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Have-a-Heart Campaign Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser

By Mike McBride

Second call for help!! We are in the malls from Sunday, February 1st through Saturday, February 14th. We desperately need help manning the booths, from all Masonic and Concordant Body Brothers and Sisters (family members and friends are welcome)! Call: Mike McBride (Jean) at 663-4636 to assist at Marketplace Mall; Dean Smith (JoAnn) at 586-9298 for Eastview Mall; Karl-Heinz Reich (Trudy) at 426-6836 for The Mall at Greece Ridge Center.

Please help, we have raised well over \$160,000 for this cause, and we need to keep this going! It has been a Masonic traditional community event since 1988. Credit for this event goes to all Masonic and Concordant Bodies! We had great difficulty last year getting commitments! We have 31

days to fill time slots. We already dropped one mall because of decreased participation. Again, Please help! We will have a video, from FOX TV, of a documentary about some families helped by the local House. We will also get assistance from the Shrine Clowns! The number of clowns able to assist is limited, but they have offered to provide make-up and a short training overview to anyone who would aspire to be a clown and would like to help entertain the children at the malls (call Oscar Wilson at 396-2133).

All funds raised through our efforts have been donated directly to, and are used for, the local Ronald McDonald House, (Westmoreland Dr.) It opened in 1990 and has recognized our efforts by placing a picture, with an explanation, of the Masonic cornerstone dedication for their facility, in the



lobby. We are also recognized on their wall of contributors as a major benefactor.

The purpose of the Ronald McDonald House is to provide a home away from home for families who have a child being treated at a local hospital. Doctors refer families as the need and availability arises. Families who use the facility have a child being treated for cardiac care, neonatal care, cancer, MS, etc. Families from

every County in New York State have used our local facility, as well as families from 42 other States. Unfortunately, even with growth renovations, they many times have a waiting list.

The cost is a nominal fee of \$10/night/room. If the family is unable to pay there is no charge. Services provided at the Ronald McDonald House are laundry, kitchen, shuttle transportation, etc. If needed,

they also provide residents with food and staples for their return home.

Last year's totals were \$12,691.28. Let's top that. Many thanks to everyone in advance. Questions, suggestions or complaints can be addressed to me:

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Little Known Facts and Hand-Me-Down Nonsense

By R.:W.: William Lindsay

These comments are not meant to be exhaustive on the subject of the Entered Apprentice Degree. They are, therefore, subjects for your consideration and contemplation as is. We certainly hope that the newly made Mason will avail himself of the broad spectrum of Masonic writings that will explain the history, symbolism and meaning of Freemasonry, as well as, the wealth of knowledge of the many Brothers who surround him.

First, it must be understood that there is no uniform Ritual among the various jurisdictions of Grand Lodges in the United States of America. You will find that the Ritual differs materially from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, but the tenets and principles will be the same.

Here will be presented a few "Little Known Facts," and some of our inherited "Hand-Me-Down Nonsense." In the later category is found information that has been handed down but has little or no foundation on facts. They are made by well meaning Brothers, but still convey information that is either faulty or incorrect.

Little Known Facts

There is a reference in the very first question asked of an Entered Apprentice to the "Holy Saint John." This is in the singular and does not refer to either St. John the Baptist or St. John the Evangelist. We here make reference to St. John the Almoner. A 7th century patriarch of Alexandria, Egypt, he was known for his charity and understanding of the poor. After the sack of Jerusalem by the Persians in 614 A.D., John sent resources and money to help rebuild churches, hospitals and shelters for visiting pilgrims and gave sustenance to refugees.

Hence he is known as St. John the Almoner or Almsgiver.

In the Apron Presentation we are told that the "white apron" is more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle and, when worthily worn, more honorable than the Star and Garter. You will find several references in Masonic writings that will relate the Golden Fleece to that of Greek mythology in Jason and the Golden Fleece. However, there is an order of knighthood, the Order of the Golden Fleece, dating from the 15th century, that was created by the House of Burgundy. There is inconclusive evidence as to which one is the correct reference. The ensign of the Roman Eagle was held in high regard by many cultures.

