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GRAND MASTER'S DECREE

Brethren:

IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION that several Lodges due to inclement and severe winter weather and in the best interest of the safety and welfare of their members have had to cancel Stated Communication(s) of their respective Lodges in recent weeks. As such, the affected Lodges find themselves placed under time constraints that impede the expedient processing of new Petitions intended for participation in the Grand Master's One-Day Class on March 29, 2003. Namely, the requirement under Sections 352 and 354 of the Constitutions that all Petitions must be received at a Stated Communication of the Lodge being Petitioned, and that the Report of the Investigating Committee cannot be received until at least two (2) weeks after the said Petition has been referred to the Committee. Subsequently, the Ballot must be taken at a Stated Communication.

WHEREAS, several Lodges have heretofore made application for leave to officially receive properly executed Petitions for Initiation and Advancement from Petitioners seeking to participate in the Grand Master's One-Day Class on March 29, 2003, at either Stated Communications or Special Communications specifically called by the Worshipful Master of their respective Lodge for this sole expressed purpose,

WHEREAS, after careful consideration I find and decide that such receipt of Petitions from potential Candidates for the Grand Master's One-Day Class on March 29, 2003 by Lodges within this jurisdiction at either Stated Communications or Special Communications will enure to the benefit of the Fraternity,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the Most Worshipful Carl J. Fitje, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, do hereby under the authority and prerogatives of this office approve and do hereby direct that all Lodges duly Chartered or Under Dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York shall henceforth be permitted to officially receive Petitions for Initiation and Advancement from Petitioners seeking to participate in the Grand Master's One-Day Class on March 29, 2003, at either Stated Communications or Special Communications specifically called by the Worshipful Master of their respective Lodge for this sole expressed purpose, effective as of the above date, and shall remain in effect until March 29, 2003 when it shall expire.

FURTHER, IN CLARIFICATION, this order does not in any manner detract, subjugate or enervate the mandate that all Petitions must be balloted upon for the first time at a Stated Communication of the Lodge in which it was received.

THIS DECREE will serve as a temporary order to facilitate and enhance the ability of Lodges to actively participate in this historic event.

Carl J. Fitje
Grand Master

ATTEST:
Gary Arthur Henningsen, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary



For an original copy bearing appropriate signatures and seals, please see your District Deputy Grand Master, or a PGM or Grand Line Officer.



Grand Master's Class is HERE!

By R. W. Richard Friedman

After months of planning and hard work, the Grand Master's Class to be held on March 29th, is a reality. Here are some key instructions:

- Registration opens at 6:00 a.m. at East Rochester High School, 200 Woodbine Avenue, East Rochester.

- All candidates and mentors are to arrive as early as possible to ensure the Degrees begin on time.

- All candidates must bring the Grand Master's registration form and a copy of their petition, which their Lodge Secretary will provide.

- All candidates and mentors need a photo ID where applicable.

- Candidate and mentor dress code is suit and tie.

- Anyone performing Ritual work or any other kind of presentation should be in tuxedo.

- Coffee and doughnuts will be available prior to entering the auditorium. Lunch will be provided.

- Even in the case of a Brother who is completing Degrees, attendance for the entire day is mandatory.

The Degree casting process is completed. The Degree Teams were formed by Brothers of the Livingston, Wayne, Genesee/Wyoming and Monroe Districts.

We look forward to welcoming many new men across the State as our Brothers. We believe that these new Brothers will provide enthusiasm and energy as they start their Masonic lives.

It is up to us to greet these new Brothers with a huge amount of Brotherly love, as they very well may be the future of the Fraternity.

Should you have any questions, please contact me: 377-6175 (h), 271-2775 (o), or via e-mail at richddgm@frontiernet.net.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on March 29th.

Mentor Training Dates

By R. W. William Lindsay

All Mentors who will be participating in the Grand Master's One-Day Class must attend a one hour training session prior to the Class. Two dates have been scheduled. Please plan on attending one of them. They are:

March 3rd, 7:00 p.m. at Drumm Square Lodge, 161 East Main Street, Palmyra. Contact Bill Jones at 315-986-9150.

OR

March 8th, 9:00 a.m. at ERAC Lodge, 152 West Commercial Street, East Rochester. Contact Jim De Lorenzo at 458-8856.

United Way Campaign

By R. W. Vernon Goodrich

The United Way Campaign is about to start. This is a nice, easy way to make an additional contribution to YOUR Masonic Service Bureau. Why not make a contribution to the United Way and specify that your gift is designated for: No. 1060, The Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester, New York.

A gift through payroll deductions is a possible and painless way to make a large contribution. In the next issue of the

Masonic Times, we will list those individuals who made gifts to the Masonic Service Bureau through the United Way during the 2002 Campaign.

Many thanks

To all those who helped in the move of the Service Bureau's Library material and to those who helped in the clean-up of the 3rd and 4th floors, and the disposal of the material and equipment, I thank you very, very much.

Reactivating Buffalo Valley Sublime Princes

Do you know a Brother who has left the Valley of Buffalo?

By Distinguished Brother Clark G. White, 32° MSA

The Valley of Buffalo, under the leadership of 1st Lt. Commander King Mix, has developed an aggressive program to reactivate members who have dropped out over the last few change-filled years for whatever reason.

For those former members who were unaffiliated for nonpayment of dues, the Valley of Buffalo has a plan to restore you to membership. For those members who have taken a dimit, the Valley of Buffalo has a gift for you.

It is the Valley's sincere hope that, if you are a former member of the Valley of Buffalo, and you have any unresolved questions or comments, you will write to:

Retention Chairman, Valley of Buffalo
2379 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14227-2234.

Or, call the Retention Chairman, W. King Mix (716) 684-5946 or Secretary, Phillip G. Beith (716) 283-0154.

Daytime Lodge

By R. W. Cliff Short

There were twenty-five Brothers, representing eight different Lodges, who came from three different upstate Districts, in attendance at our daytime Lodge meeting. Brothers from as far away as Honeoye and Macedon visited Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge on Saturday, February 8th. The reasons they came were varied. Some had work schedules, which did not allow them to attend meetings at night. Some don't like to drive during bad weather, or at night. Whatever the reasons, they all had one thing in common. They had a desire to attend Lodge, and to enjoy the Brotherhood that they knew they would find there. I believe they left with the feeling that they would attend more daytime Lodges, if they were made available to them.

We opened Lodge promptly at 11:00 a.m. After going through some normal business, a short program followed, where there were some discussions surrounding what the Grand Lodge was doing to increase membership, including the playing of the audio tape that was narrated by our own R. W. Paul Gleason. Many of the Brothers had never heard this audiotape, and were very impressed with its content and professionalism. We then talked about some possible opportunities to get involved with some daytime Lodge activities, such as the Have-a-Heart and ElderWear campaigns. We then heard words of encouragement, and some announcements, from our Monroe District Grand Sword Bearer, R. W. Derek VanHouten.

Lodge was closed a little after noon, and we retired to the dining room for an excellent luncheon prepared by our Wardens. W. Andy Alvarez' homemade

soup was a big hit. All in all, it turned out to be a very enjoyable afternoon for all who attended.

I personally thank all who made this meeting possible, and all who attended. I'm glad we were able to provide this opportunity to attend Lodge to those who would not normally get a chance to do so. If there are any other Masters in the District who would like to sponsor a daytime Lodge, I know I will do my best to attend and I'm sure that many more Brothers will attend, as well.

Welcome Aboard!

Garoga-Sincerity
Lodge No. 200

W. John Walti, Master
Phelps, NY

Ontario/Seneca/Yates District

If you missed this last month!

Time to Rebuild the Craft

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

Equip. Type	On loan
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Wheelchairs	112
Miscellaneous	10
Total	885

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Editor's Corner

Nobody said it would be easy. We expected there would be challenges...and there are. The Staff and I are managing to cope with most of them. There is one, however, where I need the help of the authors.

Do you know how many articles appear in the Masonic Times each month? We code them so when they are typeset, we can identify the author and organization. We have had two instances already in my brief career where the copy, which was not otherwise identifiable, was placed within the incorrect section of the paper because we didn't realize we had associated the article with the wrong organization. This one little extra piece of information supplied by you will be a big help to us.

The answer to the question is between 90 and 100, depending on the amount of copy each writer submits. In addition, there are classifieds, obituaries, advertisements, and fillers required to complete the issue...a lot of little pieces flying around the office come assembly time. It can get pretty hectic.

One of the things I am trying to improve is the use of photography. With new digital technology, cameras are small and light and can easily be brought to meetings. These files can be transmitted to us by e-mail attachments. While the quality is not always the greatest, you can usually identify the people.

If your organization can arrange to have someone act as your photographer, we will do our best to publish photos that are submitted. PLEASE be sure that all participants are identified and that their names are spelled correctly. Sometimes there is a lot of confusion when a photograph is being taken and that step is forgotten. I think people enjoy seeing their name (and picture) in print.

We are working hard to make this publication one you look forward to receiving and reading. Again, we are open to suggestions. What can we do to make you like us better? Thanks for reading.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

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Brother Masons!!!

Support the Youth Programs Help Build the Leaders of Tomorrow

Camp Turk

Do you know someone interested in applying for a Summer Staff position? Contact the new Camp Turk Director, Dennis Rundle, 309 S. Bellinger Street, Herkimer, NY 13350. Telephone number is (315) 866-8770 or e-mail at gandalfleo@aol.com

They must be at least 19 years old with one year of college. They must apply early as these positions fill by April.

Slide Program

Interested in viewing a video or slide program? There is no charge, just return when finished. Contact Al Washburn, 25 Parsalin Court, Latham, NY 12110-5010. Telephone number is (518) 785-0874. Check the Web Site at: www.nymason.org (click on Camp Turk).

Work weekend

The work weekend will be June 6th, 7th and 8th. For reservations, call Mollie Denshaw at (315) 942-6716 or e-mail: Camp Turk@aol.com. Volunteers (16 years and older) are needed in these categories: carpenters; cleaners; windows, mop and sweep; flower planting, raking; painters; electricians and plumbers.

There is free lodging Friday and Saturday nights (bring your own bedding). Free food for the weekend; no kids, please; no smoking; no alcohol; no pets; and no swimming.

Fishing Derby

The second annual Fishing Derby at Camp Turk is Saturday, June 28th from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. It is open to all Masons, their families and friends, with a limit of 150 registrations. There will be cash prizes in 8 categories. No fishing license is required and it is limited to 7 fish per person. For bait there are only worms in buzz bedding and lures. No live minnows.

The cost to register is \$75.00 per person for fishing; \$15.00 all other guests. It includes room and board for Friday and Saturday nights (bring your own bedding), and use of 30 rowboats and one pontoon boat. Make checks payable to: Camp Turk Committee, and write "Fishing Derby" on the check in the memo line. List names of all participants, guests and the nights you will be staying. Please mail to: Camp Turk, Attn: Mollie Denslow, PO Box 132, Boonville, NY 13309.

Check-in is Friday from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. and Saturday morning starting at 6:00 a.m. Stop by the office to pick up your registration. In addition to fishing gear, you must provide an approved Life Jacket for anyone who will be in a boat.

A Bar-B-Que grill is available and food items will be sold: coffee, donuts, hot dogs, sausages, hamburgers, etc.

The Camp Store will be open to sell t-shirts, hats and other souvenir items.

Rules

No swimming in lake; no fishing in swimming area; no alcoholic beverages; no smoking on grounds and no dogs allowed.

All monies raised will benefit the Children's Summer Camp Program for sporting equipment, waterfront supplies, educational trips, etc.

Grand Master's Day/Family Day
This event will take place on Saturday, August 9th, at Camp Turk. Call Mollie Denslow, Administrative Assistant, at (315) 392-2081 for reservations, no later than July 1st.

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392-2081 for reservations, no later than July 1st.

Rules

You may arrive at noon for the Chicken Bar-B-Que and stay until 5:00 p.m. No dogs allowed, no smoking allowed and swimming will be allowed in the roped off area only. No use of boats except rides on the pontoon, Lady of the Lake. Activities are permitted upon availability of counselors for supervision.

2003 Camp Turk Wish List

1. Cash for Scholarship Fund, \$17,000.00.
 2. Seven new computers - \$800.00 each.
 3. 6 kayaks @ \$300.00 each.
 4. 2 sailboats @ \$2500.00 each.
 5. Funding for educational trips, 2 per session, \$10,000.00.
 6. Waterfront supplies, \$2,000.
 7. Arts and crafts supplies, \$3,000.00.
 8. Sporting equipment, \$2,000.
 9. Camping equipment, \$1,000.
 10. Curtains for theater, \$1,500.00.
 11. Post card rack and round clothes rack for Candy Store, \$?.
 12. Furniture for counselor lounge, \$500.00.
 13. Laminator machine, \$150.
 14. Folding machine, \$700.00.
- Also needed are costumes for theater (old fashioned clothes, hats, boots, ties, etc.) Musical instruments: sax, clarinet, flute.
- Donations gladly accepted. If you have any of the above items to donate, call (315) 942-6716. □

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Become a 32° Mason in One Day

By Distinguished Brother Clark G. White, 32° MSA
Valley of Buffalo

The New York State Council of Deliberation A.A.S.R. will present a One-Day Class to afford all Master Masons the opportunity of becoming a 32° Mason. The One-Day Scottish Rite Class will take place on Saturday, April 26th, at the R.L. Thomas High School, 800 Five Mile Line Road, Webster. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the presentation of the Degrees will commence at 10:00 a.m. Ritualists from various Valleys within the area will present outstanding Degree work.

All men who choose to become Masons by availing themselves of the opportunity to become part of Grand Master Carl J. Fitje's One-Day Class on Saturday, March 29th, are welcome to participate in the A.A.S.R. One-Day Class. As members of the Scottish Rite, we are committed to fully supporting the Grand Master and the One-Day Man-to-Master Mason Class.

Brethren, we are presented the opportunity and have the responsibility to seek out men of good

character, be they qualified family members or friends, to become a part of each one of the One-Day Classes. Therefore, we request that you inform the new potential candidates and existing Brother Masons of the various charities that Scottish Rite Masonry supports, such as:

- ◆ Research for Schizophrenia;
- ◆ The Leon M. Abbot Scholarship Program;
- ◆ The 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Center for Children;
- ◆ The Museum of Our National Heritage and Library at Lexington, MA.

We ask for your support, as Freemasons, to make known to potential candidates the principles and ideals of our Masonic Fraternity and Thirty-Second Degree Scottish Rite Masonry.

To obtain petitions and become part of this historic event, please contact any Scottish Rite Mason or call the Scottish Rite Office nearest to you. □



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Is there someone in your life whom you worry about? Someone close to you who needs assistance with daily tasks or help to make sure they are taking their medication properly?

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Available on our Campus is Acacia Village, a full service retirement community designed for active older adults who are looking for a rewarding and fulfilling retirement lifestyle.

At Acacia Village we provide gracious living, plus the comforts of home. From the magnificent Village Commons with its soaring cathedral ceiling, stone fireplaces and elegantly appointed dining room, to the indoor swimming pool, activity areas and charming "Main Street," you'll find that

Acacia Village is exceptional in every way.

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We're here for you when you need us!

Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!
 By Tom Michielsen

New York State announced the availability of a new electronic service that will allow New York State employers to report their new hires over the Internet, a change that will support efforts to ensure that New York State's children receive the financial support

they are owed.

Employers have 20 days from a new employee's hire date to mail or fax a new hire report. With this new service, all New York State employers will be able to more quickly and efficiently file their reports through the Internet and know that the report has been received.

The ability to file new hire reports on-line is a win-win-win proposition for the people of New York State. Employers save time and effort in meeting their filing requirements. New York State continues its commitment to the business community by making its services available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Last, and perhaps most important, the children of deadbeat parents receive the support they deserve and need.

New York State employers may file their new hire reports by visiting www.nysnewhire.com.

Earned Income Tax Credit
 Working parents earned it. Don't forget to claim it, says the Internal Revenue Service.

To qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit, taxpayers must have earned income during the year. Married taxpayers who file a joint return may qualify if at least one spouse has earned income. Earned income includes all income from self-employment and wages.

Some taxpayers may be eligible to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit for the first time, especially if there were changes in the family such as a new child, divorce or decrease in earnings during the past year.

Working parents with incomes under \$34,178 can generally claim the Earned Income Tax Credit and get a credit up to \$2,506 for one qualifying child and up to \$4,140 for two or more qualifying children. To be a qualifying child, the child must meet age, relationship, and residency tests.

Taxpayers who are at least 25 years of age but under age 65, do not have a qualifying child and whose 2002 earnings were less than \$11,060 may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit of up to \$376.

All taxpayers must meet certain rules to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit. The taxpayer:

- Must have a valid Social Security Number issued by the Social Security Administration;
- Cannot file as married filing separately;
- Generally, must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien all year;
- Cannot file Form 2555, Foreign Earned Income, or Form 2555-EZ, Foreign Earned Income Exclusion;
- Cannot have investment income in excess of \$2,550; and
- Cannot be a qualifying child of another person.

Elimination of modified adjusted gross income (AGI): For tax years beginning after 2001, taxpayers will no longer need to figure modified AGI. The Earned Income Tax Credit will be figured using AGI, not modified AGI.

Other changes
 New rules for taxpayers claiming the same qualifying child (tie-

breaker rule): For tax years beginning after 2001, the tiebreaker rule will apply when more than one taxpayer claims the Earned Income Tax Credit if using the same qualifying child. New rules will be used to determine which person can claim the Earned Income Tax Credit using that child.

New definition of qualifying child: For tax years beginning after 2001, the definition of a qualifying child will change. Specifically, the child must live with the taxpayer for more than half of the year.

The maximum earnings subject to Social Security tax increased to \$87,000 on January 1st. There are no limits on the wages subject to Medicare tax. Other 2003 limits are as follows:

The earnings required for a quarter of coverage - \$890.

Maximum earnings for taxpayers who are under the full retirement age are \$11,520 or \$960/month. NOTE: For every two dollars in earnings above the limit, they withhold one dollar.

Maximum earnings in the year an individual reaches full retirement age are \$30,720 or \$2,560/month. NOTE: Applies only to earnings for months prior to attaining full retirement age. One dollar in benefits will be withheld for every three dollars in earnings above the limit.


There is a new number for individuals looking for their refund: (800) 829-1954. Individuals who filed a 1040 series return can check on the status of their current year tax refund with this toll-free number.

Upcoming calendar year taxpayer due dates:

- March 15th - February Payroll Taxes
- March 15th - Corporate Tax Returns
- March 20th - December thru February Sales Tax Returns
- March 20th - Annual Sales Tax Returns
- March 31st - Electronic W2s and 1099s must be forwarded
- April 15th - March Payroll Taxes
- April 15th - Individual Tax Returns

April 15th - Federal 1st Quarter Estimated Taxes for Corporations
 April 15th - Federal and State 1st Quarter Estimated taxes for individuals

If you have any tax questions, please forward them to my e-mail: tmichiel@rochester.rr.com.



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My thanks to Bud Golding, Lou Campaniello, Fred Cornell, Vance Collom, Art Maupin, Stan Porterfield, Dennis Gellasch, and Glenn Hedges from Northfield Lodge, who came out to volunteer their time for the Have-a-Heart Campaign on February 3rd and 4th. You men put in a lot of your time and effort, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Reminder

There will be no meeting in March. Our next meeting is April 24th and will start with a Roast Beef Dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost is still only \$7.50. This will be a special night with the Election of new Officers for the Post. I hope you can come to support and vote for them.

If you have any petitions, please bring them to our next meeting.

There were no reports under sickness and distress. If you know of anyone in need, please call me at 265-3932.

To the members who have gone South or live there, you are missing a beautiful, cold Winter. (Ha-ha!)

Thank you, and please remember to stop and smell the roses. ☐

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Taking Action

We are one month away from one of the most important events in the history of our Grand Lodge: the Grand Master's Class. Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Carl J. Fitje, is taking action at the Grand Lodge level to help stem the reduction in membership numbers. Grand Lodge has tried to support the growth of Lodges through the institutionalization of programs like the Brother Bring-a-Friend, the Shepherding Program, etc. Until now it has been the responsibility of the Lodges to use these resources. Now the Grand Master and Grand Lodge have implemented a program that can directly improve a Lodge's membership.

Many Brethren have been looking to Grand Lodge for the solution to their Lodge's problems, in particular membership. We now have the Grand Master's Class on March 29th, at which a petitioner will receive the three Degrees of Masonry in one day. Regardless of your opinion of this event, it will be a milestone in the history of our Grand Lodge. The effects of the Grand Master's Class will be with us for years to come. This event may never be repeated, but could prove to be the turning point in the growth of our noble Craft.

We, my Brethren, must also take action to help our Lodges grow. We need to support our own Lodge and help it grow by doing a couple of things. First, we should attend the stated communications of our Lodge.

Second, we should encourage the Master and his Wardens to have interesting programs and activities at the stated communications. If we are giving our time to attend our Lodge, the Officers of the Lodge should be ready to supply us with programs and activities that we can only get through Masonry.

Third, we must help our Lodge grow by making those good men we know, who are not Masons, aware that we have something to offer them. We must show the non-Mason how the Craft has helped in our growth as good men.

My point is that as the Grand Master is doing everything he can to help the Craft grow and prosper should we, my Brethren, do our part. Don't just sit there, do something.

The Secretary

Every Lodge has a secretary. Most of us take the secretary for granted. In many cases the same Brother has been secretary for years. The duties he performs and the services he renders to the Lodge usually go unnoticed, unless they make a mistake. You may think that the secretary's job is relatively easy, record the minutes of the meetings, inform the treasurer of deposits or give him the checks to deposit, and send out dues cards. The secretary has much more responsibility than you may know, just ask your Lodge secretary.

