master Masons. The Ohio Shrine Centers created over 2,000 new Shriners and they are working on ideas to attract the greater share of the remaining 5,000 new Master Masons.

We, at Damascus, have a perfect opportunity to restore our membership to where it was at its highest point. I feel that this is an obtainable goal with a lot of hard work by all of us. Imperial Potentate Charles "Tad" Claypool has charged every Potentate and every Membership Chairman to make membership their number one priority with the aid of all Shriners.

New format

By the time you read this column, you should have received your 2003 dues notice. Pay attention to your bill because we are using a new format that has been purchased from Imperial. If you have any questions or concerns about your bill, feel free to call me at the Shrine Office or at home (585-544-2242.) Unfortunately, we still have a few members that are one or two years in arrears.

For those who are 2 years in arrears, please remember that you must pay at least one year's dues by December 31, 2002. If you do not, then by virtue of our By-Laws, we must be forced to suspend you. If, for any reason you cannot pay your dues, please do not be embarrassed; call me. The conversation will be kept in strict confidence.

Reservation line

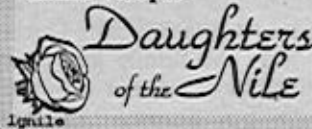
To those of you who have been using our Reservation Line, thank you. My apologies to those of you who tried to use the number for our last dinner. There was a typo in the number. The number is 585-671-3565.

Remember that December 1st is the deadline for turning in your Circus Ads. You should be re-

ceiving a letter asking you to become a Circus Daddy or Mommy. This program is very important in defraying the cost of inviting area schools to our Circus on Friday.

Brenda says that I have said enough already, so from both Brenda and myself, we wish you a very happy Thanksgiving. □

Zama Temple



By Jean Friedrich, PQ

Bright leaf colors, warm days and cool nights - Fall is definitely here. We have resumed our activities with energy and enthusiasm, as evidenced by our successful Harvest Luncheon in honor of First Lady of Damascus Center, Nancy Dainty. Some 55 members and guests attended on this festive September afternoon, a cooperative effort with Finger Lakes Nile Club. Under the capable leadership of PQ Vicky Ball, PQ Carol Colegrove, and Princess Kathi Tharrett, we previewed Fall and holiday fashions, while savoring a delicious luncheon and bid on items at a Silent Auction. It was fun for all of us to relax and be entertained while greeting many friends, both old and new.

We had the pleasure of receiving Supreme Queen Nancelyn Ross, from Winnipeg, Canada, on her Official Visit to our Temple on October 23rd, along with her two Supreme Attendants. It was gratifying to see so many of our members and visitors from other Temples on the sidelines. Our Officers performed their work capably; we are proud of them all. We welcome our new member, Princess Debbie Burke. Please be sure to greet her and make her feel at home.

80th Birthday

At our November 9th stated session, we will celebrate Founder's Day. Do you know that Zama Temple is observing its 80th birthday this year? Be sure to come and help us celebrate! □

Iroquois Adopt MW Carl Smith



Clayton Logan of the Wolf Clan of the Iroquois Nations describes Indian lore at Native American Day celebration.



M.W. Carl J. Smith, Past Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, completes the ceremonial walk during his adoption into the Turtle Clan of the Iroquois Nations. Brother Bob Hill, right, assisted Clayton Logan, who performed the ceremony. (Staff photographs)

By Skip Waterstreet

Native American Day, October 19th, was celebrated in style by the Brothers of Valley/Simes Lodge. In a ceremony conducted

by Clayton Logan, Wolf Clan of the Iroquois Nations, and in full ceremonial attire, he adopted M.W. Carl J. Smith, Past Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, into the Turtle Clan



Following his adoption ceremony, M.W. Carl J. Smith posed with his two new Indian Brothers, Robert Hill (left) and Clayton Logan.

of the Iroquois Nations. Assisting Clayton was Brother Bob Hill, also of the Turtle Clan, who arranged the program.