The Order of the Garter is the most senior of the orders of knighthood in Britain, instituted in 1348 by Edward III. The bearer wears a blue garter beneath his left knee and a star on his left breast.

The symbolism, then, of the white apron, is ancient since time immemorial and is a badge that is more honorable than the greatest of orders of chivalry.

We mention that a Lodge has three symbolic lights and refer to the North as a place of darkness, yet give no reason why. You will find in older Ritual ciphers the explanation that "every Lodge is, or ought to be, a correct representation of King Solomon's Temple, which was situated so far North of the ecliptic that the sun, even at meridian, did not dart its rays into the Northern most parts thereof..."

While on the subject of King Solomon's Temple, we are given the explanation of how this mighty edifice was erected

without the sound of ax, hammer, or other metal tool.

"The stones were hewn, squared and numbered in the quarries where raised, and the timber was felled and prepared in the forests of Lebanon. They were conveyed by sea, in floats, to Joppa, thence by land to Jerusalem, where they were set up by the aid of wooden instruments."

It would then seem that KST was the first recorded prefab in history!

Hand-Me-Down Nonsense

Some Brothers were taught that there is a special Masonic pronunciation of many common English words. This is incorrect.

In this jurisdiction, the proper pronunciation of the word "hele" is as if it were spelled "heel." This is supported not only by R.:W.: Henry G. Meacham in his *Our Stations and Places*, but as well in the Oxford English Dictionary. Yet that pronunciation can differ in other Grand Lodges.

Occasionally, Brothers insist that the word "Halve" has the letter "L" vocalized. This is also an error. It is the verb form of the word "half" and means to split into two equal parts. It also just happens to be a term in golfing. Two players who shoot the same score on a particular hole are said to "halve the hole." These same Brothers who insist on enunciating the letter "L" in the word "halve," will pronounce "half," "calf," "calves" and "psalm" with the "L" silent, as it should be.

At one time or another, Brothers get into near fistfights over which foot wears the slipper. Our Ritual requires that a candidate be "neither barefoot nor shod." There are no directions in the Ritual as to which foot is involved. Arguments are made to place it on the advancing foot or the other. In

this jurisdiction, we are not specific. If your Lodge has a tradition of choosing one over the other, fine. Just don't criticize another Lodge if they do it differently. So it could be on the same foot for all three Degrees or alternated.

Probably the most damaging effects of a misunderstanding surround the notion of solicitation of a candidate for the Degrees of Masonry. It was truly believed by many in the past that you could not, under any circumstances, ask a person if he would be interested in joining Masonry. There is not, and never has been, any rule stating that. Read the first question that the Secretary asks the candidate in the preparation room. "Do you declare, upon your honor, that, unbiased by the improper solicitation of friends..." If all solicitation were prohibited, there would not be the word improper in the sentence. Logic tells us that if there is improper solicitation, then there can be proper solicitation. How many families have suffered from this misunderstanding?

My maternal grandfather was a Mason. Neither of his two sons ever showed any interest in the Fraternity. My father, the son-in-law of my grandfather, was also a Mason. During my grandfather's lifetime he gave his Masonic ring to my Dad, since neither of my uncles ever showed any interest in the Craft. At my grandfather's funeral, my uncles asked my father why their father had never asked if they would be interested in joining Masonry. Weren't they good enough men to qualify? My dad erroneously told them that asking was prohibited. Both my uncles later applied and were raised Masons. How proud my grandfather would have been to see both his sons in the Fraternity.

Exerting pressure on family

members or friends to join Masonry is improper solicitation. Asking those relatives and acquaintances if they would be interested in learning about or joining Masonry is not improper solicitation. If they are informed about the Fraternity and then choose not to join then you should respect their wishes.

Always remember that there is only one stupid question about anything; the one that does not get asked. So please avail yourselves of the experience of your Brothers. This includes the ones whom you know are willing to discuss Masonry with you and your Brothers (whom you don't know) who, over the centuries, have taken the time to write about this marvelous Craft.

Keep in mind the admonition of the Charge of the 1st Degree: "During your leisure hours, that you may improve in Masonic knowledge, you are to converse with well-informed Brethren, who will be always as ready to give you, as you will be to receive instruction."