The Secretary must fill out forms to be sent to Grand Lodge and the District Deputy several

times a year for such things as election returns, membership status, etc. He must keep accurate records of the members of the Lodge; he must record and transmit information on candidates for the Degrees to Grand Lodge. Any secretary or past secretary will tell you how demanding the job is.

We, my Brethren, should be working with our Lodge secretary to help prevent errors or omissions and to help him perform his duties better.

What are some of the things we can do to help? First, we can promptly inform the secretary when our address or phone number changes. If we submit a petition, we should follow up with the secretary to confirm that he received it and to verify that it will be presented at the next meeting. If we are on an interview committee, we should see that the petition with our comments is returned to the secretary promptly so that it can be balloted upon. If we chair a Lodge committee, we should have a written report to give to the secretary right after we present it at a Lodge meeting. These are just samples of what we can do to help our Lodge secretary do his job.

The Master of a Lodge is the chief executive officer of the Lodge and the secretary is the chief operating officer. The Master and the secretary must work together for the smooth working of the Lodge. We must be aware that the secretary cannot do everyone's bidding at the last minute nor at the whim of an Officer or member. The secretary is just one member of the team needed to run a Lodge. Give him the respect you would give to the members of teams on which you have served.

This month I have singled out the secretary for discussion. In coming months you may find me writing about other Lodge Officers. Every office of a Lodge, from the Tiler to the Master, exists for a reason, and the Brother holding the Office should be treated with all the respect due him and the Office he holds.

Grand Sword Bearer



Monroe R.W. Derek E. VanHouten
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Do you think we shall ever see the green grass again? It seems that the color white has been the norm since before Thanksgiving and the only birds that we thought we saw were penguins instead of the traditional robins, which we haven't seen either. With the St. Patrick's Day celebrations coming up, I suppose that we shall see quite a bit of green and I hope that every Mason in the area is green with envy on March 29th as we will be witnessing an historic accomplishment of having a One-Day Class for new members.

The Committee has worked diligently putting in long hours to bring this day to a successful conclusion. However, it really has been through the efforts of many Brothers in the quarries, who have asked their friends and associates to join the world's oldest Fraternity. Without your petitions and willingness to partake, either as a member of the cast or, equally as important, a mentor, the success of the program can-

not be accomplished. This event, hopefully, will be positively spoken about for years to come and generate a boost in the local, as well as, the State membership.

Daytime Lodge

On February 8th, Charlotte/Corinthian hosted a Lodge meeting for those Brothers who either work or otherwise cannot attend evening Lodges. We appreciate the efforts that W. Clifford Short and his Officers made to provide a setting for this event. Eight Lodges were represented and Brothers from the Monroe, Ontario/Seneca/Yates and Wayne Districts were in attendance.

Afterwards, a lunch of homemade soup and sandwiches was enjoyed by all before going home. We hope that this can be continued at other Lodges in the area, as there is a need for venues such as this.

As the Grand Master has indicated, we all need to think outside the box. If you have ideas on how to improve our stations in life as Masons, or to help your Lodge improve in areas such as membership retention, shepherding, mentoring, social activities, Lodge programs, joint Lodge activities, or other ideas, let your respective Officers know of your suggestions and maybe get them implemented so that your members will want to participate more.

Camp Turk

We now have applications for the Summer sessions at Camp Turk. Contact your Lodge Secretary for details. For those who have never been to Camp Turk, please avail yourselves and make arrangements to do so, even if it's just to visit. It's a beautiful facility located at Round Lake in the Adirondacks. The DDGMs and Staff Officers had their last training session there with the Grand Master and we had time to walk around (even though it was raining) and enjoy the solitude and aesthetic architecture of the facilities. They include a building set aside for computer training, buildings for arts and crafts, a camp store, theater, one of the most beautiful stone chapels that I have seen, and other structures. They have a young staff of dedicated men and women who are devoted to the betterment of the young people whom they serve during the two-week sessions, which are held for your young people. If you know of a boy or girl who would gain from this experience, contact your Lodge Secretary or me.

LSOME

There are two sessions of the Lodge System of Masonic Education remaining for this year. One is March 19th, at Northfield Lodge; the other, April 16th at Fairport Lodge; both at 7:00 p.m. There will be instruction for those new members who wish to improve themselves in Masonry. The LSOME Program covers the 3 Degrees in detail. Your Chairman for this event is W. Michael Schwartz of Etolian Lodge. Refreshments will be provided.

Concordant Bodies

With the work needed to bring together all the efforts in making the One-Day Class a success, it needs to be said that we appreciate the joint work of the Concordant Bodies in supporting this undertaking. We need to collectively thank the Commander-in-Chief of the Scottish Rite, Ill.: Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°, along with the Potentate of Damascus Shrine, Ill.: Kenneth Buckland, for their assistance in the success of the upcoming One-Day Class.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

We thank the many Brothers who took time out from their busy schedules to help at the Malls in the annual Have-a-Heart Campaign. The three Chairmen: W. Dean Smith, W. Mike McBride and W. Karl-Heinz Reich, have done an excellent job of coordinating this endeavor; not an easy assignment to accomplish.

In closing, let me share with you this: "Life does not require that we be the biggest nor the best. It only asks that we try." Till next time...

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One-Day Class Update

By the time this has been published, your AGLs will have finalized the teams for the Grand Master's One-Day Class.

I am very encouraged that we will have an outstanding Degree Team for the Class, and we wish to thank everyone who came to the tryouts and showed his willingness to assist us in any manner needed. During February and March we will be holding rehearsals for each Degree, with the final goal of providing as close to perfect Ritual for our candidates as possible.

Please help show your appreciation and support for these Brothers who are selflessly giving their time for the Class, by having an excited bunch of candidates to partake in the Degrees.

Visitations

We are also concluding our regular visitations, and this reminds me of the new Grand Master's edict. It is not too early to start filling in those missing pieces of your Degree Teams. As was stated in the edict, all participants must be members of the Lodge, and all parts of the Degree must be done.

School of Ritual

As previously mentioned, the last SOR for the year will be April 11th at 7:30 p.m. at Etolian Lodge in Spencerport. This will be the last opportunity to compete for the SOR Banner for the year.

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Greetings Brothers and friends. Today finds us preparing for the Grand Master's One-Day Class to be held on Saturday March 29th, at East Rochester High School. W. Stu Brickman and I are going to be Mentors for our two candidates. We are currently contacting those Brothers who have received their 1st Degree at Clio and did not return for the remaining Degrees. We are explaining the One-Day Class in hopes they will want to continue. It's not too late Brothers. We have until March 15th to submit candidates who have been investigated and voted upon in Lodge. If you have anyone in mind, please reach out and contact him. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our relatives, friends and all good men to become members of the oldest and greatest Fraternity in the world. Call me at 392-8156 if you have any questions.

Traveling Gavel

At the last two Lodge meetings we have seen W. Jim Tobogood, Master of Etolian Lodge 479, lead a contingent of Brothers to Clio in hopes of claiming the Traveling Gavel. Unfortunately, due to weather conditions, they have been one or two Brothers short of the required seven. If we lose the Traveling Gavel to anyone, we hope it is to our Brothers from South Hilton. Keep trying Brothers.

Upcoming dates in March

Regular meetings on March 4th and March 18th; Spaghetti Dinners on March 12th and 26th. The annual Ox Roast is scheduled for Saturday May 3rd. For tickets, call W. Gordie Smith at 392-9261; Brother Scott Brickman at 581-2841 or myself at 392-8156. Other important dates of events in the Monroe District can be found in this issue of your Masonic Times.

Happy Birthday

March birthday wishes to Brothers Alan Gray, Allen Mercer and Merle Wallace.

Thanks

W. Gordie Smith sends thanks to all the Brothers who helped with the "Have a Heart" booth at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center. In the April issue of our Masonic Times I'll introduce you to our new Brothers who will have been part of Masonic History.

In closing, a little reminder to those still owing dues for 2003 (some for 2002 and 2003). Remittance will be appreciated. Hope to see you in Lodge soon.

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Brother Mike Hueston and other guests prepare for the next round of toasts.

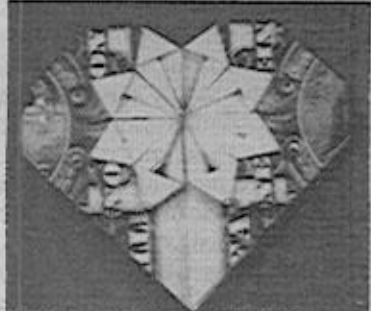


R.W. John Zabel assigns parts to participants in the Table Lodge.



W. Gary Sanford, Master of Union Star Lodge, proposes his toast at the Charlotte-Corinthian Table Lodge (Photos courtesy of Cliff Short)

It has been said that a picture is worth a thousand words, and that actions speak louder than words. Never did these statements take on more meaning for me, than they did at this year's Have-a-Heart Campaign on the Wednesday night that Charlotte/Corinthian Brothers manned the booth at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center. As a woman was passing our booth, W. Andy Alvarez approached her and gave her a heart for "Valentine's Day." The woman thanked him, but barely broke her pace as she walked by. It couldn't have been more than 2 or 3 minutes later when she came back to the booth. She walked up to Andy and said, "You gave me a heart, now I will give you a heart." The woman handed Andy a dollar bill, which she had folded, using origami, into the shape of a heart.



Our efforts and charitable works do make a difference, not only for the Ronald McDonald House, but also in the community in which we live. Our circle of benevolence expands to reach so many more people than we could ever realize.

My sincere thanks to all Brothers and friends who helped make this year's Have-A-Heart Campaign a success. We should all feel very proud of this program.

Table Lodge
 Twenty-Nine Brothers attended the Table Lodge on February 4th. Eight different Lodges, from two

different Districts, were represented. To this mix, you add a great meal, provided to us by Hilde and Joy, and you have the ingredients for a very enjoyable evening of friendship and Brotherhood.

Daytime Lodge
 Charlotte-CorinthianLodge sponsored a daytime Lodge meet-



Charlotte-Corinthian's first Daytime Lodge Program was attended by Brothers from eight different Lodges from three Districts.

ing on Saturday, February 8th. Twenty-five Brothers attended to enjoy the Fellowship. After opening and some necessary business, a short program explaining some District Programs, where Brothers can donate some time and be with other Brothers, were discussed. An audiotape, narrated by R.W. Paul Gleason, explaining some of the reasons for men to consider joining our Fraternity, was played. It's a shame that more Masons have not heard this audiotape. In his own masterful voice, R.W. Gleason explains what Masonry is, and why men of good moral values should consider joining our great Fraternity. Then, our Grand Sword Bearer, R.W. Derek VanHouten, had some words for the Brethren.

We retired to our dining room for a great lunch prepared by our Wardens and Stewards. W. Andy Alvarez' soup was excellent, and enjoyed by all. My thanks to all who made this daytime Lodge meeting a reality, and a success. The interest is there, Brothers, to hold these Lodge meetings on a more regular basis, and maybe to move them around the District, so that Brothers would not need to drive as far to attend them. I think you will be hearing about more meetings at Charlotte/

Corinthian Lodge like this one.

Future programs
 March programs include a presentation on LSOME Symbolism by R.W. Jim De Lorenzo and Lodge investments by our investment counselor, John Fazio.

If any Brother would like to speak with John about personal investment matters, I'm sure he will be glad to speak with you. You can reach John at Morgan Stanley, at 385-5112.

Bring your friends
 April will be a busy month, both in the Lodge and out. You won't want to miss our meeting on the 15th. Benjamin Franklin (Paul Stillman) will pay the Lodge a visit. He will bring with him some of his inventions, his views on the politics of his time, and some very keen insight as to what it was like to live in the 18th century. This is a unique opportunity that you won't want to miss.

This is a meeting that is open to the public, so bring your family and friends, young, old and all in between. The final details about the arrangements for this meeting will be listed in my article in next month's issue of the *Masonic Times*. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. sharp.
 I will see you in Lodge. □

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Brethren, many of you have called me to find out why I did not have an article in the paper for the month of February, and many more who did not call me may raise the same question. Let me just rest the issue by saying that the mistake was done at the *Masonic Times*' end, not at my end, and I have accepted their apology I hope you will, too. (Editor's Note: We apologize to all the Brothers of ERAC Lodge for misplacing W.B. Joe's article. We sent it into cyberspace and didn't discover that until he called us.)

What a Great Team
 Brothers, Spring is just around the corner, but given the remaining work to be done, we cannot afford, at this point, to put our working tools away. I am very delighted so far with the support my Brothers at ERAC have been bringing to me.
 My Officers have even higher marks; holding any Lodge Office is not easy, and this special team is performing their duties with an unusual sense of commitment. I thank each of them for their efforts, talents and dedication to

our Lodge. This is a team without previous Officer experience in their respective capacity. I invite every one to not only encourage them, but also to offer us constructive suggestions.

Keeping up good work
 Once again, Brothers of our Lodge, their wives and children came out on February 7th and 8th to support the Have-a-Heart Campaign. I thank you and your families for the enthusiasm and devotion to this great cause. A special thank you goes to Brother Rich Greenaway for chairing this fundraising event.

I also appreciate every effort some Brothers have given to go out to investigate the petitioners.
 R.W. James Sullivan, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, gave us an outstanding presentation entitled, "The Secret of Picking Winning Numbers" on February 10th. All I can say is that those who did not attend the meeting missed out a lot.

Thinking about our own
 W. Dave Francis has been in and out of the hospital and could use your prayers, a phone call or a get well card.

Please call our secretary to inform him about your address, if you have moved. Also, let me or any Officer know if you need a ride to the meetings.

Dues
 Brethren, please check your dues card. We still have a few members who are in arrears in their dues. If your obligation is not up to date, please send your

check...a new card awaits you.

Meetings
 In today's busy world, the length of one's cabledow might well be just coming to support their Lodge when there is a guest speaker scheduled. On February 24th, we had a presenter from the Masonic Home in Utica.

March 10th we will have another presentation by the R.W. John E. Zabel.
 Keep tuned. □

WEBSTER Lodge No. 538
 1st & 2nd Thurs. 7:30 p.m.
 Master W. Brad Lewis 265-2914
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Although I am writing this in February, something tells me March came in like a lion. Let's hope the weather becomes a bit more lamb-like soon. I know I'm ready for Spring.

I've been thinking a lot lately about the procedures, Masonic laws and traditions, that constitute the framework of our Fraternity. One aspect I think we can be cognizant of is protocol within a meeting. To quote from the Ritual, "At the same time forbidding any idle, immoral, or other unmasonic conduct whereby the harmony of (the Lodge) may be disturbed." I've heard this phrase often and said it a few times. Now,

I wonder, how often do we, as a Lodge, live by it, Brothers? This is not to remove humor or some levity from a meeting, but the decorum and overall attitude should be serious. Protocol and courtesy are important and perhaps most noticed when they are absent. Let's be proud of our Fraternity and demonstrate that pride to our newest members by how we conduct ourselves in Lodge.

March 29th
 The One-Day Class event continues to generate interest in the form of petitions. At the writing of this article, prior to the Shrine Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, we have six petitions at present, with the promise of several more. I thank everyone for their hard work on this event, particularly R.W. Bruce Chilton.

Condolences
 On February 10th, Brother Bruce Kiefer passed away after a long illness. Our hearts go out to his family and we pray that he may find his way into the House not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. □

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Our first meeting in March is on the 11th and will be preceded by a Buffet Dinner at 6:30 p.m., featuring Corned Beef and Cabbage, potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls and butter. The cost per person is \$8.00 and reservations are required.

The second meeting, on the 25th, will be preceded by a Pot Luck Dinner, also at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Don't forget, our ladies are encouraged to join us at our Pot Luck Dinners! Trust me, they won't be bored while we're at our meeting.

Have-a-Heart
 Thanks to Heinz Gunkel, Dick Topel and Howard Topel, who helped man the booth at the Have-a-Heart Campaign on Sunday, February 9th at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center. We, along with a fortuitous scheduling mix-up that had several members of Craftsman Robertson Lodge there on the same day, raised over \$772.00 in only 6 hours, blowing

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away our competition on a dollars per hour basis.

Fun times!

Thanks to Michael Bell for arranging a very interesting program on scams and for organizing our "Honor Our Ladies" party. You missed some interesting and fun times if you missed these activities.

Reminders

Brotherhood Fund Chairman, Keith Moore, tells me that contributions are coming in slowly, but surely. If you haven't made your donation yet, please do!


Dues are due! Please remit your dues to our Secretary, Leon VanHuben, as soon as possible. If you already have, thank you!

If any of you know of a Brother in sickness or distress, please call one of your Officers. I would rather hear any news from three or four or more people, than not hear from anyone. Please let us know if there is something you would like to see as a program at Lodge. We'll see if we can accommodate it somehow.

Last, but not least, Happy Birthday to all our Brothers born in March.

See you at Lodge!

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Past Master's Night

Our January 27th meeting featured the Past Masters filling the chairs. W. Angelo DiCataldo, DSA, led from the East as the Worshipful Master. R. W. Bob Zabel was the Senior Warden, and W. Rich Brockmann the Junior Warden. The Senior Deacon was W. Ray DiJames, and the Junior Deacon was W. Gene Brown. R. W. Don Brugger was the Master of Ceremony.

The highlight of the evening came when Angelo asked each Past Master to talk about their year in the East. We got some valuable information and history of the years gone by. We heard some very humorous stories!

Sickness and distress

R. W. Wayne Slack suffered a serious accident while working at home. At last report he was recovering well and is in good spirits.

Thank you!

For over the last decade, R. W. Don Brugger has been the Editor of the *Masonic Times*. Both Don and his wife, Jean, have recently retired from their posts.

The *Masonic Times* is the single most important vehicle for uniting the Brothers of this region. We are all kept up to date with what is going on in our District and beyond through the *Masonic Times*. Don always put out a first class product, with his signature format. He also increased the circulation of the *Masonic Times* to other Districts during his tenure.

Please join me in saying thank you to Don and Jean for their hard work and dedication. We wish you a very enjoyable retirement.


Eastern Star Appreciation Dinner

This year's Eastern Star Appreciation Dinner was a great success. We had 68 Brethren and ladies attend dinner. We were hono-

ored to have 15 ladies from the Irondequoit Chapter of the Eastern Star with us. They do such a great job cooking for us all year.

Thanks to our line officers for working that night. I must mention three other individuals who were not scheduled to work, but really pitched in. R. W. Don Brugger, Vickie Ball and Karen DiCataldo worked very hard for us. My thanks to you. Your services were indispensable!

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I am starting this month's article with a big thank you for all the support received at the annual Have-a-Heart Campaign, held at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center on February 8th. A special thank you to the following for their time and efforts at the Campaign: Larry Bright, Ed Kelly, Bill Baxter, Vernon Henderson, John Hennessy, Wendell Burtner (better known as Winky the clown), Rick Bean, Garry Hutcherson, Carol Wynings, Alice Hassett and Keith Pinto.

Churchville Lodge raised over \$400. Thanks to everyone, again.

Reminder

On February 26th, Churchville Lodge will hold a Table Lodge preceded by a Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings. I hope to see you there. For reservations, please contact Larry Bright, at 359-2257, or Franklin Higgins, at 544-1952.

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I hope this newsletter finds all our Brothers and their families in good health. February was a busy month for us.

We held our first monthly Poker night and the food and fellowship were fun for all. We will hold this event the first Saturday of each month in the dining room at the Lodge at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Condolences

Brother Jack Behlke passed away on January 28, just weeks after we awarded him his 50 year pin. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Brother Jack's family. He will be greatly missed by all.


1st Degree

We conferred our 1st Degree on February 12, for two Brothers. Special thanks to all who participated in the Degree and to Brothers Pete Fallon & John Pascucci for a fabulous meal. Thanks to Paula Crevison and Jerri Fimbel for their help in serving and cleaning up after the dinner.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

Thanks to the Brothers who helped out at the Have-a-Heart Campaign this year. The Ronald McDonald House will be greatly helped by the few hours it cost us.

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



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Have-a-Heart Campaign

Now that the Have-a-Heart Campaign for the Ronald McDonald House is almost over, we are proud to say we have over \$11,000, with two days to go. First of all, a very special thank you to Heathers Heights Adult Care, as they brought some people to help on Tuesday, February 4th. Thank you to Brethren in these Lodges: Webster Lodge, Seneca Lodge, Milnor Lodge, Wakan/Hubbard Lodge, Fairport/Flower City Lodge, ERAC Lodge and Northfield Lodge along with the Masonic War Veterans James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12.

I also thank the following Northfield Brothers and their great companions and friends: Jake Oliver, Matthew Schulman, Matthew Griswold, Brother Ben Griswold, W. Randy Griswold, W. L. Russell VanDeGriff, V. W. Dan Walker, Brother Pedro Ugalde, Brother Andy and Pat Campbell, Jean Shampoo, W. Jim Weick, W. Glenn Hedges, Joann Smith, Brother Fred Hull (DSA), W. Merritt Sweet, and R. W. Bob and Sister Linda Zahn. Thank you for volunteering your time and support for the Ronald McDonald House.

Payment in Full

We all seek to apply the above words to all of our daily actions. Though we do find some differences when applied to materialistic goals. We find that some have more important value than others, and that our income will determine which ones are labeled "Payment in Full." Then how do we determine the importance in our Masonic wages?