Clayton also spoke on the customs and beliefs of the Iroquois, remarking on their show of respect for the elements - land, sun, wind and rain.

In accepting his adoption, M.W. Carl J. Smith said he felt like he was coming home, as a few gen-

erations back there was a Native American married into his family. He also commented on the appearance in New York City by the Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team during his tenure. This Team, in full ceremonial costumes, performed the 3rd Degree in an exceptional manner. He hopes the opportunity presents itself to bring the Team to Western New York. □

Poetry Niche

Contributions welcome

Hymn of the Mason Soldiers

Brothers, met from many a nation,
Far away from home,
Men of every rank and station,
Round this altar come.
Bring your hearts, so full of feeling;
Join your hands, so true;
Swear, ye sons of truth and honor,
Naught shall sever you.

Chorus

War's dark cloud will vanish,
Joy to East and West,
Oh, Brothers!
Though the land is full of weeping
Masons, Masons still are blest.

Come, forgetting every sorrow,
Level bring, and Square;
Leave all trouble to to-morrow;
Each the Compass bear;
Pass a Trowel o'er the discord;
Wear the Lambskin white;
Brothers, one more happy meeting
In our Lodge to-night.

In the circle here extended,
Shadowy forms appear;
With our loving spirits blended,
Dead ones, ah, how dear!
Dead on many a field of battle
Lost to friends and home,
Yet in Mason's love surviving,
Round this altar come.

When to distant homes returning;
We shall say farewell,
And shall cease the tender yearning,
Now our bosoms feel.
Prattling lips and sweet caresses,
All the joys of home,
Will bring back the loving circle,
Round this altar come.

Robert Morris

Freedom

From *The Ode to Liberty*

Who cometh over the hills?
Her garments with morning sweet,
The dance of a thousand rills
Making music before her feet?
Her presence freshens the air;
Sunshine steals light from her face;
The leaden footstep of Care
Leaps to the tune of her pace.
Fairness of all that is fair,
Grace at the heart of all grace,
Sweetener of hut and of hall,
Bringer of life out of naught,
Freedom, O fairest of all
The daughters of Time and of thought!

James Russell Lowell

When the Frost is on the Punkin

When the frost is on the punkin
and the fodder's in the shock,
And you hear the kyouck and
gobble of the struttin' turkey-
cock,
And the clackin' of the guineys,
and the cluckin' of the hens,
And the rooster's hallylooyer as
he tiptoes on the fence;
O, it's then's the times a feller is a-
feelin' at his best,
With the risin' sun to greet him
from a night of peaceful rest,

As he leaves the house, bare-
headed, and goes out to feed
the stock,
When the frost is on the punkin
and the fodder's in the shock.

They's something kindo' harty-
like about the atmsfere
When the heat of summer's over
and the coolin' fall is here--
Of course we miss the flowers,
and the blossums on the trees,
And the mumble of the hummin'-
birds and buzzin' of the bees;
But the air's so appetizin'; and the
landscape through the haze
Of a crisp and sunny morning of
the airly autumn days
Is a pictur' that no painter has the
colorin' to mock--
When the frost in on the punkin
and the fodder's in the shock.

The husky, rusty russel of the
tossels of the corn,
And the raspin' of the tangled
leaves, as golden as the morn;
The stubble in the furries - kindo'
lonesome-like, but still
A-preachin' sermons to us of the
barns they growed to fill;
The strawstack in the medder,
and the reaper in the shed;
The hosses in theyr stalls below
the clover overhead!--
O, it sets my hart a-clickin' like
the tickin' of a clock,
When the frost in on the punkin
and the fodder's in the shock!
Then your apples all is gethered,
and the ones a feller keeps
Is poured around the celler-floor
in red and yellor heaps;
And your cider-makin' 's over,
and your wimmern-folks is
through
With their mince and apple-but
ter, and theyr souse and sau-
sage, too! . . .

I don't know how to tell it-but ef
sich a thing could be
As the Angels wantin' boardin',
and they'd call around on me--
I'd want to 'commodate 'em - all
the whole-indurin' flock--
When the frost is on the punkin
and the fodder's in the shock!