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group of leaders who will work well together and compliment each other. Each one of you, in your own way, is a leader and, therefore, we will be able to move forward and advance the work of the Masonic Service Bureau.

To help our meetings run smoothly, I'm asking all committee chairmen to let Barbara know by the Friday before the meeting if they have a report and, if so, to submit to her a brief review of the report prior to the meeting. Thank you.

If you think a monthly luncheon meeting might be cancelled, due to inclement weather, please call the Masonic Service Bureau to find out. If the weather is so bad you get no answer, call me at home at 381-4241. This will be much easier than if we have to try to call all of you.

I strongly suggest that everyone who gets the *Masonic Times* take the time to read it. See what other groups are doing and visit them if you get a chance. I hope to be able to visit with many of you at some time during the year.

despite our assurances that no apology was necessary.

While retail cruise sales have held up quite well, group sales have been disappointing to the extent that she was presenting us with a special offer. Would the Masonic Service Bureau be interested? We could do a combined ship/motor coach tour of Alaska and the Northwest for the sum of \$2,330 per person, double occupancy.

Fundraising
Why am I mentioning this here? As I attempted to unfreeze my brain and come up with a topic for this column, this opportunity presented itself. As I looked over the articles submitted and the rapidly filling pages of this issue, I decided it might be best to use my column this month to promote this event.

The reason I have taken this step at this time is the result of a poll taken following the Hawaiian trip. Many participants were excited about the possibility of having another opportunity to travel and the most popular choice for our next destination was **Alaska**.

It works out great for my staff and me. We would leave Tuesday, August 24th, the day after the material is due at the printer for the September paper, and come back on September 8th (Wednesday), in time to start the October issue.

Itinerary
Similar to our previous tour, we will fly to Seattle. The next day we take a motor coach to Vancouver, B.C., where we will board the Holland America

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Line's ms Volendam.

We go north through the inside passage to Juneau for the day. Overnight we sail to Skagway, where the Klondike Gold Rush began. On Sunday, the tour takes in the Glacier Bay National Park. Monday brings us to the "salmon capital of the world," Ketchikan, and Tuesday we again cruise the inside passage.

Wednesday begins the land tour portion of the trip by motor coach through the Cascade Mountains to Penticton, B.C., on to Spokane, Washington, and the Grand Coulee Dam. We will then head for "Big

Sky" country and Butte, Montana. Jackson Hole, Wyoming, is next on the agenda, via Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Park. A short distance later, we will be in Idaho Falls along the beautiful Snake River.

The final destination of the tour is Salt Lake City, where you will view the Great Salt Lake and enjoy a city tour. From there, we fly back home.

If this sounds like an adventure you would like to have in 2004, please call me at the Masonic Service Bureau, 671-9730. Shortly (as I write this) we will be receiving flyers with more specific details on the trip. Your name will be added to a list and a flyer mailed out to you. We will also be sending flyers out to our subscribing organizations.

While this event is sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau, it is not limited to Masons or their immediate families. Other family members and friends are invited to join us. I decided I would pass this proposal along now to see if there is adequate response. I could have waited another month to publish information, but that would be one less month you would have to consider this offer and maybe you would

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By Linda Zahn

It will be my honor and pleasure to serve as your Chairman - CEO for this year. I'm looking forward to working with all of you for the benefit of the Masonic Service Bureau and its members. Communicating with each other, as well as all the Lodges, Eastern Star Chapters and Concordant Bodies, is one on my top priorities. I will need input from all of you. Don't hesitate to tell me if you think I've done something wrong, but it would also be nice to hear if you think what I'm doing is OK.

I feel we have an excellent



Editor's Corner

Nearly three years ago, I first learned of the Hawaiian Cruise and Tour to benefit the Masonic Service Bureau (specifically the Camp DeMolay Endowment Fund). A cruise was something my wife and I had "always wanted to do, but never got around to it."

Originally, there were going to be two opportunities; one in 2001 and one in 2002. By the time information was distributed, the 2001 cruise was sold out. I booked us for the second one, figuring it was easier to cancel later than to try to get added to the list.

