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By R.W. M. Donald Darrohn
Meet the Ronald McDonald House Director, Bonnie Vahey, always a warm smile and a caring attitude!



It's interesting that the Ronald McDonald House she lovingly attends to primarily serves the hospital where she was born, Strong Memorial. Her father's business took the family to Canandaigua when she was three. She attended Syracuse University, receiving her Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

After graduation she wanted to see the world. First stop - Germany, where she worked as a Neo-Natal, Obstetrical Nurse. It was there she met her husband, Mark. They moved back to the States for 2 years, settling in Cleveland, Ohio. Bonnie worked as a Public Health Nurse, only to see the neighborhoods she served burned to the ground. The State Department, her husband's employer, wanted them in Jakarta, Indonesia, for the next 2 years. Washington, DC, was their address for the following 4 years. Talk about being in the middle of things, this was when Watergate was going strong. It was off to Dakar, Senegal, for the next two years. They were then asked to go to Ethiopia. At this point in their lives they now had a son, Mark, Jr., and a daughter, Katherine, to consider. The thought of having

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What is MSAT? Interfaith Service and Brunch

By Joyce Zeh

The Masonic Student Assistance Training (MSAT) is a new, promising program for New York's public schools that is promoted and funded by the New York Mason's Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse. This program meets the NYS Education Department's guidelines for effective, research based programs and the SDFSAC (Safe and Drug Free Schools) guidelines. Its goal is to train a core team in the identification of children who are "at risk" of becoming involved in substance abuse, vandalism and who are insubordinate, disorderly, and disruptive...whose conduct endangers the safety, morals, health or welfare of others. The program is designed for school personnel (K-12). The Pennsylvania Student Assistance Program serves as the model for this program and has been evaluated by the University of Pittsburgh and the St. Francis Institute for Psychiatric and Addiction Services.

To make a successful impact the Student Assistance Program needs the "Right People for the Job." They need to actively participate and take the information back to their respective school. A Core Team of individuals will be trained (up to 8 people per building). We strongly encourage each schools' team to include one building administrator and/or a school counselor, two or more teachers, one school nurse, school psychologist, drug alcohol service provider and/or mental health provider. The principal's training and involvement on the Core Team, even if limited to adhoc, is crucial to the Team's support, implementation and success.

The training is held at the Masonic Home Campus in Utica. Participants will stay free at a local motel in Utica. The training, a training manual for each participant, meals, lodging and transportation costs, will be paid for by the Grand Lodge of New York. Training dates have been set for October 1-3, and December 3-5, 2002, with dates for February and April, 2003, to be determined.

"To make a successful impact we need the support of every Mason to promote the MSAT Program with educators they know. By working together we can make a difference in the lives of at-risk youth, their family and their community."

Joyce Zeh is a Youth-at-Risk Program Specialist and Educational Consultant working with the Grand Lodge of New York to pro-

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Interfaith Service and Brunch

November 3, 2002

Logan's Party House
Service at 10:00 a.m.
Followed by a Brunch
\$10.00

By Linda Zahn, Chairman

This is a day everyone should have on his or her calendar. At this time we are given the opportunity to worship and to eat with our Brothers and Sisters from the various Fraternal Bodies.

M.W.: Carl J. Fitje, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York, will be the guest speaker. Having heard him last year, when he was also the guest speaker, I can assure you it will be a most rewarding and inspiring message that you won't want to miss.

Rt. Wthy. Neil E. Laundry, Associate Grand Patron, Order of the Eastern Star, State of New York, will also be present. We hope to have him take part in the Worship Service.

Many of our Brothers and Sisters from the Prince Hall Bodies will be in attendance. They are a wonderful group of people and make good friends. Bob and I can attest to this as we have attended some of their functions.

Tickets will be sent to all Bodies in time for your first meeting in September.

Beacon Project

By R.W. William R. Lindsay

"The Beacon Project is all about helping kids and schools," said M.W.: Carl Fitje, as he introduced the Project in his Annual Message. "Everywhere we look, schools are facing shortages, and kids are being deprived of opportunities to learn. We can't solve the problem, but we can do something about it and make a difference for the young people whose future depends on us."

In the Project, Brothers and Lodges make connections with their local schools (through school administration, or possibly the PTA) and volunteer to assist in, or carry out projects, which will enhance the school program. Dr. Marwin Meller, Coordinator of the Program for the Grand Lodge of New York, makes clear that the volunteers are not to take on work already assigned to school personnel, rather they should only accept enrichment kinds of tasks. "In some schools, Brothers may be

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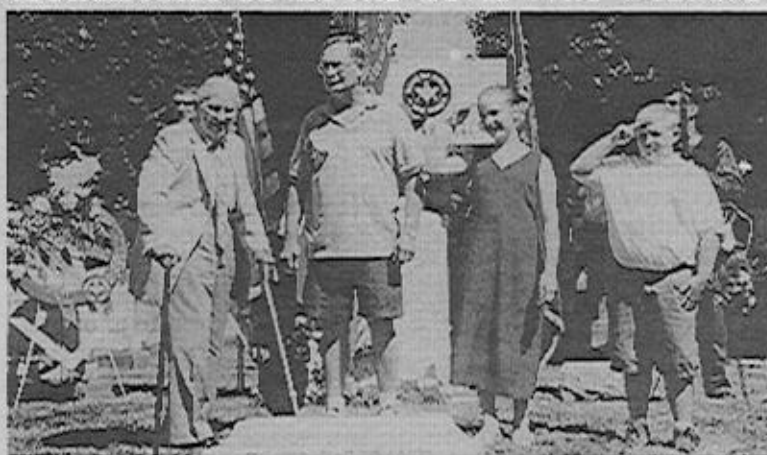
Become a Mason in One Day Saturday, March 29, 2003

By R.W.: Vernon L. Goodrich

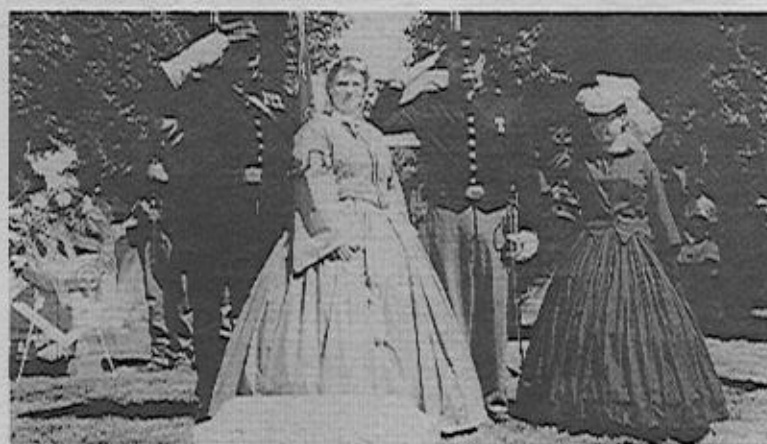
Other States have been very successful in holding a Masonic Festival. Ohio just created over 8,000 Masons in one day. New York State has set a goal of 5,000. Let every Lodge seek out notable, charismatic persons to lay the foundation for a successful event. Let's all get behind our Grand Master and make it happen!

Talk it up now, become an enthusiastic supporter and go out and beat the bushes. Have a Bring-a-Friend Night, a party, an open informational meeting, or any other way you can think of to make this event known to the public.

Masons Rededicate Refurbished Headstone of Local Civil War Soldier



The family of James A. Hard: Great-Grandson, Great-Great-Grandson, Great-Great-Great Granddaughter and Great-Great-Great-Grandson.



Civil War Reenactment Group from Buffalo who participated in the Rededication. (Photos courtesy of Don McDill)

By Emil Schirano

Masonic War Veterans James A. Hard Wayne Charter Post 12 and many guests from around the State came to help rededicate the James A. Hard Headstone. Born on July 14, 1842, Hard was the oldest living Masonic Civil War Veteran, when he died on March 12, 1953, at the age of 111, just a few months shy of his 112th birthday. Committee Chairman Donald McDill and Commander Emil J. Schirano coordinated the ceremony at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Present for this event was R.W.: James E. Sullivan, Junior Grand Warden, representing M.W.: Carl J. Fitje, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. James A. Hard's Great-Grandson, Great-Great-Grandson, Great-Great-Great-Granddaughter, and Great-Great-Great-Grandson along with many other family members were in attendance.

Also witnessing the service were representatives from Niagara Frontier Post No. 10, Buffalo; Genesee/Wyoming Post No. 32, Masonic War Veterans; Damascus and Ismalia Legions of Honor; Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor; American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars; and many more guests.



The James A. Hard Headstone, Refurbished by the Masonic War Veterans.

Battle of Antietam

Antietam Masonic Lodge No. 197, Maryland, is planning a reenactment of the Battle of Antietam for its 140th Anniversary.

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Welcome Wayne District

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Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger

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Yes, I know the Summer is waning and we are to return to the Quarries, but have we told anyone about it. This is the time of year that our Masters are prone to have senior moments. And it's time for your editor to remind those responsible for the dissemination of news that timely communication requires that your articles be in the Month previous to the Month of issue. We also remind our authors that proper identification of articles is paramount. While I am on the subject, communication within the Craft is essential. It is of extreme importance that the Brothers always know what is going on in their respective Lodges. The responsibility of the Master of the Lodge is to see that this is done. Being a non-participant, living out of state or being infirm does not exempt them from this benefit. If you think you can't write, see that someone else does. It is the Master's responsibility.

If you need help in writing your column, do not hesitate to ask for help, I will assist you. In fact, if there is a sufficient number who crave assistance, I would be willing to put together a tutorial class on the subject. Let me hear from you.

Take a look

If anything in this issue is inaccurate or missing (i.e., phone numbers, meeting times, dates etc.), please let us know so that the information published is as accurate as possible. Don't rely on third party communication, call us personally with corrections. Enough said!

New people

Skip Waterstreet and Dave King, Associate Editors, collaborated on this, and the last issue. Their training is going well and they will be a creative addition to the Staff.

Retirement

This is the last issue that Jean Brugger, my wife, will be assisting us. We wish her well in her retirement as Office Manager for the Scottish Rite. She has served faithfully and diligently for 21 years under at least ten Commanders-in-Chief. With her goes a wealth of information and wisdom. She will be missed.

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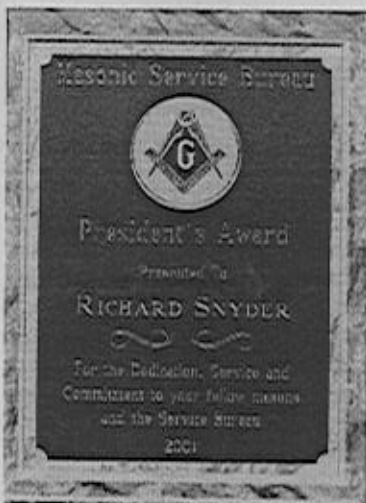
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Welcome back. This sure seemed like a very short Summer. You will soon be receiving the annual request for support. Please be generous in your giving. The need continues to grow, even as Masonic membership has been decreasing.

On March 29, 2003, there will be a chance for us to reverse the trend. I am sure many people have been hesitant to join Masonry because of the long time it takes and having to be present at three different meetings. Well, now, on one day, any potential candidate may become a Mason. Let us all get behind our Grand Master and bring in many new Masons. We need 500 new members in our area. Seems like a lot, but we can do it if we get busy and work at it!

To repeat myself, we need two things: send in your money and bring in new members. □



Your Legal Rights FYI

By Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Privileges

Last month I covered privileges covering conversations between married couples, priest and penitent, and parent/child. In this issue I'll cover privileges between physician and patient, psychologist and patient, and social worker and client.

Physician/Patient

Any information that the doctor obtains while treating a patient is privileged. Information becomes privileged if it is disclosed by the patient, or discovered by the doctor during his observations of the patient, or conversations with third parties. The information that is subject to the privilege must relate to the medical treatment or diagnosis sought by the patient. For example, if the doctor discovers you are impotent, then that information cannot be disclosed. It is information that is necessary for treatment. If you also told your doctor you robbed a 7/11 in order to pay his bill, then the doctor has no obligation to keep that secret. Robbery is not germane to treating impotence. This privilege also covers medical disclosures made to a nurse or a dentist.

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The protections of this privilege aren't waived if the patient (as is usually required) authorizes disclosure to his insurance company, in order to receive payment coverage for medical bills. However, your doctor, regardless if you authorize disclosure or not, cannot withhold privileged medical information from the government if the government is paying all or part of your medical bills (e.g., medicare and medicaid). Disclosure by your doctor may be required if the government is investigating medicare or medicaid fraud.

Disclosure is required where gun shot or knife wounds are concerned, or upon discovery of child abuse and/or neglect.

Finally, if you sue someone for personal injury, then you are placing your medical history at issue. Your medical history in that circumstance must be disclosed to the person you are suing.

Psychologist/Patient

The law deems a psychologist/patient the same as the attorney/client privilege. The protections of this privilege aren't waived if the patient (as is usually required) authorizes disclosure to his insurance company, in order to receive payment coverage for his doctor's bill.

This privilege is broader than the physician/patient privilege. So, if during the course of your session, you tell the psychologist that you robbed a 7/11 to pay his bill, the psychologist would be

duty bound to keep this secret.

Social Worker/Client

Any communication made by a client to his social worker is privileged, unless the patient's communication indicates that he will be committing a criminal or harmful act. Any communication made by a child less than 16 years of age can be disclosed if the child were the victim or the subject of a crime. For example, a social worker would have no duty to keep confidential any admissions by his client that he has been molesting his niece. If the niece were a client of this social worker, and confided that her uncle had been molesting her, then the social worker would not be bound to keep this secret, even if the niece asked the social worker to keep this information to herself. To be continued...



After I arrived home from working all day, I found a message to call Lorraine as soon as possible. This was about 6:00 p.m. and, not knowing how serious the problem was, I called her. A very sweet and charming lady answered. When I told her who I was, you could hear the joy in her voice. It seems they were buying an electric range and were told that the wiring had to be inspected before they could hook it

up. I thought this would be a counseling job, so I told her I would be there the next day. "Oh, no," she said, "you must be here tonight for the new range will be delivered in the morning and if everything is fine they will hook it up, otherwise, they will not." The engine on the truck did not have enough time to cool down before I was back on the road to meet her there.

Arrival

When I arrived, a very charming elderly lady answered the door. She lit up like a Christmas tree when she saw me. Very graciously she welcomed me into the house, and right into the kitchen. She pointed at the old range, which I pulled away from the wall. It had the usual plug and cord, so I asked to look at the electrical panel.

Inspection

There I found a six circuit fused panel dating back about 50 years, with two pull outs, one for the main and one for the range and dryer. Along side the panel were four one armed bandits (the kind with a handle on the outside and inside two sockets for fuses). I opened the door of the main fuse box (some of you will remember those boxes painted black), and it looked like worms crawling inside. There were so many wires in the box you could not see any of the fuses. From the top of the mains, a pair of wires for 240 volts went to one of the sub-feed disconnects. From the range side, another pair of wires ran to a sub-feed box.

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There were two hot legs that can be tapped off for another 240 volt circuit and this had four 20 amp. wires. These wires fed the other sub-feed box. One sub-feed box had wires leading out from it to a fused cover with a switch, the kind they used for furnaces. Looking at the fuses, I found two wires under each screw. The best part was that the fuses had those cute little white reset buttons. If the circuit would trip all you had to do was to reset the fuse and you were in business again.

After counting the wires, there were seventeen circuits in the box. Remember, this was a six circuit fuse box and any place they could tap off it, they did. Lorraine told me that this one fuse would trip every hour and they would have to reset it! There was a ledge next to the panel and here, very neatly, all of the burned fuses were lined up along with six boxes of new fuses. Seemed like when a 15 or 20 amp. fuse did not hold, they would upgrade the fuse. She said they replaced fuses on a regular basis. I guess they kept the burned fuses for a refund, or, like some do, put a penny behind the fuse to make it work. You all know what a penny has written on it, "In God We Trust."

Checking the wiring

Looking around the basement, I found a sign about 12" high and 18" long, which read, "do not turn on air conditioner if you are using the dryer." Tracing back, I found they had one of the sub-feed boxes feeding both units.

Here was a number 6 wire (50 amps.) for the dryer and another set of wires had 12 wires (20 amp.) all under the same screws, being fed by 30 amp. fuses along with those cute little push buttons for resetting. Looking further, I found another sign stating, "disconnect sump pump if you use washing machine."

Gets better!

I went outside to look at the service coming into the house, which was 60 amps., and found a wooden 4 X 4 post going through the overhang and the service cable attached to it. Attached to the post was also a lightning rod point, which was grounded to the neutral wire. On further inspection, I found lightning rod points on all four corners of the house and the ground wires from the rods running along the four ridges, and then to two ground rods driven into the ground. I guess they thought that by putting wires in the gutters it would provide better grounding, especially when they would fill with water.

Looking further down the rise, I found that the old cloth insulation had deteriorated to the point that the silver neutral wire was exposed and hitting the concrete slab. I checked the meter to see if any voltage was present and found 90 volts to ground. It was a wonder that no one had received a shock, for they used it as a picnic area. After explaining what needed to be done, they said that was what the service people recommended. □

Beacon Project

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readers in the library for story time, in others, they may sit with kids helping them with their homework, or some may provide additional supervision at community events. In one District, a Lodge plans to open its building and put on a luncheon while students participate in a leadership training seminar. Another Lodge plans to increase its support for student recognition programs. The opportunities are as varied as the schools in the State."

The best way to get the program underway is to appoint a Lodge chairman who can coordinate the activities of the Brothers with the local school. Contacts are best made through personal acquaintances, such as Brothers who are teachers, or family members who are school involved.

M.W.: Fitje concluded his comments by noting, "We have the resources to make the largest gift ever to the schools of our State; Brothers everywhere who are willing to give a few hours of their time to help our children."

R.W.: Bill Lindsay, who is the Regional Coordinator, may be reached at 585-621-3573, or wrl@frontiernet.net for further information. □

MSAT

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note the Masonic Student Assistance Training Program in schools across the State. Joyce has worked at the Mid-Western New York Coordinator School Health Center (a regional office of the NY State Education Department) for the past 14 years. She is available to make a presentation to anyone who might be interested in learning more about the Masonic Student Assistance Training Program. R.W.: David Sampson, Program Coordinator, has also expressed an interest in making presentations to area administrators. For more information, you may contact Joyce at (585) 476-2714 or (585) 344-7577. E-mail: chezze@citlink.net □

Ask Cindy
About Acacia Village



Dear Cindy:

My wife and I think that Acacia Village sounds great, but we are still healthy and active. We want to wait until we can no longer take care of our home before we make a decision to relocate. We are just not ready to give up our independence, but thank you for the packet of information. Contact us in five years.

A. I appreciate your interest, but I must remind you that Acacia Village is an Independent Living Retirement Community. We are looking for healthy, vital seniors, who will take advantage of our swimming pool, exercise room, walking paths and the many activities available. If you wait until you are ready, chances are you will not qualify to live here. Our concept offers seniors a greater opportunity to get more enjoyment out of life, more freedoms. All those tedious household chores are taken care of. You are free to travel, play, relax and just enjoy life. I would consider Acacia Village now.

If you have questions or comments, call Cindy Dardano, Retirement Counselor at Acacia Village at 800-593-3353, or contact her via e-mail at dardano@masonichomeny.org □

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to have armed escorts for their children dissuaded them from further adventures in Africa. The family returned to the US and settled down in the Rochester area in 1979.

In 1982 their daughter, Katherine, 8 years old, was diagnosed with leukemia. It was during this period, Bonnie joined the Cure Childhood Cancer Association. During the 7+ years with CURE, she served as President in 1986, 87 and 88. It was 1986 when Bonnie joined the community task force to evaluate the need for a Home-Away-From-Home for the Rochester area. She actively worked with many others on the initial capital campaign for the Ronald McDonald House. In 1987 she was asked to become a Board member, and subsequently was appointed to the position of Executive Director, the same position that she effectively fills today.

It was January, 1989, when her husband, Mark, was diagnosed with lung cancer. Both Katherine and Mark have fully recovered. Katherine has delivered two of their three grandchildren.

Come out to Logan's for our Interfaith Service and Brunch on November 3rd to meet Bonnie Vahey. There we can all thank her for her Distinguished Service for our Community! □

Antietam

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sary. The Librarian of the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA, is working on how many Masons were in both armies and of those, how many were actually at Antietam by unit designation. The Masons recognized one another by certain signs, tokens and words. These are part of the Masonic Ritual.