We have all heard of the wages of a Fellow Craft. Then, if we labor as Master Masons, why are we not taught about the wages of a Master Mason? The reason that they are not described is the same reason we are unable to describe our symbols. As each Brother must find his own meaning in a symbol; he must, in the same manner, decide what his wages are as a Master Mason. Each may receive different wages. One may receive his wages for a charitable act he might have preformed. Another may receive his wages for his encouragement to someone in distress. Some may receive their wages for Masonic instruction they have given. Yet, another may receive his solely for the honor of serving his fellowman.

We know that the wages of a Master Mason are not measured in material amounts. We do know that we receive them and are kept in the repository of the faithful breast. The "Payment in Full" can only be measured by the value placed on the wages by the one who has received them.

Condolences

On a sorrowful note, I received a telephone call late one Sunday night from W. Earl LaFane from Callimachus Lodge No. 369 F. & A. M. in Phoenix, NY, who asked us to do a Masonic Service for W. Paul Benoit. He was a fifty year member of Callimachus Lodge. Since he was living in Honeoye Falls, Union Star and Northfield and Callimachus Lodges presented the Masonic Service on January 28th, with 28 Brothers present. Seven Brothers drove from Phoenix, NY, to show respect for the departed Brother Paul Benoit. A special thank you to Union Star Lodge with seventeen Brothers in attendance.

Awards

On March 6th, the DeWitt Clinton Award will be presented to the Day Star. Also, the Eagle Scouts from Troop 129 will receive the Grand Master's Award to an Eagle Scout. The Grand Master's Award for Military Service will also be given to the Brothers who have served in the military. We look forward to a wonderful meal prepared by Mrs. DiJames and Mrs. Woodley. The menu is undecided at this time. But we know for sure it will be oh so good!!!

Sickness

As I have written before, Brother Donald Abamonte was in an automobile accident before Christmas. He will not be able to go to work or do much of anything until some time in April, it seems. W. Bill Fraser had eye surgery. Also to the Brothers who are under the weather and we do not know how they are, our prayers are with you and we wish for the very best in recovery.



W. Dean Smith receives the Master's Appreciation award at the February 20th meeting from W. Glenn Hedges, Scottish Rite Ambassador for Northfield Lodge since 1992. (Photos courtesy John Dudley)



Past Masters of Northfield Lodge filled the chairs at the February 20th meeting, with Brother Raymond Beardsley acting as Master. Also participating were Brothers L. Russell VanDeGriff, Merritt Sweet, Roger Wolfe, Donald Smith, Jack Thibaut, John Williams, Glenn Hedges, William Spillane, John Dudley, Dean Smith (Master), James Weick, William Fraser, Robert Zahn and Herbert Hirsch.

Craftsman
Robertson
Lodge No. 969
1st & 4th Tues., 7:30 p.m.



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By W. Skip Waterstreet

Brother Warren Doerrer, who has provided some really great programs over the years, added another gem to his resume with the appearance of Yvonne Conte. Her topic dealt with using humor to reduce stress and help to keep you well. She thoroughly entertained the audience.

Her presentation followed another delicious meal provided by Hilde DiJames and Joy Woodley. This may have been the last one. There are problems and concerns with use of the Shrine Center facilities for meals and, until they are resolved, other arrangements will have to be made.

If this ends the tradition we have maintained since our merger in 1996, it is appropriate to thank them once again for the wonderful suppers they have served to us and our ladies. They have been a great asset to our social events, and will be sorely missed. The telephone committee will do their best to keep you informed.

Our first meeting in the new room at the Shrine Center sure was different. On a cold, windy, blustery, nasty winter night, sixteen Brothers braved the elements to "christen" our new quarters. With W. Duane Smith recuperating from his illness, W. Bill Hook presided...sort of! None of the attendees showed a lack of respect by getting up and leaving as the Ritual was fractured in the East. I'm sure I've heard and seen worse, but I can't remember where or when. I think he was in a hurry to get to the re-

freshments. (Note: They weren't THAT good!)

The arrangement is slightly different from what we were used to. The Secretary and Treasurer sit on the same plane as the Master, facing West. Brother John Walker, our Organist, sits behind the Treasurer off in the corner, but is able to slide over to a more comfortable chair when not tickling the ivories.

When you enter the Shrine Center property, there are many places near the building that have reserved signs. Please respect those marked for Handicap Permit holders, but feel free to park anywhere else. The spots marked for the Shrine Officers are open for our use any night we meet at the Center. Another point worth mentioning is there is no charge to park...anytime. Come early to get the best spot!

Have-a-Heart Campaign

Somewhere there was a mix-up. Craftsman Robertson Lodge wound up sharing duties on February 9th with Fame Lodge at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center. With support from Brothers and their families, the combined Lodges' efforts produced \$772 for the Ronald McDonald House. Thanks to all who assisted with this project.

March 29th

We currently have about ten petitions in various stages of acceptance. Little time remains to add anyone to this list. Elsewhere in this issue you will read of a Temporary Decree by the Grand Master, which permits slight alteration of the prescribed Ritual procedures, if you still have someone who would like to join.

This is really the last call for petitions for this unique event. Contact our Secretary, W.: Tom Kendig, if you need a petition or other information. Our March 4th regular communication will feature balloting on all petitions, on which the Investigating Committee has reported favorably.

Let us thank W.: Bill Shelby, W.: Clyde Siverd, W.: Volney Frankel, W.: Bill Hook, and W.: Tom Kendig, who have been putting in extraordinary efforts to contact references and investigate the candidates. I hope I have remembered everyone who helped.

We will need Mentors to be with these candidates. If you are willing to help your Lodge with this phase of the program, please contact W.: Tom. Training classes for Mentors will be held at Drumlin Square Lodge in Palmyra on Monday the 3rd. ERAC Lodge in East Rochester will be the site for another on Saturday, March 8th. All Brothers signed up to be Mentors are asked to attend one of these sessions.

Sickness and Distress

R.: W.: Vern Goodrich is undergoing consultations with specialists to develop a strategy to combat the reoccurrence of cancer. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Brother Bob Ogden's wife, Jayne, underwent a successful knee replacement operation. She has been waiting for this for quite some time, and is now doing very well in St. John's Home undergoing physical therapy. I'm sure she would appreciate cards.

W.: Bill Hook's mother, Berea, is gravely ill.


Brother Bruce F. Hinkley was called Home by the Great Architect of the Universe on January 26th. Sympathy of the Lodge is extended to the family.

March Birthdays

William Armstrong, Richard Barth, Kahrye Bryant, Donald DeBack, Douglas Fix, Ronald

Freida, Clifford Hayner, Richard Howard, Duane King, Patrick McWhinney, Jay Rodgers, Clyde Siverd, George Steele and Larry Weekes all celebrate this month. Many happy returns, Brothers. □

Union Star Lodge No. 320
3 North Main Street
Honeoye Falls, 14472



2nd Mon.
7:30 p.m.

Master
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Sec. Robert Sweeney
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38 Cullens Run, Pittsford, 14534

Our Past Masters did an excellent job sitting in the chairs at our regular meeting on February 10th. Their Ritual work was superb and a fine example for our newer Brothers. The program on the Lodge and Grand Lodge was very informative.

Thanks

Thanks to the Shriners' Past Masters Degree Team for conferring the 3rd Degree on our new candidates February 24th. Thanks to Rob Sweeney and Jim Nersinger for a good dinner prior to raising Master Masons.

Thanks to all who participated in the Have-a-Heart booth at Marketplace Mall on Sunday, February 2nd.

Condolences

Our Brother, James Tulloch, was called by the Supreme Architect of the Universe on January 29th. James was a member with us for over 40 years. May the blessing of God be with his family and may he rest in Peace.

Brotherhood Fund

Please remember to participate in the Brotherhood Fund. There are nine different categories for your selection this year.

March Activities

We will be holding the Walk About program on the 10th.

The Shrine Circus will be in town from March 21st to 23rd. The Shriners would appreciate some help Friday night, Saturday and Sunday.

The Grand Master's Class will be held on March 29th at the East Rochester High School.

April

This month, our regular meeting will consist of all the Officers moving up one station. Officers, please be prepared for this task.

We will be having a Fellowcraft meeting on April 28th. □

ETOLIAN Lodge No. 479



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

Master
James E. Toogood
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Sec. W.: Michael Schwartz 352-4018

On January 27th, Move-Up Night, Pat Schwartz and all new Officers did an outstanding job.

Etolian Lodge raised \$668.80 for the Have-a-Heart Campaign on February 1st.

R.: W.: Don Darrohn did a fine job on the Program of the Masonic Hall and Home History on February 10th.

Sickness and distress

It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brothers Walter Watson and Donald Kimmel.

Gary Cornelius reports he will be undergoing rotator cuff surgery. We wish you a speedy recovery.

March
March 31st is the Inter-Lodge Euchre Tournament.


The School of Ritual, scheduled for this date, has been moved to Friday, April 11th.

Other events

The Blood Drive will be March 17th at Ogden Town Hall. We need help setting up and taking down; also to put up posters in village stores. If you can help, call Ray Mandeville at 352-5317.

No date has been set for the Widows' Luncheon as I write this. □

Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109



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

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Hello again. I'm tired of this weather. Brrrrrr, (you probably are too)! Happy Birthday to everyone born in March!

Moving

We are settling into our new home (with a few adjustment nights of sadness). No one wanted to see the Temple close. Our next meeting will be March 11th, at our new home, the Damascus Shrine Center at 979 Bay Road, Webster. As always, on the 4th Tuesday, it will be a joint Lodge Ladies or Bring-a-Friend Night (widows and their guests eat dinner for free). Refer to the trestleboard for the next events. We will continue to have dinner (6:30 p.m.) at all meetings. Call or e-mail me with your reservations.

Awards

I will be getting more of the awards delivered soon.

Membership

Please refer to articles throughout this newspaper about the Masonic One-Day Class on March 29th. We need petitions as soon as you get them, in order to get them through the review process. If you know of anyone who would like to become a Mason, but has not had the time available to learn the Degree work, this is an ideal method of getting them into the Craft. If you need more information, please call me or our Secretary, Ed Schmitt, at the numbers listed above.

Upcoming events

March 4th - Officers meeting at Country Village. Dinner, 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m.


March 11th - Regular meeting. March 25th - Social with Craftsman Robertson Lodge with Ladies and potential members.

April 1st - Officers meeting at Country Village. Dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m.

April 8th - Regular meeting.

April 22nd - Social with Craftsman Robertson Lodge with Ladies and potential members. □

Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.



President
W.: Michael McBride
663-4636

Secretary
Raymond G. Glegg
223-3433

Hello again! The Ronald McDonald House Have-a-Heart Campaign was a SUCCESS! See the article elsewhere in this issue. Over \$12,500! Special thanks to

everyone who helped! We all realize that without the help of individuals and groups, we would have done nothing. Thanks again.

Upcoming Events

March 8th - No meeting
March 9th - Masters' dinner with the wives.

March 29th - The Grand Master's Class at East Rochester High School, 8:00 a.m.

April 12th - Wakan/Hubbard, 9:00 a.m.

May 10th - Union Star (elections), 9:00 a.m.

June 14th - ERAC (1st meeting with new Officers) 9:00 a.m.

District One-Day Class


The Degrees will be held March 29th at East Rochester High School in an all day event beginning at 8:00 a.m.

New York Trip

Grand Lodge Trip - To all Masters: we will be having dinner at Hawthorne's on Sunday, March 9th. The social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m., with dinner at 7:00 p.m. Call me at 663-4636 for more information or to reserve a plate.

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

Your Legal Rights FYI



By Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Last month I covered what a rap-sheet is. A rap-sheet is a history of any individual's encounters with law enforcement, beginning with arrest, and ending with conviction to a crime or violation.

This month I'll cover how you can find and correct mistakes, or other inaccuracies, on a rap-sheet.

Paper work

The first thing you need is, of course, your rap-sheet. You can order your own rap-sheet by first requesting a "request for record review" form. You can obtain this form by writing to: New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Record Review Unit, 4 Tower Place, Albany, NY 12203-3764, telephone: (518) 485-7675.

Albany will mail back to you this form, along with a fingerprint card. After you complete this form and have your fingerprints taken (any police agency can accommodate you for a fee), mail back the completed form and fingerprint card along with a \$25 money order (payable to New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services). To obtain a copy of your rap-sheet from the FBI, send a letter, an \$18 money order (payable to the US Treasury) and a copy of your fingerprints to the following address: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, ATT: SCU-MOD-D2, 1000 Cluster Hollow Road, Clarksburg, WV 25306.

In your letter to the FBI, include your name, address, date

and place of birth. You should also state that you are making this request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Once you receive your rap-sheet, you can determine whether the information is accurate or not. For example, an arrest may not accurately show that the charges were dismissed; of a conviction may be incorrectly reported on your record.

Another concern is whether an arrest and conviction are reported when they should have been sealed. For example, if you were arrested and convicted before your 19th birthday, you may have been eligible to have your record sealed as a youthful offender. Records of juvenile delinquency, which are issued out of a Family Court, are also subject to sealing. Misdemeanor or felony convictions cannot be sealed if you were convicted as an adult.

Sealing a record means that any information about that sealed arrest will not appear on any rap-sheet that is sent to your employer, or others. Other arrests that can be used to seal are: arrests that didn't result in a conviction; arrests that lead to a conviction for non-criminal offense (e.g. disorderly conduct, loitering, trespass, unlawful possession of marijuana, to name a few).

If you notice an error on your rap-sheet, let's say that your disorderly conviction appears on your rap-sheet, you can write to Albany to have that conviction sealed. First you need to go to the Court Clerk's Office and get an Official Disposition slip. You then mail this original disposition slip back to Albany with a letter requesting that your disorderly conduct conviction be sealed. If your matter concerns a sealable arrest occurring before November, 1991, then you need to petition the court that sentenced you for an order sealing that particular arrest. □

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As I write this message, it is cold and the snow is blowing outside. This Winter is so different from last year. I hope everyone can get around in this challenging weather.

Last month we had a Table Lodge so we could have a break. Most of the Lodge Brothers pulled together in order to have a class of three newly raised Brothers in November. Everyone who attended had a real good time.

Devoted service

In March we will help celebrate R.W. Frederick Belluscio's anniversary of 54 years in the Craft. R.W. Belluscio is very well liked and loved by all Lodge members. He always has something funny to say or tells a good joke. Thanks for the many years of devoted service to Masonry.


Future events

Everyone is looking forward to the annual Ladies' Night at the Daisy Flour Mill.

I am personally looking forward to Grand Lodge in New York City. The Masters are meeting to coordinate every schedule. I haven't been to NYC, other than to change planes when traveling.

Happy Birthday to all whose birthdays are in March.

District Deputy
Grand Master
Genesee/Wyoming



R.W.
Robert W.
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March is a month associated with Spring and one of the most tumultuous months of the year. It brings "March Madness," better known as championship time for collegiate basketball teams. The Masonic All Star Team is preparing to display its championship form in the Grand Master's One-Day Class; the casts are set, and practice is underway, so that the best Degree personnel are ready to display that Ritual which makes Masonry great.

Many thanks and acknowledgements go out to those Brothers of the Genesee/Wyoming, Monroe, Livingston, and Ontario/Seneca/Yates Districts, who will participate in this historic accomplishment. Thanks are due to those people who support this event not only with their Ritual work but by bringing new Brothers into our Craft.

Next on our Masonic trestleboard should be the fulfillment of our obligation to our communities. Our Brotherhood Fund Campaign is still ongoing and needs your continued contributions. R.W. Ray Barber is working to get the Red Cross to travel to this District to hold a Blood Drive. This project can truly benefit our communities and maybe our nation, as the threat of conflict looms in our future. Look

well to your obligations and support these worthwhile projects.

Camp Turk

Brothers, Grand Lodge applications for Camp Turk (Summer session) and The Lodge Education Assistance Program are now available and should be filled out as soon as possible. The scheduled work week at Camp Turk is June 6th, 7th and 8th. Anyone wishing to toil in these quarries please contact me.


Lost is found!

Molly has been located and rests, at the time of this writing, in her TEMPORARY home at Hesperus Lodge. The tragedy of Molly's loss, the search for, and ultimate recovery of one of our District's Masonic symbols, has been related to the Brothers at length in numerous and varied e-mails. Accounts of the Molly saga, as with any legend, can be interpreted with several conclusions, the truth of which lie with the teller of the story at that time and place. The strongest conclusion this author has to offer is that Molly has accomplished that purpose for which she was intended, that of getting Masons of the District to enjoy each other's company and each other's friendship.

Brothers, let us not forget the Astronauts of the shuttle Columbia and those members of the Armed Forces who stand ready to defend our freedoms.

May Brotherly love prevail and God Bless you...

Grand Sword
Bearer
Genesee/Wyoming



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Brethren, remember when we entered the New Year? Now, it is already March - Tempest Fugit - it is not too early to consider selecting one or more Brothers to represent our Craft throughout the District along with the ladies at their booth at the Wyoming County Fair in Pike, August 9th-16th. Perhaps some Brethren could be on hand to help in distributing literature and answering questions to interested fair-goers. This would be an excellent opportunity to promote our Craft and possibly increase membership. Anyone interested in taking part can contact me at the number or e-mail at the heading of this article, and I will help in getting this wonderful project underway.

Camp Turk

Summer will be here before we know it. If anyone is interested in employment at Camp Turk, I have a packet of information and applications. Just give me a call or e-mail me. If you prefer, you can access the same information on the web at: nymasons.org.

Thank You

Miss Linda and I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to R.W. Vern Goodrich for his recent donations, and to Brother Harry Tyson for all his supreme efforts on our behalf; we are deeply indebted to you both.

Have-A-Heart

I had the opportunity to spend a couple of days manning the Have-A-Heart booths at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center and Marketplace. If you have not done this before, you may wish to consider doing so. Lots of camaraderie

with a great bunch of guys, and you get to meet a lot of really nice folks. I heartily recommend it.

Lodge articles

Last month, the number of Lodges within the District submitting articles dropped once again, to forty percent. Hopefully, after my "How to lesson," in my previous article, this month's issue will have more participants; there have to be some newsworthy events taking place in your Lodge.

District Meeting

The Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities will be holding its next meeting at Arcade Lodge, at 2:00 p.m., on March 30th. Come out, find out what's new in the District and represent your Lodge.

RTTE

The Road to the East Program will have taken place by the time you read this article, and I will report on it in next month's issue.

Genesee-Wyoming
Council of Masonic
Activities



President
V.W. Adrian
J. Miller
676-2775

R.W. Dennis M. Turton, Sr.
Secretary 591-1179

My Brothers, I am thrilled and honored to serve as your President and I hope I can live up to your expectations for the ensuing two years.

We have a great slate of Officers and we hope to move our Council to greater heights with all the members' cooperation.


Our next meeting will be at Arcade Lodge on Sunday, March 30th, at 2:00 p.m. Casual dress.

We have a lot of business to discuss, such as revising the By-Laws, building our membership, new fundraisers and, hopefully, a family picnic.

Please come out and help us because we can't do it alone. Don't forget to bring a Brother who isn't a member of the Council.

We thank all the Lodges who ordered and sold the forty-nine boxes of candy. Without your help we wouldn't be able to operate our Council. My Brothers, the dues alone aren't enough to pay our expenses. Thank you for a job well done.

Assistant Grand
Lecturer



V.W. Adrian J. Miller
676-2775

Genesee/Wyoming District

Our Grand Master, M.W. Carl J. Fitje, has a dream of rebuilding the Craft in a One-Day Class on March 29th, and we, as Masons, have to do everything possible to make his dream come true. Not only for him, but for the whole Fraternity to continue into the future. There are many good qualified men who could lead our Craft, but they don't know how to gain membership into our Fraternity. It is up to us to seek them out so that we can give them the opportunity to join the greatest Fraternity in the world!

In teaching our new candidates, you must own a copy of the 2001 edition of the *Standard Work and Lectures of Ancient Free Masonry*. Please contact your secretary for the new Ritual book. Some

Brothers have outdated Rituals and aren't teaching the correct way of conferring the Degrees.

All welcome


The Genesee/Wyoming District Masonic School of Ritual will be held on March 17th at West Star Lodge, 2473 Main Street, Varysburg, at 8:00 p.m. All Master Masons welcome.

The topic for the evening will be the different Concordant Bodies, and I am sure this will be very enlightening as to who they are and what they stand for. The representatives of the different Bodies will be: 29th Capitular District, Royal Arch Masons, R.E.: Leonard W. Mason; Batavia Commandery No. 34, Knights Templar, Commander Vernon G. Rupert; Genesee/Wyoming Post No. 32, Masonic War Veterans; R.W.: Raymond Barber, State Director.

Traveling Gavel

The Gavel is at Olive Branch Lodge and they will try to keep it if the other Lodges don't show up to claim it. I think they are daring you to come and try to claim it! What do you think?

Mount Vernon
Lodge No. 263
2nd & 4th Mon.



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

I don't have an awful lot of news to report to you this month, and hope that you and yours are Wintering in good health.

Thank you

Our thanks to our Brother, Lyman Eddy, for the generous contribution that he made to the Lodge. We will be able to put it to good use in some of the capital improvements that we have planned.

Pancake Breakfast

Thank you to those Brothers who braved the weather to help with our Breakfast last month. Despite the weather, we were able to recoup our expenses and actually showed a slight profit. Thanks to the visiting Brethren; your attendance does not go unnoticed and is very warmly appreciated! We can always use another pair of hands, too, my Brothers. That way perhaps someone who was there early might be able to leave a little earlier. Think on it, please.

Awards Night Dinner

On Monday evening, April 28th, Mt. Vernon will be honoring those members eligible to receive Service Awards. They will be notified by mail and we will also have a dinner in their honor. This will be an open meeting, so be sure to bring your wife and loved ones.