Alaska?
Sitting in the office on one of our more bitterly cold January days, I received a call from a representative of Your Man Tours, the company which handled the Hawaiian event. Unaware of the passing of Vern Goodrich, she had asked for him and kept apologizing. She definitely was embarrassed,

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have made other plans for vacations this year. I decided to jump in with both feet. The rest is up to you.

Firm reservations require a non-refundable \$50 deposit. If you are interested, but not quite ready to commit, please let me know. If there is no interest, I'll drop the subject for this year.

My apologies for using the Editor's Corner as an advertisement. I'll try not to do it again. Thanks for reading.

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Your Legal Rights FYI



By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

It's good to be back, Brothers. I needed to replenish my inkwell. This month's article will cover some important highlights about our DWI law, which was recently amended.

As we all know by now, driving while intoxicated, or ability impaired, is illegal. Driving while ability is impaired (DWA) is a traffic infraction in most cases, while driving while intoxicated (DWI) is a crime. In New York State, intoxication is defined as a blood alcohol level of .08. If you drive a truck for a living, and need a commercial (CDL) license, then impaired is defined as a blood alcohol level of between .04, but less than .08.

What is blood alcohol level and how is it measured? Blood alcohol level, or BAC, is a measure of how much alcohol is concentrated in a person's blood. Alcohol gets into the blood stream through your digestive tract (stomach and small intestine). A person's level of intoxication can be determined by a breath or blood sample.

A person's weight and gender can affect how quickly they become intoxicated. The fact that a person drinks on a full or an empty stomach can also affect a person's BAC. Scientific studies have shown that drinking on a full stomach will delay alcohol absorption in the blood stream, thereby delaying the effects of intoxication. Due to their physiology, women achieve intoxication more quickly than men.

The best advice is to refrain from drinking alcohol if you are driving; but that doesn't always happen. So here is a rough guide. That means it's a rule of thumb to be followed at your own risk. A 1 oz. shot of 86 proof alcohol, a 5 oz. glass of wine, or a 12 oz. beer, contain roughly the same amount of alcohol. Each drink raises your BAC level .02 per hour per drink.

An example

A 180 lb. male who drinks two 12 oz. cans of beer within an hour, will have a BAC between .03 - .04. He would have to wait two hours before the alcohol is completely eliminated from his blood stream. If he is a commercial truck driver, then he may be considered legally impaired if his BAC is .04.

If he were to drink three 12 oz. cans of beer within an hour, then he will have a BAC between .05 - .06. He is legally impaired. He would need to wait nearly three hours before the alcohol is completely eliminated from his blood stream.

If he were to drink four 12 oz. cans of beer within an hour, then he will have a BAC between .07 - .08. Depending upon the accuracy and skill of the police officer, and his use of test equipment, our friend is definitely impaired, and may be intoxicated. It would take nearly five hours wait time before the alcohol is completely eliminated from his blood stream.

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Please contact the Scottish Rite Office, 264-1160, with
Your name and your guest's name by February 24th

Our friend is definitely intoxicated, if he drinks one can shy of a six-pack, within a one hour period. He would have to wait nearly six hours before the alcohol is eliminated from his blood stream.

In the next series of articles, I will cover how the police can obtain a breath or blood sample; how that sample gets measured, what happens from the time of arrest, and the collateral consequences of a conviction.

To be continued. *

Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

It's Have-a-Heart time and time to think about your own sweetheart. Does she want candy, roses or a romantic dinner or getaway? You had better do something or, believe me, you will spend the rest of the year paying for your thoughtless oversight. Have a heart, be kind to your sweetheart now and, throughout the year.

The maximum earnings subject to FICA withholding increases to \$87,900 for 2004. Beginning in 2004, individuals who are under full retirement age can earn up to \$11,640 per year (\$970 per month) before losing benefits. One dollar in benefits will be withheld for every \$2 in earnings above this limit.

The year the individual reaches full retirement age (age 65 and two months for retirees born in 1938; age 65 and four months for retirees born in 1939) the earnings limit is \$31,080 (\$2,590 per month). One dollar in benefits will be withheld for every \$3 in earnings above this limit. This applies only to earnings for months prior to attaining full retirement age. There is no limit on earnings beginning the month the individual attains full retirement age.