James Whitcomb Riley

The Hired Man's Faith in Children

I believe *all* childern's good,
Ef they're only *understood*--
Even *bad* ones 'pears to me
'S jes' as good as they kin be!

James Whitcomb Riley

Monroe District HiLights, O.E.S.

DDGM Rt. Wthy. Debra Leopold 647-3550	DGL Rt. Wthy. William Mattern 594-4449
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To meet the deadline for printing, I am writing this as we were all preparing to go to Syracuse for our 133rd Grand Chapter Session. What an exciting time it is for Monroe District "IN THE EVENT OF" Rt. Wthy. Neil Laundry's election to the office of Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Please note the absence of photographs in this article. We look much better in person and hope that everyone will come out to see us often.

As you are reading this many of our exciting Fall events will have passed and I am confident they were fabulous.

A big thank you and congratulations to Rt. Wthy. Barbara Bossert and Rt. Wthy. John Lenzi for all of their many efforts and accomplishments in 2002.

I, along with the 2003 Grand Officers listed in last month's issue, hope to see many of you at the combined Reception on November 15th.

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Webster Chapter No. 171
Order of the Eastern Star
1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.
Matron
Wthy. Linda Zahn,
381-4241
Sec. Wthy. Faythe Mattern
594-4449
30 Orchard Street
Webster, New York

Aloha! Bob and I are back after a wonderful trip to Hawaii. Just in time to get this article in!

Upcoming dates of importance

November 5th - Past Matrons and Past Patrons Night. Please bring a baby picture of yourself.

November 11th - Card Party and Luncheon.

November 19th - Master Mason's Night.

Please note that the above schedule is different from that in your printed program. There will also be some form of entertainment each of these evenings.

November 15th - Grand Officers Combined Reception at the Party House on Beahan Road. Come and show your support for Rt. Wthy. Bill Mattern and all the rest of our wonderful people. Contact your secretary for tickets.

Thought for the month

Every day is lost in which we do not learn something useful. We have no nobler or more valuable possession than time.

(Author unknown)

NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

Order of the Eastern Star
1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.
Matron Wthy. Alice Hassett
889-4353
Patron Wthy. John M. Lenzi
586-7492
Sec. Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings
594-4692
20 S. Main Street,
Churchville, 14428

I have returned from the Masonic Service Bureau Cruise to Hawaii. We had a wonderful time, and a number of us toured the Shriner's Hospital for Children on the island of Oahu. The hospital works wonders with orthopedic work, such as the lengthening of legs, where one leg is shorter than the other, and with correcting club feet, all at no cost to the family of the child.

Meetings

Our October 15th meeting was Friendship Night, with guests from several Chapters joining us for a Pot Luck Supper, prior to our meeting. Sister Dawn Ireland-Monsees provided musical entertainment. We welcomed Wthy. Sula Baxter as a dual member to our Chapter.

On November 5th, Election Day, we will hear Rt. Wthy. Diane

Maltese's report on Sessions, and on November 19th, we will perform the Draping of the Altar Ceremony.

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.

Thank you, once more, to Wthy. Leroy Lester, who has contributed a bag full of Tops tapes, Campbell's soup labels, and Boxtops for Education. All of these donations are most appreciated.

Sunshine

Wthy. Sara Stephens is recovering from October 7th surgery. Our prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery are with her and her family.

Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays in November will be Sister Pat Alexander, Rt. Wthy. William Baxter, Wthy. Charles Daycock, and Sisters Ethel Hall and Elizabeth Morris.

Committee

The Refreshment Committee for November meetings, also responsible for cleaning, is Chaired by Rt. Wthy. Sue Goossens. Committee members are Paula Crevison, Jeanne Spaulding, Sue Prevost, Judy Lenzi and John Lenzi.

Upcoming events

November 2nd is the East-West Luncheon.