There will be a catered supper, featuring salad, two hot side dishes, your choice of two meats, rolls and butter, and coffee or tea. The price will be \$7.50 per person or \$15.00 a couple.

Supper will begin at 7:00 p.m. sharp so that everyone can be upstairs for the beginning of the open meeting at 8:00 p.m.

RSVP

For reservations, please contact Jim Allan. His information is in the logo at the heading of this article. The cut-off date is April 21st. Please make your checks payable to Mt. Vernon Lodge. Hope to see you there.

Secretary's Corner

I believe (I keep saying this to myself, like some kind of a crazy

mantra, over and over again!) that I have everyone's address correct. However, my next project (Lord, help me) is to be sure that our Mt. Vernon roster has the correct information concerning your phone numbers. I'm really addressing this to those Brothers who have moved out of State, or to such different towns like Alexandria, Lancaster, and such.

If you would, please check your roster, and let me know via e-mail or drop me a note at the address above with the correct phone number. It would be greatly appreciated. Then I'll have to find something else to hound you about! I appreciate your cooperation. Again, I haven't received very many e-mail addresses from you either; you get the most up to date news by being part of the District e-mail list very kindly put out by R.W. Bob Dagen.

Best to you and yours until we meet again.

Attica Lodge
No. 462

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



Master
W. Bruce Anderson
581-0190

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

Greetings from Attica Lodge, former home to Molly for the past 10 months, prior to her long journey to Hesperus Lodge. We held our second annual Brother Bring-a-Friend night January 15th. It was very nice to see seven Brothers from Hesperus and seven Brothers from Constellation come to see our presentation to prospective candidates. Imagine my surprise when both Lodges laid claim to our glorious lady, Molly. My congratulations to Hesperus for having the first Brother to sign in. Remember, in the case of a tie, it goes to the first Brother to sign in the meeting book! My equal thanks go to all fourteen visiting Brothers and all of the Brothers from Attica Lodge in attendance, as due to the fellowship shown there that evening, I believe we will get petitions from each of the guests in attendance.

New Brothers

Welcome to our new Brother William Staerr, who was raised January 11th at Attica Lodge, along with William McPherson of Olive Branch and Richard Meyer of Arcade Lodge. THANKS to all those who participated in the Degree work and special thanks to Richard Anderson who came at the last minute to fill the spot of a sick Brother.

Reservations needed

We look forward to our annual Table Lodge on March 19th. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., hosted by our chef, Jerry Brade. Please call Bruce Anderson by March 12th for reservations.

Grand Master's Class

I have one petition in hand and have been promised 3 more for the One-Day Class to be held March 29th. We will have to investigate, ballot and decide which location we will attend. I am looking for mentors for these candidates!

Again my thanks go to my Lodge Brothers for all their support and to all of the Brothers in the District who helped with the three Degrees we have conferred over the last few months. Masonic Brotherhood and Fellowship are still strong in the Genesee/Wyoming District.

West Star
Lodge No. 413
F. & A.M.
 1st & 3rd
 Mondays
 Master
 W. Dennis
 Parmerter,
 786-3544
 R. W. Kenneth E. Kohlhaugen,
 Secretary
 591-9598
 2473 Rte 20A, Varysburg, 14167

The groundhog saw his shadow, so that means six more weeks of Winter. If he didn't see his shadow, in Western New York that still means six more weeks of Winter. It will be nice when the weather breaks so the attendance will pick up.

Best wishes
 All the Brothers of West Star wish a speedy recovery to W. Bill Geitner after his auto accident.

Instruction
 On March 17th, West Star will host the School of Instruction. The topic will be Concordant Bodies.

Special evening
 To all members and Past Masters of West Star, Awards and Past Masters' Night will be April 21st. I would like a photo of everyone to hang in the Lodge.

Don't forget to mail your donations for the Brotherhood Fund. Returns have been slow. Send your returns to Dennis Parmerter, 16 South Maple Street, Warsaw, 14569.

Oakland Lodge
 No. 379, F. & A.M.
 1st and 3rd Tues.
 (Jan., Feb., Mar.: 1st Tues. only)
 Master
 W. Henry
 Robinson
 322-7545
 Sec. W. Richard L. Smith
 493-5408
 134 S. Main St., Castile 14427

I'm sitting at my computer composing this article and looking out the window to try to find some inspiration. Once again, all that comes to my mind is the continuing amount of snow that seems to never stop falling. I don't think this is the way anybody wants to start out the new year. Hopefully the extreme weather conditions haven't found many Brothers under the weather.

Looking forward to Spring!
 Oakland Lodge has not had a healthy start to the new year. Both our January and February communications were cancelled due to the extreme weather conditions. Western New York has been experiencing this Winter.

The January communication was cancelled due to sickness among many of the Officers and the February communication was cancelled due to weather conditions. Hopefully, everyone will be feeling better and Mother Nature will cooperate for the March 4th communication.

Sickness
 It saddens me to report that our Senior Deacon, Brother Robert Kemp, has suffered a heart attack. The latest report that I received is that Brother Kemp is in Strong Memorial Hospital and doing very well. Let's all take a second to say a prayer for Brother Kemp for his speedy recovery.

Reminders
 Here is another friendly reminder to all Brothers that your dues are due for the ensuing year. Please help facilitate this process by sending your dues in a soon as possible.

The Brotherhood Campaign is also in full swing. We have gotten off to a great start with many contributions from our members. For all Brothers who would still like to make contributions, they can be mailed to our Lodge Chairman, Ken Smith, 8562 East Main Road, LeRoy, NY 14482.

Communicate!
 If any member has any information he would like to have included in Oakland's monthly article, I extend an open invitation. I will be more than happy to include any information in our article that I receive from another Brother. This is Oakland Lodge's article, not just one Brother's. The only thing I ask is that you be aware of the deadline that is published on the back of each *Masonic Times* issue. If I could have all information a couple of days prior to the deadline, I should have no problem getting it into that month's article. I can be reached in one of three ways. My home address is 8562 East Main Road, LeRoy, NY 14482, telephone, 768-7731. My e-mail address is kesmith-@kgptel.com. Please don't hesitate to reach me by one of these methods.

Hopefully everyone is staying warm and healthy. I hope to see all Brothers at our March 4th communication.

HESPERUS
Lodge No. 837
 1st and 3rd
 Thursday
 Master
 W. Ralph
 Marsocci
 820-6355
 Sec. Lee Vainio, 548-2470
 12 Lake Ave. Bergen, 14416

Thanks to W. George Springett and his crew for helping out in the Have-a-Heart Campaign at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center. Thanks also to Marie Springett, Brother Harry Tyson, Brother David and Marilyn Liles, W. Karl Reich, and my wife, Rosalie.

Degree
 Our 1st Degree, with W. Joe Chimino in the East, went off very well. I am very proud of all the hard work that our members do in preparing for their part in the Degree. Especially our new Brothers, who did an excellent job.

Lodge improvements
 Our sound system is in and working very well and, again, many thanks Brother Gibb Ernst for his donation. Thanks to Brother Chet Banach for purchasing and installing the system. Due to his expertise, he helped us save a lot of money.

We are getting close to having our altar cloth finished. It is being made locally and we shall have it soon.

She's back!!
 Molly has appeared at our Lodge. We don't know how she got there, but I am very happy that she is back!!

I was asked to be in a committee at the school to look at some possibilities for erecting a memorial for Dennis Kirst. As you know Brother Kirst was a member of our Lodge. In the future we will be hosting a fundraiser to collect some donations for his memorial. As I get more details I will keep you informed.

DeMolay
 We are getting closer to starting a DeMolay Chapter in Bergen. On February 20th, we had a demonstration by members of the New York DeMolay which has sparked more interest within

our Lodge. I will keep you posted as to our progress. If you are interested in participating in any way with this program, please let me know.

Camp Turk
 We are looking for candidates, male or female, to send to Camp Turk. This is a three week program that is sponsored by the Masons. If there are any interested candidates, please let me know.

March
 On Sunday, March 2nd, at 1:00 p.m., there will be a 25th Anniversary celebration at my place of business, Ralph and Rosie's Deli, in downtown Bergen. If you can join us, I would appreciate your attendance.

Also on March 2nd, we will be having a 2nd Degree rehearsal. On March 6th, we will be conferring the 2nd Degree with Brother Ron Morris in the East. On March 13th our High Twelve Club will meet. We will serve baked ziti with sausage and meatballs.

On March 20th we will be holding our Irish Stew Night. On this night we will have an Irish quiz.

On March 22, will be the OES Card Party Night.

On March 30th there will be 3rd Degree rehearsal.

March 31st our Inter-Lodge Euchre Tournament.

On April 3rd, we will be conferring the 3rd Degree and I will be in the East.

Hopefully March will bring us much needed sunshine and warmer weather. As usual, if you have any questions or comments, please call me at (585) 820-6355, or e-mail me at thebigragu78-@yahoo.com.

Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Batavia
Lodge No. 475
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By R. W. Robert F. Dagen
 First off, this month's article is written by and contains some thoughts and facts of me, as Secretary, as relates to your Lodge.

Did you know - membership of Batavia Lodge is now below seventy members?

Did you know - from the membership we have only twelve or thirteen Brothers who can physically attend Lodge communications?

Did you know - out of the twelve or thirteen Brothers who can attend Lodge communications, only five or six do attend? That is less than ten percent of the Lodge membership!

Did you know - the average years of membership of the remaining Brethren of Batavia Lodge is approximately 40 years?

Did you know - I, as your Secretary, have not received any petitions for the upcoming One-Day Class to be held on March 29th? Why??

Some facts as relate to your Lodge that go on unanswered.

Fact - As stated above, the average years of membership is in the neighborhood of forty years which, in turn, tells me that each of you continues to recognize the tenets and benefits of being a member of our Fraternity!

Fact - With the average years of membership being about forty, I, for one, cannot understand or be-

lieve that each of you has not met or does not know of a man whom you would and could recommend for membership in our Fraternity.

Fact - The One-Day Class, to be held at the end of March, was designed to afford the opportunity to those whom we could and should recommend to our Fraternity to become members, while realizing the changing of the times relating to other obligations to family and livelihoods.

Fact - Each of us, by not taking the opportunity to recommend a friend or neighbor to our Fraternity, indicates to me the apathy that apparently exists relating to something each of us must have at one time or another, respected and earned, as we became members of the Masonic family.

Fact - Our Masonic Fraternity continues to support and maintain the charities and benevolences which we have been part of, and have supported over the years. I ask each of you to continue to make this a reality.

Fact - In just four short weeks, March 29th, the Grand Master's One-Day Class will be a reality. This Class will afford us an opportunity never seen before.

My Brothers, all the foregoing may appear negative, but that is not my intent. My intent is to point out facts and questions about our Fraternity that I personally carry with me day in and day out.

Reminder
 I have applications for the Education Assistance Program. As in the past, all children, grandchildren and widows of Master Masons belonging to a Lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction of New York are eligible. If you know of an individual who meets the requirements and has plans to further their respective educations, please contact me for the 2003 Applications. Completed applications must be in the hands of the committee before April 12th.

It is my hope to see you all in Lodge or to hear from those of you who are not able to attend.

May God Bless America! May God Bless us all!

Arcade
Lodge No. 419
 7:30 p.m., 2nd & 4th
 Tues., Sept.-June,
 4th Tues., Jan., Feb.
 Master
 R. W. Leonard
 Mason
 492-1813
 Sec. R. W. Arthur Drew, 492-4860
 Main St., Arcade, 14009

Arcade Lodge plans on having three candidates at the March 29th Grand Master's One-Day Class. These future Brothers are involved in different community activities. I believe this is very positive for our Lodge.

Brotherhood Fund
 The Brotherhood Fund report indicates that 21 Brothers have sent contributions to our local Chairman, Brother David Frost, but we have no report from Grand Lodge of contributions made directly to them. This is unfortunate and discouraging since they have not released information to the District Chairman. This should not delay achieving at least an 80% or better participation level. The charities supported by this Fund are worthy and beneficial to all and I am sure the contributions will be straightened out.

Bring-a-Friend
 Why not bring a friend to our "Brother Bring-a-Friend" Night at Lodge on February 25th? This is


to help inform and enlighten those who might be interested in the Fraternity. It provides an introduction into Masonry with its history and charitable goals. Our changing society has become non-joining and therefore this may help open the doors of friendship. There are many suggestions as to why this is so, but no conclusions. Bring a friend and renew acquaintances over a cup of coffee.

Table Lodge
 The first meeting in March, on the 11th, will be our first attempt at a Table Lodge. This is based on meetings in the old days, when Lodge meetings were often conducted in taverns or inns. There will be seven toasts, one along with each course. Wives or significant others are invited to attend. At this meeting, W. Craig Reitemier, our Junior Warden, is planning to present the new Aprons he has purchased for the Lodge. They are surely a sight to behold. Please plan on attending and support Craig in his "Joy of Giving." We, the Officers, are looking forward to being a part of this wonderful event. Pictures will be taken and the local *Arcade Herald* will be provided with an article of the evening's events.

The support we have received at our monthly Third Sunday Breakfasts has been rewarding. Come to the one in March because this could well be the last of the year since Easter will be the third Sunday in April. These breakfasts breed fellowship and leave you with a lot of warm memories. Come to our next breakfast on March 16th.

I am still looking forward to receiving notes, e-mails or whatever, as to what you, as an individual, are doing these days so that I can place these on the board at Lodge where all the local Brothers have access. It is interesting to hear from you. Many of the e-mails coming across the lines make you aware of what is missed by not keeping in touch with your friends and family. Don't be one who says, "I was going to get in touch with him but I just kept putting it off and now it's too late." KEEP IN TOUCH.

Last month I was remiss in omitting Adrian Miller from the birthday list. The Brothers having birthdays in March are: Carl Haas, Robert Lester, James P. Johnston, Paul VanOrnum, Fay Howlett and Richard Meyers. Wish the Brothers a Happy Birthday, if and when you see them.

District Deputy
Grand Master
Livingston District

 R. W.
 Robert
 Fisher
 226-2210

Activities throughout the District are in full swing. Several new Brothers have been raised in Avon, Caledonia and Lima, and there are more to come. We know of five candidates for March 29th.

A committee has been formed with Brother John Gallant as Chairman, to review and recommend changes to the By-Laws of the District Association, so that the responsibility for administering the Annual Communion Service and Awards Breakfast is in the hands of the Association.

Another committee, headed by W. Donald Munger, is being

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formed whose purpose is taking a proactive approach to searching out and defining the problems, needs and proposed actions required for the long-term good health of Masonry in this District.

Under the guidance of R..W. Steve Vanderbilt, District Chairman of the Beacon Project, plans are being finalized with the Livonia School District for Masons of the District to help administer a late afternoon program at the school. The intent of the program is to provide a room for study, tutoring, and supervised activity for Middle School children identified to be in need. The Brothers will proctor and help as required. The Commitment will require 1 to 2 hours per day for the school week. It is anticipated that the program will begin on or about March 1st. Please, Brothers, help us to fill this need.

Attend meetings
Appeal to the Master and Wardens of each of the Lodges to consider it part of their responsibility, as elected officials, to attend the monthly District Association meetings. They should plan and schedule time to attend. This is the one time in the month when we can all exchange information and coordinate activities.

The function of this Association is to facilitate the exchange of ideas and needs and to keep the leadership abreast of what is happening throughout the District. For those who are serving as Wardens; a Master for a second time, or more, it remains important for you to regularly attend in order for the Association to be effective, and all Lodges to be represented and informed.

Brotherhood Fund
Brothers, please remember to support the Brotherhood Fund, as you all know this is a very worthy project and many benefits are derived from our participation. W. Roy Moses is the Livingston District Chairman.

If you have any questions concerning this program, please contact either Roy or your Lodge representative.

Support for Service personnel
At the last District Association meeting, W. Ray Robinson suggested that we Masons put an ad in the *Penny Saver* expressing our support for our Service Personnel in the Persian Gulf. This motion was approved.

Project update
The Beacon Project is moving. R..W. Bob Fisher and R..W. Steve Vanderbilt, at present, are talking with the Livonia School Board in regards to a project they believe the Masons may be able to help.

R..W. Marvin Meller, State Chairman of the Beacon Project, is also suggesting that a Lodge or Lodge member can become a member of the National Arbor Day Foundation. For a donation of \$10, they will send you 10 flowering trees or 10 conifers (or both for \$20) These trees, with the permission of the school, could be planted on school property. This could be a great public event. Think about it.

Lodge news
Eunice Lodge will confer the 3rd Degree on March 19th. Please note, this is a Wednesday. Two Brothers will be raised. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m.. W. Mel Hussey is inviting all to attend.

Grand Lodge of Russia
W. Mel Hussey made a trip to Moscow, Russia, in January and had the great opportunity to attend the Grand Lodge of Masons meeting in Moscow. Mel stated that there are slightly over 200 Masons in Russia, and that he really enjoyed his visit.

Assistant Grand Lecturer
Livingston District
V..W.. Mark G. Dibelka
lag11v (585) 230-0355

I must apologize for the lack of communication on my behalf. I have been working with a team of dedicated Masons to bring the Grand Master's One-Day Class into an event of which we can all be proud.

I have heard rumblings from around the District complaining about why it is that Mt. Morris Lodge was the only Lodge to know about the try-out to become a Ritualist for the One-Day Class. Simply put, I am on a limited budget of time and money. I sent a letter to the Master and Secretary of every Lodge in the Livingston District in November of 2002, and also made a presentation at the Association meeting that same month, requesting the support of Livingston Masons in becoming

part of the Ritual Team for the One-Day Class. I asked anyone with interest to contact me and gave out my phone number (with answering machine), and e-mail address. I received volunteers from one Lodge out of nine - Mt. Morris. Further, I then approached some Lodges (via their Masters) and asked specifically for the assistance of the Lodge - no takers. In one case, I was flatly refused and told that the Lodge would in no way participate. So, perhaps that will shed some light on why I notified only the people who had volunteered to become a part of this special day - I can ask for assistance only so many times before I believe that there are only a handful of people who will respond.

For those who are complaining that I did not mass market the try-out day, let me ask these questions; were you there, and if so, why were you there? I already know the answer to the second question. You were either there or not, based on your desire to serve the Craft, not because of

anything I did or did not do. If you wish to be a part of this event, please feel free to contact me ASAP, as we will always have a need for help.

Having said that, let me move on. Snow flew and ruined the date of the January School of Ritual. It will not be rescheduled, as I still have Lodges in the District to visit, as well as the work I am doing outside the District for Grand Lodge. The next School of Ritual will be March 10, 2003, hosted by Geneseo Lodge with Phoenix Lodge presenting the work (infrequently heard Ritual), at 7:30pm.

Apology
On a note of apology, I messed up royally and allowed my visit to Geneseo Lodge slip by without my attendance. I have no excuse for that and to the Brothers of Geneseo, who have always supported me whole-heartedly, I can only offer my most sincere apologies and pray you will find it in your hearts to forgive me.

As always, feel free to contact me at 230-0355 or mdibelka@rochester.rr.com



At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Russia, this photograph was taken with Grand Master Dmitry Denisov (standing, center). W..B.. Mel Hussey (1st row, 3rd from left, standing), Master of Eunice Lodge, was present, as were two Past Grand Officers from London, England, (far right, 1st row) R..W.. Nicholas Golitsin, and next to him R..W.. Frank Fall. Other attendees were not identified.

Grand Director of Ceremonies
Livingston District

R..W.. C. Eugene Hill
538-6581

By the time of this publication, the date of the Road To The East program, conducted by Geneseo/Wyoming, Livingston, Monroe and Wayne Districts, will have passed. Needless to say the Staff Officers of these Districts were fully prepared for an excellent program. The training of our future officers is very important.

Just a reminder to the Masters and Secretaries that Membership Development and Retention is one of the Staff Officer's responsibilities. I am very pleased to report that I am receiving inputs from the secretaries on this subject. Thank you. Remember that the District Deputy must also receive these inputs because he must report this information to Grand Lodge.

Livonia Lodge No. 778

1st & 3rd Wed.
Master
W.. Charles Sawyer
346-6398
Sec. R..W.. Richard Brown
346-3618
65 Big Tree Street, Livonia, 14487

The response to my letter of January 1st to all Lodge Brothers was fair. Only about ten Brothers got in touch with their opinions. Most Brothers would like the Lodge to be open for activities during the Summer. Everyone who responded voted for the Lodge to not go dark in the Winter months.

Both meetings in March will be business meetings because we have a lot of things to discuss. I hope to see a good turnout.

Eunice Lodge No. 830

1st Thurs.
7:30 p.m.
Master
W.. Melvin R. Hussey
585-768-7336
mhussey486@aol.com
Sec. R..W.. Francis E. Oberer
9501 Asbury Rd., LeRoy NY 14482
585-768-6698

Degrees

Our 2nd Degree was done on the 3rd Thursday of February for two incoming Brothers. Eunice graciously received help on this from two Brothers from Phoenix Lodge. The 3rd Degree, after much deliberation, will be held on March 19th. Lodge will open at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., with Degree work to follow. This is due and timely notice.

Welcome

I'm also pleased to announce a new affiliate member to our Lodge, Lynn Pease. Being a Past Master, he wants to take part in raising his son in our Lodge later this season. At the same time, I'm also pleased to announce the approval of a new candidate for Degree work. If all things work out, we will have five new members before we go dark for the Summer.