There was Masonic jewelry; pins, rings and jewels being sold in the mid-nineteenth century was big business for the supply houses in New York, Philadel-

phia, and Boston. Masonry was at its zenith in the 1850's. It had suffered many dark years in the 1830's and '40's due to a scandal in New York State, but with the advent of the war, it again rose to the forefront.

The Empty Chair Degree is a very special Masonic Ritual that was developed for fallen Masons and actually began in the Dakota Territories before the war. Since there were no recognized Masonic Lodges in these vast reaches, the soldiers assigned to these locales from various Masonic jurisdictions would hold their own Lodges, practicing the Ritual from their home State. Much like today, the Ritual does vary from State to State and country to country, but the precepts of faith, hope and charity still prevail. Ironically, the first Masonic Brother killed in the Territories was actually a Mason from Great Britain named Beever. In this Degree special homage is paid to the fallen Brother and we will incorporate the name of a Brother from both the North and South who fell at Antietam.

This special evening is open to all Masonic Brethren attending the Antietam event. They must have a valid dues card from their home Lodge and stand examination (a Masonic term) to prove they are, in fact, a worthy Brother. This is a standard procedure when visiting any Lodge throughout the world.

(Courtesy Jeff Stouffer, Antietam Lodge No. 197) □



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Masonic Community an Asset to Region

For many years the Masonic Home of Central New York was one of the best kept secrets. Located on the Eastern edge of the city, near the Oneida/Herkimer County line, it remained pretty much inconspicuous to all but those who happened to pass by.

Five years ago the Boiler-maker Health and Fitness Expo, anchored for years at the Riverside Center, was forced to find a new site when the mall began renovations. To accommodate the growing number of attendees, and to expand to a two-day event, a move to the spacious Masonic Home Campus was just the right recipe for success.

Since, thousands of people from near and far, runners, friends and families, have "discovered" this gem in our midst. For two days, the Masonic Home hosts the community as dozens of vendors set-up shop beneath tents that are spread across the beautiful 400 acre tree shrouded Campus.

This year, too, the community will have another opportunity to see the beauty of this place at a different time of year. For the first time, the Masonic Home will host a holiday display, "Wonderland of Lights," featuring illuminated displays and scenes. The event, which hopefully will become an annual holiday tradition, is being presented by the Resource Center for Independent Living, with assistance from vari-

ous sponsors, including the Utica "Observer-Dispatch."

Much more happens here. The Masonic Home opened in 1893 to look after elderly Masons and their wives, and to care for orphans of members. It hasn't had an orphanage for 20 years, but it has grown significantly from the original building to 16 structures, including a day-care center and Acacia Village Retirement Community.

Another vital component on Campus is the Masonic Research Laboratory. While the lab maintains a fairly low profile locally, it is internationally renowned for its cardiac research.

That research got a boost last week from the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, which awarded the lab a \$300,000 grant to help it launch a Molecular Genetics Program to study the causes of sudden cardiac death. The grant was one of the largest ever awarded by the Community Foundation.

The Program will involve a team of eight to ten investigators, directed by Dr. Ramon Brugada, a cardiologist and molecular geneticist who was recruited from Baylor College School of Medicine in Texas. Brugada hopes to establish the laboratory as one of a handful of centers capable of determining the genetic basis of cardiac arrhythmias, or irregular heartbeats, which are responsible for sudden cardiac death.

This is exciting. It's happening right in our own back yard! The partnership established between the Community Foundation and the Masonic Research Lab and the vital work being done there, along with the ongoing efforts by the Masonic Home to share itself with its community, are precisely the things that not only help communities grow, but promote regional spirit. We should all be proud. (Reprinted from the "Utica Observer Dispatch" Editorial page, Tuesday, July 23, 2002) □

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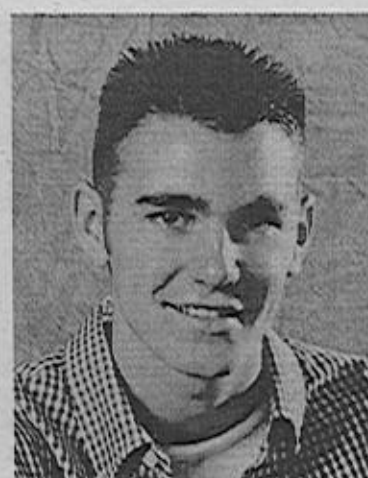
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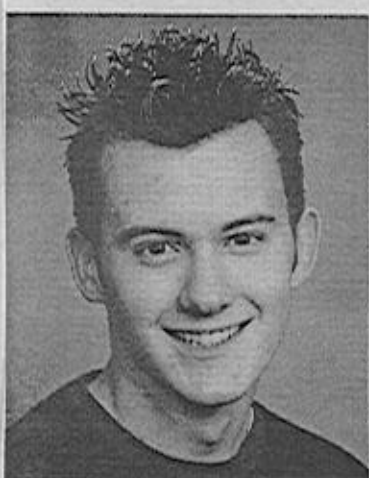
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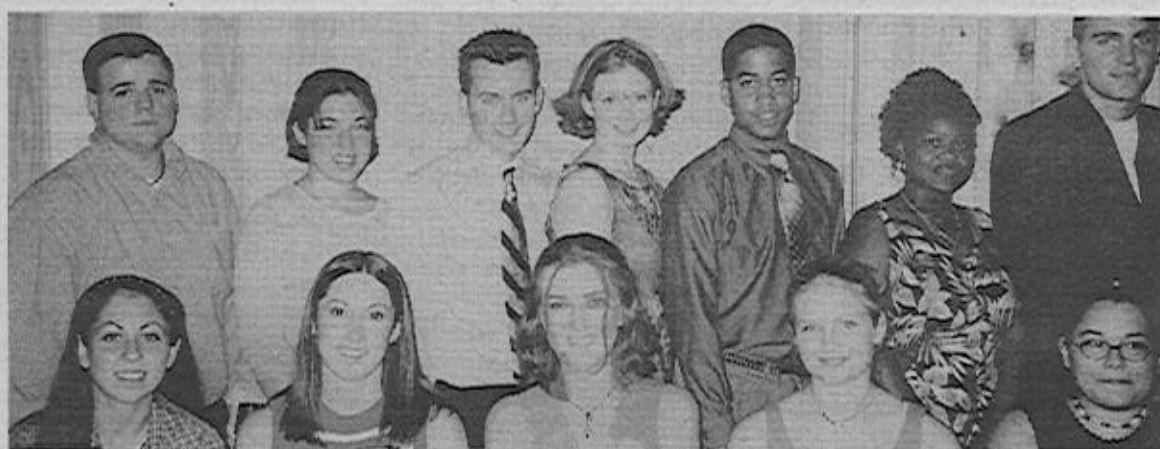


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Service Bureau Presents \$30,000 to Scholars and Charities



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Angelo DiCataldo, Chairman and CEO, Masonic Service Bureau.

2002 Masonic Service Bureau's Scholarships and Charities Awards Evening a Huge Success

By Erna-Jean T. Walker

On June 19th, at the Damascus Mosque, a large group of members of the Service Bureau, as well as friends and relatives of the Scholarship recipients and representatives of local charities, participated in the Annual Service Bureau Awards Reception.

Cookies and punch, provided by Linda Zahn, preceded the presentation. Linda had geraniums on each table, which added to the red, white and blue theme. Thanks to Linda, and her helpers, Thelma Seuffert, Ramona Dimino, Ann Marie Walczyk, and Barbara and Vern Goodrich. After brief remarks by the Presi-

dent, Angelo DiCataldo, Past President, F. Jay McCullough, presented the Charity Awards. I then presented the Scholarships to the 15 winners of the \$1,000 Awards. Each recipient gave a brief comment on his/her future plans. Congratulations to all!

The wonderful evening was enjoyed by all who attended. □



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Save the Date
The Masonic Interfaith Service and Brunch
 November 3, 2002 - Logan's Party House

**District Deputy
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Wayne District**



R.W.:
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Getting off to a good start

This is a first for me and for Wayne District, a monthly article for the *Masonic Times*. This opportunity was afforded me by Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180 when they voted to subscribe as a Lodge to the *Masonic Times* rather than to continue publishing a monthly trestleboard. They also wanted to widen their field of vision so they know what's going on in neighboring Districts and so others can see what Drumlin Square Lodge is doing and maybe join in some of their activities.

On August 3rd we had our first District Officers meeting of the new year at Humanity Lodge No. 406 in Lyons. We enjoyed the afternoon and a picnic supper with our wives. The wives were appreciative of hearing of the programs Grand Master, M.W.: Carl J. Fitje, is promoting in his term. The Beacon Project was presented to the Lodges and R.W.: Cyril White, District Chairman, was introduced. Each Lodge was given the Beacon Project manual so they can work out the procedures and report the results of their efforts in promoting their volunteer efforts to aid the school children of Wayne

District. They were asked to appoint a Lodge chairman to work closely with R.W.: White.

March 29, 2003

Among the most recent news, was that Governor George E. Pataki will become "A Mason at Sight" at a date to be announced, and that the Grand Master's One-Day Master Masons Class will take place on March 29, 2003. These events are sure to spark a lot of discussion as Lodges open for the Fall.

Looking ahead

September 12th is the date for the Apron Presentations for R.W.: William J. Youngman, Grand Representative; R.W.: Jim Frind, Grand Steward; and myself as DDGM. Reservations are due no later than September 5th to Ed Marriott, 315-946-6983, or 351 Shon Alloway Rd, Lyons, 14489-9741. Lodge Masters and Secretaries have copies of the reservation form.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held at Humanity Lodge, Lyons, on Wednesday, October 30th. More information next month on times and subject of the evening. The meal is free to all Masons attending that evening.

In closing, I urge each Mason to volunteer his support to his Master and Lodge NOW. Help him to get off to a great start by sharing some of the work necessary to operate a well run Lodge. Step up, don't wait to be asked. There is something you can do for your Lodge no matter how limited your time and schedule may be. Masonry is on the move and we want you to be there with us!

a reservation form to be returned to Edward C. Marriott, no later than September 5th.

On September 18th the Lodge reconvenes with the discussion and approval to establish a budget for the ensuing year.

October 16th will be the Official Visit of R.W.: F. Edward Powley, DDGM, and R.W.: James W. Frind, Grand Steward.

Plans are underway for a dinner preceding the meeting.

**District Deputy
Grand Master**



Monroe
District

R.W.:
John E.
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Musings

The pleasures of Summer are nearly done, and it's time to start thinking about another active year in our Lodges. I hope everyone has had a pleasant Summer. Masonically, my Summer included getting a personal tour, with my wife, of the Grand Lodge building in New York City, feasting with my Brethren, attending the Masonic War Veterans Rededication of Brother James A. Hard's gravestone and learning more about the Grand Master's Program at Camp Turk. Now it's time to think about the Fall and all of its Masonic activities.

The Fall starts with the September Official Visits. The first Official Visit is at Fairport/Flower City Lodge on Monday, September 9th. This is followed by Official Visits to Valley/Simes Lodge on September 10th, Churchville Lodge on September 11th and ERAC Lodge on September 23rd. I encourage the Brethren of these Lodges to attend the Official Visit evening. You will not be bored, and I can assure you that you will learn something about the Fraternity that you do not now know. R.W.: Derek VanHouten, Grand Sword Bearer, and I will be imparting information essential to the life and growth of the Lodges in the Monroe District.

It is essential that you, the reader, know whom to contact for various Masonic activities or for questions, etc., To help keep you informed, I will list several District leaders, their functions and contact information each month. This month the focus is on Child ID Programs, Bring-a-Friend events and public relations.

The Child ID contact this year is Andy Alvarez. He may be reached at 722-0424. The District has a complete set of equipment and trained operators to assist Lodges and other Masonic Bodies in planning and holding a Child ID Program. Brother Andy and his team will not do the work, but will assist and advise the Brothers.

Every Lodge should hold a Brother Bring-a-Friend event this Fall. The contact for assistance in setting up the program is W.: Emil (Moe) Schirano. He may be reached at 265-3932. Brother Moe and his team will assist a Lodge in the methods of planning and holding a Bring-a-Friend event. As has been shown by many Lodges in the District, these events are very important in getting the word about Masonry to those who would be good Masons and would gain the most from joining us.

Masonry is not as well known to the general public as it was many years ago. To help improve this it is important that significant Masonic events get the exposure in the media that they deserve. The Public Awareness Chairman for the District is Brother R.J. Muto. He may be reached at 249-0699. Brother R.J. is ready to assist the Lodges in the District in getting important events, e.g., DeWitt Clinton Awards, McArthur Awards, etc., notices in the media. Please be sure to give him plenty of notice, at least three weeks, prior to an event and to provide him with as much detail as possible. He will then be able to help in determining how to get the event notices to the public.

Grand Master, M.W.: Carl J. Fitje, stated in his address on St. John's Day, that Masonic protocol in the Lodge room must be obeyed. This includes proper decorum while in open Lodge and following the basics of Masonic etiquette as defined in the Grand Marshal's Guide to Masonic Protocol.

Also included is the recent change in the protocol towards the United States Flag while clothed as a Freemason. The new protocol is a return to the use of standard civilian flag protocol, i.e., when saluting the flag, your hand is to be over your heart. We no longer use the sign of fidelity when saluting the flag in open Lodge. Lodge Secretaries should have received the full flag protocol early this Summer.

By now, most of you have heard that the Grand Master has announced a Grand Master's Class, or one-day class for the conferring of all three Degrees, to be held on March 29, 2003. Derek and I support this initiative. While some may question this way of conferring Degrees, similar events have been successful in many Grand Jurisdictions in this country. The structure and conduct of this one-day class has not been defined as this is written. Derek and I will know more after our weekend at Camp Turk. In other jurisdictions, events like this have been used to complete the making of Masons who have taken only the First or First and Second Degrees. This event eliminates the "I don't have the time" excuse, etc. I believe that this event will be a shot in the arm for the District. I recommend that all the Lodges in the District support the Grand Master's Class. Full details of the event will be communicated as they become known.

Derek and I are looking forward to a great year as your District leaders. We hope that you, the Brethren, will continue to support your Lodge, your District, and your Grand Lodge, by attending your Lodge meetings, suggesting improvements, attending District events and functions and supporting the Grand Master and his programs.

**Grand Sword
Bearer**



Monroe

R.W.:
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As we sat in the beautiful Tompkins Memorial Chapel on the grounds of our Masonic Home on St. John's Day, June 23rd, awaiting our turn to be received by the Most Worshipful Carl F. Fitje, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, I had a chance to think about what lies ahead for the Monroe District. We were there to be received and to be presented our Commissions from the Grand Master for the next two years of service to you, the Brethren of the 16 Lodges in the Monroe District.

Many have stated in the past that we are here to serve you, the Brethren, and to provide the environment where you may find the proper applications of Masonic life to assist you in becoming a better Mason and individual. To name a few: LSome, RTTE, Have-a-Heart (Ronald McDonald House), Elderwear, Child ID, and several others.

We congratulate the Brothers who now sit in the position as Master of their Lodges. Support and assist them as they endeavor to govern. Provide them with ideas, if you have them, or personal time if you can provide it, to enable them to have successful meetings for the coming year.

We have had the opportunity to visit your Lodge during the Installations and have observed the dedication and love for the Craft that you Brothers manifest. It is exciting for us to feel the spirit of Brotherhood and partake of the fellowship that emanates at these visits.

This is the start of a rewarding and uplifting experience for all in the Monroe District, each one of us can bring our individual talent and life experiences to contribute to the success of our separate Lodges.

Our Grand Master, M.W.: Carl F. Fitje, encourages "thinking outside of the box" during the next two years. As an example of this he is planning to make a Mason on sight of Governor Pataki to encourage growth in membership. During our Official Visits additional information will be conveyed to you regarding some of his programs.

As I mentioned in my first article, our beloved Craft has many facets and during my tenure we will discuss many of them. If you have a thought and want to convey it to the District, please stop me and we'll discuss it, or drop me

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**Drumlin Square
Lodge No. 1180**



1st & 3rd Wed.

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Loonsville
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Secretary
R.W.: William C. Jones
315-986-9150
Palmyra Masonic Hall
161 E. Main St., Palmyra

Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180 is happy to join the list of Lodges that subscribe to the *Masonic Times*, thus being the first Lodge in Wayne District to do so.

Having received our Charter on December 6, 2001, it was presented by R.W.: Richard C. Friedman, Junior Grand Warden, on January 16, 2002.

Drumlin Square Lodge has new and exciting programs planned for the future, and would encourage any Brothers to visit. Your suggestions and ideas as to promoting our success would be greatly appreciated. There have been many accomplishments to date with more in the future. We need your input. With the Grand Master planning a one day Class on March 29, 2003, it affords us the opportunity to increase our membership far above the 196 we now have. The closest Class, of the nine sites being held in New York State, is in Rochester.

Communicate your ideas

This newly merged Lodge will have a new look and the proper way of doing things. We had, in the past, a tendency to be slack in some of our ways. Each Lodge interpreted things somewhat differently. Everything will now be done according to the Constitution of Grand Lodge, and our By-Laws. This will take some time to implement and get used to, but it will be the best that can be pro-

vided for Masonry. Each member has received a copy of the By-Laws. If there is something contained therein that does not meet with your satisfaction, or that you feel can be improved upon, make your thoughts known.

Surplus paraphernalia

Due to the consolidation of the old Palmyra No. 248, Walworth No 254, and Macedon No. 665 Lodges, and the pending sales of the Walworth and Macedon Masonic Halls, there is a surplus of Masonic paraphernalia. This includes sideline chairs and benches, charts, pictures, working tools, officers aprons, jewels and staves, candidates uniforms, and a number of other Masonic items too numerous to list.

On Wednesday, July 24th, the Trustees, and the three principal officers of Drumlin Square Lodge, along with the members of Tri-Star Chapter, OES, made the selection of what is to be retained and used by our Lodge. Everything else will become available to any Lodge which may need or want any items, on a first come, first served basis at no charge to them. These items must be removed no later than September 10th.

If interested, you should contact Evert Vandermolen at 315-597-5175, Chairman of the Trustees of Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180, F&AM, for an appointment to see the items listed above. Do not contact the Secretary or me, as we have no authorization to dispose of any paraphernalia.

Mark your calendar

September 12th will be the Apron Presentation Dinner for Wayne District's Grand Lodge Officers at the Garlock House. The Deputy Grand Master, and many of the Grand Line Officers, will be present for this festive occasion. Contact the Secretary for

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Staff Mon.

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a note at Hooter95@rochester.rr.com.

The Grand Marshal just called the Staff Officers to line up to be received by the Grand Master. It's been good to think about the future of the District and to spend some quality time with you. Before I leave you, a thought to ponder: "Dreams are renewable, no matter what our age or condition, there are still untapped possibilities within us and new beauty waiting to be born."

Thank you for your time. □

Membership

R. W. Joseph Privitera
Monroe District

Got something?

I was on my way to the cottage, somewhere South of Ottawa. A song came on the radio with the lyrics: "Everybody's got something but nobody's got it all." Well, that applies to most of us, doesn't it? As this new Lodge year begins, I have noticed that most of the Masters have their trestleboards ready, activities lined up and are really anxious to get started. However, the Master may seem to have it all ready to go, but sometimes he may need a "stretch of a hand", if you know what I mean. You may be the person who has "got something" for the Master who doesn't have it all.

It is up to each of us, as Brothers in the Lodge, to assist the Master whenever he asks for our help. If he doesn't ask, maybe we should offer a hand, being constructive at the same time. I'm sure we all like to see our Lodges have a good year, so let us get together and support our respective Lodges and the current Master in this new Lodge year.

Together, we can do it. Each of us, combining our individual and unique talents, can make this a successful year for our Lodges.

See you in Lodge. □

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS
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Ritual. Why is it we have a Grand Lecturer and Assistant Grand Lecturers? Why do we have Schools of Ritual and Grand Lecturer's Conventions? Why is it we have Degree rehearsals and insist our new Brothers become proficient before being passed on? These are all good questions, and our goals are to help each of us find the answers to them.

Our Fraternal Body is the oldest and one of the most prolific organizations that has ever been. One of the many traditions that made us so great is our Ritual. It is not just a way of opening a Lodge or conferring a Degree. It is, and always has been, a way to pass on the important life lessons that Masonry teaches us. It is also one way to distinguish our Fraternity from the multitude of others.

When we took the oath as officers, we swore to uphold the principles and landmarks of this institution. It is our duty as officers to

not only learn our Ritual, but to impart it to others.

With this said, Keith and I are here to help you, as officers, become better Ritualists, and to be available to assist you with Degrees. Please feel free to contact us. We are available to come to rehearsals or to just be a sounding board for your ideas. I know that I will have the opportunity to learn as much from each of you in the coming year as I hope I can impart to each of you.