It seems just yesterday when you got that check in the mail for the Advance Child Tax Credit. How much was it?

\$400? \$800? \$1233? Who can remember? Now, it's time to get your stuff together to prepare your 2003 tax return and you're going to need to know how much that check was. How much did you receive?

Legislation enacted in 2003 has changed the amount of the filing fees payable by limited liability companies (LLC) and limited liability partnerships (LLP) that are treated as partnerships for federal income tax purposes. The new legislation also established a new filing fee applicable to a single member LLC that are disregarded entities for federal income tax purposes. The new fees, explained below, apply only to tax years beginning in 2003 and 2004. In addition, the new law has changed the payment date for LLC and LLP filing fees. The new payment date, described below, applies to tax years beginning after 2002. The amount of the filing fee for limited liability companies and limited liability partnerships which have income from New York sources has been increased to \$100 multiplied by the total number of members or partners in the LLC or LLP. In addition, the minimum filing fee has been increased to \$500 and the maximum filing fee has been increased to \$25,000.

Furthermore, every single-member limited liability company which is a disregarded entity for federal income tax purposes and which has income from New York State sources must now file Form IT-204-LL and will be subject to a filing fee of \$100.

Form IT-204-LL must be filed within 30 days after the last day of the tax year of the LLC, LLP, or single-member LLC disregarded entity, with full remittance of any filing fee due attached to the form. There is no extension for filing Form IT-204-LL or for paying the fee. A limited liability company or limited liability partnership treated as a partnership for federal income tax

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purposes can no longer attach Form IT-204-LL to the front of Form IT-204.

Taxpayer due dates

January 30th - FormIT-20LL and fee is due

January 31st - W2's and 1099's mailed to recipient

February 15th - January Payroll Taxes

February 28th - Farm Tax Returns for those who do not estimate their taxes.

Paper W2's and 1099's mailed to Social Security and IRS

March 15th - February Payroll Taxes.

Corporate Tax Returns

March 20th - December thru February Sales Tax Returns.

Annual Sales Tax Returns

March 31st - Electronic W2's and 1099's must be forwarded
If you have any tax questions, please forward them to tmichie1@rochester.rr.com.*

Corinthian Fellowship

By Wthy. Robert Crystal

In 2003, Corinthian Fellowship Chapter No. 322 members got together and brought in toothbrushes, toothpaste, pencils, erasers and other items little girls might want or need for back-to-school supplies. Through a trip their Patron made to Panama City (now called Balboa) for mission work, the members learned about a home for girls (Hogar de las Ninas) set up to take in little girls identified by the government as needing to be sheltered out of the home. Panama does not have a foster care system, nor does it pay foster parents. This Home, or Hogar, is run by a small group of women and employs a cook, a driver and a "director." They raise funds by appealing to local groups in the US, churches,

and by selling items such as grass baskets, molasses and wood-carvings done by the families of the girls.

The girls were overjoyed to receive the gifts, and every girl immediately started using her toothbrush and toothpaste. They all took the other items to school and were the envy of all the other students! Even the baggies were put to good use. The cook used them to pack the girls' lunch bags the next day!

Corinthian Fellowship has also given St. Paul's Church, in downtown Balboa, our old Bible, after the signatures of Past Matrons and Patrons were removed and added to the new Bible. St. Paul's Church's old Bible had been worn so thin from usage that they were unable to read it any longer. *

Remember the Brotherhood Fund

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My father, being a dairy farmer, always said that February 1st was the middle of Winter. He would check our feed stocks to see if the hay and silage were going to make the May 1st date to let the cows out to pasture. If they weren't in balance, there was still time to make some adjustments. Seems the same is true for our Masonic year. Time to look at what we wanted to accomplish, take inventory of what is in progress and make those adjustments to see that we have a successful year by Summer recess. Yes, my Brothers, these cold days will soon be gone. There is a lot of training available in these cold months when it's good to be inside.