Special side report
Recently, I made a two-week trip to Moscow, Russia. At the same time I decided to visit Aurora Lodge, which is an English



W. Mel Hussey (right), Master of Eunice Lodge, joined (from left) Natalia Denisov, wife of the Grand Master; Dmitry Denisov, Grand Master; and Deputy Grand Master, Vladimir Dangurian for dinner during his recent trip to Moscow. (Photos courtesy of Mel Hussey.)

speaking Masonic Lodge there. As it would happen, a meeting was not available because the Grand Lodge of Russia meeting was Saturday, February 1st. In communication with their Grand Deacon, who is their interpreter, I was invited to sit in. He was my interpreter as well as for two Grand Officers from London. This took place across the road from Red Square at a very nice restaurant.

The Grand Lodge Communication was opened in due form in the 3rd Degree and lowered to the 1st Degree for two Entered Apprentices, and all business was conducted. To make you feel bad, my interpreter is learning Ritual in both Russian and English.

Committee Reports
Brotherhood Fund: 52% giving at this time. One more mailing request coming.

Calendar
March 6th, Thursday, Eunice Lodge, Regular Communication. 7:30 p.m.

March 19th, Wednesday, Eunice Lodge, 3rd Degree, Lodge open at 6:00 p.m., Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

March 24th, Monday, Livingston District Association Meeting, Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Nunda Station.

March Fridays, Temple Club Building, Caledonia, Euchre Card parties at 7:30 p.m. Public invited.

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Ontario/Seneca/Yates
District**



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

The District is excited about the direct involvement of a 1st Degree Team on March 29th, through the Corning Consistory. Lodge secretaries are again reminded of the time-line to be followed, the special petition to be used, and other forms to be completed. It would seem, by now, that Lodges which have completed interviews and balloting in meeting the time frame set.

Surviving Spouse Luncheon

Plans continue for the first OSY District Surviving Spouse Luncheon to be held on April 12th. Entertainment has been arranged and a speaker is being contacted. All District Lodges are invited to participate in this first-time venture and we are reminded this is not meant to replace any like activity that individual Lodges may plan.

I am requesting that all Lodges contact either R..W.. Eldon White at (585) 924-1603, R..W.. William Colin at (315) 789-9534, or me at (315) 548-3573, if you have any questions.

New Club

R..W.. Eldon White and R..W.. James Rice are studying the possible format to establish a Scottish Rite Club in the District and would like to know of interest within the District from Scottish Rite Brothers.

Scholarships

Secretaries have received EAP Scholarship forms. The scholarships are open to graduating high school seniors and college students, who are related to Masons. Application guidelines should be closely followed to ensure acceptance. Scholarships have become more competitive, with financial need being added as criteria.

Calendar events

The OSY Association meeting will be at 8:00 a.m. on March 8th at Eagle Lodge No. 619.

The OSY District Surviving Spouse Luncheon will be April 12th at the Phelps Hotel.

On May 18th, the AMD Memorial Service will be at 2:00 p.m. at Number Nine Church.

Seneca Lake Lodge No. 308, will celebrate their 150th Anniversary on June 7th.

Have-a-Heart

Milnor Lodge assisted in the Have-a-Heart Campaign for the Ronald McDonald House on February 12th at Eastview Mall. Thanks to all the Milnor Lodge Brothers and family members who participated.

Degree

The 1st Degree, on January 23rd, was an unqualified success, resulting in three new Entered Apprentices. The weather was frigid, but the turnout was great. Thank you, Brothers.

Calendar

March 13th - Service Awards Night. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and communication at 7:30 p.m.

March 27th - 3rd Degree at 6:00 p.m. Dinner to be prepared by our Sisters of the Eastern Star.

March 29th - Grand Master's One-Day.

April 10th - Table Lodge.

April 11th - DeWitt Clinton Award presentation at DiPacific's Restaurant on Route 96, Farmington. Time and menu to be provided later.

**Garoga-Sincerity
Lodge No. 200**

1st & 3rd Tues.
Master
W.. John Walti
315-548-9670
Secretary
R..W.. Clayton Ruggles
315-548-3573
67 Ontario Street, Phelps

Garoga/Sincerity Lodge is excited about its involvement with the *Masonic Times*. To our members, both in New York and out of State, we hope you find the *Masonic Times* worthwhile and interesting and will look for our Lodge column.

A word from the Master

As the end of my term as Master draws near, let us not look back, but rather ahead. There are many different projects facing us and each, will be a challenge as they have been in the past. Together, we will work through each one. I thank the Officers and Brothers of the Lodge for their help and support.

I also take this opportunity to remind our inactive Brothers that we meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. We need your support. Without you, the Lodge suffers. If you are available on one of those Tuesdays, why not try coming to Lodge? I'm sure you will find our meetings interesting and informative. I'm equally sure that you'll meet a new Brother.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve as Master of Garoga/Sincerity Lodge and I look forward to seeing more of you at Lodge.

March

A Brother Bring-a-Friend Program is being planned for March 8th. Over 40 invitations have been sent out.

The Lodge will be having a Roast Pork Dinner with the Star Chapter on March 22nd, as a fundraiser for charity. Serving will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Raising Anniversaries

Congratulations to those Brothers raised in March: Harold Lyon, March 1, 1946; Malcolm Griswold, March 15, 1929; Nelson Gulvin, Robert Lash, and Elwood Mowers, March 16, 1954; John Parmelee, March 17, 1942; Vincent Rozella III, March 17, 1998; Stephen Phillips, March 18, 1981; Robert Patrick, Jr., and David Roll, March 21, 1989; and Norman Schafer, March 23, 1972.

Happy Birthday

March birthdays are Brothers: Gregg Dell, 2nd; Robert Taylor, 7th; Ira Warren, 17th; Charles Anderson, 22nd; Ramon Howard, 22nd; Garry Clock, 23rd; Clayton Ruggles, 23rd; and Howard Burgess, 31st.

**District Deputy
Grand Master
Wayne District**



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

The month of February was another busy and rewarding month for Masons in the Wayne District. Our Assistant Grand Lecturer, R..W.. R. Stuart Smith, Jr., was out and about at the request of Masters to help improve their work and image. At Pultneyville Lodge No. 159, he answered questions and gave suggestions on how to make a Memorial Service go smoothly. A few nights later, he had a mini-convention on the Opening and Closing of Lodge at Rose Lodge No. 590. He had a rather easy night, as the Officers of Rose Lodge No. 590 were very sharp.

Both R..W.. James Frind and I happened to attend both of these meetings and enjoyed being on the sidelines with the Brethren of these Lodges.

Companionship was high at both the Masters and Wardens dinner in Sodus in January and the ice fishing on Sodus Bay on February 8th, led by President W. Daryl Bentley. Contingents from Rose, Humanity and Sodus Lodges made a strong case to repeat this as a District activity.

President Bentley has requested that the District again consider sending a camper to Camp Turk annually. Rose Lodge No. 590 presented a check for one hundred dollars to kick off the fund and challenged other Lodges to donate.

Pultneyville Lodge No. 159 leads the District at the time of this writing with seven petitions in for the Grand Master's Class. But other Lodges are busy taking in petitions for membership, too. Sodus No. 392, Humanity No. 406, Wayne No. 416, Savannah No. 764, and Drumlin Square No. 1180, all report new petitions in hand. My hat is off to all who made that effort to ask good men to join the Fraternity.

I wish to remind Lodge Secretaries and the first-line signers of the "Re-Member the Blue Lodge" Program of the medallion that Concordant members are eligible to receive.

I thank R..W.. James Frind, Grand Steward, and the Staff Officers of adjacent Districts for their hard work and diligence in organizing the Road to the East Course that was held in Palmyra on February 15th. No one knows all the answers to all the questions raised at these training events, so it's always a learning experience for all those who take the time to attend. Thank you, again.

Grand Lodge

Plans are on the District trestleboard for the trip to Grand Lodge in May. Deposits and reservations are due in March so, Brethren, please support your Master in meeting these expenses. I remind each Lodge that it is a duty to have a representative at Grand Lodge. If the Master can-

not attend, then a Warden or Past Master should be elected as a proxy so your Lodge is represented at Grand Lodge and can be seen in person. We will again be traveling with the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District to Grand Lodge.

June

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Wayne District Memorial Service for June 8th. This is held in conjunction with our Go to Church Sunday. More details to follow. R..W.. and Mrs. William C. Jones were very kind to make and donate our own District candle table, skirting, and candle lighter. Thank you again, Bill and Mary Lou.

Although there has been a lot of snow and cold this Winter, it hasn't slowed nor diminished the energy demonstrated by the Brethren of the District. There are lots of good programs going on; publicize and communicate them ahead of time. Encourage your Officers; remember our older members and widows. Shine our light in our communities. There is definitely a new enthusiasm in Masonry these days. Come join the fun!

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On March 5th, the Lodge will ballot on the one petition received for the Grand Master's One-Day Class, to be held March 29th.

With this being a regular business meeting, it is hoped there will be a discussion regarding the direction this Lodge will take in the future. The Brother Bring-a-Friend Night which was scheduled January 29th, was canceled, after it had been suggested there were approximately 6-8 men who would be an asset to this Lodge, but no names nor addresses were ever submitted. This was an ideal opportunity for this Lodge to interject new blood, but it was not to be.

A committee was formed at the onset of this consolidation to study and setup a Child ID Program. To date that Committee has not reported any findings, although a group from Rochester who had experience in this endeavor was willing to be of assistance. This would be an ideal opportunity to get Drumlin Square public exposure, plus the camaraderie of working together on a worthwhile project within both the community and Wayne District. The Lodges which have done this have been successful in increasing their membership, as well as that of Masonry as a whole.

My Brothers, this Lodge has spent approximately \$20,000 to date in refurbishing the building, with plans for more renovations, and I ask for what purpose? If membership and activity do not increase we will have one of the nicest Lodge Halls in the area for someone else to use.

We started out with 226 members on December 6, 2001. We now have 189, with the average age of our membership being 68-69. I ask, at this rate, how long will we survive?

At this Communication we will discuss plans for a Roast Beef Dinner in April (date to be decided) as a fundraising project. There is a need for more than 3 to work on this endeavor, in order for it to be successful. Lip service must stop, and action start.

The March 19th Communication will be a follow up for discussions, plans, and actions. This article has not been meant to be negative, but rather a possible wake up call. Input and help is needed from all, if we are to be the shining example of Masonry in Wayne District, and the area. The time to act is now.

**Ask
Cindy**



About Acacia Village

Q. Acacia Village and the Masonic Campus are just beautiful. My wife and I are considering the Retirement Community for our future; however, we would be too far from our friends. By making a move to Utica we would be giving up all our friends where we live now.

A. One of the nicest things about moving to a new community is that everyone is or has made a change. Everyone is going through the same difficulties, the same anxieties that you will be going through. Moving is not the easiest process in the world, by far. But it's a good move, and one that gives you greater piece of mind and greater enjoyment of all the days of your retirement years. The difficulty of moving will be well worth it. I think you'll find that, because of the common interest of everyone who moves into our community, some of your richest, most rewarding friendships will be made right here. These are your people. People like the friends you have now. Your old friends will see how happy you are and will envy your freedoms and possibly make the same decision for themselves.

If you have any questions call me, Cindy Dardano, at Acacia Village at 800-593-3353 or e-mail dardano@masonichomenv.org

**A Mighty Oak
Has Fallen**

By R..W.. William R. Lindsay
The Grand Lodge of the State of New York, the Orange/Rockland District, and Athelstane Lodge lost a great friend and leader, R..W.. Arthur Hartmueller, Past Junior Grand Warden, and presently the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Medical Research Lab in Utica, passed away quite suddenly and unexpectedly at his home in Castleton-on-Hudson.

Art was a Past Superintendent of the Orangetown School District and an honorary member of Athelstane Lodge. He was a recipient of the coveted Charles Henry Johnson Medal, presented by Grand Lodge. He was also a Past Chairman of the Grand Lodge Camp Turk Committee, and it was under his leadership that Camp Turk was revitalized and upgraded some twelve years ago to the point where the camping season has been filled to capacity each session for the past three years.

Art was a warm and caring husband to Jan, whom he met and courted while they were living in Tappan, a devoted father and grandfather and a true friend and Masonic Brother to so many. He will be truly missed.

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The Annual Turkey Dinner was a success, with approximately 500 dinners served. A special thank you to some of the Brothers' family members who assisted at the dinner. They were: Diane Henry, Donna Kula, Sandi Bennett, Nancy Peglow, Georgia Powell, Phil Barrett, Karen and Ed Burse, Jack Marren and Michael George. Thanks to all the Brothers who worked at the dinner.



Scottish Rite NEWS

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Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°

In Praise of the Purple Cow

The February issue of Fast Company reviewed some "remarkable ideas about remarkable products," that called to mind our Fraternity and its remarkable product! As a point in fact, it is not clear that we know how to discuss its many "remarkable things" with non-members. Marketers have discussed the Five P's [actually there are more than five] for years: product, pricing, promotion, positioning, publicity, packaging, pass-along, permission and others. It's time to add an exceptionally important new "P" to the list: Purple Cow. Here are some thoughts:

Differentiate your customers:

- Find a niche
- Communicate via e-commerce
- Explore the limits
- Think small, be remarkable
- Find things that are "just not done."
- Ask "why not?"

Perhaps some of these thoughts might help in our continual efforts to "Reach Out and Say Hello" for both our current customers and potential new customers.

Day of Adar

Thanks kindly to Sublime Prince Joseph Oelgoetz III, 32°, Sovereign Prince of the Rochester Council, Princes of Jerusalem, and his staff for the excellent February program relative to this "Day of Obligation." The program

remarks by our guest speaker, Sublime Prince Richard C. Friedman, 32°, were most appropriate.

Special "Thank You"

We reach out to Sublime Prince Peter J. Van Elzakker, 32°, for his special efforts relative to the relocation of both of our offices; to Distinguished Brother Donald A. Rose, 32° MSA, for his special efforts in streamlining many of our business practices and procedures; to Sublime Prince James Slocum, 32°, and his team for their special efforts as our Engineer and Seneschal Team regarding the management of many of our props, properties, etc. at 875 Main Street East; and to Distinguished Brother Arthur Maupin, 32° MSA, for his many years of dedicated service as our Tiler. He has announced his retirement from this position. On behalf of our Valley, thank you very kindly for all of your care for our beloved Fraternity!

Welcome back

It is with a great feeling of joy that we welcome back our Secretary, Ill. Charles O. Hancock, 33°. We are delighted that he is feeling better! Welcome back!

March 29th

We look forward to this historic Grand Master's One-Day Class event and request that all Sublime Princes make a special effort to support our Grand Master as we work together to continue to build our Craft. The Valley of Rochester will be supplying assistance for registration and mentoring; all Officers and Committee members have been personally invited to participate and to bring along one other Valley member. Please call the [new] Scottish Rite Office and leave your name so that we can plan on how to best assist in managing some of these activities. The telephone number is 264-1160.

April 26th

Charge your batteries for the upcoming one-day Scottish Rite Degree Conferral. As a follow up

to our Grand Master's One-Day Class, the New York Council of Deliberation will also be hosting an historic "One-Day Event." The Degrees for the Lodge, Council and Chapter will be conferred by Communication; the Consistory's 32nd Degree will be exemplified in full form. For those Brothers who are already Master Masons, as well as those who are members of the Grand Master's One-Day Class, this is a unique opportunity for us to "Reach Out and Say Hello" and invite them to become 32nd Degree Masons.

The Western New York venue will take place at R.L. Thomas High School in Webster. This will be a special, joint session sponsored by the Valleys of Buffalo, Corning, Jamestown and Rochester. In response to the question often asked by many of our members, "What can I do to help?", here is a unique opportunity for your personal outreach to invite a Master Mason to join. Your assistance and support in this special effort will be greatly appreciated. A special Valley mailing will be taking place to ensure that each member has an application for this special one-day event.

Veterans Outreach

The Grand Lodge of New York has initiated a special "Masonic Military Outreach Program." The purposes of this effort are to identify Brothers who have been called to Active Duty, provide support for their families, establish correspondence with them and let them know that we are here to care during a special time of need. Please call our Scottish Rite Office at 264-1160 if you are aware of a Brother who has been called to Active duty so that we may provide proper support.

Those of us who have served on active duty in a combat zone have a fond appreciation for the difference this kind of effort can make.

March Regular Meeting

Our regular meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20th at Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge. The "History Night" Program will be chaired by Ill. John E. Zabel, 33°, 2nd Lt. Commander of our Valley. There are some interesting stories which will be woven together as we take a look at our past, both locally and within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. There will be a special mailing for this event.

Annual Program

The Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix will be presenting the Solemn Feast of the Paschal Lamb on Thursday, April 3rd. There will be a special mailing for this event.

Music

There have been a number of suggestions recently that an attempt be made to assemble a Choir for our Reunion programs. If you are interested in being part of such a group (and can sing) please call the Office - 264-1160 - and let us know.

DeMolay Advisors

The Valley is in the process of attempting to assemble a group of men to become the Advisory Council for our Rochester Chapter. If you have experience in working with young men and would like to be part of such a team, please call the Office and let us know. Distinguished Brother Craig T. Mollon, 32° MSA, and the Chapter of Rose Croix are responsible for this recruitment effort.

Congratulations

Congratulations to G. Michael Morris, the Senior Warden of our Chapter of Rose Croix. He was recently named to receive the "2002 Engineer of the Year" Leo H. East Award by the Rochester Engineering Society.

Embracing Change

As we continue to move forward and embrace change, it's important to say "Thank You" to each of our Staff, Officers and Members for your special efforts and contributions of time, talent and treasure. This Valley is blessed with many members who have taken the time to care.

In the meantime, think out loud, stick to basics, be kind. ☐

The Secretary's Corner

I want to extend many thanks to all of you for your thoughts and prayers during my recent health difficulties. I really appreciate the support you all provided. It does make a difference.

It is appropriate that the Secretary communicate to the membership information regarding various topics of interest to the Rite. This month I'd like to talk about the Flag. Congress, by joint resolution (amended by public law 94-344, July 7, 1976) codified existing rules and customs pertaining to the display and use of the American Flag by civilian groups. Relevant sections applicable to the Bodies of the Scottish Rite follow:

Proper display of the flag

If displayed flat, the flag should be above and behind the speaker with the blue field in the left hand corner as viewed by the audience. When displayed from a staff, it should be given the place of honor at the right of the speaker as he faces the audience. Other flags should be displayed at the speaker's left as he faces the audience.

Flag Etiquette

When the flag is passing in a parade or review, all persons present should face the flag, stand at attention and salute. Those present in uniform should render the military salute. When not in uniform, men should remove the headdress with the right hand, holding it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Men without hats should place the right hand over the heart. Foreign guests should stand at attention. Women should salute by placing the right hand over the heart. The salute to the flag in the moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.

If a Scottish Rite hat or headdress is being worn, the hat or headdress should be removed with the right hand, holding it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.

National Anthem

When the National Anthem is played and the flag is not displayed, all present should stand and face toward the music. Those in uniform should salute at the first note of the anthem, retaining this position until the last note. All others should stand at attention, men removing the headdress. When the flag is displayed, all present should face the flag and salute.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge to the Flag has developed from the original, which was drawn up in August, 1892, in

the office of the Youth's Companion. As revised by an Act of Congress in June, 1954, the Pledge is as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands; one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Note

When giving the Pledge of Allegiance, everyone should stand, face the flag, remove headdress if worn, and place the right hand over the heart.

Membership Dues

Our thanks go out to you for your forbearance with the delay in sending out dues notices. We appreciate the feedback we have been receiving from you regarding the new system implemented by Supreme Council. You have noted, I am sure, the bar code identification that has been added to your card. This bar code identification precludes our generating the new membership cards. Only Supreme Council can do that. We note that a few errors still exist in the membership data base. Please bear with us as we make those corrections as we become aware of them. These

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1st Lieutenant Commander

By Robert D. Pedersen

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Help your Brother Masons learn more re: our Fraternity?
Assist your Worshipful Master in promoting our Fraternity?

Be an integral part of your Blue Lodge and its programs?

If you answered YES, there will be a **Brother Bring-a-Brother Dinner**, March 14th; details in the *Masonic Times*. Call the Scottish Rite office 264-1160 or 1-800-858-2320, and reserve a place for dinner with you, your prospective candidate(s) and their spouses.

This is our opportunity to **Reach Out and Say Hello (ROASH)** to those Master Masons who desire to continue in the advancement and education of our great Fraternity.

For those Sublime Princes who are First Line signers, awards will be given, for your dedicated service to promoting the Scottish Rite.

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 fellow Master Masons, and invite them to advance their knowledge in Freemasonry.

The Ambassador group alone can not secure our growth for our future. It is the Ambassador's responsibility to assist the Symbolic Lodge Master to provide assistance for the activities of the Blue Lodge. It is the goal of the Ambassador to: support the Lodge's needs, programs and incentives where help is needed and appropriate; support the Master and his trestleboard; be an aide and representative of the Worshipful Master in advocating the Lodges needs to the Valley; support the Lodges in their membership development efforts.

The Traveling Gavel
Do you know who has the Gavel? It has traveled from Charlotte/Corinthian to Fame to Northfield and now resides at Clio Lodge in Hilton. As of this writing, Etolian Lodge, located in "South Hilton" has made a desperate attempt to obtain it, but weather has hampered them.

For those Lodges who aren't aware of the Traveling Gavel, it was started in the '70s by the Master and Wardens Association to promote camaraderie among local Lodges. A Lodge may obtain the Gavel, by visiting the current holder on their regularly scheduled meeting night, and, with the correct number of Officers, past Officers, and members, may ob-

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tain the gavel and display it in the East, until challenged by another Lodge and its members.

The advantages of visiting another Lodge are many, besides the increased number of sideliners; the Master and Officers can display their proficiency, programs, and Lodge artifacts. While all are important, the fact that both the home Lodge and members are together with those visiting display the values of Freemasonry working together for the good of mankind, in the name of Brotherly love.