There will be four Schools this year, along with the Grand Lecturer's Convention. The dates for the Schools are:

Monday, September 30th, at Charlotte/Corinthian. Protocol and Q&A.

Tuesday, October 29th, at Fairport/Flower City. Grand Lecturer's Convention.

Monday, January 29, 2003, at Northfield Lodge. Walkabout, 3rd Lecture.

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

I look forward to seeing each of you in the SORs this year. Please feel free to contact us with questions or problems you may have, and with ideas for topics you would like to see covered in the Schools. □

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I hope everyone had a good Summer and enjoyed good health. We will have a busy year. The dates and locations for our meetings are listed below.

Ronald McDonald House

The Committee for the Have-a-Heart Campaign met a couple of times over the Summer and are in the process of getting contracts for the malls. We need your help, as soon as possible, to fill up time slots between Monday, February 3rd from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m. (daily), thru Friday, February 14th. Call Dean Smith (JoAnn) at 586-9298 for Eastview Mall; Karl-Heinz Reich (Trudy) at 426-6836 for The Mall at Greece Ridge Center; and call me (Jean) at 663-4636 for Marketplace Mall. We will try to get the weekend before February 1st and 2nd, but until confirmed, we need to fill in the other dates first. Please help!

Meetings, times and locations

September 14th-Charlotte/Corinthian No. 1088, 9:00 a.m.

October 12th-Northfield No. 426, 9:00 a.m.

November 9th-Craftsman Robertson No. 969, 9:00 a.m.

December 14th-Webster No. 538, 9:00 a.m.

January 11, 2003-Seneca No. 797, 9:00 a.m.

February 22nd-at the Ronald McDonald House, 10:00 a.m.

March 8th-no meeting.

April 12th-Wakan/Hubbard No. 154, 9:00 a.m.

May 10th-Union Star No. 320, elections, 9:00 a.m.

June 14th-ERAC No. 163, first meeting with new officers.

Schools of Ritual

R. W.: R. Keith Stambach and V. W.: John Dyer gave us a list of the Schools:

September 30th-Charlotte/Corinthian No. 1088 at 7:30 p.m. to review Lodge Protocol, fol-

lowed by an open discussion on any Masonic topic people choose.

October 29th at Fairport/Flower City Lodge No. 476 at 6:30 p.m., will be the Grand Lecturer's Convention. Evening activities include a Steak Dinner and a demonstration of the 1st Degree. Call for reservations and try for the Putnam Award (7 top officers).

Northfield Lodge No. 426 will host a demonstration of the walkabout and a discussion of the 3rd Degree scripture on January 23, 2003, at 7:30 p.m.

March 31st, at Etolian Lodge, 7:30 p.m., will be a lesson on the proper installation procedure.

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

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.

Welcome

Welcome to a new and exciting year in Masonry. I'm looking forward to being the Master of Fairport/Flower City Lodge for the upcoming year. With this communication, I would like to keep all of you abreast of the happenings for the months of August and September.

Lodge Picnic

At the time you receive this newsletter, we will have already had a great time at the Fairport/Flower City Lodge Picnic. In keeping with the tradition of Flower City, a picnic was held for all Brothers and their families on Sunday, August 25th. The picnic was held at the Stevens Shelter at the Henrietta Town Park, down the road from the Dome Arena. We trust that all who attended this event had a wonderful time, and we look forward to continuing this event in the future.

Name badges

At our last communication in June, those Brothers who were in attendance signed up and ordered new name badges that indicate the name of the new Lodge. If you were unable to attend that meeting, or would like to order a new name badge, please contact our Secretary, George Burke, and he will be able to secure a new name badge for you.

Repairs, repairs, repairs

As we enter this new year together, our Trustees have been as busy as ever. The major project that took place during the Summer was the removal of the tile floor in the dining room. Approximately 10,000 pounds of tile and an underlayment of 1-1/2 inches were removed. On the first Saturday of work, Brothers Ron Weber, Al Fowler, and Tom Goodrich, put in a hard days work in breaking up the tile. On the second Saturday of work, Kel Kelsey joined Ron and Al in finishing the job. It should be noted that Brother Al gets the nod for outstanding machine operator for the project.

By the time we meet in September, a new concrete floor and seal should be down for our use during the Fall. We will be deciding what type of flooring to put

down during the next few months.

Our team of Trustees for this year includes Tom Richenderfer, Kel Kelsey, Cy Kloner, Tom Goodrich and Al Fowler. If you have any concerns, thoughts, or ideas about the physical structure of the Lodge, please share them with your Trustees.

Official Visit

Our first meeting of the year, which will be on September 9th, will be the Official Visit of R. W.: John Zabel, DDGM. We look forward to starting off the new year with John and his team. Dress will be regular business attire. Please make every effort to attend and show your support for our Lodge and our new District leaders. We will open Lodge promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Officer/Trustee meeting

All Officers and Trustees are reminded of our meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd. This meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Lodge building. Please make every effort to attend. If you are unable to attend, please call me at 388-9303. At this meeting we will discuss having our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night and plans for our second meeting in September.

Recognition of Past Masters

On September 23rd we will have public recognition of the Past Masters of the Fairport and Flower City Lodges. On this night we will open Lodge at 7:00 p.m., conduct a brief business session at 7:30 p.m. and start our program at approximately 8:00 p.m. We would like all Past Masters and their families to be in attendance for this special evening. All Past Masters will be receiving a brief letter and a form to fill out to return to me. If you do not receive this mailing, please call or e-mail me as soon as possible.

In closing, I look forward to seeing you in Lodge. As always, if you have any questions, comments, concerns, or if you know of a Brother who is in need of our aid or sympathy, please contact me. My e-mail address is: kermit_moyer@fairport.monroe.edu, or phone me at 388-9303.

ERAC
Lodge No. 163

2nd & 4th Mon.
7:30 P.M.
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162 Commercial St. W., E. Rochester

It is that time of the year when we set up for a new beginning of our activities. I am honored to be the Master of East Rochester Ancient Craft Lodge this year.

Many Brethren have often asked me where I came from. I was born in the West African country of Cameroon. This is historical in a way, since I'm the first African born Master in the Monroe District. I might even be the first in the Grand Lodge of New York. I'm very thankful for the mentoring and support of all my Brothers at ERAC and, more specifically, to R. W.: Bill Lindsay.

Last year was an all around great year for ERAC Lodge. Two of our Brothers received prestigious Awards: W.: Lew Perna received the Heart and Hands Community Service Award, and R. W.: Rich Friedman received the Charles Henry Johnson Medal, the highest award that can be given by Grand Lodge.

We raised six new Brothers, had a high-level of meeting attendance and did a lot of community service. I personally thank our 2001-2002 Master, W.: Dave Zegas, for the job well done.

Looking ahead

I am proud to say that my officers line does not have a Past Master in a progressive position. We are committed to the continuing improvement of our great Lodge.

The Summer was not a vacation at ERAC; it was an opportunity to shift gears. We have had four meetings regarding our Lodge building this Summer, and a lot of interaction among us. All our communications were facilitated by our Secretary, W.: Dave Zegas.

I would not feel right without extending a great thank you to W.: Phil Hurwitz for his legal support; Brother Rick Schmanke for his building repair contact and W.: Dave Crawford for helping with the automatic chair.

Awards Night

We are going to kick off the year on Monday, September 9th, with the ERAC Awards Night. This is an open Lodge meeting and food will be served. Please contact our Secretary, W.: Dave Zegas at 334-7202 (h) or 419-7539 (w); e-mail: dzegas@people.com (h); dzegas@vibrant-1.com (w).

The Brothers receiving Awards will receive special invitations, but they also must call to confirm. I urge all ERAC members to come out to recognize their peers. □

Churchville
Lodge No. 667

2nd & 4th
Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Master
W. Franklin
D. Higgins
359-2257
Secretary
W. George
R. Burke,
293-1629

www.geocities.com/churchvillelodge667
20 S. Main St. Churchville 14428

New beginning

As Worshipful Master of Churchville Lodge No. 667 for the ensuing year, I would like to begin with a big thank you to all of my Brethren for their help and continued support at Churchville. Thanks to: R. W.: John E. Zabel, Derek E. VanHouten, R. Keith Stambach, Clifford H. Short and James A. De Lorenzo.

Update

This was brought to my attention by my new Junior Warden, Ed Kelley, who is also the webmaster for Churchville Lodge. The website address listed in the Times is incorrect. The correct address is as follows: www.geocities.com/churchvillelodge667.

Official Visit

September 11th has been set for our Official Visit. I'm looking forward to it. Junior Warden, Ed Kelley, and W.: Garry Hutcherson, will be cooking dinner. We will have Baked Rigatoni with Meatballs, Salad and Bread. The price is \$6.00 and for reservations, call Ed Kelley at 293-2538 or Larry Bright at 359-2257.

Looking to see everyone there. □

Valley/Simes

Says, "Save the Date".

Sat. Oct. 19th

More information in the
October Issue.

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

My Brothers, I welcome you all back to Lodge. It is a good time to get re-acquainted with old friends, so please join us in Lodge. We also have several social functions planned this year, so come and enjoy the good fellowship that can be found there.

Installation

The new line of Officers was installed on June 15th. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Past Masters who formed the Installation Team under the direction of W.: Sherwin Isaacs, Installing Master. W.: Ray Di-James was Installing Marshal; W.: Mike Adamus, Installing Chaplain; W.: Angelo Di-Cataldo, W.: Don Bell, and W.: Mike Adamus gave the Charges, and W.: Steve Maynard gave the address to the guests. My heartfelt thanks to our Junior Warden, Bruce Horncastle, and his lady, Janet, for providing a beautiful spread of refreshments after the Installation. All did a fantastic job! Thanks, again, Brothers!

Sickness and distress

R.: W.: Fred Nielsen suffered serious injuries from a fall he took at home. Fred is currently in St. Anne's Home. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Fred and his family.

Clambake

The Clambake is scheduled for Saturday, September 28th, at Pond View Shelter, Mendon Ponds Park, Mendon, at 1:00 p.m. Hugh Woodside is the Chairman for the event. This year's Clambake will be a family oriented event with games for the kids, etc. All family members and friends are invited to this year's event. Come one, come all!

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

Summer

In June we had the Installation of new Officers, including two new Brothers raised just last year. In addition, Seneca Lodge paid tribute to those Brothers who have been called by our Supreme Maker.

In August the Lodge held its Annual Steak Roast at the Damascus Shrine Center on Bay Road. This has, and continues to be, a very enjoyable day for Brothers and their families.

September

Seneca Lodge will confer the 1st Degree in September. Brother Robert Kimmel will be in the East that night.

We will have our Annual Tea on September 22nd, so the snowbirds may attend! Other social events are scheduled, so read your trestleboard for details.

Degrees

October will continue with the 2nd Degree and November will conclude with the 3rd Degree. Many thanks to Brother Richard Shelman for all his work in preparing us for the 3rd Degree.

NORTHFIELD
Lodge No. 426
Instituted March 1857
 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:30 P.M.
 Master
 W.: Dean L.
 Smith
 (h) 586-9298
 R.: W.: William D. Spillane
 Secretary 334-6596
 17 Church St., Pittsford 14534

Now that Summer is coming to a close I hope your vacations were enjoyable and safe for one and all.

Since we spent some time in the Virginia area and Gettysburg this Summer, I want to share with you a Civil War story.

During the month of July our thoughts reflect upon our history as a nation. With patriotism being our focal point, we have the opportunity to see how we as a nation have viewed our differences in the past.

The date was April 10, 1865. The two men sat facing each other, eight feet apart, in a private home in the town of Appomattox, Virginia. These men represented what they each believed to be the direction this young nation should embark upon. These two men had engaged in many battles during the preceding four years and both sides had suffered many casualties. General Robert E. Lee had struggled for sometime in making this decision whether to continue on with guerrilla-type warfare which could extend the conflict for many years, or to surrender his Confederate Army of Northern Virginia. To this adversary seated across from him, he had a great concern for what would become of his troops. Would they be imprisoned, or possibly humiliated by being paraded before the victors in this battle? Across the room sat General Ulysses S. Grant, Commander of the Armies of the United States, who like General Lee, wanted to end this bloodshed that had taken so many lives of our young Americans. As General Lee raised his concerns for his men, he was pleased to hear General Grant relate the terms of surrender. They only needed to surrender their weapons, vowing never to bear arms against the United States, and return to their farms. As the formal surrender ceremonies ended, the soldiers from both sides fell to their knees and asked for forgiveness for their individual actions of the past.

A tenet of this final action is seen in our Masonic Lodges of today. Though we may have opposing views on specific matters, we must have respect for each other's opinions as we leave the Lodge room.

I happened to meet a Brother while on vacation, who said you can try everything to have the Brethren come to Lodge, but a fine calling committee, a challenge and some activities within the Lodge (other than Degrees, which are of the utmost importance to all Master Masons) will produce more results. So I challenge all Brothers to come to Lodge and, most of all, try to be a signer of a petition because we need more members within our

Fraternity. See you in Lodge, Brother!

New Officers

The Installation of the Officers of Northfield Lodge was held on June 6th. We thank, first of all, R.: W.: Raymond Beardsley, the Installing Master; R.: W.: Jack Thibaut, Installing Marshal; and W.: John Dudley, Installing Chaplain. A special thank you to the Commandery and the Brothers who were in the Honor Guard and to the Masonic War Veterans for Posting the Colors before the Ceremony.

Our first Lodge activity was the Strawberry Festival, back in June, but it was not as successful as we had hoped, even with the Eric Canal Barbershop Chorus being present to entertain the Festival goers. Thank you to the Brethren who did help and, most of all, the Boy Scouts of Troop 129 of Pittsford, and Scout Master, John Kelly.

Special thanks to W.: John Dudley; W.: L. Russell Van Degriff; Brother Pierre Dube; W.: Glenn Hedges; Brother Frederick Hull, DSA, and Eloise; W.: Merritt Sweet and Betty; W.: Roger Wolfe; Brother Tim Jennings; W.: James Weick and his mother, Doris Weick; Brother Benjamin Griswold and his lady, Danielle; R.: W.: Bill Spillane and his daughters, Crystal and Samantha, and my lady, Jo-Ann, and the Brothers who worked at the Strawberry Festival. Brother Richard J. Muto did the TV coverage of the day of the Festival. If I forgot to say your name, I do apologize. "Attaboy" to all!

Now, when things go wrong, well, it will be my fault and the buck stops at my desk. During the Installation, I forgot to introduce two very distinguished Brothers, and I feel somewhat embarrassed that this got away from me.

To R.: W.: Martin Reitz, our Organist, and R.: W.: R. Keith Stambach, AGL, please accept my apologies as your work is very important to all. Thank you.

Flower Talk

Northfield Lodge is very proud to announce that the Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay, will do a Flower Talk on September 19th. This is also a Pot Luck Supper. Bring your family and friends, and a dish to pass. The Junior Warden will provide the meat. This is a most beautiful presentation. If you plan to attend, please call the Calling Committee person who calls you or call the Junior Warden, W.: Glenn Hedges at 586-0238, or me at 586-9298. Come one, come all.

On the schedule for October 3rd, we have Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, who will talk about the Scottish Rite. It will be an interesting topic and further education of Masonry.

The 1st Degree will be on October 17th. A very nice dinner is planned by the Junior Warden. More information to be announced at a later date.

In Remembrance

Northfield Lodge has the unfortunate duty to inform you of the passing to the Great Architect of the Universe the following Brothers. May they rest in peace. They are Brother: George W. Moore; W.: George Bradshaw, who was Master in 1982, with 55+ years in the Fraternity and was in Rochester Lodge No. 660, which merged with Northfield; and W.: Paul Utz, who was Master in 1989 of Northfield with 25+ years as a member. He demitted and joined another Lodge out of State.

Challenge

I take this opportunity to challenge members of Northfield Lodge to attend the Lodge meetings and think of candidates for membership to our great Fraternity. Thank you for your support.

Valley/Simes
Lodge No. 109
 2nd Tues. 7:30 P.M.
 Master
 W.: Michael C.
 McBride, Sr.
 (585) 663-4636
 mandjmcbride@cs.com
 Sec. W.: Edward J. Schmitt
 (585) 244-8458
 876 Main Street E., Rochester, 14805

I hope everyone had a good Summer, in spite of the heat (better than rain or snow!). I hope you are all in good health. Please keep us informed of sickness or distress. We have a busy year ahead of us, with such items as updating our inventory, figuring out where we will reside, who will replace Mat Gingold as Hospitaller (big shoes to fill), etc. I'm sorry, I do not have all of the current information of those in sickness or distress and am also somewhat in the dark as to deaths, at this time. I hope to rectify this before the next issue.

On a lighter side, happy birthday to all for July, August and September. We will be starting a social night with Craftsman Robertson Lodge, which will include our ladies and potential new members. It will be most every 4th Tuesday, with pre-scheduled entertainment. Dinner will be included and subsidized, with widows and their guests free.

Upcoming events

September 10th is our Official Visit. Please be there to hear the Grand Master's Message, along with an update from the DDGM, R.: W.: John Zabel and his Staff Officer, R.: W.: Derek Van Houten.

September 14th is the Masters and Wardens meeting at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge at 9:00 a.m.

September 17th will be a Fellowship Meeting/Picnic at my house (stag).

September 24th will be a Ladies Night Dinner and a Cheese and Wine educational demonstration. This is our first joint Lodge social function, please help me with your support.

September 30th is the School of Ritual at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge at 7:30 p.m.

October 1st is an Officers meeting at Country Village.

October 8th is a Lodge meeting with a DeMolay Program. Please join us and show your support for the DeMolay members.

October 15th is a Fellowship meeting. Call Herb Spencer to volunteer with a program.

October 19th is a special event, a Native American Masonic Heritage Celebration on Saturday, with lunch for Valley/Simes and Craftsman Robertson Lodge members at 12 noon. The Program is open to all at 1:00 p.m. at the Downtown Masonic Temple, 3rd floor Lodge room.

On October 22nd we will have a joint Lodge Brother Bring-a-Friend Program. Please get us names of potential candidates as soon as possible.

I hope to see all at each of these events, along with some new faces.

For more information or reservations, contact the Secretary, Ed Schmitt at 244-8459; Dick Giedd (Molly) at 621-3045; Herb Spencer at 334-7493; Joe Gingold at 637-6008; Dave Mura (Pat) at 637-8695; Mat Gingold (Norma) at 266-6384 or me (Jean) at 663-4636.

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

By W.: Sean Noonan, Secretary
 Hopefully everyone enjoyed the long, hot, Summer. We have lots to report, so let's get to it.

Here are your Elected Officers for the ensuing year.

Master **Gordon Smith**
 Sr. Warden **Scott Brickman**
 Jr. Warden **Jeff Ross**
 Treasurer **Sante Panella**
 Secretary **Sean Noonan**
 Trustee 2002-05 **Steve Mitchell**

Welcome


Congratulations to Brother Larry McCracken, who was raised on June 6th. Brother Larry's petition was presented by W.: Dave Upham, who continues to lead good men to our Craft. Thank you, Brother Dave. The 3rd Degree was conferred by the Shrine Past Masters' Degree Team.

50 Years

Our May 21st meeting was very special. It was the Annual Communication, as well as the first visit by R.: W.: John Zabel, DDGM. The occasion was the presenting of the 50 Year Certificate and Pin to Brother Norman Wright. In attendance were R.: W.: Don Wright and Brother Denny Wright, Norm's brothers. Brother Norm thanked all and told of his late father, R.: W.: Dennison Wright's influence and long Masonic service.

Brother Richard Caupp was awarded the DSA and presented with an Apron, Pin and Certificate. Continued on page 8

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cate. Brother Dick's unselfish commitment to his family, church, Lodge and community has finally been recognized.

After making the Presentations, R. W. John Zabel gave us a preview of his leadership team's plans for Monroe. Thank you, R. W. John, for joining us.

Huge success

The Ox Roast was a huge success, thanks to all the Brothers who pitched in to help. W. Jerry Jones and Brother Scott Brickman headed the committees. Brothers Steve Mitchell and Bill Hunn both worked from sun up 'til sun down. Brother Myron Waterman migrated from the cold North to help again. Very special thanks to W. Bob Stevens, whose square dance group accounted for over 150 dinners.

Sickness, distress and glad tidings

The Winter and Spring of 2002 saw the passing of the following Brothers: Loren Bock, Larry Justice and Charles Worboys. Our sincere condolences to their families. The Altar was draped and resolutions of respect presented.

W. Jerry Jones is recovering from recent surgery at home under the watchful eye of St. Elizabeth.

Congratulations to Brother Ross Wayne and his bride, Nancy.