November 3rd is the Interfaith Worship Service at 10:00 a.m., with Brunch at 11:00 a.m. at Logan's Party House. The cost is \$10.00. Significant speakers will attend. You'll be glad you went.

December 17th is the Nolatka Christmas Party at the Johnson House. We are limited to 25 people. Please make your reservations with Rt. Wthy. Diane Maltese.

Ontario/Seneca/Yates District O.E.S.

Canandaigua/Fenogowone Chap. No. 326 O.E.S.

2nd & 4th Weds.
Mat: Wthy. Leslie Swirk
554-6715

Sec: Wthy. Shirley Wells
394-2778

Shortsville Temple

Well, the weather has started to change. I think Fall is in the air.

The Worthy Patron and I have just returned from Grand Chapter in Syracuse. This is the first time that it was ever held there. It went very well. There were over 1,000 registered members. There were 21 members and the Grand Patron from California. They stayed all week. What a group!

The Sessions went very well, with the exception of our Grand Matron, who became very ill and had to miss the Tuesday evening and Wednesday Sessions. We were glad to have her back with us on Thursday.

Thursday night we installed three Grand Officers for the Ontario, Seneca and Yates District: Rt. Wthy. Wende Leonard, DDGM, Rt. Wthy. Terry Leonard, DGL, and Rt. Wthy. Donald Schneider, Associate Grand Sentinel. All Three of these are from Eagle Star Chap-

ter. I wish them the best in the year 2003.

The Symbol Jewelry is a White Rose Pin and Rose Petal Earrings.

I wish each and everyone of you a wonderful Thanksgiving. I want to leave you with this: The invariable mark of wisdom is to see the miraculous in common.

In Memoriam

September

Johnson, Marvin A.
Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 lost a member with the passing of Marvin. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, son-in-law, 3 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Mamerow, John R.
Death claimed John on September 23rd. He was a member of Union Star Lodge 320 and leaves his wife, Nina, 3 daughters, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

October

Keith, Austin S.
The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Austin on October 10th. He was a member of Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180 and Eagle Chapter No. 79, R.A.M. He is survived by 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Hedenstedt, Bruce E.
Union Star Lodge No. 320 lost another member with the death of Bruce on October 11th. He is survived by his wife, Sophie.

Dodenhoff, William
William met his Maker on October 12th at his home in Florida. He was a member of Seneca Lodge No. 797, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine Center. Survivors include his wife, Shirley, 4 children and 7 grandchildren.

Wilson, Robert A.
Robert was 57 years old when he was called Home on October 12th. He was a member of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 and leaves his wife, Joan, one son, one grandson and his mother.

Craigie, Hugh F.
Hugh was embraced by the loving arms of the Lord on October 14th at the age of 78 years. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 and is survived by his wife, Mary Alice, 7 children, 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Dorwald, Frederick R.
A member of Webster Lodge No. 538, Frederick died October 15th at the age of 79 years. He leaves his wife, Shirley, 2 children, 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Lewis, Charles D.
South Carolina was the place Charles resided when he passed away October 19th at the age of 88 years. He was a member of Eunice Lodge No. 830 and leaves 2 children, 7 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Pringle, Richard H.
Richard was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 when he passed away on October 20th. He has no survivors.

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

- 2002**
- Dec. 14 Grotto District Children's Christmas Party
- 2003**
- Jan. 25 Monroe District-Wide Brother Bring-a-Friend Night at Webster Lodge
- Feb. 1-14 Have-a-Heart Campaign
- Mar. 29 New York State One-Day Masonic Festival
- Apr. 26-27, NYS Masonic Bowling Tournament
May 3-4, 10-11 at Lake George

Program Speakers

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

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"The Masonic Times, a short History and Profile,"
"Writing for Publication"
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(h) 458-6125.

Vern Goodrich
"The Masonic Service Bureau,"
"Financial Planning"
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(h) 242-0619.