As the gavel travels, if the recipient Lodge has a Scottish Rite Ambassador, a check is presented to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, in the name of the Lodge Ambassador. This token of appreciation gives the Scottish Rite Mason the benefit of promoting our beliefs and ideals of Freemasonry, to the Symbolic Lodge and our Brothers.

If a Symbolic Lodge does not have a Scottish Rite Ambassador, the Master or Secretary of the Lodge can contact the Scottish Rite office for details.

Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R



Brother Bring-a-Brother Night

Friday, March 14, 2003

6:30 p.m. Social Hour

7:00 p.m. Buffet Dinner

The Party House
677 Beahan Road

All Master Masons and their ladies will be guests of the Scottish Rite. Please call the Scottish Rite Office with your name and your guest's name by March 12th, 264-1160 or 1-800-858-2320.

Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R



SOLEMN FEAST of the PASCAL LAMB

Thursday, April 3, 2003

Time and Location to be announced

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264-1160 or 1-800-858-2320
for more information

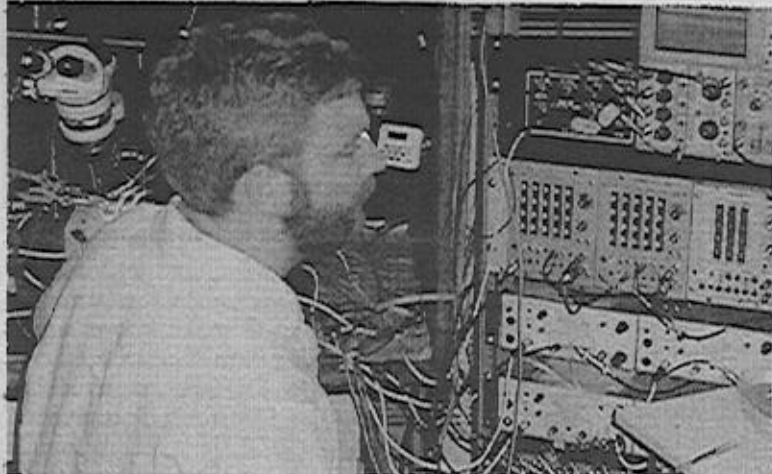
MMRL Study Wins Top Award at AHA Meeting

A study presented as a poster by the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) scientists at the American Heart Association (AHA) Annual Scientific Sessions in Chicago, IL was selected for an award. The study was one of three among thousands presented at the international meeting to be designated for this high recognition. The AHA meeting brings together over 35,000 physicians and scientists from throughout the world to exchange scientific and medical information on cardiovascular disease.

The scientific team headed by Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director and Director of Research of the Masonic Medical Research



Laboratory, presented four papers and one invited lecture at the meeting. The award-winning poster dealt with the mechanisms that account for the predominance of sudden death from the Brugada syndrome in males. The results explain why females are protected. This study has broad implication for design therapies for this deadly disease that takes the lives of young adults, children and infants. Dr. Jose Di Diego, a member of the team of investigators that contributed to this study presented the poster at the meeting. The study was published in a recent issue of *Circulation*, one of the top journals in the cardiovascular field of medicine published by the American Heart Association.



Dr. Jeffrey Fish, was selected for a first place award in the Young Investigator Award Competition at a recent meeting of the Upstate New Cardiac Electrophysiology Society, on a related topic.

Antzelevitch and coworkers, including Dr. Ramon Brugada, Director of the Molecular Genetics Program at the MMRL, are world renowned for their work related to this hereditary disease and other forms of sudden cardiac death. The study was supported by grants from the American Heart Association and the National Institutes of Health.

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Salem Town Chapter No. 173 and Geneva No. 36 are now meeting on a regular basis, thanks to all Chapters in the 25th District. A few members from each Chapter go to other Chapters to make sure they have enough to open. After the meetings, we share ideas to get Royal Arch Masons moving again.

Reminder

Just to remind you, that King David No. 34 and Excelsior No. 164 will not meet until April.

Sickness and Distress

DDGHP, Sam Clark, fell on the ice and broke his hip. His wife also fell and bruised her knee. Both are confined to home for a couple more weeks.

District Deputy Grand High Priest



27th
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RAM

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

Grand Chapter is fast approaching. Although the deadline for signing up has passed, rooms are still available. If you want to go, please contact me and I will call the hotel and set you up. I can't promise tickets for meals, but based on past experience they should be available.

I would like to congratulate the incoming High Priests and remind them that I need a copy of their trestleboard as soon as possible. Also, if you have not done so, please contact me to set up my Official Visit. I would like to do them as soon as possible after Grand Chapter.

Now that the dust has settled somewhat, with all the moves out of the Downtown Temple, it is time for all of us to look ahead to the future and stop dwelling on the past. We need to put all our differences aside and get back to work in the quarries. As the Grand High Priest has said on numerous occasions, Royal Arch Masons are the elite in Masonry. We take good Masons and make them more enlightened and send them back to their lodges to be productive members in them. Let's pick up the challenge and continue to add Companions to our Chapters.

We have added more Companions to our roles this past year than in the previous five years combined. Chapters that have not conferred degrees in years are now doing so. Let's keep the ball rolling.

Remember to support the Grand Master's One-Day Class on the 29th. The results can only be beneficial to all the Concordant Bodies.

Hope to see you all at Grand Chapter.

To start with, I would remind you of Grand Chapter, March 7th and 8th, in Albany. It is an enjoyable experience to attend Grand Chapter and show your District support.

Speaking of support, how many of you have contributed to the Royal Arch Charities? Your contributions can make a difference to help, aid and assist with the Scholarship Fund and Medical Research.

Degrees

Arcade Chapter No. 322 has recently conferred the MMM Degree on one candidate, with the District's help. Thanks to all of you who assisted. The PM and MEM Degrees are currently scheduled for March 10th, in Pike, weather permitting. A dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. that evening for \$6.00. Reservations to me at 493-2203. LeRoy Chapter No. 183, has candidates scheduled for Degrees in the near future. Please communicate and involve the AGL with any Degree work.

Thanks

As I am at the close of my tour as DDGHP, I thank you for your help and understanding for the past two years. At this time I would like to make known and introduce to you R..E.. Leonard W. Mason, DDGHP of the 29th Capitular District. His replacement for AGL is V..E.. Dennis Parmerter. On March 10th, at the scheduled PM and MEM Degrees, will be the official Apron Presentations to these District Officers. Let's show our support.

Palmyra/Eagle Chapter No. 79

1st Mon. 7:30 p.m.



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There will be no Convocation in March. This will allow the Companions to attend a training session for "Mentors" under the auspices of Grand Lodge in preparation for the Grand Master's Day. Our next Convocation will be Monday, April 7th, at our regular time of 7:30 p.m. More on the April meeting in the April trestleboard.

Grand Chapter

I am looking forward to seeing many friends (old and new) at Grand Chapter in Albany on March 7th and 8th. Will you be one? It will be a time to hear, among other things, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's Message first hand and his plans for the upcoming year. By saying that - I'm not putting down the delivery of the MEGHP's message by our own Right Excellent Steven Heald, DDGHP, at his Official Visits, because his pre-

The Installation of Officers for LeRoy Chapter No. 183, RAM, took place on January 28th at Olive Branch Lodge. R..E.. Richard Anderson, DDGHP; (2nd from left), installed V..E.. James MacConnell, EHP; (3rd from left), who installed the remainder of the Officers. Pictured are: (front) E.. Dennis Parmerter of West Star Chapter No. 35; Anderson; MacConnell; E.. Garry Hutcherson, Scribe; Companion Arthur McMichael, Master of the 1st Veil; (middle) Companion John Cooper, Royal Arch Captain; V..E.. Leonard Mason, AGL; R..E.. Ruel Lovett, Master of the 3rd Veil; Companion Dan Homa, Master of the 2nd Veil; R..E.. Karl-Heinz Reich, Treasurer; (back) Companion Craig Mollon, Principal Sojourner; E.. Norm Austin, Secretary; Companion Harry Tyson, Captain of the Host. Absent from photo, Cordyn Durney, King.

(Photo courtesy Karl-Heinz Reich)



LeRoy Chapter No. 183 RAM



4th Tues.
7:30 p.m.

HP.V..E.. James R. MacConnell
494-1815
Sec. E.. Norman P. Austin
494-2223
8 West Main St., LeRoy

We are off to a new year in LeRoy. The Officers were installed at our February meeting with ten members and three visitors present. A special thanks is extended to R..E.. Companion Dick Anderson as Installing High Priest, and V..E.. Companion Len Mason as Installing Marshal.

February

Four of us went to Arcade Chapter on February 10th to help them confer the Mark Master Mason Degree, and have agreed to return on March 10th to confer the Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees.

At our February 25th meeting we will vote on the petition for affiliation of Companion Dave

Liles and for the petition of Leo Vanio. We will also conduct a "walk-through" of the Mark Master Mason Degree, with refreshments to follow.

On February 8th, I attended a Royal Arch Mason Seminar at Drumlin Square Lodge, in Palmyra, which was conducted by Jeff Williamson and the RAM Education Committee. We learned that the Grand High Priest's message will emphasize Communication, Programs, and Companionship. Each Chapter will be responsible for conducting at least four communications; LeRoy will utilize the *Masonic Times* as its vehicle.

Each Chapter is also required to attend a youth program. At this point I need to schedule a meeting with the DeMolay or Rainbow Girls in Batavia, once I learn their meeting dates. Each Chapter is additionally responsible for conducting the Mark Master Mason Degree with the AGL present. I hope to schedule our Mark Master Degree in March, following Grand Chapter. If you are interested in participating, give me a call at 494-1815.

Scholarship Fund

We are also to have a fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund, as Grand Chapter would like to increase the amount of scholarships from its present level of \$500 to \$1,000. Last meeting the Chapter voted to send \$25 to the Scholarship Fund, along with the District money. We also have \$100 in our treasury for the Scholarship Fund, from a donation by Karl-Heinz Reich, of money he received as a stipend from the Wayne County Shrine Club for an engagement of his musical services. Thanks, Karl!

Grand Chapter

Four of us plan to attend Grand Chapter, March 6th-8th in Albany. I will give a full report at our March 25th meeting. Also, a "heads-up" regarding the April 22nd meeting, which will be the Grand Lecturer's Convention. At this meeting, we will conduct opening, and closing, as well as the Mark Master Mason Degree, from the obligation through completion.

Companions, if you, or someone you know, needs a ride to any meeting, please call 494-1815.

sentations have always been flawless. (Some people, who are unkind, might call this "sucking up" - but I like to think of it as - "telling it as it is!")

As is my wont, I wrap up this message with these words: I'm looking forward to seeing you, and I do mean you, around the Altar at Grand Chapter and our April Convocation.

District Deputy Grand Master



8th
Cryptic
District

R..I..
Cyril R. White
315-597-9546

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It's all systems go for the 8th Cryptic District Festival in Hornell on Saturday, March 22nd. Registration will be from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., with coffee and doughnuts. The Royal Mas-

ter Degree will start at 9:00 a.m. sharp, followed by a short break for set-up, etc. After the break, the Select Master Degree will be conferred.

Lunch will be served in the Temple dining room at approximately 12:30 p.m. There will not be a Degree following lunch, as the Genesee York Rite College No. 25, finds that they are unable, because of time constraints, to confer the Super Excellent Degree.

March is a very busy month and I certainly can understand their reasons. Members of the 8th Cryptic District compose the Cast for both Degrees but Councils from all Districts are encouraged to bring their candidates. All Recorders with candidates should bring their By-Laws and dues cards.

Final Visit

My last Official Visit this Cryptic year will be Thursday, April 3rd, at Palmyra Council No. 26, to be held in the Canandaigua Masonic Temple, 12 Canandaigua Street, Shortsville, at 8:00 p.m.

Nundawaga Council No. 92

4th Monday
West Main Street
LeRoy, NY 14482

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

Golden Anniversary Year 2003

The famous "Ides of March" will be past when Nundawaga Council meets for its March 24th meeting at the Le Roy Masonic Temple. This meeting will be held just two days following the Eighth District Cryptic Festival.

Festival

This year's 8th District Cryptic Festival will be hosted by Hornellville Council No. 35 at the Masonic Temple in Hornell, Saturday, March 22, starting at 9:00 a.m. The Super-Excellent Master Degree will not be conferred as a part of this Festival.

Lunch will be held at noon at the Temple.

Members of Nundawaga Council will be involved in both Degrees as part of the District-wide cast assembled for the conferral. For the Royal Master Degree, Rt. III. Steven L. Wing will portray King Solomon with Ill. Charles H. Lee delivering the Prologue to the Candidates.

In the Select Master Degree, Ill. Kenneth Kohlhagen will portray King Solomon. Others will be called to assist in other parts of the Degrees. Contact will be made by the District Deputy, Rt. Ill. Cy White.

Golden Anniversary Day

The Rededication of Nundawaga Council will take place Saturday afternoon, July 19th, at the LeRoy Temple. Grand Master Reuben "Rex" Long and the Grand Council Officers will conduct the ceremony.

Nundawaga Companions, it is your Illustrious Master's request of each of you that you mark your Masonic and family calendars now to provide your participation in this historic event.

Table Council

Our April 28th meeting will be Nundawaga's Table Council Meeting. Ladies are included this year. The Dinner cost will be \$10.00 per plate. Rt. Ill. Dan Evans and Companion Richard C. Anderson will be our chefs for the dinner, and will announce the entree menu in the very near future. Your Master or Recorder will take reservations. Our policy of "a reservation made is a reservation paid" will again be in force. The Grand Master is scheduled to be in attendance. Our date falls a week following Easter this year, so feasting will take the place of fasting for the evening.

Palmyra Council

No. 26 Cryptic Masons
1st. Thur. 8:00 p.m.

Master
L. Lee L. Collier, Sr.
(315) 589-8146
Secretary
David W. Taber
388-0629

Palmyra Masonic Hall
161 East Main Street

There will be no meeting in March: too many of our Officers and Companions will be on their way to the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter in Albany on the first Thursday of the month.

Rt. Ill. Cyril R. White will make his Official Visit to his home Council on April 3rd at 8:00 p.m. Dinner at a restaurant to be determined will precede the meeting.

Doric Council

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



Ill. Master
John A. Dudley
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jdudley1@rochester.rr.com

Donald W. Wright, Recorder
621-5764
17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

I thank all of the Companions of Doric Council who assisted with the move to Northfield Lodge. My hat is off to Charles Roberts, Dennis Gellasch, and Raymond Beardsley, for their extra help.

By the time you read this we will have had the Royal Master Degree for our candidate at our

February 19th meeting. Thanks to Bruce Horncastle for putting the Degree together.

We will use our March 19th meeting to finalize the Degree work for the Select Master Degree that will be held at the 8th Cryptic District Festival on Saturday, March 22nd, at Hornellsville Council No. 35 in Hornell. The Festival will run from 9:00 a.m. until about 4:00 p.m., with lunch provided for a nominal fee. I am sure there will be donuts and coffee for the early arrivals.

Our District Deputy, Cy White, is putting together the Degree parts, so if you would like to assist, please call Cy. If you would like to carpool to Hornell, please give me a call.

If you need a petition, please call the Secretary or me and we will see that you get as many as you need.

Genesee York Rite College No. 25
(Chartered July 14, 1962)

Pre-Eminent Governor
Raymond R. Beardsley
(585) 248-5218

Secretary
Charles M. Roberts - 225-6533

The next meeting of York Rite College will be held Saturday, March 1st, at 3:00 p.m. at the Palmyra Masonic Temple. We shall be conferring the Order of York on two Companions. Also at this meeting, we shall welcome the Acting Grand Governor of the State of New York, Edward S. Newsham, OPC.

After our meeting, a dinner with our ladies will be served in the dining room. Reservations for the dinner should be made with our Deputy Governor, William C. Jones, OPC, at (315) 986-9150.

Cyrene Monroe Commandery No. 12
Chartered 1993
3rd Monday
Commander
SK Benjamin P. Thorp, Jr.
346-6542
Recorder
SK Lawrence W. Dunn
594-8033
17 Church Street, Pittsford, 14534

As you are all aware, we are now somewhat settled in our tem-

porary new home at Northfield Lodge in Pittsford.

We need to get back in the groove and start rehearsing for our inspection in May. I am asking all Officers to please start attending all conclaves from now on so we will be ready. If needed, we will be holding extra rehearsals to get the rust out of our floor work, etc.

I know that some of you have mixed feelings about our move and other things. I am asking each of you to please not make rash decisions about your future with us. Please work with us to finish this Templar year in fine style with a good inspection.

I thank all of you in advance for all the support and counsel I have received during this difficult time for our Commandery.

I have faith in you, Sir Knights, that this Commandery will continue to grow and have a strong influence in this part of New York.

Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17
3rd Sat., 9 a.m.
Commander
SK Lawrence E. Hood
(585) 396-9848
Rec. SK David Taber
(585) 388-0629
Phelps, NY

On January 18th, we held the Western Regional Seminar at Phelps Lodge and, as concerned as I was about the weather, we had a great turnout for this event. The weather did cooperate. We did take over the Blue Ribbon restaurant for breakfast, as well as lunch; and all the Sir Knights attending these feasts were well pleased that we did not have to be in uniform for this Seminar. The Commandery coats just would have had a hard time being buttoned!

Warm welcome

SK Paul Berrera, Jr., the Very Excellent Deputy Commander, opened the Seminar with a warm welcome and stressed the upcoming Grand Master's One-Day Class, which will be held on March 29th throughout New York State. He did stress the possible functions that the Commanderies will be performing at this event. The State of Virginia will become the 12th State in the North East District. He also mentioned the Long Range Planning Program that the Grand Com-

mandery is presenting for the upcoming year.

SK George Knorr, Eminent Grand Generalissimo, talked on Membership and what we can do to curb the drop in membership and gain new candidates. The One-Day Class of new Master Masons is one place to start. He said we should read the 24 - Inch Gauge, distributed by the Grand Encampment, and to present programs at our conclaves.

Officers Manual

SK Jeffery Williamson, Commander of Lake Erie Commandery No. 20, presented a slide presentation regarding the Mission Statements, Duties of Officers, and using our Officers Manual and passing this information on to the incoming Commander for his use. To outline our programs, get involved with Honor Guards for various other Masonic functions, etc. This presentation was very well received by everyone in attendance.

Date change

Our Annual Inspection will be held on April 12th. We will be inspected by SK David Lathers, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer. This is a date change from our regular conclave meeting date of April 19th. This change is due to the Easter Service which is held in Washington, DC, that weekend. Mark your calendars, please!

We will rehearse for our Inspection at our regular stated conclave on March 15th at 9:00 a.m. I will, of course, be preceded by our

usual breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant. See you there!

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

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

As this is being written we are looking at another week of temperatures below freezing and more snow. I think that the past two years of mild Winters have us expecting that all of our Winters will be like that. We are paying for it this year.

March

We will again be working on the requirements for Inspection at the conclaves in March. A 6:30 p.m. dinner will precede the March 27th conclave. Letters will be sent with suggested dishes to furnish for the meal.

Inspection

Our Inspection will take place at the April 24th conclave. The Inspecting Officer will be SK Christos Papadopoulos, Eminent Grand Warder. A dinner will precede the Inspection.

Inspections taking place in March will be Hugh de Payens No. 30 on Monday, March 17th, and Niagara No. 64 on Friday, March 28th.

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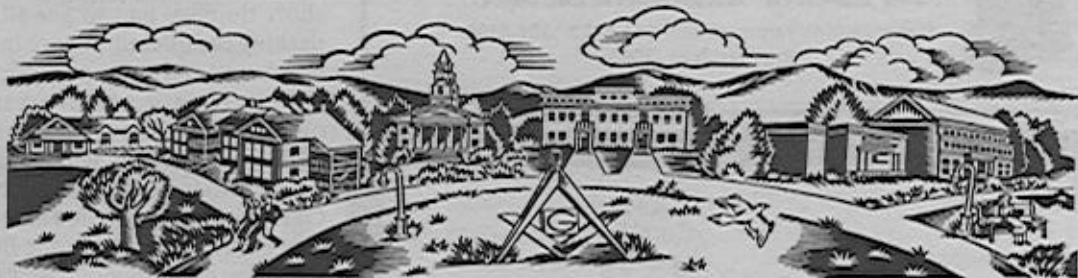
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Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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Alfred Pulcino III, Monarch

Chief Justice

By Jerry Spero

I've been involved in Masonry for several years. My Lodge, Flower City, met at the Downtown Masonic Temple until very recently. Lalla Rookh Grotto also met at the Temple. But no more. January's meeting was the last. It is more than a little sad for me to say farewell to that wonderful building where many of us became Masons. So many Brothers have great memories of times past at the Downtown Temple. In my heart, I hope one day the Masons of Rochester will again have such a home.

The January meeting was the first for the new Officers of Lalla Rookh Grotto. Everyone seemed ready for their new positions. Our Monarch had us celebrate an Italian Night Dinner as our final meal at the Temple. Hilde and Joy cooked up a great dinner. The meeting which followed was filled with plans for packing and moving all of the Grotto's "stuff" to the Shrine Center which will be our new home.

My thanks to Ron Morthorst and the Prophets, as well as Doreen Rhodes, who spent a day or two packing and labeling ev-

erything being moved to the Shrine Center. It was work well done.

Enough of looking back. Job number one will be to turn this move into a positive experience for the Prophets of Lalla Rookh Grotto. Together we can make it happen. □

Attend Grotto Meetings

Mon., March 3rd - Board of Governor's Meeting
Shrine Center, 7:00 p.m.