Coming events

Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 17th, at 7:30 p.m. The first Spaghetti Dinner will be Wednesday, September 25th.

September birthday greetings

Brothers Dana Daniels, James McAttee, Harold McClain, Douglas Arnold, Francis Hand, Douglas Wright and Douglas DeHollander.

Closing

I had the occasion recently to talk with the widow of a Brother who died and was not afforded a Masonic Service. She related the funeral director knew her husband was a Mason, but neglected to advise her of our Service. Brothers, please tell your loved ones about our beautiful Masonic Service. Locate your Lambskin Apron and explain its significance.

ETOLIAN Lodge No. 479

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

Master
James E.
Toogood

585-594-2189

Sec. W. Michael Schwartz 352-4018

for two days with organ music, and to all who worked in the kitchen serving and cleaning up. Thanks to Mickey Darrohn, our cashier, and to John Dyer and all who worked on the Child ID during Canal Days; to Ray Mandeville and all the Brothers who worked on the Blood Drive. The Red Cross had 70 people show up and took 44 units of blood.

September events

A Brother Bring-a-Friend Night and an Officers meeting with a rehearsal on opening and closing the Lodge will be on September 5th.

On September 9th, at the Spencerport Masonic Temple, there will be a Steak Roast and Table Lodge for \$10.00. Call Chester Riley for reservations at 293-2278. We will start at 5:30 p.m.

September 19th-High 12 lunch.

September 23rd-1st Degree.

The School of Ritual is at 7:30 p.m. on September 30th at Charlotte/Corinthian. All line officers should attend.

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

Brethren, the weatherman has cooperated nicely this year, providing us with plenty of opportunities to relax and enjoy the sunshine and heat. I hope you and your families have had the chance to take full advantage of our good fortune, and that your Summer has re-energized you for the work to be completed in the Fall.

We finished our Spring session with some very nice events. Over 40 Brothers and their families enjoyed the bountiful straw-



Some of the Lodge Widows enjoying Strawberry Festival.

berry harvest this year at our Strawberry Festival in June. Brother Frank Jansson did an excellent job of making sure that no one went away hungry from this event. All of our Brothers, and myself in particular, enjoyed meeting and spending time with the ladies of our departed Brothers. Our Masonic widows are a large part of our family, and we hope to see much more of them in the upcoming year.

We had another opportunity to meet again at our Family Picnic, on Father's Day, at Camp Eastman in Durand Eastman Park. Well over 80 people attended, enjoyed great food, played cards, reminisced, and just enjoyed spending time with many members of our Masonic Family and friends. Junior Warden, Keith Freeman, Senior Deacon, Mike Hueston, and the rest of the Brothers did a great job of organizing and executing the picnic. It was especially nice to see some Brothers who have come up North for the Summer. I hadn't seen W. Ray Unger, Jr., in almost two years before the picnic. I met him again two weeks later as he was working at the Rotary tent, selling food at the LPGA. Both Ray and his wife have volunteered at the LPGA for a number of years, and the money they help raise has helped many good causes in our community. We should all be proud of the unsung volunteers who work on community projects, whether the Masons, or any charitable organization sponsors them.

September

As with all things, the Summer must come to an end, and we need to get back into the quarries, and back to our labors. Our strong line of Officers has some great programs planned for this Fall. We start on September 3rd, with Sport Shirt Night. We will have grilled sausage and hamburgs before the business meeting, starting around 6:15 p.m. As part of our business that evening, we will be installing W. Bill King as our Junior Deacon. Bill has stepped forward to fill the position that was vacated by the unfortunate transfer of Brother Tom Riddle, who went to Virginia with his company in June. We wish Tom all the best in his new endeavor.

W. Bill King is also Chairman of the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, which is scheduled for the 2nd meeting on September 17th. If any Brother knows a man of good moral values, please give his name and address to Bill and he will take care of the rest.

October

A Lodge of Remembrance is scheduled for October 15th.

Brother Senior Deacon, Mike Hueston, is the Chairman for this event. Please come out and join us in honoring our departed Brothers and in sharing our memories of them with their families.

All of our programs this year have a specific chairman as a primary contact. I do believe that every program needs good planning, and especially a good staff of volunteers to make it work. Please contact one of our program chairmen to help out. I urge everyone of you to get involved with at least one program this year. I'm sure that you will enjoy every minute you spend with the Brothers.

I will be traveling to other Lodges in the Monroe District throughout the year. My Master's trestleboard is available at the Lodge, or I will mail one to you if you request it. I would be pleased to have as much company in my travels as you are willing to give me. We can learn so much from visiting other Lodges, and the fellowship that is shared by other Lodges with their visitors makes for truly uplifting experiences on every visit. I have never left from visiting another Lodge where I felt I should not have gone. In the two years as a Staff Officer, when I felt tired and discouraged, I looked forward to attending a Lodge meeting, for I came to realize how much I enjoyed the fellowship, and how much visitors were appreciated by our Brethren from across the District and across the State.

May we all live in peace, and may Brotherhood and fellowship surround you and your family.

I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge.

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
85 Main Street East, Rochester, 14605

By W. Skip Waterstreet

Welcome to another Masonic year of Craftsman Robertson Lodge activities and my first column as correspondent. I'm one of the many Brothers attempting to fill the shoes of Brother Bob Ogden, who did so much for our Lodge. I know I share with all of our member's sincere thanks for all of his efforts. My endeavor is to keep you informed of Lodge happenings and encourage you

to attend and support the Lodge at its various meetings, programs and social events.

Meeting schedule

As I write this, we do not have firm meeting plans for the balance of this year or for 2003. With lease negotiations still continuing for our potential use of the Shrine Center, construction has been interrupted and those facilities will not be completed in time for us to make our move by the end of the year. Consequently, there are additional discussions to extend our current lease at the Downtown Masonic Temple. More details should be available at our meeting on September 3rd. We will be voting again on the days and times of our meetings, so plan to attend and make your voice heard.

This situation is also creating problems with our trestleboard. W. Duane Smith and several Brothers have worked in conjunction with the Officers of Valley/Simes Lodge to set up a schedule of joint dinners and meetings for this Masonic year. We will have to discuss further what, if anything, will be done to our current schedule of events. Brothers, we want and NEED your input.

Annual Picnic

On a gorgeous Saturday afternoon, many of our members and their families joined for the festivities at Linear Park in Penfield. The duties of chef were performed by me and I was assisted by W. Ken Skidmore, W. Tom Kendig and Brother Bob Traub. It was another wonderful social event and a chance to catch up with each other's Summer happenings.

Dues are due

Our Secretary, W. Tom Kendig, tells me that several Brothers have not paid their current dues. Please forward your check to Tom so we can clear the books before our 2003 notices go out in November. Thank you.

Birthday greetings

Heartly congratulations to the following Brothers celebrating in September: Frank Newman, William Stark, Joseph Steffen, Gilbert Blew, Gerald Pfrenge, William Kicherer, Robert Waldeck, Elmer Smit, Robert Shartran, Robert Freitag, Harold Carlson, Glenn Post, Donald Connor, and William Kaufman.

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

Hello, Brothers. Hopefully you have had an enjoyable Summer and I look forward to seeing you all again. I am pleased to announce that we had another Brother raised to Master Mason, Eliot Schwartz, on June 13th in Lima Lodge.

The windows of our Lodge building have been replaced and now work and look beautiful. We are able to open them and provide for some fresh air on those hot nights. Many thanks to those who helped to remove the window blinds and re-install them and those who oversaw the window installation.

Thanks to those who participated in our annual fundraiser, Festival on the Green, in June. The weather did cooperate for the most

Newly Installed Officers and Past Masters of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge

Brethren, I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Summer. We had a busy one. On June 17th we had our Annual Picnic at Pineway Park with the OES. About 40 Brothers and family members attended and we had games for the children. Thanks to Ed Zorn and Mike Edelman for all the preparations.

Brother Bring-a-Friend Night was held on June 24th.

Thanks to all the Brothers who planted flowers on Route 531.

The Spencerport Canal Days Pancake Breakfast was held on July 27th and 28th, and was well attended. Many thanks to Edward Gillott who rallies all the help for this event. Thanks to Judith Gillott who entertained us



W. Gary R. Sanford presenting a 55 year Service Certificate to R.W. Robert Sanford, his father.

part and we were very busy cooking the hamburgers and sausages. We also held a Child ID Program on that Saturday and were able to register 26 children.

September activities

Our September Lodge meeting will allow us to catch up with each other on our Summer activities and also refresh us on Masonic Etiquette, which will be presented by R.W. Robert Sanford.

On September 23rd we will have a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night at 7:30 p.m. with a dinner preceding at 6:30 p.m. Please make your reservations by calling our Secretary, Robert Sweeney or myself.

Remember that we have a School of Ritual at Charlotte/ Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 at 7:30 p.m. on September 30th.

Recognition

Our Lodge meeting in October will recognize many of our Brothers for their years of service, so please be sure to attend and thank them for their contributions.

join us at our Pot Luck Dinners! Trust me, they won't be bored while we're up in our meeting. Speaking of "dish to pass"...

Good food!

Our Corn and Sausage Roast was another success this year. We had about 40 attendees and food for 80! Boy, was it good! You just can't go wrong with a dish to pass event at Lodge. Realizing I am bound to leave someone out, I thank all of the people who helped make this another great Fame event, especially Andy McBride for cooking, all the corn shuckers, Kathy Lum for helping with everything, Joe and Barb Minas for making arrangements, setting up, keeping things moving and cleaning up, and all the ladies who helped clean up at the end. Sorry if I left anyone out! Toward the end there was some conversation about having a Steak Roast this year. Who knows?? Maybe someone will step forward.

Condolences

The Great Architect of the Universe has welcomed four of our Brothers into their eternal rest this past Summer. Sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of James Palmer, Carl Schmidt, Philip McClure and Ed Schmitt. I thank all the Brothers who turned out for those Masonic Funeral Services. I have always felt that this is one of our most important duties. Unfortunately, it seemed like we were performing this duty all too often this Summer.

October highlight

Official Visit is October 8th! Please let us know if there is a program you would like to see at Lodge. We'll see if we can't accommodate it somehow.

Last, but not least, Happy Birthday to all our Brothers with birthdays in September! See you at Lodge!

Blazey, Mark Ellwanger and Kevin Fisher, on receiving Masonic Scholarships.


First meeting

Our first meeting will be September 11th, the one-year anniversary of the terrorist attack. We will have a dinner for you and yours and a Memorial Service in open Lodge afterwards. Please make every effort to attend.

Last, but not least

I am looking forward to my year as Master, and hope to make it fun for all.

**District Deputy
Grand Master**
Genesee/Wyoming



R.W.
Robert W.
Strang, Jr.
(585) 591-2888

Summer and the lazy, hazy days have left us and given way to the preparations for the upcoming Masonic year. There are Apron Presentations scheduled for the District Deputy, Staff Officer, and Assistant Grand Lecturer. They are September 18th, September 5th, and September 24th, respectively.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held at Hesperus Lodge No. 837 on October 16th. This is another opportunity to improve ourselves in Masonry, and at the same time receive recognition for our participation by way of the Potts Award, given to those Lodges having the required number of officers present. How many of Genesee/Wyoming District Lodges can receive this Award?

Genesee/Wyoming's District School of Ritual will be held on September 10th at Arcade Lodge and will cover duties of Officers and Sign of Fidelity use.

This year the Grand Lodge of the State of New York presented Education Assistance Scholarships totaling \$600,000. Genesee/Wyoming District was well represented in these Awards receiving 27 of the 937 given Statewide, with 9 of the 12 Lodges in the District having students who received these Awards.

Thanks

The District Go-to-Church Sunday Service was lacking participation from many Lodges in the District. To those who did attend, I extend a heartfelt thank you. To those members of Attica Lodge who prepared and served the repast, we also extend our thanks for your time and effort.

Thanks to St. Paul's Church of Christ, for allowing the District to join in their worship celebration. We are grateful.

vious two years. In my travels throughout the District thus far, I have heard nothing but praise and accolades for the efforts he put forth in carrying out his duties and serving the Craft. If I can attain the standard he set, and begin to approach the level of service he extended in promoting Freemasonry, I will feel content that I have performed well myself.

As we review the membership statistics, and note the unfortunate decline which has been the trend for the past few years, it becomes evident that survival of both the Blue Lodges and Concordant Bodies is dependent upon a cooperative effort. One of the Bodies which has made, and is continuing to make, a concerted effort in this direction, is the Valley of Rochester, through its "Reach Out and Say Hello" Program. The Valley of Rochester, AASR, stands ready to assist any Blue Lodge and/or its Master, in membership development, setting up programs, Degree presentations, or any of a myriad of forms of assistance and promotion. As specific examples of such efforts, I would cite the Symbolic Lodge Awards Night, held each year, for deserving superlative members of Blue Lodges, nominated by their Brethren; the recent formation of the first of several Scottish Rite Clubs, designed to serve the needs of members of the Craft in outlying areas; the recently relocated Frank and Bette Paul 32° Scottish Rite Learning Center for Children; the Scottish Rite Scholarship Program; an Ambassador's Program; and the District Meeting for Masters and Grand Lodge Officers from all Districts, sponsored by the Valley of Rochester, and held this year at the Shrine Center on August 28th.

For extending such generous offers of assistance, I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Commander-in-Chief, Steve Whittaker, and his leadership team, for all their support.

Participate

The month of June was a busy one for our DDGM, R.W. Bob Strang, myself, and the Genesee/Wyoming Purple Apron Club, as we assisted in several of the Installations throughout the District. Having completed the balance of our Grand Lodge training, the DDGM and I have been busy planning our program and visits for the coming Masonic year. We will be visiting each of the 12 Lodges in the District this Fall, to present the Grand Master's Message and to share the plans which we have developed for the year. We encourage participation; if you would like to be involved in any of the District projects, call either of us and we will be most happy to help facilitate the same.

August

August proved to be a rather busy month, also, for members of the Genesee/Wyoming District. On August 4th we attended the Annual Masonic Go-to-Church Sunday at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, of which R.W. Rich Luh is Pastor. This service was preceded by a most delicious breakfast hosted by Brethren of Attica Lodge No. 462, with our DDGM, Bob Strang, R.W. Jerry Brade, and W. Norm Steinbaugh, doing the honors in the kitchen. Both of these events, coupled with the beautiful weather, made for a most enjoyable day. On the 12th and 13th, many of the Brethren of the District assisted the Brothers of Triluminar Lodge in manning various concessions, as well as conducting a Child ID Program at the Wyoming County Fair in Pike. This is a very rewarding experience, and I encourage any Brother who has some time to spare to consider volunteering in this endeavor.

On August 26th, the newly formed Genesee/Wyoming Scottish Rite Club met at Attica Lodge, with members of both the Valleys of Rochester and Buffalo in attendance, to discuss future developments. This proved to be a most informative meeting. Refreshments and camaraderie followed.

Honors

Congratulations are in order for R.W. Ken Kohlhagen, of Attica Lodge, who was nominated to receive the Order of the Purple Cross at the York Rite Sovereign College 12th New York State Annual Assembly, held at the Masonic Home Campus in Utica on August 3rd. To be the recipient of this prestigious Award is, indeed, a stellar achievement, and our best wishes are extended to R.W. Ken.

Condolences

Sincere sympathies are extended to Dennis and Cathie Turton and Harry and Kathy Tyson on the recent passing of Amber and Whiskers, respectively, over the Summer months. Anyone who is fortunate enough to have a pet as a member of his or her household can understand the void left by such a loss.

Best wishes, Jean Brugger

It is with sadness, albeit ameliorated with best wishes, that we bid farewell to our Valley of Rochester, AASR, Office Manager, Jean Brugger, who is retiring after 21 years of dedicated service to the Craft. Jean was always there to lend a helping hand, and to work with and assist us in anyway she could. A lady of her caliber is indeed a treasure. We wish you all the best, Jean, as you

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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

Greetings, Brothers. Oatka's got it and we're gonna get it back! The Traveling Gavel, that is. The boys from the Southwest side of town came out last June and grabbed the Gavel after we had it for, I think, eighteen months! They meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, so one of our topics of discussion at our first meeting in September will be retrieval of the (our) Gavel. Those of you who are not busy that Wednesday, put this on your calendar NOW! Speaking of our first meeting...

September meetings

September 10th is the date for our first meeting. It will be preceded by a Buffet Dinner at 6:30 p.m., featuring Stuffed Peppers, Vegetable, Salad, Rolls and Butter. The cost per person is \$7.00; reservations are required.

The second meeting, on the 24th, 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

O-At-Ka
Lodge No. 759

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



Master
W. Richard
Fimbel
(585) 494-1474

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


5 Browns Ave., Scottsville, 14546

Welcome back, Brothers, from a long, hot Summer.

Congratulations

Best wishes to the children of Brothers Terry Wright, Larry

**Grand Sword
Bearer**
Genesee/Wyoming



R.W.
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As I begin my tenure as Staff Officer for the Genesee/Wyoming District, I express my admiration for my predecessor, R.W. Art Drew, for the stellar job he did in serving the District during the pre-

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begin a well deserved time of leisure to travel and do as you wish. You will be greatly missed by all!

Dates to remember

The tentative schedule of Official Visits throughout the District for this month and next include, in September:

- Monday, September 16th, 8:00 p.m. West Star Lodge No. 413, Varysburg.
- Tuesday, September 17th, 8:00 p.m. Warsaw Lodge No. 549.
- Monday, September 23rd, 8:00 p.m., Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 263, Java Village.

October

- Tuesday, October 1st, 7:30 p.m., Oakland Lodge No. 379, Castile.
 - Wednesday, October 2nd, 7:30 p.m., Olive Branch Lodge No. 39, LeRoy.
 - Thursday, October 3rd, 8:00 p.m., Constellation Lodge No. 404, Perry.
 - Tuesday, October 8th, 7:30 p.m., Batavia Lodge No. 475.
 - Thursday, October 10th, 8:00 p.m., Eagle Valley Lodge No. 1161, Bliss.
 - Tuesday, October 22nd, 7:30 p.m., Arcade Lodge No. 419.
 - Thursday, October 24th, 8:00 p.m. Triluminar Lodge No. 543, Pike.
- Remaining Official Visits will follow in November and December. In addition, on the 24th of September, there will be a School of Ritual at Arcade Lodge, commencing at 8:00 p.m.

District Breakfasts

With the advent of the coming Masonic year will be the resumption of the wonderful Masonic Breakfasts throughout the District. These are, indeed, delicious repasts, featuring all the accoutrements and pleasures one would come to expect, along with extremely congenial dining companionship. The schedule of these Breakfasts are as follows: from November through April, the first Sunday of each month, Attica Lodge, Attica; 2nd Sunday, Mt. Vernon Lodge, Java Village; 3rd Sunday, Triluminar Lodge, Pike; and 4th Sunday, Arcade Lodge, Arcade.

Why not come on out, have a great meal, enjoy wonderful company, and lend support to these Brothers and ladies who give of their time for a most worthwhile cause.

Road to the East

It is not too early to make plans to attend the upcoming Road to the East Program, which will once again be taking place in Dansville this year. Formulation is currently underway, and Masters will be receiving information on this Program in the near future. Any Brother who aspires to become Master of his Lodge is strongly encouraged to attend this most informative Program, which will be scheduled one Saturday each month, for a three month period.

In closing, I look forward to seeing each of you as I travel throughout the District. As always, if you have any questions or problems with which I might be of assistance, please feel free to contact me and I will endeavor to find an answer or a solution for you. □

**Interfaith Service
& Brunch- Logan's
November 3, 2002**

**Mount Vernon
Lodge No. 263**
2nd & 4th Mon.
Master
W.: Kay
Dilker
716-537-9165
Sec. W.: Jim Allan 457-3079
Main Street, Java Village

By W.: Jim Allan, Secretary
Greetings, Brothers! I hope that you all have Summered well and that this communication finds you and yours in good health.

The first article of the year is always a little difficult to write, as we as a Lodge haven't even met yet, but I can give you some of the highlights since the last meeting. Your newly Elected Officers for the coming year are:

Master **Kay Dilker**
Sr. Warden **Bernard Whaley**
Jr. Warden **Craig C. Foster, Jr.**
Treasurer **Mark L. Hopkins**
Secretary **Jim Allan**

Upcoming events

On Tuesday, September 17th, Mt. Vernon will be hosting the Bingo games for the evening at the Vet's home in Batavia. We can use all hands available, and it really is a fun-filled night, just giving a little joy back to those who fought for us to live as we do today. We meet at the Lodge and car pool to the Home, and, as we should be in Batavia at 6:30 p.m., we usually plan to meet at Mt. Vernon no later than 5:30 p.m. Contact your Master at 537-9165 or me at 457-3079 if you want to hitch a ride.