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Thomas McCulloch, 288-4865
- Northfield Lodge, 17 Church St., Pittsford - Cap. 80**
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- Wakan/Hubbard Lodge, 1822A Five Mile Line Rd., Cor. Rt. 441 Penfield, Dining Rm. Cap 80 - A. John Tijou 288-7697**
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Keith Stambach 865-7416

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Interfaith Service & Brunch- Logan's, Nov. 3rd!



Thur. Nov. 7

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7:30 p.m.

Sat. Nov. 16

**RTOS
David Peckham**
8:00 p.m.

Wed. Nov. 20

Ani DiFranco
8:00 p.m.

Tues. - Sun. Nov. 26 - Dec. 8

Mama Mia

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Grand Master's Allocation, Medical Research Lab, Masonic Home, Veteran's Service, Youth Organizations,

November Gem - Topaz
November Flower - Chrysanthemum

Big Calendar November 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2002 OCTOBER 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 31</p>	<p>2002 DECEMBER 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 31</p>	<p>Honor those who, in all United States Military Actions, have and are giving their all to preserve our freedom.</p> <p>Veterans' Day November 11th</p>			<p>1</p> <p>All Saints' Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>OES - Rochester Chapter - East Rochester OES - East-West Luncheon</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Interfaith Service & Brunch</p> <p>Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Wednesday, Nov 13th East Avenue, Hilton</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Canandaigua - Shortsville, (OV) West Star - Varysburg RAM - Palmyra/Eagle OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson, (OV) Oakland - Castile Warsaw OES - Fairport, Monroe, Nolatka, Perry, Webster</p> <p>Election Day Get Out & Vote!</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Attica Drumlin Square - Palmyra Olive Branch - LeRoy Livonia Damascus Shrine OES - Henrietta</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen, 3rd Northfield - Pittsford Phoenix - Dansville Webster Eunice - Caledonia Lalla Rookh Caldron Milnor - Victor, Bring-a-Friend</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Masters and Wardens, Craftsman/Robertson Lodge - DTT, 9:00 a.m. KT - Sagoyewatha Comm. - Phelps Attica - "Plain Talk Session" School of Ritual, Livingston - Nunda Station Lodge OSY Association, Seneca Lake Lodge - Dresden</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>ERAC - East Rochester Etolian - Spencerport, (OV) Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville Webster Chap., Card Party OES - Mary Jane Holmes, Charlotte Shrine Lunch Club</p> <p>Veterans' Day</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Arcade Batavia Craftsman/Robertson Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport, (OV) Seneca - Webster, 3rd Valley/Simes RAM - 3x3, (OV) Dansville, Wyoming OES - Leah - Hilton</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Batavia, Corinthian/ Fellowship, Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery Lalla Rookh Caldron</p>	<p>15</p> <p>OSY - District Grand Lecturer's Convention - Pocohantas OES - Grand Officer's Combined Reception -</p>	<p>16</p> <p>G/W Grand Lecturer's Convention - Hesperus Lodge Commandery Orders - DeMolay Commandery - Hornell, 8:00 a.m.</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Charlotte/Corinthian, 1st Clio - Hilton Oakland - Castile Warsaw OES - Fairport, Monroe, Nolatka, Perry, Webster</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Attica Drumlin Square - Palmyra Olive Branch - LeRoy Livonia Eunice - Caledonia, 1st Lalla Rookh Grotto RSM - Doric Council OES - Henrietta</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford, 2nd Webster Scottish Rite RAM - Western Star</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Arcade - at LeRoy, 2nd</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>ERAC - East Rochester Etolian - Spencerport, 3rd Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls, 1st Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield, 3rd RSM - Nundawaga Council OES - Charlotte Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Arcade Batavia Craftsman/Robertson Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes RAM - 3x3, Dansville, Wyoming, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike OES - Batavia, Corinthian/ Fellowship, Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>29</p> <p>A Bountiful Thanksgiving and Happy Hanukkah from the Times Staff Barb Dave Don Mat Skip</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Lalla Rookh Caldron Chicken and Biscuit Dinner DTT Hanukkah</p>