MDC in Wayne District

R.:W.: James Frind has arranged the first offering of the Masonic Development Course (MDC) in our District. The first session was on January 22nd at Humanity Lodge No. 406, Lyons. The second session is scheduled for February 26th, the third session on March 25th. The sessions are scheduled from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The Course Manual should be ordered from the Grand Secretary at a cost of \$20.00. Brothers from the Grand Master's Class should already have the manual and there is no fee. This is part of your obligation of being part of the One-Day Class. You should also bring a copy of the cipher book, as this will be helpful in the session. Call R.:W.: Frind at (315) 946-9630 to register.

Beacon Project

Just a reminder that this is the Grand Master's pet project for this Masonic year. Turn in your hours of volunteer service to our school children to your Lodge chairman monthly. We can reach the 100,000 hour goal if everyone reports what he or she is doing.

AGL and Degree Work

V.:W.: David Rising is out and about watching Degree work and you are certainly welcome to view the work as well. The more the better! Contact the AGL at (315) 331-7337, or visit our website for the Degree schedule. He reports that he has been pleased with the Degrees he has seen. Any Brother who would be willing to help other Lodges with the more difficult parts, please call V.:W.: Rising so

that he may add your name to his list of proficient workers. So far only V.:W.: James Gagnon, of Sodus No. 392, has offered his assistance for the 2nd Degree.

Road to the East Course

The Staff Officers of the area Districts have been overwhelmed by the lack of registration for the RTTE Course. Anyone who wishes to have this Course offered in March and April needs to contact R.:W.: Jim Frind immediately to get this Course back on track. His telephone number is (315) 946-9630. This is a great Course to take and learn something new even if you have taken it two or three times before. We learn from each other's experiences.

Masters and Wardens

The February 12th meeting will be hosted by Drumlin Square Lodge. The dinner will be at the Yellow Mills Restaurant, Route 31, Macedon at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Palmyra Masonic Temple. The program for the evening will be the new CHIPS program (Child ID + tooth imprint) by the State Chairman, R.:W.: Clarence J. Eckhoff. Wolcott Lodge No. 560 won the first leg of the traveling gavel in January. As a result of this meeting, a new Brother from Newark No. 83 will be asked if he would like his 2nd Degree a month earlier than planned at Wolcott Lodge. Savannah Lodge No. 764 will bring a Brother for advancement, as well. An example of one Lodge helping another bring in new members. Great work, Brothers! Savannah Lodge No. 746 will have a 3rd Degree at their Lodge on March 25th with help from Brethren of the District for the Grand Master's edict for Degree work. All Wayne District Lodges will comply with the edict. Thank you, Masters.

Service Awards

I had the pleasure of presenting Brother Robert L. Barnes his 55-year Service Certificate and Pin on January 12th at Clyde Lodge No. 341. Masters, please remember that all 50-year and greater certificates shall be presented by a Brother with the rank of R.:W.: or higher. That same evening, R.:W.: Bruce Waterman, of Savannah Lodge No. 764, saw his fourth son, Eric, become a Mason. Congratulations to the Waterman family!

Dues and stuff

Lodges are talking about the pending vote on the per capita dues increase at Grand Lodge May, 2004, and how it will affect their dues structure. As W.: John Greene, of Newark Lodge No. 83, said at Masters and Wardens, we need to present the figures in black and white to our Lodges so that the Brothers see what it takes to run our Lodges. If presented

facts and figures, they will make good decisions and support them.

Yes, it is time to make reservations for the trip to Grand Lodge. A few Lodges have realized that and have started the ball moving. We need more Lodges to send their Masters or a proxy to Grand Lodge. It's an unforgettable experience for Masons and their wives, to see the Grand Lodge and New York City.

News

R.:W.: Jim Frind and R.:W.: Bill Jones have been under the weather, but I am happy to report that they are out and about again.

Our best wishes for a safe trip and good health to W.: Fred Durbin, of Rose Lodge No. 590, as he takes a month trip to Southern states to visit his children. (Fred is my Mason's Mason.)

Remember to call R.:W.: Jim or myself if we can be of help or if you just want our presence on the sidelines for your special event. If you enjoy snow, we have it this Winter. If you don't like snow, every day is a day closer to Spring! A win/win proposition, as I see it. Say a prayer for our troops wherever they may be. They are protecting the freedoms that we enjoy. *

Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

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R. Stuart

Smith, Jr.