Pancake Breakfast

Our first Pancake Breakfast will be held on November 17th. As always, we need help, and we should not always have to expect the same cadre that show up every time to take up the slack. It's only 3 hours out of your day to raise some needed funds for YOUR Lodge. It's always a lot of fun. Even if you can't work, how about showing up for breakfast, sharing fellowship and renewing old acquaintances for a while.

Strykersville Sale Days

This is the third time that the Lodge held this event of selling "yard-sale" type goods, but with one exception. This year we sold both Italian and Polish sausages, hot off the grill, plus cold pop, and did very well. So much so that this coming year, we plan to just sell food. More on the event will be forthcoming.

Dues

I know that as your Secretary last year, I beat this subject to death, and as a sad result, we dropped five Brothers due to nonpayment of dues. On the other hand, over the years that they were in arrears, it cost you and your Lodge hundreds of dollars to keep them on the books.

As a case in point, over the Summer I received the official 2001 Audited Annual Return Form, from Grand Lodge, which is a fancy name for the number of members on our roster, for which Grand Lodge is going to bill us for \$17.50 per head this coming year. These members were voted out last year, but as Grand Lodge works one year behind, we still are going to have to pay \$70.00 for these dropped members. We may as well set fire to \$70.00 worth of hard earned bucks from any event that we host rather than let this continue. It behooves all of us to get our dues in on time

and if we know any Brother, near or far, who hasn't attended Lodge in a while, to gather him back into the fold. (These are your Master's thoughts.) Well, enough on that subject, we now have 63 members on our roster. W.: Kay Dilker asks that we all keep an eye out for prospective candidates.

As a reminder from me, your Secretary, it is your responsibility to notify me of any changes in your address. For those of you who have moved, and had mail forwarded, please drop me a note so I can make the necessary changes in my records.

We also have District wide e-mail newsletter capability. I don't have all your e-mail addresses. If you would like to be included in all of the District news, just forward your e-mail address to me and I will get you posted. Until we meet again... □

**Olive Branch
Lodge No. 39
F. & A.M.**
1st & 3rd
Wed.
W.: Nevin
Brick
Master
768-6473
W.: Douglas Poole, Sec.
584-3601
8 West Main St., LeRoy, 14482

Olive Branch had an excellent Summer. The Veterans Luncheons were held every other week in July and August, with Leone Nicoll hosting.

The Order of the Eastern Star served Pulled Pork Bar-B-Que at the Oatka Festival.

Working together

A Brother Bring-a-Friend Night was held, which included a program for the wives, by the Order of the Eastern Star. The inclusion of the Eastern Star and wives made for a fine evening with the highest response we have had for a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Cooperation with the Concordant Bodies has started to yield fruit.

Future meetings

We have a very exciting year ahead of us. September will give us a chance to get reacquainted with those whom we have not seen over the Summer, and to brush up on our work. The Official Visit of District Deputy, R.: W.: Robert Strang, will be October 2nd, followed by the Official Visit of the Assistant Grand Lecturer, V.: W.: Adrian Miller on the 16th.

We have a good line for the coming year; as a team we can make even better things happen. □

**Attica Lodge
No. 462**
1st and 3rd
Wednesday
(Jan-Feb-Mar
3rd Wed Only)
Master
W.: Bruce Anderson
581-2073
Sec. W.: Norman Steinbaugh, 691-2073
39 Main St., Attica, 14011

Officers

For those who were not in attendance for the June 5th Installation of Officers, the following elected and appointed officers were installed by the Purple Apron Club for the ensuing year:
Master **Bruce D. Anderson**
Sr. Warden **Richard C. Luh**
Jr. Warden **Keith Counterline**
Treas. **William H. Walters**
Sec. **Norman H. Steinbaugh**

Chap. **Donald E. Wagner**
Sr. Deacon **Robert E. Kelsey**
Jr. Deacon **Charles E. Lapp**
SMC **Paul E. McCullough**
JMC **Edwin C. Hise**
Steward **Robert G. Haynes**
Dennis M. Turton, Sr.
Tiler **Jerold A. Brade**
Trustee **Daniel D. Kelsey**

Now that Fall is here we are ready to greet you at our first meeting on September 4th.

Apron Presentation

Attica Lodge is honored to have Robert Strang serve as Genesee/Wyoming District Deputy Grand Master. He will be presented with his Apron at our meeting on September 18th, with a Reception and refreshments to follow. The Presentation is open to the public, so plan to bring the ladies and non-Masonic friends.

Degree

A 1st Degree is planned for October 16th and, as always, help is needed. Mark your calendars and plan on attending to meet and welcome Attica Lodge's new member.

Cruise

A Fall Attica Lodge Canal Dinner Cruise is in the planning and a poll is being taken to determine interest. If you are interested, call Rich Luh at 585-591-0983. □

**HESPERUS
Lodge No. 837**
1st and 3rd
Thursday
Master
W.: Ralph
Marsocci
820-6355
Sec. W.: John Specht, 548-2694
12 Lake Ave. Bergen, 14416

Welcome back, Brothers, from a great, hot Summer!

Our labors are about to resume in an impressive manner. We have a very aggressive agenda, starting with an Entered Apprentice Degree on September 5th, with W.: Joe Chimino in the East.

This will be followed by a Fish Fry on September 6th to benefit the Bergen Park Committee, which is working to beautify all the parks in the Bergen Community.

On September 12th, we have our first High Twelve Club get together. We will have lunch and discuss some Lodge issues of concern. We will play some cards before retiring. Anyone who would like a ride, please contact me at 585-820-6355.

On September 17th we are having an OES Night with dinner at 6:30 p.m., made by members of No. 837. Join us for a very special meeting on September 28th; an OES Card Party at 7:00 p.m.

On October 3rd, we will have a 2nd Degree with Ron Morris in the East.

Sickness and distress

Please call me if you know of a Brother or a member of his family who is sick or in need of a visit. We now have a Visitation Committee, who will go to visit our Brothers and their families. Give me a call if you know of anyone who needs us.

Freddy Morrow has had some complications with his heart and is doing a lot better now. He enjoyed our visit and enlightened us with some stories from the past. We will continue to visit Freddy.

After a long battle with cancer, Jean Butler is doing much better and is back home taking care of Brother Gib Ernest. Gib spent a few weeks in the hospital

with back pain. At our recent visit, we were pleased to see them both doing well. We will continue to visit them as much as we can.

At our recent visit to Brother John Bater, we noticed that he had a large picture of the Grand Master and us taken together. When we visited him in April, he also had on display the Trowel and Pin that Grand Master Carl Smith had given him. He pointed out to us that his roommate, Brother (Centurion) John wears the Pin that Grand Master Carl Smith gave him.

Brother Don Read is helping his son, Brother Brian Read, build his house. While doing so, he fell off the roof. He was not seriously hurt, just a little bruised, and within a few minutes he was back doing what he does best, helping his family members.


Our Visitation Committee consists of Brothers Joe Chimino, Ron Morris, Dave Liles, John Cooper and myself.

Our Second Annual Van Hulburt Memorial Golf Tournament was held on August 15th and our Steak Roast on August 18th. I will report on them in our next issue of the *Masonic Times*.

Many thanks to Brother John Specht for being our Secretary for so many years. He has done a wonderful job and I'm sure we can count on him anytime we need his help.

Congratulations to Brother Bob Strang, our new District Deputy Grand Master. We look forward to working with him.

In closing, I remind you to feel free to call me anytime with any suggestions or concerns. □

**District Deputy
Grand Master
Livingston District**

R.: W.:
Robert
Fisher
226-2210

Greetings to all the Brothers of the Livingston District. I am pleased to be contacting you for the first time! I am proud and excited to be able to serve you all.

Gene Hill, our new Grand Director of Ceremonies, and I have been attending an ongoing series of training programs designed to prepare us to be better able to assume our new duties.

We look forward to working together as a team, striving to help each Lodge to become revitalized and to grow. At the same time, it is our expectation that the Lodge Officers will commit themselves to regularly attending the monthly Association meeting. This meeting is a vital communication link within the District, and the most effective means for the various Lodge people to interface. It is hoped that these meetings can be streamlined in such a way that we can effectively dispatch the business at hand and still close at a reasonable hour.

These upcoming months are going to be busy and exciting as we unfold the activities. You will be hearing more about the Beacon Program that the Grand Master wants implemented. It centers about the Masons becoming visibly active with the local schools. Our Chairman for this is R.: W.: Steve Vanderbilt.

We look forward to being with you and serving you in the months ahead! □

Livonia
Lodge No. 778
 1st & 3rd Wed.
 Master
 W.- Benjamin
 Thorp
 346-6542
 Sec. R.-W.- Richard Brown
 346-3618
 65 Big Tree Street, Livonia, 14487

Welcome back to a new year of Masonic work. I hope everyone had a wonderful Summer.

We have a lot to do this year. Due to all the construction, we did not have an Open House this Summer.

I hope to see all Livonia Lodge members at our first meeting on September 4th at 7:30 p.m.

Eunice Lodge
No. 830
 1st Thurs.
 7:30 p.m.
 Master
 W.- Melvin
 R. Hussey
 585-768-7336
 mhussay486@aol.com
 Sec. R.-W.- Francis E. Oberer
 9501 Asbury Rd., LeRoy NY 14482
 585-768-6698

The Masonic Light returns for Eunice Lodge this month. The Summer has been very good, albeit DRY and comfy warm. (Some would challenge the latter.) This year is particularly rewarding as two of our new members coming through the line be-

Milnor
Lodge No. 139
 2nd & 4th
 Thurs.
 Master
 R.-W.- Eldon
 N. White
 585-924-1603
 Sec. R.-W.- Kenneth Hall
 585-259-3801
 21 Maple Ave., Victor, NY

Welcome to the 2002-2003 Milnor Lodge Masonic Year. We begin our Lodge activities before our first Fall meeting, with the events listed below. Our officers have planned an ambitious year, with interesting Masonic programs and Community involvement. Your attendance and support are very important if we are to have success.

September Events

- September 6, OSY Charities.
- September 7, Pancake Breakfast. Milnor Lodge will be serving a Pancake Breakfast on Hang Around Victor Day from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Helpers will be needed. Please call John Purdy at 394-0952.
- Child Identification (Grand Lodge Child ID). We will also videotape children the same day, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We need help with this event, and encourage your ladies to join us. Please call Eldon White, 924-1603, to sign up.
- September 12, first communication. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. W.- Jim Vanwyk will present the Entered Apprentice Historical Lecture, which has not been given in some time. Brother Vanwyk does a fine job, and new Brothers, and those who have not received it, are invited.
- September 14, OSY Association Meeting, 8:00 a.m., at Milnor Lodge. Breakfast to be served; helpers needed.

gin the Officer Stations, which means that they will soon be enjoying my position in the East. The are David Howlett, Junior Warden, and his brother, Derrick Howlett, Senior Deacon. The Senior Deacon's work will be more intensive as we're also expecting a new candidate to be entering.

Speaking of a new candidate, I must comment on the challenge expressed in a letter to me by the new Grand Master, M.-W.- Carl Fitje, on his goal for a 10% increase in members in two years by all Lodges. I'm excited, especially in his approach toward executing this program. The Lodge members do their work in acquiring petitions and a 'grand slam' Degree to be done in one day, March 29, 2003, at nine different places across the State.

OK, Eunice Brothers, how long does it take to ask even a very old acquaintance, "Have you ever thought about becoming a Mason?" Maybe your friend wasn't ready in previous years, but what about NOW?? Make this your personal effort at least once between each Lodge communication. That is part of MY agenda and I will be asking you at our regular communications.

September schedule

- Thursday, September 5th, 7:30 p.m., regular communication.
- Thursday, September 19th, 7:30 p.m., Ritual rehearsal, 1st Degree work, Eunice Lodge.
- Monday, September 23rd, 7:30 p.m., District meeting, TBA.
- Thursday, September 26th, 7:30 p.m., Temple Club meeting, Eunice Lodge.

• September 26, Jewels of the Lodge, by Robert Roys.

Special Notes

R.-W.- Vern Woolston has made a generous donation to the Lodge for a special purpose to be determined.

Thank you to Glen and Joyce Thon, for "spearheading" the booth at the annual Car Show last June. It was a great success, with \$664 earned. It was a great day for coffee, popcorn, donuts, and especially the homemade baked goods. Thanks to everyone who worked that day. I am not going to list names; I know I will miss someone. Again, thank you for all the help.

From the West

My name is Steven Harwood. I am your Senior Warden for the 2002-2003 Masonic Year. In preparation for the coming year, I read *Our Stations and Places*, by Henry G. Meacham. In the book, he states the first duty of the Senior Warden is to assist the Worshipful Master, and the second, to seek the promotion of harmony, which is the support of all institutions, "especially this of ours."

Here lies one of the most important tasks. We can accomplish nothing without harmony. Too often, we have seen the devastating effects of the lack of harmony in a Lodge. The very purpose for which Masonry exists, is good will among men. Banish harmony, and nothing is left but the dry, empty shell-the discarded husk from which nothing can grow.

As Junior Warden, I have tried to ask our Brethren about their thoughts and feelings regarding our Lodge. Most are proud to be Masons, and to support our Lodge. However, some feel that our Lodge has digressed in that we have boring meetings, and we don't do things of value. Thus, we have poor attendance. Another statement I have often heard is, "I

**James A. Hard/
 Wayne Charter
 Post No. 12**
 Emil J. Schirano
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 Vance R. Collom, Jr., Adjutant
 (585) 217-9817

The Masonic War Veterans may be a small organization but we have been very busy this Summer. On May 25th we attended the Memorial Service at the Congress Avenue Cemetery for a Civil War Nurse. Then on Sunday, May 26th, my wife and I presented a wreath at the Veterans Memorial at the Rochester War Memorial. The Masonic War Veterans was asked to be Escorts for all the organizations attending. The next day, May 27th, we marched with the Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion Of Honor at the Greece Town Parade, where we, along with the Grotto, presented a wreath in memory of all service people.

On June 6th we presented the Colors at the Open Installation for Dean Smith at Northfield Lodge. On June 15th we attended the P.O.W. Flag Presentation at Eastview Mall. On June 29th we presented the Colors for the Triangle's 75th Birthday Celebration at the Downtown Temple.

July

On July 20th we met at the Shrine Center on Bay Road for a picnic lunch with about one hundred attending. Then, off to Mt. Hope Cemetery for the Rededication of the James A. Hard Headstone. Attending were: R.-W.- James E. Sullivan, Junior Grand Warden, and R.-W.- John E. Zabel, District Deputy Grand Master, representing the M.-W.- Carl J. Fitje, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, and guests from around the State.

As I write this newsletter we are planning our Summer picnic at Don McDill's Cottage on August 14th. We hope that the weather is going to be great.

have done my part, it's someone else's turn to do it now."

My response to statements such as these is that this is why we need you now, more than ever. You have the experience and wisdom we need to help us energize the new Brothers coming in.

We, the officers of Milnor Lodge, need your input, both positive and negative, and your support on the sidelines. You do not have to be in line to be a valuable member of the Lodge. By attending some of the meetings, we can get your feedback as to whether or not the programs we are presenting are working. Please remember, no one can satisfy all the people all the time, but we will attempt to satisfy most of the people most of the time. Our goal is to have a stronger, more efficient Lodge, which performs quality work.

Most of all, my Brothers, we desire your fellowship. After all, that is what Freemasonry is about-Brotherly Love. So, my Brothers, I ask your support. Give one night a month of your time, and get to know some of the new brothers as well as to renew old acquaintances. We are, after all, each very busy, but isn't friendship worth the effort? I believe it is. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge this year.

Our next meeting will be September 26th, starting with a Ham Dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost will be \$7.50, and we will need reservations. A call to the members will take place, or if you would like, you can call me at 265-3932.

On November 3rd we will be presenting the Colors at the Interfaith Service and Brunch at Logan's Party House on Scottsville Rd. The cost is still only \$10.00. If you need tickets call me at 265-3932. Remember, this event is open to everyone.

If you would like to be part of the Color Guard, let Al Pulcino know by calling him at 225-8471.

I want to thank Don McDill and Alfred Pulcino III, and all the members, for the hard work they have done this Summer putting all these activities together and getting them done. We thank you.

Our special thoughts and prayers go to the families of Robert Scherberger and George Goodman, who have gone to the Great Architect of the Universe.

Please Take Time To Smell The Roses.



Alfred Pulcino III, representing the Masonic War Veterans and the Grotto Legion of Honor, with Emil J. Schirano, Masonic War Veterans Commander, presented wreaths dedicated to the memory of all who gave their lives for their country, at ceremonies held at Greece Town Hall.



Newly installed Officers of James A. Hard Wayne Charter Post No. 12 are pictured (from left, front): Kenneth Hutchinson-1st Lt. Commander, Emil J. Schirano-Commander, Luigi Campaniello-2nd Lt. Commander. (Back): Kenneth Rhodes-Past Commander-Arthur Maupin-Marshal, Vance Collom, Jr.-Adjutant, Donald McDill-Finance Officer and George Bradley Hebner.

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Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°

June Officers' training session

On June 20th, the Officers, committee members, Ambassadors and other leaders of our Valley assembled at Damascus Shrine for a dinner and Training Overview. Special thanks to Robert Pedersen, 32°, 1st Lt. Commander; John E. Zabel, 33° (in absentia), 2nd Lt. Commander; Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, Secretary; Gary L. Burke, 32°, Thrice Potent Master; Joseph Oelgoetz III, 32°, Sovereign Prince; Craig T. Mollon, 32° MSA; Glenn A. Stahl, 32°, Facilities Planning Committee Chair and Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, Deputy's representative and Chair, Frank M. and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, for their respective presentations. The key focus of each presentation was to embrace change as we prepare to shape a new future for our Valley.

Facilities Planning Committee update

A special communication of all four Bodies of the Valley was held on July 11th, for the purpose of adopting a suggested recommendation that the Learning Center and Scottish Rite Office space requirements be combined and moved to a new location. After appropriate information was presented by the Facilities Planning Committee Chair, Glenn A. Stahl, 32°, and the Chair of the Frank M. and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for

Children, Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, the floor was opened for questions. A passout was distributed by each presenter which highlighted the important information relative to these two projects.

The recommended site is the Lauer's Building at 3300 Monroe Avenue in Pittsford. This particular site has been surveyed and received approval from our Deputy, Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33° Active, as well as the appropriate representatives from Supreme Council regarding requirements and arrangements for the professional conduct of business in a Learning Center.

A proper motion was presented, seconded and approved by a 40-1 vote. Appropriate action is being taken in an attempt to move these two facilities by early Fall, 2002.

The costumes, properties and wardrobe of the Valley have been inventoried. Thanks to the special hard work of many Brothers for accomplishing this challenging task. Ill.: John E. Zabel, 33°, has been in charge of this project. The costume inventory with applicable Degree use is being setup on a central database; the properties have been listed and identified; all of the backdrops in Cathedral Hall have been photographed (by both digital and conventional imaging) for future use and record. Sublime Princes Jim Slocum, Greg Ludwig, and Jim DeMarco, spent an entire day working with our backdrops to ensure that proper photography work was accomplished. As always, special thanks as well to Sublime Prince Frank Jansson, 32° MSA, Wardrobe Master, for his special diligence.

This Summer, we received a visit from Mark A. Tabbert, 32°, the Curator of Masonic and Fraternal Collections at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum of our National Heritage in Lexington for advice and counsel on these items.

NY Council of Deliberation

Special congratulations to Distinguished Brother Craig T. Mollon, 32° MSA, Most Wise Master of the Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix, who was presented with the Meritorious Service Award in Utica on Saturday, July 20th. At private festivities later in the evening, he was presented his Red Cap for the first time.

It is our pleasure to announce that at this session Sublime Prince Glenn A. Stahl, 32°, was elected to receive the MSA Award in Utica on July 19, 2003, along with twelve other Scottish Rite Masons within our New York Council. Please offer your congratulations on his election to receive this special award.

Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, newly appointed to the Committee on Laws and Jurisprudence, NYS Scottish Rite Charities Corporation and the Committee on Strategic Planning for NY Council of Deliberation, was one of the presenters on the new 2002-2007 Strategic Plan of the NY State Council of Deliberation. This information will be integrated with our existing plan during the update and review process this Fall.

I was reappointed as the Team leader of the NY Council of Deliberation "Reach Out and Say Hello" Team, as well as the Academy Team. Appropriate remarks on these two teams were also presented.