Thurs., March 13th -
Caldron Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
Charlotte-Corinthian

Mon., March 17th -
Legion of Honor
Bosdyk's
Social hour, 5:30 p.m.,
Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Wed., March 19th - Grotto
Social hour, 5:00 p.m.,
Dinner, 6:30 p.m.
Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy the Fellowship

Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

It has been a long Winter with all the snow and cold temperatures. Now we can look forward to Spring and warmer weather. As Prophets of Lalla Rookh Grotto, we should "spring" into the important task of membership. To help us, we have scheduled a Master Mason Night for April 3rd, at the Henrietta Town Park. This event is a very important part of our membership campaign. We need the support of all Prophets by bringing a Brother Mason to join us as our guest to hear about Lalla Rookh Grotto.

Each Prophet and his guest will be treated to a dinner, compliments of the Grotto. Prophets attending without a guest will be required to pay for their own meal. Please do your best to bring a guest to this event to hear about "the best kept secret in Masonry." Reservations are required. Call me at 334-4753 or Ron Morthorst at 334-4196, by March 28th. See the ad in this and the April issue of the *Masonic Times* for special details regarding this event. □

Legion of Honor

By Jerry Spero, Commander

The Legion of Honor Installation Dinner was held on January 25th at Valicia's Ristorante. The new Officers for 2003 are: Commander, Jerry Spero; Executive Officer, Jan Lughart; Secretary, Fred Cornell; Treasurer, Frank Murrer; Quartermaster, Lou Campaniello; and Chaplain, Michael Bell. I thank our Monarch, Al Pulcino III, for installing the new Officers; Ron Morthorst, the previous Commander, as the Master of Ceremonies; and Ernie Swan, for filling in as Chaplain, for their parts in conducting the program for the evening.

The March meeting will be held on Monday, the 17th, at Bosdyk's Restaurant, with social hour at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. □

A BIG THANK YOU!!!

By Ron Morthorst, PM

This is to all the Prophets who assisted in the Grotto's move from the Temple in January. It was a big job and it could have not been done without your dedication to get the job done in the short time we had to get all the packing completed. We are in our new home and await our office to be built. Now we must reorganize our property for our future use.

Our new quarters will enhance the Grotto now and in the future. Our new air conditioned meeting rooms and office, all on one floor, with easy parking, no long walks, or elevators to wait for, will enhance our meetings and doings down the road.

Again, THANKS TO ALL. □

Historian's Corner

By Ken Hutchinson

Each Mason who has become a Prophet in Lalla Rookh Grotto has a life experience that makes him a very unique person. Here are a few I have come across.

Prophet Will E. Hoyt, initiated September 10, 1907, was the last of the city's Indian fighters. He was in the Nebraska National Guard, fighting the Sioux Indians. In one engagement, his unit fought the famed Sitting Bull. In Rochester he operated a dairy on Reynolds Street. He was a mem-

ber of Yonnonidio Lodge, and a Life Member of Lalla Rookh. He died on September 10, 1954, at the age of 83 years.

Prophet Edward H. Tesch, initiated May 26, 1908. A native of Chili, he worked on his father's farm before being appointed a Rochester Patrolman in 1912. He was stationed at the old Third Precinct Station on University Avenue. For 42 years he drove a prowl car. The last five years he was on a special detail, assigned to City Hall. He retired at the age of 70. He was a member of Rochester Lodge and died on December 26, 1965 at the age of 81 years.

Prophet James J. Phillips, initiated November 2, 1905. He was a Spanish-American War veteran, who joined the Navy after his brother was killed aboard the US Battleship, Maine, when it was blown up in Havana Harbor, Cuba. He was in Veteran Affairs most of his life. He was a Life Member of Genesee Falls Lodge and resided at 60 Lozier Street. He died October 10, 1952.

Prophet Ralph R. Clausen, initiated May 24, 1952. A WW II veteran, he served with an honor guard to General Eisenhower. He accompanied the General on a tour of the US Army bases. Ralph was a member of Warren C. Hubbard Lodge and died on December 14, 1977.

These are but a few stories, handed down to descendants and in the Archives of Lalla Rookh Grotto. As long as we maintain our record keeping, their memories will not vanish, and they will be fondly remembered. □

Caldron News

By Beverly Murray, MCO

Time is marching right along, And Winter has been billowing her mighty "Snow" song, But each day brings us closer to Spring and then the snow will be gone.

Yes - We have voted on where we will go, Down by the Charlotte Light house on our usual night - the 2nd Thursday at 7:30 p.m., it is so,

We would like all our Rochester Caldron members to come join us - don't you know.

We have bid farewell to the Temple downtown, New places with new beginnings will begin to turn around. Come to Charlotte/Corinthian Temple on Lake Avenue where the gavel will now sound.

Our thoughts and prayers are with daughter Pearl Smith - whose hip, Gave out and caused her to land on the floor to sit, She at the Highlands on the mend, and doing just find is the latest tip.

By the time you get this news it will be old hat, For our Birthday Banquet will be behind us along with this and that, Our thanks to all who attended and crossed our welcome mat. Also we thank Daughter Betty for a job well done - at least from where I sat.

I guess I am a typical woman who can't make up her mind, I've gone and changed the date but not the time. This is the latest and last and, I hope I have not committed a crime!

New date

Ladies and Gentlemen - Daughters and Prophets - Change your calendars This is the very latest and we have set it on our slate April 3rd is now the date. This will be an open meeting We will honor our Prophets and Master Masons and their Ladies at 7:30 p.m., so don't be late.

There will also be a Ham Dinner at 6:00 p.m. - Cost is \$7.00 per person. Call Bev at 865-8507 for your reservations.

We hope that many of you will be able to join us on April 3rd, If you can't make dinner, there is still the meeting to come and see, Regardless, may God Bless each of thee. □

Lalla Rookh Grotto

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Wednesday, March 19th

Hospitality - 5:00 p.m. Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies - Kenneth Rhodes

For reservations,

call Ken at 621-6051 by March 12th.



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

Annual

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Thursday, April 3, 2003

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Next month I will go into the functions of the Masonic War Veterans. There are two Posts in your area. They would be glad to talk with you. □

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The attendance at our Installation in January was not very good. Our frequent attendee from Canada, Doug Draker, braved the ubiquitous snows and assisted in the Installation. Doug arrived in time to enjoy a sumptuous dinner with us at the Northside Inn and there was plenty of fellowship and banter among those present. More of the Brothers joined us at the Lodge hall for the meeting, but our total attendance was only seven.

Our new JDGT had car trouble and was unable to make the meeting. I wonder why more Woodsmen do not make an attempt to join us. As I have offered in the past, rides are available for those who need them. Please give me a call if transportation is a problem.

Coming events

Our events for the coming year will consist of: March 26th, regular meeting. For the April meeting we are considering another Pot Luck Dinner with the ladies, entree supplied and the rest will be left up to the discretion of the

ladies. We welcome your comments on this event. The timing seemed to be good last year with an attendance of 24.

The date of the May meeting may be moved up to the third Wednesday, May 21st, because of the proximity of the 4th Wednesday to Memorial Day. Our Sausage Roast will be on June 25th.

After the Summer break, we will have our usual Steak Roast on September 22nd. There was some discussion on whether we should offer an alternative to Steak. Let us hear from you on this one, also. If you would prefer Broiled or Barbecued Chicken, for example, let us know.

We will have a regular meeting on October 22nd or perhaps another Pot Luck Dinner with the ladies; we are flexible.

Our November meeting will be moved up to the 3rd Wednesday because of Thanksgiving. This will be an opportunity to portray or communicate one of our Degrees (this is required by Supreme Forest) as well as nominate and elect our new Officers for 2004. Of course we can obligate new candidates at any time (hint, hint).

We are still looking for a few good Woodsmen to volunteer for the Communications and Logistics Committees. These tasks are important and you will be doing the Forest an immeasurable service. Logistics involves assisting in getting supplies from here to there for our two Roast events.

The Communications involves making sure that all the Woodsmen are well informed of our events, perhaps 3 to 5 members, once a month. Not too much work there.

Sickness and Distress

Carl Busack is in the Highlands of Brighton for rehabilitation. Our last information concerning Belva Pettit indicates that she is in St. Mary's Hospice. We have heard that John Reese's wife, Lillian, had a fall, breaking both wrists and her nose. Our prayers are with them and their families; cards would be welcomed.

If anyone knows the phone numbers for Frank Pochlopek or Leroy Pusey from Clay, NY, please let me know. Please contact Paul Kober or me if you are interested in helping us out on the calls or logistics.

This is your Forest. If you want us to survive, we need candidates.

District reassignment

At their monthly Board Meeting in January, the Supreme Forest reassigned several Forests. Rochester Forest No. 133 was reassigned to District No. 17. This means that we and Erie No. 175, Erie, PA, will join with Forests Nos. 70, 179 and 188, to make up the new 17th. I assume our new DD will be James Foreman, PGTC, No. 179, who lives in Vickery, Ohio. It looks like we won't see him any more often than our last DD from Pennsylvania. □

The E.I.E.I.O. Committee
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Tall Cedars Goodwill Ambassador for 2003



David L. McShaw is the Tall Cedars Goodwill Ambassador for 2003. David was born on January 26, 1993, and was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy at the age of two years. David lives with his parents, Karen and David, his dogs and his two hermit crabs, in Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania.

David is a pleasant and well-adjusted third grader who gets along well with everyone. To know him is to love him. He enjoys listening to music, playing Game Boy and also playing with his three Dachshunds, Rocho, Eevee and Cocoa. He is looking forward to being old enough to go

hunting. He is a member of the Boy Scouts, Pack No. 651.

The Tall Cedars of Lebanon is a Masonic affiliated organization with over 16,000 members in 102 Chapters, called Forests, throughout the United States and Canada. Since 1951 the Tall Cedars have provided continuous financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, contributing over \$14.5 million to the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon and have the distinction of being the first organization to provide financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. (Courtesy, Supreme Forest of the Tall Cedars of North America) □

**An Opportunity for Fellowship
 Multiple Sclerosis Society Benefits from Cycle Tour**

By Hugh Woodside

On August 16th and 17th, the Upstate New York Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will be hosting the Finger Lakes MS 150. This two-day event is a well-organized cycling tour, designed for riders of all skill levels, which takes cyclists on scenic routes through the central Finger Lakes.

The routes are well marked with several rest stops. A large support team is provided by the MS Society so that all participants have an enjoyable experience. All routes start and finish at the New York Chiropractic College in Seneca Falls, where riders also spend the night on Saturday. A variety of activities take place at the Chiropractic College, beginning early Saturday afternoon.

I have participated in a variety of cycling events in support of the MS Society, and this has been the most enjoyable by far. In each of the last two years, I have captained a small team of riders. This year, I would like to field a Masonic cycling team in this event, comprised of Masons from around the Monroe District. There are a number of potential benefits both to the individuals who choose to participate and to the Craft in general, including:

1. It will be a great opportunity to get to know Masons from around the District, in a non-traditional social setting.
2. We will be supporting a worthy cause.
3. It would hopefully provide very positive public exposure for the Craft, and create an opportunity to expand our membership.

I met some Brother Masons on the tour last year, who were recognizable only by the rings on their fingers. This year, I envision a group of Masons cycling together, enjoying one another's company, and recognizable as a team of Brothers. Hopefully we can also get some volunteers to man a table at the Chiropractic College on Saturday, to let people know who we are, and what we're all about.

This is a great opportunity, and I am excited about getting it off the ground. I need to know who's interested! I would ask all Masters of Lodges to please support this endeavor by promoting it in your Lodge. Please contact me at home, 393-4732, or via e-mail at hwoodsid@frontiernet.net, to express your interest. I look forward to hearing from you! □

G. Michael Morris, Engineer of the Year

Dr. G. Michael Morris has been selected to receive the Leo H. East Award as the 2002 Engineer of the Year. He was the candidate of the Rochester Chapter of the Imaging Science & Technology Society (IS&T).

Dr. Morris is currently the National President of the Optical Society of America (OSA). He is also a Fellow in that society. He holds a bachelor's degree in engineering physics from the University of Oklahoma and received his master's and doctorate degrees in electrical engineering from the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena.

Dr. Morris is an internationally recognized expert in optoelectronic systems research and development. He has been active in optical engineering research and development for over 27 years. Morris' research has spanned a wide variety of topics in statistical optics, optical information processing, automatic pattern recognition and diffractive and micro-optics technology. Morris' current research and development interests include the design and fabrication of optical components, devices and systems that utilize diffractive and micro-optical elements. He holds 14 U.S. patents, and has published more than 68 referred journal articles, 3 book chapters and numerous conference proceedings.

Dr. Morris cofounded Rochester Photonics Corporation (RPC) in 1989. The firm specialized in the design, prototyping, and manufacturing of diffractive and micro-optics components and subsystems. RPC was acquired by Corning Incorporated in 1999 and functioned as a wholly owned subsidiary of Corning Incorporated until December 31, 2002. During this 13-year period, Morris and his co-workers worked to develop innovative, state-of-the-art diffractive and Micro-optical components and systems.

Dr. Morris, with his students, colleagues and co-workers, has pioneered many new developments in the field of diffractive optics, and they are known worldwide for their innovative optical design solutions and unsurpassed quality in the production of prototype optical elements and tooling for manufacturing. He is recognized as one of the "founding fathers" of the field of diffractive optics.

In 1999, he began working diligently with other business leaders from Eastman Kodak Company, Xerox Corporation and Corning Incorporated to develop the strategy and plans for the Infotonics Technology Center (ITC) Incorporated - a center of excellence in Photonics and Micro-systems, located in Canandaigua.

ITC is a partnership between industry, NYS universities, and the state and federal governments. Its purpose is fourfold: To attract, retain and develop engineering and scientific talent; To promote industry, university, government regional collaboration; Boost the economy of the region; and, Create world-class photonics and micro-systems prototyping and production facilities. ITC funding from state and federal sources in 2003 is approximately \$20 million, and is expected to be approximately \$32 million in 2004.

Morris' technical achievements and contributions to the Rochester engineering community have been recognized by the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and by the Optical Society of America-Rochester Section. He is the 1997 recipient of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce Civic Award for Science and Technology, and in 2000 was elected as an Honorary Member of Optical Society of America-Rochester Section.

Dr. Morris, who is a member of Fairport/Flower City Lodge and the Scottish Rite, Valley of Rochester, will receive the Award as the 2002 Engineer of the Year at the Engineers' Dinner/Dance on March 8th. The program will include awarding nearly \$50,000 in scholarships to students of engineering study.

(From Rochester Engineering Society Web Site) □

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Damascus Shrine Center No. 2 Shrine News



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Fax - 671-7702



From the Recorder's Desk

By Erwin Newell, PP

The excitement is starting to build up. We are less than a month away from the start of the 2003 Circus. Billboards are going up, advertising has started, tickets are being sold, and the committee heads are doing their thing. The prescription for any successful event starts with good planning, people buying tickets and most of all, the help of you, the Nobles and your Ladies. If you have not been contacted by the Manpower Committee yet, or do not have a job at the Circus, please call the Shrine Office and let us know that you would like to help. We will have someone call you. There is a lot of important information, so check it out.

Parking passes

At the March meeting we will be selling parking passes at the cost of \$3.00 per day. These passes will also be available at our office until March 19th. Parking will be in the Court Street main lot, opposite the rear door of the Arena. These passes will NOT be available after March 19th. Normal price is \$6.00 per day.

Move-in day

March 20th will be a busy day. This is our "move-in" and "battery opening" date at the War Memorial, when we set up all of the booths and novelties. Battery opening and novelty set up will start at 10:00 a.m. This year we are going to have a media night on March 20th at 7:00 p.m. This is a brief dress rehearsal for the Circus. You and your family are cordially invited to attend. Your Fez will be your admission ticket. At this time you will be able to receive your Circus Worker's Pass, if you have not already done so.

One-Day Class

March 29th is almost upon us - The Grand Master's One-Day Class. This will be a history making event. Space for those attending the Degrees will be limited. We would like to have as many of you attend as space will permit. One way that you will be almost assured to being able to attend this historical day is volunteering to be a Mentor for one of the new candidates who may not have one. Please call the Scottish Rite Office at 264-1160 to volunteer.

That evening there will be a dinner at the Shrine Center in honor of our Imperial Potentate, Charles A. (Tad) Claypool and his Lady, Kay.

See you at the Circus and Imperial Dinner.

Hotel Rooms Available for Circus

By Erwin Newell, PP

The Four Points Sheraton Rochester Riverside is making rooms available for all Shriners during the Circus at very attractive reduced rates. Single and double rooms are available from Wednesday, March 19th, 3:00 p.m. check-in, through Monday, March 24th, 12 noon check out, at a cost of \$59.00. Current regular rates are \$109.00 to \$159.00 per night, so this is a substantial savings to you.

Reservations must be made by calling the Hotel directly at 546-6400, and identifying yourself as a involved with the Damascus Shrine Circus.

Reservation cut-off date for the reduced rate is March 1st. Call in your reservation right now.

Please note

The Circus Committee helped arrange this accommodation, but you are responsible for your own reservation and payment.

Circus Parking

By Erwin Newell, PP

Parking passes will be available for purchase at the March meeting, and then at the Damascus Office, until March 19th. Cost is \$3.00 per day and must be purchased in advance. The pass is valid for the lot directly across from the loading dock entrance of the Arena on Court Street. Advance purchase is necessary so the parking lot attendant may know how many parking spots to reserve. Without a pass, you will be responsible to find your own parking facilities, such as the ramp or underground garage.

Legion of Honor

By Fred Cornell, Commander

Nobles, our first meeting and Election of Officers was January 15th, and I very humbly accepted the nomination for the ensuing year. We have, in my opinion, a fine line of Officers. I urge you to come out to a meeting and meet them. The following dates and places are scheduled for this year:

March - no meeting due to the Circus.
April 9th - Valicia's Ristorante
May 14th - Grinnell's Restaurant
June 11th - Spirit of Rochester Ship, Past Commanders with their ladies.

August 13th - Stag Steak Roast
September 10th - Red Osier Inn with ladies.

October 8th - TBA
November 12th - 40 & 8 Club, Veterans Recognition.

December 10th - Burgundy Basin Inn, Holiday Party with ladies.

Nobles, we have two new candidates being initiated this month. Please come out and welcome them.

Please note that we have no meeting in March due to Circus.



By Vance Collum

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 with a social hour starting at 11:00 a.m.

Ladies' Day is the 3rd Monday of each month, when the cooks prepare a special meal and we always try to have a guest speaker after lunch.

Officers

Our Officers for the Lunch Club for 2003 are: President, Fred Cornell; Secretary/Treasurer, Art Maupin; and Bartender, Joe Minas.

Congratulations

When you see John Lindsay, last year's President, please congratulate him for a great year with the Lunch Club. We finished up the year with a Christmas Party at Antonio's Restaurant. There were seventy-five in attendance and Larry Cooley entertained us with a Barber Shop Quartet.

Potentate - Kenneth E. Buckland

Sharing

A check in the amount of \$400 was given to the Shrine Transportation Fund from the Lunch Club.

Note

There will be no Ladies' Day in March, as our cooks will be busy setting up the commissary at the Circus. Everyone sign up and come out to help at the Circus.

See you at the Lunch Club.

Queen Christina
Court No. 13
Order of Amaranth
3rd Saturday - 2 p.m.

Royal Matron
Mary Burgess
315-789-1264
Secretary
Donna Stalker,
(315) 986-1570

Palmyra Masonic Hall
161 East Main Street

Winter should be on the way out soon. It is time for Queen Christina Court No. 13 to reopen for the year. Our first meeting will be March 15th at 2:00 p.m. in Palmyra. Officers for the ensuing

Monroe District
HiLights, O.E.S.

DDGM Rt. Wthy. Debra Leipold 647-3550	DGL Rt. Wthy. William Mattern 594-4449
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We are definitely into the swing of things now!

The Monroe District Line Officers have formed their clubs and are working with enthusiasm and true Sisterhood toward their many plans for 2003. I was absolutely thrilled by their attendance and attitude at our February organizational meeting, along with almost all of our present District Grand Officers. Thank you all so

HiLights
GENESEE-WYOMING
DISTRICT O.E.S.

DDGM
Rt. Wthy. Shirley R. Church
DCL
Rt. Wthy. Ted LaWall

At last, Spring is just around the corner and that will certainly raise our spirits after this long, cold, snow-filled Winter. M. Wthy. Phyllis A. Spahn must be really enjoying this Winter, with the snowflakes and snowmen as her symbols!

Rt. Wthy. Dolores Hargrave sends greetings to all; she is recuperating very well and will be out and about in a short time. She thanks everyone for the prayers, thoughts, cards and visits she received from both the Genesee/Wyoming, as well as other Districts, in the area. She loves you all for your gestures of kindness.

Study Club

Our last Study Club was held on February 1st, at Stebbins Chapter, where Rt. Wthy. Ted LaWall gave a presentation on the Signs for our new members. This was also a refresher course for those of us who have been around for a while. We had fun trying to recognize those

year will be elected and appointed.

Grand Court

The 105th Annual Session of Grand Court will be May 8th through 11th at the Lakeview Hotel and Conference Center in Lake George, N.Y. Hopefully, Grand Court will dissolve District Ten and place Queen Christina Court into District Five.

Join us in good fellowship and beautiful Ritual.

Zama Temple
Daughters of the Nile

By Jean Friedrich, PQ

Our Winter Ceremonial, held on February 8th, was, as always, very inspiring. It was an opportunity for our Ladies to renew their obligation as Daughters of the Nile. Queen Kitty Noble and her Officers are to be congratulated for their dedicated work. It was also a time for our members to greet old friends, exchange Win-

much for your cheerful efforts and encouragement.