(315) 597-9763

Secretary

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William

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Palmyra Masonic Hall

161 East Main Street 14522



The Stated Communications for the month of February will be on Wednesdays, the 4th and 18th, at 7:30 p.m. At our second meeting, on the 18th, we will be conferring the Fellowship Degree on two Brothers. By the time you read this issue of the *Masonic Times*, they will have received their Entered Apprentice Degree. If you didn't get to attend that one, I strongly urge you to attend the one on February 18th. The Officers certainly will appreciate it and a good attendance makes a positive impression on the new Brothers.

As I mentioned in last month's message, our Lodge will honor the widows of area Master Masons in February. The date will be Saturday, February 21st, at the Garlock House on East Main Street in Palmyra. This tradition was started by Walworth Lodge and was continued by Drumlin Square Lodge last year. Each widow will be receiving an invitation from the Lodge with a request that she respond to let us know if she will

be attending. Also, a similar invitation will be sent to each local member of Drumlin Square Lodge. Our Lodge will pay for the widow's dinners, but we still ask the Masons to pay for theirs. The invitation will state the cost of the dinner and will request that each Mason also respond to let us know if he will attend. The purpose of this special evening will be for present members of our Lodge to honor these Ladies. Please try to attend to participate in this recognition of them. If you know of a widow of a Master Mason who lives in this area, and might not be on our list, please call me at (315) 597-9763 or Bill Jones at (315) 986-9150.

The Masters and Wardens meeting for February will be at the Palmyra Masonic Temple on Thursday, the 12th, at 7:30 p.m. We will be eating dinner at the Yellow Mills Restaurant which is just West of Palmyra on Route 31. We will order from the menu starting at 6:30 p.m. As you have noticed, our Masters and Wardens meetings have been moved from the 4th Thursday of each month to the 2nd Thursday. The Officers are doing a very good job of making these meetings interesting and worthwhile. I urge you to attend whenever possible.

At our Stated Communication on January 7th, the Brothers present voted to contribute \$2,500 to the Palmyra Community Center to assist them with their facilities expansion program. There was considerable discussion about this prior to the vote and our positive action came out of our agreement that the Palmyra Community Center performs valuable services to residents of our general area, and the Masons of this area want to be a part of it. We also agreed that we are urging individual members of the Lodge to make personal donations to this same program. Make your check out to: Palmyra Community Center, Inc., and mail it to its office at 424 Stafford Street, Palmyra. Indicate on the check or an attached note that you represent Drumlin Square Masonic Lodge. Also, I'd appreciate it if you'd inform me of any donation you make to them so we can have an idea of what the total Masonic dollar effort was for this program.

I look forward to seeing you at the February communications. I know that you'll be pleased with the work of your Officers. *

The Gift of Love

The Masonic Service Bureau greatly appreciates your contributions. If you have not made a donation for this year, would you please do so now, before you forget? If you have, would you consider increasing it?

District Deputy Grand Master



Monroe
District

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Have-a-Heart

Depending on when you receive this issue of the *Masonic Times*, the Have-a-Heart Campaign will be either starting or started. I encourage all the Brethren to support this worthy effort by both volunteering to man a booth for an hour or more, and making a donation for a Heart. The Ronald McDonald House helps the families of children in the hospital. Monroe and surrounding county Masons have generously supported our local House since before it was built. Many of you may not know that the Grand Master performed the Cornerstone Dedication Ceremony for the Ronald McDonald House at the start of construction. Our Craft is one of the major donors to the House.

Musings

Even though it is Winter (as I write this it's below zero outside), there is still much Masonic activity in the District. I recommend that everyone who can attend a Lodge meeting do so. There is much to learn and many good men to meet and old friends to converse with before, during and after a meeting. Many Lodges have fascinating programs in the works and others have major decisions to be made.

Masters, Wardens and Deacons, use your Lodge's phone tree to contact members who may have problems getting to a meeting and help arrange transportation. Many good and faithful Brethren are anxious to attend Lodge functions, but have transportation, or other issues. Help these Brothers; they will appreciate it and you will gain new friends.