•The Address of Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33°, Active and Deputy for New York, covered these topics:

- Academy participation
- Membership and Reach Out and Say Hello
- Ritual (Excellence in Ritual Awards for 2002-2003)
- Continuing Masonic Education
- Strategic Plans of the NMJ and COD being used in each Valley
- 32° Masonic Learning Center Financial Support
- Scholarships
- Family Life Programs
- Deputy's Representatives
- Constitutional Issues (Ithaca has surrendered its Charter)
- Membership Survey for future COD meetings

Scholarships

The Report of the Scholarship Committee listed these five students who were sponsored by the Valley to receive Scholarship monies:

- Leon M. Abbott Scholarships, \$1000 each:
- Suzanne Banks (Rutgers University, Senior, Environmental Science)
- Douglas Orbaker (Amherst College, Junior, Physics)
- Jennifer SanFilippo (Monroe Community College, Senior, Elementary Education)
- Andrea Storie (SUNY Geneseo, Senior, Special Education)
- NYS Scottish Rite Charities Corp. Scholarship, \$500
- Kate Orbaker (Philadelphia University, Sophomore, Architecture)

As a protocol note, it is the responsibility of the recipients listed above to ensure that a proper note of thanks be written to the NYCOD. Sponsors may follow up with the Office for the correct information.

There were seventy-six applications received in total. \$30,000 was available from Leon M. Abbott Scholarship Funds and \$6000 from NY Scottish Rite Charities Scholarship Corp. Funds. Special thanks to Sublime Prince William Lindsay, 32°, for his diligence in processing applications from our Valley.

Valley operations

As many of you know, Jean Brugger will be retiring as our Office Manager/Secretary at the end of September. Please provide a cordial welcome to Ms. Julie Pettis who has been hired to fill this position. Julie will be in the office each day from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. She has extensive experience in dealing with customers in several different kinds of business environments. Julie reports to our Secretary, Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°.

In an attempt to stay focused on the many projects that are necessary to be addressed in our changing environment, Sublime Prince Roy L. Williams, 32°, has been retained as a Management Consultant to this office. Roy has extensive background and experience in dealing with many of the similar business issues that make up our current set of challenges. He is currently an integral part of our management process with participation on several key teams.

Thinking of you

Ill.: Fred Nielsen, 33°, had a major accident in late July when he fell on his driveway, breaking several bones. A card to Bernice would be greatly appreciated. Fred will soon receive Emeritus status as a member of our General Committee.

Annual Couples Summer Outing/Clambake

Special thanks to the Officers of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Sublime Princes, Bill Hook 32°, Jim Pray 32°, Norman Austin 32° who made the flyers, and distinguished Brother, Donald Rose, 32° MSA, who organized and executed the important details that made this event again a great success!

These Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, all 32° Scottish Rite Masons, were presented their Blue Caps as Ill.: John B. Mullan, 33°, Dedicated Service Award recipients:

- Lawrence Dunn
- William N. Fredenburg
- Erwin Newell

David W. Taber
Derek E. VanHouten
Ronald L. Weber
Congratulations and thank you kindly for all of your special efforts on behalf of the Valley of Rochester.

Special Recognition Plaques for service to our Valley were presented to:

Jean Brugger, Retiring Office Manager

Suzanne Hofmann, Retired Office Assistant

Vernon L. Goodrich, 32° MSA, Retired Secretary

Glenn A. Hedges, 32° MSA, Retiring Director of Properties

Frank Jansson, 32° MSA, Retiring Wardrobe Master

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Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, Past Commander-in-Chief

Sublime Prince Robert D. Pedersen, 32°, Past Most Wise Master

Sublime Prince Norman P. Austin, 32°, Past Thrice Potent Master

Membership incentives

In keeping with our Incentives Awards Program, these First Line Signer Brothers were recognized with Membership Incentives:

1 new candidate - Pin plus SR hat.

2 new candidates - plus Learning Center Tie.

3 new candidates: plus dinner for two at a SR event.

Ronald Bryant-1, pin and hat

James DeMarco-1, pin and hat

Paul Farnung-2, pin, hat and tie

Dennis Gellasch-1, pin and hat

Vern Goodrich, 32° MSA-3, pin, hat, tie and dinner

Charles O. Hancock, 33°-2, pin hat and tie

Larry Hood, 33°-1, pin and hat

Garry Hutcherson-1, pin and hat

George Nasra-1, pin and hat

Leon Randall-3, pin, hat, tie and dinner

Allen Roggen-1, pin and hat

Pedro Ugalde-1, pin and hat

Derek VanHouten-1, pin and hat

Eldon White-1, pin and hat

Steve Whittaker, 33°-1, pin and hat

John H. Williams-1, pin and hat

Bob Zabel, 33°-1, pin and hat

Daniel Carter Beard

Boy Scout Award

Active participation in the leadership of the Boy Scouts of America has been a long standing tradition within our Fraternity. If you are acquainted with a Brother in your Craft Lodge who is, or has been, active with the Boy Scouts, please encourage your Lodge to

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Brother Bring-a-Brother Night
Friday, October 11, 2002

The Party House
677 Beahan Road
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6:30 p.m. Social Hour
7:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner

All Master Masons and their ladies will be guests of the Scottish Rite
Please contact the Scottish Rite Office, 271-0715
Give your name and your guest's name by noon - October 8th

submit the proper paperwork to ensure that he is recognized for his efforts. All Scottish Rite Officers have access to this paperwork.

Family Life Activities

One of the important focus items in the Scottish Rite is Family Activities. Under the leadership of our Council of Princes of Jerusalem, there are several interesting programs planned throughout the coming year.

Special thanks to the Council for organizing the recent Day at the Red Wings baseball game. It was a great opportunity for families from all parts of our Fraternity to come together for a special event.

Educational Development

One of the true hallmarks of the Scottish Rite is to provide continuing education. This will be accomplished through the presentation of several new Degrees this year, as well as the addition of several Days of Observance Programs which will be conducted by the Lodge, Council and Chapter Officers. The Mentor Program, under the leadership of our Class Committee, will continue to ensure that each Mentor and each new Sublime Prince have an opportunity to share information about the Scottish Rite. Our mission is to provide an opportunity that has a safe comfort zone for our new members; we all must work together to ensure that this is accomplished.

Reach Out and Say Hello

No article would be complete without mentioning that each of us has a responsibility to ask a deserving Brother in your Craft Lodge to join the Scottish Rite. If you need help in asking, please let us know. We encourage each member to support our marketing efforts under the leadership of Sublime Prince Robert D. Pedersen, 32°. He has a full game plan which includes Ambassador development, direct mail marketing, Brother Bring-a-Brother Programs, along with other outreach efforts during the coming year.

Fall 2002 and Spring 2003 Class Sponsor

It is with a great deal of pleasure that your Management Team announces that the Class Sponsor will be Ill. Myron L. Dox, 33°, Past Commander-in-Chief. He has been a supporter and diligent leader in this organization for many years. Thank you, Ill. Brother Dox, for accepting this honor.

Symbolic Lodge Awards Night

As many of you know, it has been a tradition for quite a number of years to present a Symbolic Lodge Award to those Brothers selected by their Craft Lodges to be so honored. This year a Worshipful Master's Certificate of Recognition will also be presented to each Worshipful Master who participates in the program. Sublime Prince Eldon White, Chair of this event, looks forward to the evening of October 17th when the Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, M. W. Carl H. Fitje, will be present to participate in this program. Information will be arriving at each Lodge soon. Your participation in this event is one way to illustrate the positive and enthusiastic spirit of working together to share the good joy that is part of our heritage.

Please remember those in need of our aid and assistance in your thoughts and prayers.

Think out loud; stick to basics; be kind. □

News from the 1st Lt. Commander

By Robert D. Pedersen

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Are you proud to be a member of our Fraternity? Then take that extra step, and ask someone you know and respect, to join our organization. Tell him you are proud of being a member, and that you want him to feel the same way about something good. Tell him you would be glad to be his sponsor.

Brother Bring-a-Brother Dinner

With Fall approaching, we are sponsoring another Brother Bring-a-Brother Dinner on Friday, October 11th at The Party House. Details in the *Masonic Times*. Call and make dinner reservations for yourself, your prospective candidate(s) and spouses.

Membership and our future

It is the responsibility of each of the members of the Valley of Rochester to Reach Out and Say Hello (ROASH) to all the Blue Lodges in our area. One cannot, and should not, sit still and watch the world go by. If you care about Freemasonry and life's fundamentals: love, integrity, fidelity, loyalty, caring, duty, citizenship, impartiality, and honor, it is your duty to contact a fellow Master Mason and invite him to advance his knowledge in Freemasonry. It is not the responsibility of the Ambassador group alone to secure members. It is the duty of each of us. It is the Ambassadors' responsibility to help the Master and the Blue Lodge in any way that they can. It is every member's sense of duty to reach out and ask those who are qualified to join our rank and file, whether it be to join a Concordant Body, or to begin their journey in Freemasonry by petitioning a Craft Lodge.

Brothers, we are just one generation away from extinction. Do I have your attention yet? Now you ask, "What can I do to Help?" I challenge each of you to welcome five non-Masons to join a Craft Lodge, and five Masons to join a Concordant Body. This much, you can do. □

Spring 2002 Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet

By Ill. Stephen Whittaker, 33°

The Reunion Banquet was a great success! Thanks kindly to the many who worked to put together the program for the evening. Several photos highlight some of the key events. It was a thrill to listen to the Class Response presented by one of our youngest members, Sublime Prince, John Lindsay. The proud



Ill. Charles Hancock, 33°, greets Ill. Fred Neilsen, Class Sponsor, at the Spring Reunion. Fred's wife, Bernice, looks on.

The Secretary's Corner

This is the first of a new series of articles providing information to the membership. As your Secretary, one of my responsibilities is to administer and manage the functions of the Scottish Rite Office for the Valley of Rochester. To that end, I will endeavor to provide you, the members, with information about your rights, obligations and responsibilities as members. If you have any questions, at any time, please call, FAX or e-mail the office so that we may assist you.

I'd like to start by citing the Rules and Regulations, Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Rochester, NY, Article III Life memberships wherein Sec. 3 states, "A member of these Bodies who has paid dues to them for thirty-five years, and who is sixty-five years of age, or over, may, if he so requests in writing, be exempt from the payment of dues thereafter, with the exception of assessments, and be listed as dues exempt." This is consistent with the provisions of Article 315 of the Constitutions of the Supreme Council.

Membership Development

We, in the Valley of Rochester, continue to seek out Master Masons interested in obtaining "more light" by becoming members of the Scottish Rite. While we have a dedicated group of individuals, consisting of Ambassadors and Officers, serving as primary contacts for candidates, it is the duty of each and every member to seek out worthy Brothers as prospective new members. We encourage you to start by remembering the Blue Lodge by identifying good men as potential candidates for your Lodge. We in the Scottish Rite, encourage and recognize such efforts as part of that dedicated program in support of the Symbolic Lodges of the State.

Within the Scottish Rite we recognize membership development efforts for the Rite by presenting Awards to the first line signers after their candidates have become members at one of our Reunions. These Awards are based on the number of candidates becoming 32° members in each Scottish Rite Reunion year

class sponsor, Ill. Fred Neilsen, 33°, provided appropriate comments and thanks. Our emcee, Ill. Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, provided anecdotes that kept the evening quite interesting.

Two highlights for Ill. Charles O. Hancock, 33°, were the receiving of the special swords from Sublime Princes, Derek E. VanHouten, (who last year presented the "Commander-in-Chief's Sword" that has become part of our Ceremonial collection), and Craig T. Mollon. The

(May to May). The Awards for the current year are:

1 new member, special Valley of Rochester Award Pin.

2 new members, special Valley of Rochester Award Pin + Scottish Rite Hat.

3 new members, special Valley of Rochester Award Pin + Scottish Rite shirt.

4 new members, special Valley of Rochester Award Pin + 2 Reunion Banquet tickets.

5 new members, special Valley of Rochester Award Pin + 1 year remission of dues.

6 or more, special additional incentives (1 year remission of dues for each additional new member).

Only one Award per first line signer will be made each year. Steps are cumulative, i.e., 5 new members will result in recipient receiving all of the preceding award levels. □

News from the Thrice Potent Master

By Gary Burke

Be a Tour Guide for a New Member

Would you ever take a trip to a foreign country without consulting with a travel agent? Not if you wanted it to be a successful and enjoyable trip. By utilizing the talents of a travel agent you rely upon their experience to give you advice and insight into what to expect during your travels, where to go, what to see, recommendations on the best sights of the country you are visiting, as well as what to avoid.

As a first line signer on a petition for membership, you act as a new member's travel agent as he enters into a journey through the Scottish Rite. You have the experience to guide the new member through the uncharted adventure he has just begun. You should act as his road map or trip kit. Take it upon yourself, as his sponsor, to make sure his trip through the Scottish Rite is the most enjoyable and pleasant experience possible.

Once you have presented his petition, your job is not finished, it is just beginning. Upon receiving notification that he has been approved for membership, make sure he knows what comes next. Take it upon yourself to make

sure he arrives at the Reunion and is introduced to other members and feels welcomed among us. Be there to answer questions and see that he is comfortable. Comfortable in the emotional sense more so than the physical. Remember, this is a new journey and he is traveling in a foreign country. He doesn't know the language and you are his translator, as well as travel guide.

Once the new member has completed his Degrees, follow up with him, answer any questions that may have arisen during the Reunion. Now your work as a travel agent continues and enters a critical stage. You now need to get him involved with the activities of the Valley. As his sponsor, you probably know him the best, or at least you should. Point him in a direction that will spark his interests. Direct him towards something that may compliment his talents and benefit not only him, but the Valley. That could be to get him involved with future Reunions as a cast member, one of our many social activities, supporting the DeMolay Chapter as an advisor, a stage crew member or whatever may be of interest to him. Most of all, get him involved in something.

You wouldn't take a trip to a foreign country only to spend all your time in a hotel room. You want to get out and see the sights, partake in the activities offered, take a tour or two to see what the area has to offer. The same is true for our new members. Why would they join our organization only to sit on the sidelines or, worse yet, take their Degrees and never come back to anything?

As the first line signer (mentor) of a new member, act as his personal travel agent for his new journey through the foreign land of the Scottish Rite. Give to him your experience and provide him a trip kit that will afford him an enjoyable, rewarding and enlightening experience. Allow him to avoid the roadblocks that many journeys naturally present by sharing with him your experience, insights and talents. Be his AAA consultant, providing AAA service that will keep him coming back for future trips through the Scottish Rite. □



Craig Mollen 32° (who received his MSA in June) presents Ceremonial Sword to Ill. Charles Hancock, 33°.

Commander-in-Chief offered appropriate words of thanks on the receipt of these two gifts. He also made several presentations to Valley members for their participation in both the Fall, 2001, and Spring, 2002, Reunions.

The Ill. Harold L. Aldrich, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Deputy for New York, was the final speaker for the evening. Special thanks to all who attended and made this another in a series of successful events! □

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Greetings, Companions. Hopefully, everyone had a great Summer recess with travels and reunions. If you did not attend our Annual Steak Roast on August 21st, you missed a good time. Those who did attend, thank you for your support.

All High Priests and Companions of the 29th District, mark your calendar and plan to attend the Grand Line Officer's Visitation on September 19th at West Star Chapter in Attica. Each High Priest is requested to attend with their trestleboard and report on their Chapter. A dinner will be scheduled and the details will be communicated.

The Assistant Grand Lecturer, V.E. Leonard Mason, will soon have his Official Visits schedule to you.

Support the Royal Arch Charities for Medical Research and Scholarships.

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Companions, as I write this the Outdoor Degrees at Lake Osco are still one week away. I hope those who attend have a great time. I am sure the Grand Line of the Grand Chapter will do a fine job conferring the Mark Master Mason Degree.

Our District Picnic/Meeting was held on Sunday, August 4th at R.E. William Kuchne's place in Naples. Those who did not make it missed out on some great weather and great fellowship. I will be scheduling another District meeting, hopefully, before the snow flies. The date and place have yet to be determined.

Grand Line Visitation

We will be having a Grand Line Visitation from the Grand Royal Arch Captain, R.E. John S. Jones, sometime this Fall. Hiram Chapter will be the host Chapter. As soon as I have the date locked in I will notify the High Priests.

Conferring Degrees

I remind the High Priests that per the Grand High Priest ALL Chapters will confer the Degrees this Fall regardless if they have candidates or not. For those Chapters that meet once a month, there is no reason why you can't do two Degrees this Fall and two in the new year. You should have done all before Grand Chapter in March. If you can't fill all the parts from within your Chapter, let the AGL or me know and we will help you.

Looking Forward Program

All High Priests and Chapter Secretaries should have received information on the Looking Forward Program by this time. It is imperative that anyone who is likely to be Anointed High Priest in the near future attend this seminar. It will be held on Saturday, October 26th, in Utica.

I am looking forward to visiting the Chapters along with my sidekick and partner, V.E. Michael Adamus, our AGL.

Excelsior Chapter No. 164



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I must start this newsletter with a big Thank You to the Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Edmund D. Harrison, and his staff of Grand Line Officers, for the great job done in the Ceremony of Dedication of our new Tabernacle and its furnishings. We, of Excelsior Chapter, are very thankful for this service. To anyone who missed it, we offer this information! The Ceremony took place on Sunday, August 18th, at 21 Canandaigua Street, Shortsville, the address of our new Temple building. We then went for a great Buffet Dinner in the American Legion Dining Hall. When there is another meeting in your area, you should make every effort to go. It is well worth it.

The next convocation will take place September 9th at 7:30 p.m. in the Shortsville Temple. There was some rumbling that the Grand 1st Veil would be here for his Official Visit. At this writing, neither the Secretary nor I have heard any confirmation of this visit. He was to visit all 4 Chapters in the 25th District in September and October, per the rumble.

We pray everyone had a great Summer and is now ready to get back to work in Masonry! Stay well and God Bless you. Cheerio.

Just maybe we Masons have been using the wrong Compass - the kind that goes around in circles - when we needed one to help us find our direction.

LeRoy Chapter No. 183 RAM



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Greetings, Companions! Welcome back to the quarries. I trust each of you had a wonderful, fun-filled Summer.

It used to be that Summer was a rather laid back time of the year, during which Brethren "recuperated" from the events of the Masonic year. Not so, for Companions

of LeRoy Chapter, we've been busier than ever over the Summer months, filling our days with various activities.

On June 15th, members of LeRoy Chapter, along with Companions from other Chapters, attended the 27th Annual Royal Arch Scholarship Banquet, held at the Elma Inn in Elma. There was a very good turnout, and all who attended had an enjoyable evening. LeRoy Chapter presented a \$50.00 donation to the Scholarship Fund.

On June 18th, LeRoy Chapter held its Annual Picnic at Hickory Park in Bergen. Approximately 20 people from LeRoy Chapter and 3 X 3 Chapter in Spencerport, enjoyed delicious food, friendly conversation, and the lively music of our own Karl-Heinz Reich, wizard of the keyboard. The weather was fabulous, and a wonderful time was had by all.

On August 21st, the District RAM Picnic took place in Kiwanis Park in Batavia. All present had an enjoyable time, and the food and company were superb.

Our first meeting of the year will take place on Monday, September 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. Hope to see you there as we begin another exciting year.

Eagle Chapter No. 26 RAM

1st Mon. 7:30 p.m.



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Companions, all

Due to the Labor Day holiday, there will be no meeting in September. The next stated assembly will be October 7th, at 7:30 p.m.

As is our usual custom, there will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m., prior to our meeting. This year yours truly has featured meals from around the world. For example, at our last meeting we had "Bangers and Mash", a favorite dish from the British Isles. So come and visit at our October assembly, enjoy a dish from another exotic location!

Degrees

The Grand High Priest has asked each Chapter within his jurisdiction to confer all the Degrees of the Order this Masonic year. In assisting to reach this goal, the Grand Line did the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees at Lake Osco on August 24th. Palmyra Eagle will exem-

plify the Most Excellent Master Degree at the October 7th meeting. The Holy Royal Arch Degree will be in November.

Please plan to attend. WE NEED YOU. Have you forgotten the password? Not to worry, the same Companion who reminds me at each meeting, will be delighted to inform you as well!

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Cryptic Companions and Masonic friends, greetings. Where has the Summer gone? I signed off the June article with "See you in September." Well, the time has come again to resume our labors in the Cryptic Masonic quarry.

Officers for 2002-2003

Officers for the coming year were installed by Most Illustrious Grand Master, E. William Whittaker, and other Grand Council Officers, to close the May meeting. Serving this year:

Ill. Master	Charles H. Lee
Deputy Master	Edwin C. Law
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September and October meetings

On the 4th Monday of September, as our meeting is held, Summer will have given way to the first day of Autumn, September 23rd. The program will be a report of the Grand Council Session in Rochester and Instruction and Rehearsal of the Royal Master Degree, under the direction of Grand Lecturer, R.E. David Barwell. More about Grand Council as it relates to Nundawaga Council in the next issue of the *Masonic Times*.