On the Amigos front

There will be a fun fundraising event on March 8th at the Community Christian Church, 2647 Chili Avenue (near the Airport expressway). It will start at noon with a soup and sandwich lunch. At 1:00 p.m. we will be playing a game with letters, numbers and markers. There will also be door prizes. Lunch is \$5.00 and "the game" is \$4.00 per card.

Join us!

Our Official Visits of Monroe District are under way and we hope to see many members out to support the Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons and all of their Officers. Come renew old friend-

ships and make new ones. They are as follows:

March
3rd - Irondequoit - 8:00 p.m.
18th - Fairport - 8:00 p.m.
26th - Corinthian Fellowship
7:30 p.m.

April
1st - Nolatka - 7:30 p.m.
2nd - Monroe - 7:30 p.m.
5th - Rochester - 8:00 p.m.
7th - Germania - 7:00 p.m.
22nd - Leah - 7:30 p.m.
28th - Charlotte - 7:30 p.m.

May
7th - Henrietta - 7:30 p.m.
13th - Mary Jane Holmes - 7:30 p.m.
19th - Etolian - 8:00 p.m.
20th - Webster - 7:30 p.m.

her first meeting of the year on April 21st. Hopefully, her members will be back from Florida by that time.

Sister Mary Ball passed away at age 97; she will be missed.

Wthy. Sharon Morris, of Hesperus Chapter, will be hosting her Official Visit on Monday, March 24th, at 7:30 p.m. This Chapter has many new projects planned for the coming year.

Wthy. Mary Alice Panek of Olive Branch Chapter was installed in February.

Perry Chapter regrets the passing of its oldest member, Mary Bassett, age 96, who had been a loyal worker for many years.

Rt. Wthy. Sally Wing, of Stebbins Chapter, with Triluminar Lodge and the Arcade Royal Arch Chapter, are holding a Pancake Breakfast every 3rd Sunday. The next is March 16th, at Pike.

Sister Amy Wing is the Chairperson, with Stebbins Chapter, in sponsoring a Tupperware Fundraiser for the District Membership Committee.

Vernon Chapter sends get well wishes to Wthy. Margaret Graves, Rt. Wthy. Merrilee Holmes, and Wthy. Wilma Carlson.

Hope to see you at some of these events, and remember to offer the gift of membership!

Shirley Church
(585)237-6618

Centennial Chapter's Matron, Wthy. Charlotte Hamon is having

Canandaigua/ Fenogowone

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

Mat: Wthy. Leslie Smirk
554-6715

Sec: Wthy. Skirley Wells
394-2778

Shortsville Temple

Well, I am writing the March article; I can't believe that we have gone through two months of this new year. Now if Spring would come. Right now it is snowing outside again and the wind is blowing and it is cold. Can Spring be far behind?

March activities

March will start our State Official Visits and our activities in the District. March 15th will be our School of Instruction at Honeoye Chapter. I hope that many of our members can attend.

March 22nd will be our first Ice Cream Party at the V.A. Our District leaders have a V.A. wish list. Some of the items are: Aquarium (50 gallon); Canvas bags with zippers; Coffee (decaf); phone cards; tickets for bowling and sporting events; Tape players (no recording button); cordless and relaxation tapes.

This is only part of the list. If you can provide any of these let the V.A. in Canandaigua know.

Time change

Just a reminder that we are now starting at 7:30 p.m. Please come and join us. If you aren't with us we miss you.

Tri-Star

Chapter
No. 209 O.E.S.



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

Matron
Rt. Wthy. Mildred DePew
(315) 597-4532

Patron
Rt. Wthy. Bruce DePew
Secretary

Rt. Wthy. Helga Haak
(315) 597-4105

Palmyra Masonic Hall
161 East Main Street

Our Soup and Sundae get-together on January 18th went very well, with 26 people present. After eating, we all enjoyed several games of Bingo. Proceeds will be divided between a local charity and the Grand Matron's project.

March is starting out with several events. We will be serving the York Rite College members a Turkey and Biscuit Dinner on March 1st.

On March 2nd, we will be holding our District Patron's Dinner. It will be a Roast Beef Dinner and open to the public. Hours are from 11:30 till 2:00 PM. You are all welcome to join us. Price is \$8.00 at the door, \$7.00 presale, and \$3.50 for children under 12.

Official Visit

Our DDGM, Rt. Wthy. Joan Sewert, along with DGL, David Taber, will be making their first Official Visit to our Chapter on March 4th. We are all looking forward to their visit.

Veterans

A Pizza Party for our veterans at the Canandaigua VAMC is planned for March 8th at 2:00 PM. They always enjoy these events.

Join us

Our March 18th meeting will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Everyone will wear something green. That will brighten the Chapter room!

On March 22nd, we will host the District Study Club. These are very informative meetings and all are encouraged to attend.

There will be a luncheon following the meeting.

Hopefully, Winter will be winding down by the end of this month. We're ready for Spring!

Webster

Chapter No. 171

Order of the Eastern Star
1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.
Matron

Wthy. Marjorie Fenton,
217-8904

Sec. Wthy. Faythe Mattern
594-4449

30 Orchard Street
Webster, NY 14580



What a year so far. The weather and illness forced the cancellation of the last meeting in January and the first meeting in February. Old Man Winter is certainly making up for the mild Winter last year.

Welcome

Please join me in welcoming Monroe Chapter to their new home at Webster Temple.

Sickness and distress

Sister Kay Kuehne has been ill with bronchitis.

Brother Carl Peck has not been feeling well.

Good news!

Rt. Wthy. Bob Zahn had a good report on his last physical.

Please remember these Sisters and Brothers with Happy Cards.

Thanks

Many thanks to all who contributed to the "Bakeless Food Sale." If you forgot, it's not too late. Mark and I thank all who worked on the February Spaghetti Dinner.

"The toughest kind of climbing is getting out of a rut."

Hopefully the weather will cooperate so that we can all get together at the next meeting and enjoy the fellowship.

Rochester Chapter No. 314

Order of the Eastern Star
First Saturday 8:00 p.m.

Matron

Wthy. Evelyn Ann Heller
621-5737

Patron

Wthy. George Dundoc
621-3319

Secretary

Rt. Wthy. Barbara Mertens
482-0994

152 West Commercial Street
East Rochester, NY 14445



It is March already, can Spring be far off? This is the month for the wearing of the Green. Let's hope we start seeing the green of lawns and flowers soon.

Sickness and Distress

Sister Alice Burpee died in Arizona but was brought back here for her burial. We did an Eastern Star Service for her on February 1st.

Rt. Wthy. Barbara Mertens tripped and fell on the ice and broke her shoulder. Sister Kay Strassner has been in and out of the Hospital. Please remember these Sisters with cards and prayers.

Birthday Banquet

The Birthday Banquet is coming up in May. Wthy. Sue Duff will have the information by our next meeting on May 18th. Keep the day on your Calendar. 2003 is our 99th anniversary!

Official Visit

Our Official Visit will be on April 5th. Remember ladies, white gowns and gloves. Let's make Rt. Wthy. Debbie proud of

us. Let's make this a special evening.

Camp Poly-Fil

Lights along the Lake. Start planning on sending your Campers to Camp Polyfil. A good time will be had by all. The Camp will last 2 weeks this year. Please have your Stuffers join us.

Garage Sale

If you have anything for the July Garage Sale, please let Evy Ann or Rt. Wthy. Audrey know. Start saving things for us. Remember one man's junk is another man's treasure. I'm sure you all have something to get rid of. Live long and prosper.

NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

Order of the Eastern Star

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

Matron Wthy. Diane Maltese

345-1029

Patron Wthy. William Baxter

225-5284

Sec. Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings

594-4692

22 South Main Street,
Churchville, 14428

By Wthy. Alice Hassett
Meetings

The February 18th meeting was in Ample Form, and our Worthy Matron honored Rt. Wthy. Martha Loomis, Marshal; Rt. Wthy. Judy Lenzi, Assistant Marshal; and Rt. Wthy. John Lenzi, Color Bearer.

The March 4th meeting will honor Sentinel Leroy Lester and Warder Dean Hiler.

On March 18th, our Worthy Matron Diane, will honor Conductress Antoinette Jeerings and Associate Conductress Kim Morici, and there will be a White Elephant Sale as a fundraiser.

April 1st is Official Visit, where Grand Officers visit our Chapter. Although the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., please be there around 7:00 p.m. in order to greet our guests, and be sure that all is in place for this special meeting. Rehearsal for Official Visit is on Sunday, March 30th at 2:30 p.m. in our Chapter rooms.

Other activities

The 2002 Matrons' group met at Rt. Wthy. Barbara Bossert's home for a luncheon on Saturday, February 8th, to organize the Bossert-Lenzi Club. Wthy. Alice Hassett was elected President of the club for the forthcoming year.

On Saturday evening, February 8th, Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings and I worked at the Have-a-Heart booth at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center, to support W. Frank Higgins and the Churchville Masonic Lodge in their annual fundraising for the Ronald McDonald House.

Reminder

Officers, please don't forget the School of Instruction which will be held on March 15th in Webster. The program of topics to be covered sounds impressive. See the Monroe District article in this issue for details.

OES Road Sign

The new signs, made correctly this time, have arrived at the OES Purchasing Department. We have ordered two. One was paid for with money donated to, or earned by, the Chapter; the other was an anonymous donation.

Thank you to the Chapter and to our friend for allowing me to fulfill my goal for last year.

Adoptee at Oriskany

Our Worthy Matron, Diane Maltese, contacted our Eastern Star home at Oriskany to see if we could "adopt" one of the residents. We would send holiday

cards, and an occasional gift, and would visit that person. The name provided to us is that of a gentleman, Max Smith. His wife, also a resident, has been "adopted" by another Chapter. Max's address: Room 9, Eastern Star Campus, 8290 State Route 69, PO Box 959, Oriskany, NY 13424. Please send an Easter card or a "Thinking of You" card, and other cards throughout the year, as Max will surely appreciate them.

Sunshine

Our prayers are with Sister Gail Turner who is on our shut-in list, and with Sister Carol Pickworth during her recent hip problems.

Dues and Thank You

The dues cards for 2003 are white with blue lettering. If you haven't paid yet, please send dues money to Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings, 594-4692. Wthy. Cathy Thompson, from Florida, again forwarded used postage stamps, Campbell's soup labels, and Bostops for Education to our Chapter. Thank you Cathy, and to others who remember us.

Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays in March will be Wthy. Eleanor Dick, and Wthy. Florence Thayer.

Committee

The Refreshment Committee for the March 4th meeting consists of Rt. Wthy. John and Rt. Wthy. Judy Lenzi and Brother Leroy Lester. For the March 18 meeting, the Committee consists of Rt. Wthy. Bill Baxter, Wthy. Sula Baxter, and Wthy. Mary-Anne Sovocool.

The Refreshment Committee is also responsible for cleaning the Chapter rooms.

NYS Council of Deliberation sets up Trust Fund for Clergy Initiation

The Grand Master's One-Day Class, March 29th, is an excellent opportunity to invite members of the clergy to become Master Masons. The Masonic Trust Fund can provide funding assistance for clergy initiation fees.

The Masonic Trust Fund was established for the purpose of assisting clergy to become Blue Lodge members. The Trust Fund is administered by the Council of Deliberation of the State of New York. The Masonic Trust Fund will pay the full initiation fee a Blue Lodge requires, for clergy of any denomination (no mail-order ministers), and an amount of \$25 will be donated to the Grand Lodge of New York Brotherhood Fund in the name of the first signer.

To apply for a grant from The Masonic Trust Fund the Lodge should address a request to Harold L. Aldrich, 1797 French Road, Varysburg, NY 14167-9759. The name and address of the clergyman should be given, along with the name and address of the first line signer of the petition for membership.

(Courtesy of the Empire State Mason)

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

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In Memoriam

January, 2003

Beattie, Marvin A.

A Past Master of Churchville Lodge, Marvin passed away on January 24th. He is survived by his two sons, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Hinkley, Bruce E.

The Great Architect called Bruce Home on January 26th. He was a member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge and is survived by two sons.

Burpee, Alice M.

On January 27th the Lord took Alice Home. She was a 50 year member of Rochester Chapter, OES, and leaves two daughters, two grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Behlke, Jack

Oatka Lodge lost a member when Jack met his Maker on January 28th. Survivors include his wife, Bertha, four children, and four grandchildren.

Dodge, Austin E.

A 60 year member of Drumlin Square Lodge and a member of Palmyra Council No. 26, and Eagle Chapter, RAM, Austin died on January 29th. He leaves his two children, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Tulloch, James

January 29th was also the date that James was called Home. He was a member of Union Star Lodge and is survived by his two sons, and four grandchildren.

February

Taylor, William W.

The Peace of the Lord embraced William on February 2nd. He was a member of Charlotte/ Corinthian Lodge, Rochester Consistory, and Damascus Shrine. Survivors include his wife, Betty, three children and two grandchildren.

Hersch, J. Gerald

Fairport/Flower City Lodge lost a member with the passing of Gerald on February 3rd. He is survived by his wife, Judy, and step-children.

Kelly, William J.

William passed away on February 12th. He was a member of Seneca Lodge and is survived by his wife, Dorothy, one daughter, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Menz, Harwood, J.

A member of Union Star Lodge, Harwood died on February 12th. He leaves his wife, Martha, and four children.

We received no specific information on the following deaths.

Graham, James M.

James was a 61 year member of Olive Branch Lodge when he passed away on January 26th at the age of 99 years.

Kiefer, Bruce F.

Bruce passed away on February 10th. He was a member of Webster Lodge.

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

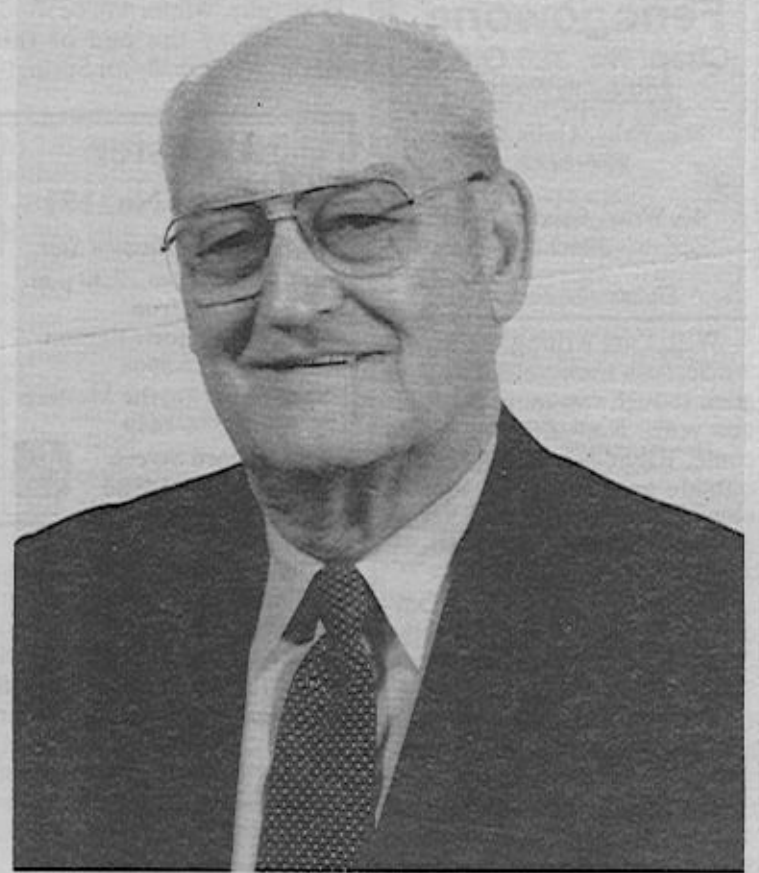
To make additions, call the Service Bureau at 473-4351

2003

- Apr. 26-27, New York State Masonic Bowling Tournament at Lake George
- May 3-4, 10-11, New York State Grand Lodge Sessions
- May 5-6, New York State Grand Lodge Sessions
- May 31- Jun. 4 Prince Hall OES Grand Sessions, Rochester
- Jun. 5-6 Prince Hall Grand Sessions, Rochester

Classified Services
For Sale: Scottish Rite Ring, white gold, red markings, 4 corner diamonds, 9 diamonds in double-headed eagle, \$900 (\$1,650 appraisal). Call 385-2541.
Employment
Wanted: Archangel has just released a new web portal system and is looking for full- and part-time Account Managers. No experience needed for this product. If interested, please contact: R.J. Muto, 585-264-0221 or rj@archangelinc.com

Former Editor, Paul J. Rogers, Dies



Ronald McDonald House Gains \$12,500

By W. Mike McBride

We were back in the malls again, from Saturday, February 1st through Friday, February 14th. The Program for 2003 was a SUCCESS! Over \$12,500, was collected!
 On behalf of Dean Smith at Eastview Mall, Karl-Heinz Reich at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center, me at Market Place Mall, and the management of the Local Ronald McDonald House, we thank each and every one of you

who helped! All of the Lodges participated (including some from out of town), ladies from the Eastern Star units and the Caldron, the Damascus Shriners, the Damascus Shrine Clowns, the Grotto and our Prince Hall Brothers. Sorry, if I missed anyone who should be mentioned.
 I give extra personal thanks to the ladies from the Order of the Eastern Star and the Lalla Rookh Caldron. Also to the Brothers

from Prince Hall Eureka Lodge No. 36, and Haggai Chapter No. 41 of the Prince Hall Royal Arch Masons. These groups chipped in when I asked for extra help at the last minute and filled a hole of five days among them! We will be sending out individual thanks to all groups. We all realize that without the help from individuals and groups, we would have accomplished nothing.
 Thanks again.

In Memoriam

R.-W. Paul J. Rogers passed away on December 7, 2002 at his home in Lake Wales, Florida.
 In 1983 Paul volunteered at the Masonic Service Bureau, working with Brother Albert Johnson, Editor of the then *Monroe Masonic News*. He became Editor in 1985 and worked in that position until his retirement in June, 1991.
 Paul's career was in the print-

ing business, and he came to the Masonic Service Bureau after retiring from the position of Coordinator of Technical Services of the School of Printing in the College of Graphic Arts and Technology at RIT.
 After the death of his wife, Dolores, Paul retired from being Editor and moved to Florida.
 He was a quiet man who always had a good word to say about his fellow man.

Big Calendar March 2003

Gem - Aquamarine
 Flower - Jonquil

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 OES - Rochester Chapter - East Rochester York Rite College - Palmyra, 3:00 p.m.
2	3 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg OES - Etolian, Irondequoit - OV, Germania, LeRoy Mentor Training - Drumlin Square, Palmyra, 7:00 p.m. Shrine Lunch Club	4 Charlotte-Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile Warsaw OES - Fairport, Monroe, Nolatka, Perry, Tri-Star - OV, Webster	5 Drumlin Square - Palmyra Olive Branch - LeRoy Livonia Damascus Shrine OES - Henrietta	6 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen - 2* Northfield - Pittsford Webster Eunice - Caledonia	7 Spaghetti Dinner Webster Lodge 5-7 p.m., \$6 Adult, \$3 Child 30 Orchard Street Purim	8 Mentor Training, ERAC - East Rochester, 9:00 a.m. Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport OSY Association Meeting - Eagle Lodge No. 619, Honeoye, 8:00 a.m. Garoga/Sincerity - Brother Bring-a-Friend
9 Pancake Breakfast Mt. Vernon Lodge Java Village 7:30-10:00 a.m. \$5 - All you can eat Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Weds. Mar 12th & 26th East Avenue Hilton	10 ERAC - East Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Excelsior Livingston School of Ritual at Genesee Shrine Lunch Club	11 Arcade Batavia Craftsman Robertson Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes RAM - 3x3, Dansville, Wyoming OES - Leah - Hilton	12 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Batavia, Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian/Fellowship	13 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery Lalla Rookh Caldron	14 Scottish Rite - Brother Bring-a-Brother Night, 6:30 p.m., The Party House	15 OES - Genesee/Wyoming Study Club KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps OES - Genesee/Wyoming Mardi Gras, 10:00 a.m. Queen Christina Court - Palmyra, 2:00 p.m. OES - O/S/Y District School of Instruction - Honeoye
16	17 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg Genesee/Wyoming School of Instruction OES - Monroe District School of Instruction, Webster OES - O/S/Y District School of Instruction, Honeoye KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Shrine Lunch Club St. Patrick's Day	18 Charlotte-Corinthian Clio - Hilton Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Warsaw OES - Fairport - OV, Monroe, Nolatka, Perry, Tri-Star, Webster	19 Attica Drumlin Square - Palmyra Eunice - Caledonia - 3* Olive Branch - LeRoy Livonia LSOME - Northfield Lodge Lalla Rookh Grotto RSM - Doric Council - Pittsford OES - Henrietta	20 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite Charlotte-Corinthian RAM - Western Star	21 First Day of Spring	22 OES - Livingston District Study Club, Tri-Star - Palmyra 8th Cryptic District Festival - Hornell, 9:00 a.m.
23 G/W Council of Masonic Activities, Arcade Lodge	24/31 ERAC - East Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield Livingston District Association at Nunda RSM - Nundawaga Council OES - Charlotte Shrine Lunch Club	25 Arcade Batavia Craftsman Robertson Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Valley/Simes RAM - 3x3, Dansville, Wyoming, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton	26 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Tall Cedars - Penfield OES - Batavia, Corinthian/ Fellowship	27 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor - 3* RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery Masters & Wardens - Wayne, Sodus Lodge	28	29 GRAND MASTER'S ONE-DAY CLASS