During the October 28th meeting, a day after Daylight Saving Time ends, a Charter Anniversary Program will be featured. It was on that date in 1953, that NUN-DA-WA-GAH Council, as it was referred to in the earlier records of Grand Council and the Council, was officially chartered. Tentative plans also include the recognition of Past Illustrious

Masters of the Council during this meeting.

Anniversary Year Vignette

At the first meeting for the purpose of a Council in this area, held October 1, 1952, five names were suggested. Among them: OATKA, the name of the region of LeRoy, the present location of the Council, and Nundawaga. Other suggested names included Wyoming, Jamison and Genesee. By vote of the 16 Masons present, including seven members of a Council of Cryptic Masons, with interest in the new Council, NUN-DA-WA-GAH was selected. The chosen meeting place was Warsaw, the site of the organizational gathering. The chosen name was suggested by Chief Nicodemus Bailey "in honor and memory of Senecas who once lived in this region." Chief Bailey was the first Illustrious Master of this Council, and served during the organization and following the chartering of the Council in 1953. R.E. Leyton F. Vogel, Treasurer Emeritus, was its first Principal Conductor of Work.

This is mentioned, as few Masons may even know that the meeting date of Nundawaga Council this month, September 23rd, is Native American Day, not mentioned on many circulated calendars we consult. Truly, this region of New York is rich in Native American history. Native Americans have had a place in the annals of Masonic history in this area as well.

Til next month.

Doric Council

No. 19 Cryptic Masons
(Chartered 1861) 3rd Wed.



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Well, the Summer is fast coming to a close and I hope it has been an enjoyable one for you and your family. We are still up in the air about our home for next year. The prospective move to the Shrine has been canceled for the time being. The TCC is negotiating with the Saucke Brothers about a lease for the 3rd floor only. The 3rd floor consolidation does not affect Doric Council, but will affect the other two York Rite Bodies.

Hiram Chapter Cast of the Holy Royal Arch Degree



R.E. Jerold R. Jones, director of the Royal Arch Degree.

Our TCC representative, Donald Brugger, will bring us up to date at our meeting as to the TCC activity and Vern Goodrich will give us the latest status since the last TCC meeting. Also by that time, we will have a report of audit from the TCC so we can understand where they are financially.

Invitation

We will be having a Roast Beef Dinner before our September 18th meeting, and you will be receiving a call for your reservation the week prior. Alfred Pulcino III, Grotto's Monarch, has invited us to attend the theatrical show that evening which will start at 8:00 p.m. Due to the amount of work scheduled for that night, I told Al that we would probably not attend, but our wives might join us for the meal and stay for the entertainment. Thank you, Grotto, for the invitation.

Inventory

We need to complete our inventory of Doric Council possessions by the end of September so we can better understand our building requirements for the future. I volunteer to take digital pictures of the items so we can better understand what we have. I am hoping to see many Doric Council Companions at the Annual Assembly this year in Henrietta. I will update the Companions at our September meeting as to the major events of the Annual Assembly.

Sagoyewatha
Commandery No. 17

3rd Sat., 9 a.m.

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Well, we certainly have had a warm and humid Summer and I hope that you and your family have enjoyed it. I know that Marge and I certainly did. Now, it's time to think of getting back into the swing of York Rite Masonry and our Commandery activities.

I hope our Commandery will be well represented at the 188th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, State of New York, which will be held in Amherst, September 20-22. Due to this Conclave, our first meeting will be held on September 14th, instead of our regular meeting on September 21st. We will have our usual pre-meeting breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant at 7:30 a.m., prior to our meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Dates for your calendar

October 19th will be the School of Instruction by S.K. Don Markham, Grand Captain General.

March 15, 2003 is the Annual Inspection: Ritual from the Order of Malta. There will be a Full Form Opening and Presentation of the Sword Manual.

Condolences

We regret the passing of one of our most dependable Sir Knights, Carlton House, this past Summer. There were over 20 Sir Knights attending his Service and the members of Ark Lodge No. 33 were out in full force and did an outstanding Masonic Service for Carlton. We extend our condolences to Carlton's family. He will be missed.

I hope to see you at Grand Conclave.

Batavia Commandery
No. 34
Knights
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2nd & 4th
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Because I will be away for the month of August, this is being written in July. We are experiencing very hot and dry weather and we are hoping that it does not last too long. By the time this is read, the weather should be milder.

On May 23rd, the following Officers were installed by an Installing Team consisting of Past Commanders from Batavia Commandery and other Commanderies.

- Commander **Vernon G. Rupert**
Generalissimo
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Recorder **Allen L. Capwell**
Standard Bearer
Norman P. Austin
Sword Bearer **Merle L. Robinson**
Warder **James R. MacConnell**
Sentinel **Jerold A. Brade**

On Thursday evening, June 13th, several Sir Knights and their ladies journeyed to the Lumber Yard Restaurant in Perry for dinner. Ordering was from the menu and all enjoyed an excellent evening.

September

Thursday, September 12th, will be the first conclave following Summer recess. All of the Officers should be ready for their new parts in the opening.

Annual Conclave

Grand Commandery will take place at the Buffalo Marriott Niagara Hotel, 2340 Millersport Highway in Amherst, on September 20th, 21st, and 22nd. The Annual Conclave will convene at 1:30 p.m. on Friday. A Western Knight Bar-B-Que Buffet will take place at 7:00 p.m., with Western music to follow.

The Conclave reconvenes at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. The Zone 12 Drill Team will compete in the Drill Team Competition at 1:30 p.m., Saturday afternoon. Batavia Commandery will be represented in the team.

The Grand Commander's Banquet will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday evening.

A Church Service will take place on Sunday morning, with a breakfast to follow. Since Grand Commandery is being held nearby, it is my wish that the Sir Knights of Batavia Commandery will make an effort to attend some, or all, of the events to take place that weekend.


Reports of those attending Grand Commandery will be given at the Stated Conclave to be held on September 26th.

I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable Summer recess and am looking forward to meeting with all as we return to Templar functions.

October

A Dish to Pass Dinner will take place preceding the October 10th conclave. Details will follow later. (Bette Rung, did you read this?)

Cyrene/Monroe
Commandery No. 12
Chartered 1993
3rd Monday
Commander
SK Benjamin
P. Thorp, Jr.
347-6542
Recorder
SK Lawrence W. Dunn
594-8033



I hope everyone had a pleasant and relaxing Summer. We are going to have a busy Fall ahead of us.

The matter of where we are going to be calling home in the near future is still not settled. We will be talking about this at our September meeting. In conjunction with this, we will need to start cataloging our possessions to have an up-to-date and accurate inventory of what, indeed, we do have. We will be setting dates and asking or assigning Sir Knights to help in this important undertaking.

We also need to pick a date to celebrate the 175th birthday of our precious number 12. The Rededication process itself is not very long, but we should try to make it something special. We also will be talking about this at our September meeting.

I will have all the committee assignments ready for the meeting and will be asking all Sir Knights present to assist me in setting up our calendar for the ensuing year.

Our Inspection for 2003 will be on May 19th. We will be rehearsing for this at every meeting. We will practice one section at a time until we have gone through the whole thing. I know I can count on every Sir Knight to do his best.

I thank the ladies of the Schicker Club in advance for all the help they will be providing us in the ensuing year. We would find it hard going without their support.

Well, that is enough food for thought. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our September meeting.

Schicker Club News

By Barbara Goodrich
The next Pot Luck Supper will be at 6:30 p.m., prior to the Cyrene/Monroe Commandery meeting, September, 16th. This will truly be pot luck, as there will be no main meat course. Please join us and bring your favorite dish to pass. We are anxious to hear about everyone's busy Summer!

Robert Schicker has sent me archival type documents regarding Cyrene/Monroe Commandery and I will bring them to the meeting. Perhaps they can be placed with the historical documents of the Commandery.

We will be collecting items from the "Wish List" of the Ronald McDonald House. Please bring sponges, scrubbers, standard sized pillow protectors (not plastic), Swiffer supplies, foil and food storage containers, juice boxes, individual size applesauce and fruit cups, tooth brushes, sample size tooth paste and small deodorants.

The Schicker Club will reimburse you if you so desire. See you there!

Valley/Simes
Says, "Save the Date".
Sat. Oct. 19th
More information in the
October Issue.

Lyndon Baines Johnson

Our 36th President (1963-1969), was born on August 27, 1908, on a farm near Stonewall, Texas. He was sworn in as President on November 23, 1963, when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

On October 30, 1937, he was initiated an Entered Apprentice in Johnson City Lodge No. 561, Johnson City, Texas. He never advanced. A week after his initiation he won an election for Representative in Congress and began a very busy political career in Washington which lasted until his retirement from the Presidency in January of 1969.

Opinion among Masons is divided as to whether he should be regarded as a Masonic President, since he never achieved the status of Master Mason. Masonic law in Texas declares that "Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are Masons," although denied certain rights and privileges. Lyndon Johnson was accepted and initiated in a Masonic Lodge, and at that time was addressed as "Brother." Brother Johnson died in 1973.

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Alfred Pulcino III, Monarch

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



Alfred
Pulcino III
Monarch

Here we go again. I've been having nightmares about being a reporter, with all kinds of deadlines. Sure hope this makes it. The last article was in invisible ink, just can't seem to do so many things at one time, and sure do everything I can to avoid sitting down to do this article stuff. But, here we go.

I sincerely hope all had a very nice Summer and stayed in good health. Lots of things been going on. First note is that our September Board meeting is on Monday, August 26th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Grotto Office, because of Labor Day. All Prophets are welcome to attend for first hand information on what is happening concerning the Grotto.

The Fall Convention is right around the corner. September 12-15th, it is all happening in Williamsport, Pa., hosted by Zafar Grotto. Hope we have a good turnout from Lalla Rookh for this event. Looks as though they have lots of things planned. I heard they have put on great conventions in the past. We will be there. Still time to make reservations!

Our big event for September is going to be on Wednesday night, September 18th, which is our normal meeting night. A Roast Beef Dinner will be followed by some great entertainment provided by the ACE Performing Arts Society, Inc. The shows have been presented as a musical review with a mixture of group and solo numbers, dancing and comedy routines. FREE to all who attend, and this is an open night, so tell your families and friends, Brothers, etc. Come one, come all. FREE.

It's also Past Monarch's Night. The entertainment will start at 7:30 p.m. on the 4th floor in Cathedral Hall. We have room for hundreds, so spread the word and come out!

Ceremonial

October 16th is our Fall Ceremonial. We need new Prophets, so please have a petition with you to give a Brother. We will be having a Bring-a-Brother Night on September 25th. More on that in other columns.

Christmas Party

We are making plans for a Children's Christmas Party, with Santa, on December 14th. This is also going to be open to all. We need lots of help to start putting this event together. Please think about it, and let me know what your ideas are. All Masonic groups are welcome to take part in this and help. With this in mind, we are going to have a get-together for an Old-Fashioned Day and Horse Drawn Sleigh Ride in December. More to come on that later.

Changes

Our Chief Justice, Douglas Spencer, has stepped down from this position due to a job related reason. The best of luck with his new job. In turn, we have appointed Past Monarch, Kenneth Hutchinson, to fill in this position. I also appointed Ken to a newly created position of Grotto Historian with the help of Prophet Charles White. So far they have been on the move with their own jobs in relationship to our history. To read on, you will see Ken has put in a nice article, The Historian's Corner, to be an ongoing column. Chuck has been documenting Trophies from the 5th floor storage room. Thank you both for all your time and work. There is room for anyone who would like to be on this Committee. With our move, this is something we need to do, so we don't lose any of our property, etc., for future generations.

60th Anniversary!

Congratulations to Mary and Prophet Howard Topel on their 60th Wedding Anniversary, which made the "D&C". You could tell it was Mary in the picture, but who was the guy next to her? Must have been before Howard was introduced to Italian food! God bless both of you!

As far as what has been: in May the Spring Ceremonial brought us six new Prophets. Our trip to Toronto was a sellout, even had to turn some away with regrets. I



Monarch Alfred Pulcino III congratulates ESGA President Wilmont R. Raymond, PM, on a successful meeting in Binghamton. Looking on are Lalla Rookh PMs: Richard Topel-SCDD, Leon VanHuben - ESGA Sec., and Ken Hutchinson-Past Monarchs Assoc. Pres.



PM Ken Hutchinson, assisted by Monarch Alfred Pulcino III, presents PM Ron Morthorst a personal cooler filled with his favorite. Last year, Ron could not be located on the Old Hickory Golf Course. (Photos: Ken Hutchinson)

believe all had a great time; I have not heard otherwise.

June was very busy with the Grotto Supreme Council Convention in Springfield, MO. It was a fun and nice time. We came back for our belated Board meeting, dinner with the Mighty Chosen One, and Picnic meeting in Henrietta Town Park, which was very nicely attended. Then the Grotto Golf Tournament, at which I can't believe we still had room for more, but the ones that made it had a better than great time. Me too!

Some of us ended the month meeting with the Triangle Girls in Cathedral Hall. Oh boy, the heat! Not sure if it was the girls or just plain hot!

July was a little mellow. I attended a few meetings. We had our largest turnout for the Day at the Races at Finger Lakes. I fed them well, not one winner on my part. The next day was the Cast Picnic in Henrietta Park with a nice turnout, good food and good time had by all. Even had our own show with thunder and lightning, the rain was great. Oh, ya! We paid tribute to James A. Hard at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

August, thank God, mellow meetings. Aye, aye, aye, picnics and then this! Oh, boy!

Sickness

We were so saddened by our loss of Past Monarch, Earl DeSmith, this Summer. He will be missed with all the great memories on his behalf.

Our Past Monarch, Ron Morthorst, has severe back trouble, with two of his spinal disks, one going South and one going North. Most of the Summer he has been doing the doctor thing. God bless you, Marilyn, for we all know you need the prayers more; we all hope he will get better soon.

If anyone knows of any other Prophets who are in need, please contact me at 225-8471.

Ciao for now!

Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

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Attend Grotto Meetings

- Mon., September 9th-Board of Governor's Meeting Grotto Office 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., September 12th-Caldron 8:00 p.m.
- Thurs., September 12th-15th Fall Conference, Williamsport, PA.
- Mon., September 16th-Legion of Honor-Bosdyk's Rest. Social hour 5:00 p.m., Dinner 6:00 p.m.
- Wed., September 18th-Past Monarch's Night Dinner 6:30 p.m., Open Program 7:30 p.m.
- Wed., September 25th-Master Mason Night

Enjoy the Fellowship

Legion of Honor

By Ron Morthorst
Fall is here. The Legion of Honor meets the 3rd Monday of each month (this month it is September 16th). The social hour is from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. at Bosdyk's Restaurant, Long Pond and Spencerport Roads. Order off the menu with individual checks. Reservations are to be made by calling Executive Officer, Jerry Spero at 334-7616 by September 9th, so we can give the restaurant a count for our meeting.

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

Condolences

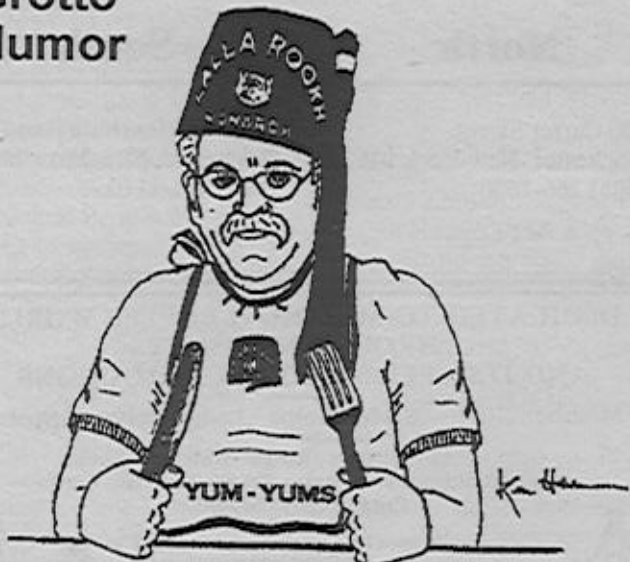
Our sympathy goes out to PM, Earl DeSmith's family, on his passing this Summer, and to PM, Joe Minas and his family, on the passing of his mother in July.

Enjoy the fellowship

We welcome our new members to our Legion and hope they will come to enjoy the Legion of Honor fellowship as much as I have over the years. Join us for the September 16th meeting. It is open to any Grotto member.

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Grotto Humor



"The ESGA President said this is a great restaurant,... Why do I have a Plastic knife and fork?"



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

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Golf Tournament - 2002

This year's Grotto Golf Tournament was a huge success. First place went to "Dead Eye" Bill Fredenburg. Monarch, Al Pulcino III, and PM, Ken Hutchinson, were at their best keeping us in refreshments and not losing any of our party this year! Following 18 holes, we had a great Steak Dinner, plus the best weather which made this a fine outing. If you missed this year, watch the *Masonic Times* for the date next year. Thanks to all for your hard work on this outing.

Clowns

By Uncle Al
Oh! How I love doing this. If I go to hell, this will probably be my job! They will have a deadline. We have a new Clown with us and we're holding at three. No problems. Had a great Summer with no meetings, parades, picnics, etc. Almost had a gig to do, but got out of that. We do see big things coming our way soon!
Oh, ya! The new Clown is - Dum! De! Dum! - Prophet Steven Barish, otherwise known as Dimples. Welcome to the greatest Grotto Clown group in town. We are the best! That is more than I need to say!
God bless the USA.

Master of Ceremonies


By Jerry Spero P.M.
Everything seems to slow down for the Summer. Come September, the pace gradually begins to pick up. Yeah, right! Not this year. This year it's "BOOM!!", here we are. Wednesday, September 18th, is the date. Five o'clock is the time for hors d'oeuvres, 6:30 p.m. for dinner with our ladies, and 7:30 p.m. for the open program in Cathedral Hall. The dinner is Roast Beef or Chicken at \$8.00 per person, by reservation only. The open program for the evening is Past Monarch's Night, and we just might have a few surprises. The entertainment will be a "Follies," featuring the A.C.E. Performing Arts Society.
There will be refreshments in the 3rd floor dining room after the "Follies." Since this is going to be a fun night, it will be open to the general public, so bring your friends and neighbors. Please phone me at 334-6716 for reservations so there will be enough food for everyone.

Looking ahead

There has been talk about a Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14th. We are looking for input from the members and their ladies to determine whether or not we should have one. Please bring some ideas with you on September 18th to help us make the Christmas Party happen.

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Historian's Corner

By Ken Hutchinson
These writings were meant to show what we were, what we are, and in the future, what we (the Grotto) may become. Focusing upon the Grotto news of 50 years ago, we find Erle F. French was Monarch. There were 12 on the Board of Governors, which included George H. Knierim. Frank Murrer was the Executive Officer of the Legion of Honor and became the Commander in 1953. In the Summer of 1952, there were 53 listed as sick. Eleven more were hospitalized, and 3 were in VA hospitals.
The Summer was a very busy one. The Supreme Council Convention was held June 23rd-26th in Toronto, and was very well attended by the Units. The Revels received 1st Prize in the Revels Contest.
On July 9th, the Lalla Rookh Family Picnic was held at Willow Point Park. Admission was adults, \$2.00; children \$.50. You could save if you brought your own lunch. No food sold on the grounds. They also offered ice cream, orangeade and suckers.

The Grotto Rodeo came to Edgerton Park from July 28th to August 2nd. The Greeters sold programs. The Legion of Honor sold novelties, and there were complaints that very little profit was realized. The Grotto entertained 19 city and county children's groups.

Dick Bull and Charles White, check this one out!

On Saturday, August 23rd, a Donkey Soft Ball Game between the Rochester Greeters and the Batavia Greeters was held at Russer's Stadium on Coldwater Road. The tickets were \$.75.

On September 6th, the BIG BAR-B-QUE at Willow Point Park was held. Show a paid up dues card and a yellow tag, and the "park was yours."

Five days later, the Prophets were heading to the Statler Hotel in Buffalo for the ESGA Fall Convention from September 11th - 13th. The rooms were listed as \$8.00 to \$15.00. The entertainment included shopping for the ladies and a tour of the Iroquois Brewery for the Prophets.

These are just the high points of that Summer, so long ago. They will remain shining stars in our Grotto history.

The Monarch's Ball

By Ken Hutchinson
To our new Prophets, a word of explanation is in order. The Monarch's Ball is held each year to honor your Monarch.
This is the last official party in which your Monarch will be the "Leading Light", so let's all plan to attend and make it a huge success. Let's show Al our appreciation for the time and effort he has exercised this year for the good of the Prophets.
The date is November 2nd, and all the particulars are in the accompanying advertisement. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn, and everything will be under one roof. Monarch Al will have an "after-glow" party at 11:00 p.m.
Do not tarry! Al, Shirley and I will be personally gratified if all who read this attend with their ladies. Hope to see you all at the Monarch's Ball, November 2nd.

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Damascus Shrine Center No. 2 Shrine News

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From the Recorder's Desk

By Erwin Newell, PP

It's 95 degrees and I sit here in disbelief that Summer is still going strong, but it is time to think of the Fall schedule. Remember, if you have not paid your dues, please pay now.

If you have not heard, the Most Worshipful Carl J. Fitje, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, has declared that on March 29, 2003, there will be a one-day Masonic Degree Fest. All three Degrees will be conferred the same day. This is the first step of bringing Masonry to the new century. This news is red-hot! Plans are in the works and as they unveil you will hear more about the time and place.

Nobles, this is the time to support your Lodge. If you do not have a petition, go to your Lodge or call your Secretary to get some. Nobles, this is the time to ask your friends and relatives to join Masonry. We have always heard the excuse it takes too long to become a Mason and I don't have the time. Well, our Grand Master is making it possible to stop these excuses. The other day we ran some statistics about Damascus Shriners, the average age is 68. Nobles, ask yourself where will the Shrine be in 10 years if we don't get membership on the roll? Remember, in order for us to create Nobles, we need our Lodges to be strong and this means lots of members.

September events

September 4th - Shrine meeting, Attitude adjustment hour at

5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Our 50 Year Members will receive their Certificates and Pins. Nobles of our June Class will receive their name Badges and Certificates.

September 8th - Bills vs. Jets at Rich Stadium. Bus trip and tailgate party.

September 12th - 15th - New York/Ontario in Kingston, Ontario.

September 21st - Dinner Theater - a bus trip to see the play, "O' Canada" in Niagara Falls, Ontario, with a side trip to Niagara on the Lake.

Future dates

October 19th - Damascus Shrine Center - we will be holding a Harvest Dinner Dance. Attitude adjustment hour, hors d'oeuvres, Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings, dessert, wine at the table, live band. Each table of eight people will have a whole turkey for you to carve. Leftovers can be taken home. Reservations are a must. Reserve your table of eight early. See ad on this page for complete details. Don't hesitate. Make your reservations now.

Shrine Circus

March 21, 22 and 23, 2003. It seems awful early, but once again, we need your help. Ad salesmen, your ad packet will be ready for pick up at our September 4th meeting. If you have not sold ads in the past, we can certainly use your help. Contact me at the Shrine Office, 585-671-7701. I might also add that we are having a new Circus Promoter for our 2003 Circus. He has a very exciting show and we are looking forward to working with him. As time goes on, I am sure that I will be writing more about our 2003 Circus.

Event phone number

Last June I published a new line for reservations for Shrine events. Once again, I thank those of you who immediately started to use the new number, which is 585-671-6535.

Shrine Lunch Club

Pres. John Lindsay, 388-0854

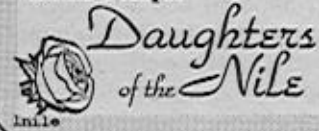
Lunch Club

By John Lindsay, President

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

The next Ladies Day will be September 16th, with lunch at noon. We will then have special guests with us. I know you have heard of the RGE Big Band, so come out and listen to great music with some of your friends, show off the new addition, and have some fun. Performance time will be 12:45 p.m. 'til 1:45 p.m. See you there.

Zama Temple



By Jean Friedrich, PQ

Our ideal Summer has passed all too quickly, and here we are preparing for our Fall activities. We begin with a change to our traditional schedule - a September 14th Ceremonial, in place of our usual February event. The Patrol will be in charge of the Luncheon at noon, followed at 1:00 p.m. by the Ceremonial and welcome to new members. We hope you will all come and cheer on our Officers for doing this program for the first time.

Mark your calendars

The next social event is a luncheon, fashion show and silent auction to be held on Saturday,

September 28th, at Marvin's Country Club, off Route 31 in Macedon. This fun day will be a joint effort with the Finger Lakes Nile Club, who will be in charge of the silent auction. Particulars are in the invitation in our newsletter. Be sure to mark your calendars, invite your friends and relatives and come out for this gala afternoon.

October

The next important date to mark on your calendars is the Official Visit of our Supreme Queen, Nancelyn Ross, on Wednesday, October 23rd. More details about this day will be in your newsletter as we get closer to that date.

Enjoy the rest of your Summer, and we look forward to seeing you at all of these events!

Rochester Forest

No. 133

Tall Cedars of Lebanon
of North America
4th Wed. - 7:30 p.m.
Penfield, New York 14526



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

Our Sausage Roast was a huge success with forty in attendance, including our old friend from Canada, Doug Draker, and his lady, Shirley. We hope that our fall Steak Roast will be equally well attended.

The Steak Roast will be at Camp Smile at the end of Shangrila Lane in Webster, September 18th. The festivities will begin about 5:00 p.m. with dinner about 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and your own place settings and table cloth. Beer and soft drinks will be available. The steaks will again be supplied through Angelo DiCataldo, our Junior Deputy. We may even have some corn on the cob. If you do not receive a call by September 9th contact me at 458-6125.

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Walt Disney is an icon for the entire world to look to for inspiration for what they can achieve in life. His name represents imagination, optimism and self-made success in the American tradition. Before all that, he was a

member of DeMolay International, one of the most prestigious youth organizations in the world.

Over one million young men who are DeMolays throughout the world have looked to Brother Walt Disney as an example of a great man who captured the true ideals of DeMolay throughout his life.

"Through the years, I have watched the growth and progress and prestige of this great organization. I have witnessed the inspiration it has been to many of our

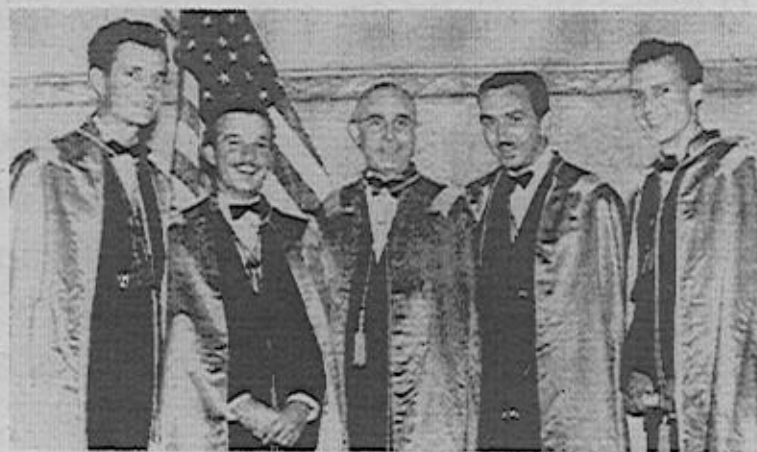
finest citizens and ablest leaders in all walks of life. The composite record of 2 million past and present DeMolays is most impressive for its many outstanding contributions in the private and public life of our nation."

Walt Disney

Frank S. Land founded DeMolay International in 1919. Over 3 million young men have participated in DeMolay Chapter activities, learning valuable leadership skills, sharing special fellowship and growing as individuals. Walt Disney's success in life and career is a fine example of the kind of values that DeMolay fosters.

Walt was initiated into the first DeMolay Chapter, the Mother Chapter, in Kansas City in 1920. He was the 107th member. During his time in DeMolay, Walt was known as an extremely imaginative and hard working member.

In 1931, he received the DeMolay Legion of Honor Award, honoring outstanding achievements. In 1936, Walt appeared as an honored guest at the first DeMolay Founder's Conference in Kansas City. At that time, he gave his first public address telling how much being a DeMolay meant to him.



Disney's Installation into the DeMolay Mother Chapter, Kansas City 1920.

"I feel a great sense of obligation and gratitude toward the order for the part it has played in my endeavors. DeMolay stands for all that is good for the family and for our country." *Walt Disney*

Like DeMolay Founder Frank S. Land, Walt Disney was a great man, and his life was one that benefited his fellow man in a way that is beyond tangible riches. There were many facets to Walt Disney - the man, the creator, the cartoonist, the businessman. But for all his fame and glory in the entertainment world, he will best be remembered by DeMolays everywhere as "one of us." DeMolay joins the world in celebrating Walt Disney's 100th Birthday. Brother Disney, you are still in our hearts and on our minds.

A full-length feature article on an electronic version of this press release, can be obtained from Bob Baker at rbaker@demolay.org or 1-800-DEMO-LAY.

(Courtesy DeMolay International)

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

Welcome back, everyone, after a warm, sunny Summer. I hope all of you are refreshed and ready to participate in the Fall activities ahead.

During the Summer, a number of us attended Pilgrimage Days in Oriskany, July 27th-29th, and several from our Chapter worked at the Monroe District Chicken Bar-B-Que in Webster on August 9th.

On August 17th and 18th, Nolatka Chapter participated, for the first time, in the Lions' Club Churchville County Fair. We marched in the parade on Saturday morning, and our booth, Crafts and Collectibles, was a successful venture. One of my goals for the year was to make our Chapter more visible in the community. Thank you to all who took part in the parade, and especially to those who contributed crafts and collectibles and worked at our booth.

Meetings

Our first meeting of the Fall will take place on Tuesday evening, September 17th, at 7:30 p.m. This evening celebrates our 2nd Chapter Birthday, as Nolatka.

Our October 1st meeting is Advance Night, where the Associate Matron runs the first part of the meeting.

Our October 15th meeting, accidentally omitted from the Schedule of Meetings, is Friendship Night, where other Chapters are invited to visit.

OES Plaques for Village of Churchville

The plaque was supposed to be brought to us at Pilgrimage Days in Oriskany, saving us postage. I phoned the OES Supply Department a few days ahead of our trip to confirm that we would be picking it up, only to be informed that the plaque had not been received. I called Fran on August 12th and she will let me know when it arrives.

Dues reminder and thanks

Don't forget to pay your dues. This year, the color of the mem-

bership card is white. Send dues to Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings, or phone her at 594-4692.

Wthy. Cathy Thompson, from Florida, has once more sent used postage stamps, Campbell's soup labels and Boxtops for Education to our Chapter. Cathy is one of our most frequent supporters. We thanked her in the June issue for her contributions back then. (My apologies for misspelling your name, Cathy, in that issue.) Also, we express our appreciation to all others who contribute these items for our Eastern Star projects.

Sunshine

Wthy. Mary Jane Parry had a slight stroke, but is home from the hospital and is doing well. I spoke with her and she mentioned that she was scheduled for cataract surgery on August 20th. Please keep this Sister in your prayers.

Rt. Wthy. Karen Leipold, of Rochester Chapter, showed up at Oriskany, as she promised. It was great to see her there. When the announcement was made that Wthy. Debbie Leipold, also Rochester Chapter, had been selected as next year's District Deputy Grand Matron, there were cheers!

Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays in September will be Sister Beverly Bacher, Wthy. Susan Drake-Mason, Sister Kathryn Anne Fieret, Sister Bernice Gray, Wthy. Alan Jeerings, Rt. Wthy. Diane Maltese, Sister Dorothy Norris and Sister Gail Turner.

Our Musician, Wthy. Betty Reisinger, from Corinthian/Fellowship Chapter, celebrates her birthday at our first meeting in the Fall, September 17th.

Committee

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

Future events

We are making plans for a Progressive Dinner with two other Chapters. Of course, Grand Sessions take place in Syracuse, October 8-10th, followed by Rt. Wthy. Neil Laundry's Reception on October 11th at the Holiday Inn Airport.

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

Summer must be coming to the end, as I am again writing for the *Masonic Times*. Our Chapter has been very busy for the last three months. We had a very successful Yard Sale and Bar-B-Que. I thank everyone who helped with both, especially with the Yard Sale, as the Worthy Patron and I were with the Grand Matron and Grand Patron on their cruise.

Great success

My thanks to the members who came on the Sunday before our Dedication and the ones who were there during the week to help clean and make our building

sparkle inside and out. Our Dedication was a great success. It was a very hot day, but we made it. Many commented on how convenient it was to have a Chapter room on one floor and how nice it was. The room was full to the rafters! We wish we could have that many to our meetings.

Our first meeting will be on September 11th, a day to remember. Don't forget to wear your flag pin.

At our second meeting we will be opening in Long Form.

Hope to see you in Chapter. □

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

The bells are ringing. School is back in session and so are we!

On September 17th we will have a Pot Luck Supper and Oriskany report.

October 1st will be a regular meeting with the Associate Matron and Associate Patron in the East. Your Matron and Patron will be in Hawaii!

For those of you who haven't heard, W. William Mattern is going to be our District Grand Lecturer for 2003. Congratulations Bill, we're all very proud of you.

Thought for the month

When Friendship's blooming - tend it.
 If Gloom's beginning - end it.
 A hand's for helping - lend it.
 A smile costs nothing - spend it.
 (Author unknown) □

In Memoriam

May

Moore, George W.
 George entered into rest at his home on May 19th. He was a member of Northfield Lodge No. 426 and Rochester Consistory. Survivors include 3 children, and 7 grandchildren.

Scherberger, Robert W.
 The Grand Architect claimed Robert on May 24th at the age of 65 years. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. He is survived by his wife, Mary, 5 sons and 3 grandchildren.

Heinkel, Wayne H.
 A Past Master of Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109, Wayne was called Home on May 26th. He leaves his wife, Beatrice, 2 children, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Bradshaw, George E., Jr.
 Death claimed George on May 27th. He was a Past Master of Northfield Lodge No. 426 and is survived by his wife, Jean.

Falk, Abraham
 Fairport/Flower City Lodge No. 476 lost a member with the passing of Abraham on May 27th. He is survived by his wife, Belle, 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

June

Rodney, John F., Jr.
 John passed away suddenly on June 3rd at the age of 76 years. He was a member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine and is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, 5 children, 22 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Goodman, George E.
 June 4th was the date the Supreme Architect claimed George at the age of 79 years. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 and leaves his wife, Thelma, 2 children, and grandchildren.

Brown, Charles L.
 Charles was at his home in Florida when he died on June 11th. He was a member of Seneca Lodge No. 797, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, K.T.; Doric Council; Hiram Chapter, RAM; and Damascus Shrine. Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth, 2 children, 2 grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Buck, Clyde A.
 Clyde met his Maker on June 14th. He was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163 and Rochester Chapter No. 314, OES. Survivors include 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren.

DeSmith, Earl K.
 The Supreme Architect claimed Earl on June 19th. He was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163, Rochester Consistory, Damascus Shrine, and a Past Monarch of Lalla Rookh Grotto. Two sons and 1 granddaughter survive him.

Thomas, Donald F.
 Donald was 92 years old when he died on June 20th. He was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163, and leaves his wife, Helen, 2 children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Klafehn, George W.
 Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109 lost a member with the passing of George on June 26th. Survivors include his 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

Nott, Melvin C.
 Melvin was 91 years old when he passed away on June 26th. He was a member of Fame Lodge No. 722, and Rochester Consistory. Two children, 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren survive him.

Warder, Daniel H.
 The Lord embraced Daniel in his Loving Arms on June 27th. He was a member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. Daniel leaves his wife, Joanna, and 2 children.

Justice, Larry W.
 Clio Lodge No. 779 lost a member with the passing of Larry on June 29th. He leaves his wife, Lynn, 2 children, 2 grandchildren, and his parents.

Shmidt, Carl
 Death claimed Carl on June 30th. He was a member of Fame Lodge No. 722 and leaves his wife, Margaret, and other family members.

July

Morgan, John F.
 John was a member of Triluminal Lodge No. 543 and Damascus Shrine at the time of his passing on July 6th. He leaves his wife, Marian, and 2 children.

Sage, Burton H., Sr.
 Burton had been a member of Churchville Lodge No. 667 for over 50 years when he died on July 8th at the age of 97 years. Five children, 8 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren survive him.

Palmer, James A.
 James was called Home on July 9th at the age of 80 years. He was a member of Fame Lodge No. 722 and is survived by his wife, Paula, 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Szonn, Richard C.
 Fame Lodge No. 722 lost another member with the passing of Richard on July 9th. His wife, Rosemary, and 3 children survive him.

McClure, Philip T.
 Another member of Fame Lodge No. 722, Philip passed away on July 12th at the age of 60 years. Two children survive him.

Ewin, Albert J.
 The Great Architect welcomed Albert on July 17th. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 and Rochester Consistory. Four children and 9 grandchildren survive him.

Worboys, Charles L.
 The Peace of the Lord embraced Charles on July 28th at the age of 89 years. He was a member of Clio Lodge No. 779 and leaves his son, 9 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Kuech, Lester J.
 July 30th was the date of Lester's passing. He was a member of Northfield Lodge No. 426 and is survived by his wife, Rheta, and 3 daughters.

August

Camp, Franklin E. "Bud"
 Clio Lodge No. 779 lost a member with the passing of Franklin on August 2nd. He is survived by his 2 children, and 1 grandson.

Schmitt, Edward J.
 Edward was 75 years old when he died on August 4th. He was a member of Fame Lodge No. 722 and leaves his 4 children, and 4 grandchildren.

Winebrenner, Burton F.
 Burton was called Home on August 4th at the age of 97 years. He was a member of ERAC Lodge No. 163 and is survived by 2 children, 7 grandchildren, and 28 great-grandchildren.

Deklerow, Joseph W.
 The Great Architect of the Universe called Joseph on August 12th at the age of 79 years. He was a member of Seneca Lodge No. 797, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. He is survived by his wife, Genevieve, 1 daughter, 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson.

Padgett, Charles W.
 Charles passed away suddenly on August 13th. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. Survivors include his 2 children, 4 grandchildren and his mother.

Field, Clifton O.
 The Lord took Clif Home on August 21st at the age of 93 years. He was a Past Master of Craftsman Robertson Lodge No. 969, member of Rochester Consistory, Hiram Chapter, RAM and Damascus Shrine, where he continued to be active until the end.

Gamrod, Glenn R.
 Glenn passed away on August 21st as a result of a motorcycle accident. He and his twin brother, Rich, operated the Gamrod Restaurant in Honeoye. He was a member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine.

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

Marsh, Jerard M.
 Jerard was a member of Canandaigua/Fenogowone Chapter No. 326, OES. Tragically, he drowned in Seneca Lake on August 2nd.

Wallace, Harold T.
 Harold was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 when he passed away on August 13th.

Tuxill, Agnes
 Agnes was a member of Canandaigua/Fenogowone Chapter No. 326, OES when she passed away.

Warder, Ruth
 Canandaigua/Fenogowone Chapter No. 326, OES, lost yet another member with the death of Ruth. □

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

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

2002	
Oct. 16	Grand lecturer's Convention, Genesee/Wyoming
Oct. 17	Symbolic Lodge Awards, DTT, Grand Master
Oct. 29	Grand lecturer's Convention, Monroe District Fairport/Flower City, Steak Dinner
Oct. 30	Wayne Dist. Grand Lecturer's Convention, Humanity Lodge, Lyons
Nov. 3	Interfaith Service and Brunch, Logan's
2003	
Feb. 3	Have-a-Heart Campaign
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(Current List. If you have any other prospects, please let us know.)

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"55 Alive Program" 716-254-0729.

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Interfaith Service & Brunch-Logans, Nov. 3rd!



Valley/Simes

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Sat. Oct. 19th
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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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Canes	117
Commodos	76
Crutches	227
Walkers	184
Wheelchairs	111
Miscellaneous	9
Total	866

September Flower - Aster
September Gem - Sapphire

Big Calendar September 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																															
1	2 Labor Day	3 Charlotte/Corinthian Craftsman/Robertson Oakland - Castile Warsaw OES - Fairport, Monroe, Perry	4 Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy Livonia Damascus Shrine OES - Henrietta	5 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Phoenix - Dansville Webster Eunice	6	7 Milnor Lodge, Victor Pancake Breakfast 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. OES - Rochester Chapter OES - District Meeting																															
8 ERAC - East Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville OES - Mary Jane Holmes, Charlotte Shrine Lunch Club	9	10 Arcade Batavia Craftsman/Robertson Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes RAM - 3x3, Dansville, Wyoming OES - Leah - Hilton	11	12 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor Lalla Rookh Caldron RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery New York/Ontario Shrine Association	13	14 Masters and Wardens Charlotte/Corinthian KT - Sagoyewatha Comm. Phelps New York/Ontario Shrine Association																															
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