As we are now in a New Year we need to continue the good work started in 2003. We all must work to find good men who would be good additions to our Lodges. Ask them if they would like to investigate this Craft of ours. Encourage your Lodge to have a Bring-a-Friend Program, or visit another Lodge's program. As we build our Craft and inculcate the lessons of the Degrees, we will be doing our part to improve the world for everyone.

Finally, Brethren, let us all strive to learn something new about our Ancient Craft in the coming months. There is much to learn and many ways to learn it. The more we know the better prepared we are to answer questions about our Craft. *

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I can't figure out if it's supposed to be Winter or early Spring; it seems that old Mother Nature just can't make up her mind. As you know, most of December was pleasant, which really helped more of the Brothers get out to the various Lodge meetings around the District. In the early part of January, to start the New Year off, we had promises of Winter weather and, finally, it did look like Winter. Before you know it, the early signs of Spring will be with us again and the cold and snow of the current season will be just memories.

I also am aware that many of you have enjoyed the cold and snow to ski, use snowmobiles and gather around the warm fires of a cold winter night. There is much to be said for either side of the winter season.

Development Course

There are some unfinished details of the recent MDC that need your attention here. Would the following Brothers please contact me: Reginald Reed, John Fulmore, Joseph Bacot, Brian Pease, Tom Steel, Bill Hartman, Richard Ponticello, William Wright, Howard Simpson, David Dakin, Bob Fisher and John Gallant?

Would the Brother who left his MDC material and Ritual book at the final MDC session please contact me so that I can return it to you? My home phone is 247-2920.

Road to the East

Someone once said, "the best laid plans of mice and men sometimes go astray." Sometimes in this hectic world of ours, changes have to be made even when we have secured and announced otherwise. We announced last month the plans for the upcoming Road to the East Course were set. Unfortunately we have had to make other plans. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused any of you.

Our new site and dates are: Wakan/Hubbard Lodge, located at the Northeast corner of Routes 441 and 286 in Penfield; February 21st and 28th; the time is 8:15 a.m. for registration and refreshments. Class starts at 9:00 a.m. and

should be out by 4:00 p.m. The deadline for registration (\$20 fee) is February 4th.

For the Senior and Junior Wardens, or anyone planning to sit in the East, this Course is required. We have an outstanding group of dedicated Brothers who will make presentations to the class on various topics. Please bring with you an appetite for learning, writing material, a sample trestleboard for your year and a sample article for the *Masonic Times*. Any additional concerns, call me at the above phone number.

Interlodge activities

I always enjoy reading the various activities that our Lodges are having. I would encourage you to visit the other Lodges in our District to partake of these events. For one reason, it will help spread interlodge fellowship and an avenue for making new friends and ideas that might help your Lodge to grow or have a different type of activity. Several interesting speakers ranged from one that was highlighted at ERAC Lodge, to a poem by Rudyard Kipling at Webster Lodge. Several great meals, for those who enjoy the art of partaking of great food, were also offered. Great Ritual was exemplified at several Lodges. I'm sure that they would welcome you to come join them in bringing new men into the Fraternity.

In our travels around the District we have admired the spirit that each of our Lodges shares with each other. We all seek to become better members of our beloved fraternity and enrich our lives by sharing our talents with others.

Hope to see you as we travel around the District in these next few months.

We hope that each of you have made suitable resolutions for the new year and look forward to seeing you out and about as we travel for a few more months. We have enjoyed, more than you know, the relationships that we have made over the past two years with some of the finest men anywhere and have gathered memories to last a lifetime. So mote it be.

Membership

R.:W.: Joseph Privitera
Monroe District

Moving on

No matter how you look at it, change is tough. You try to remain positive, try to keep an open mind and most of all, try to take into consideration all the advantages. You have been trying to solve the problems for at least ten years. Just a few years ago things looked pretty good. There was a full Officers line, we were active in the community, candidates going through the Degrees, finances were good.

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Then things happened. Deaths of key members, some going to hospitals and homes, a few moving to other areas. The move to the Perk Building fell through and then other ideas for moving to other locations were not feasible. Some community efforts had to be discontinued due to the lack of a proper kitchen and a lack of participation. All the while our own building expenses kept rising.

The building. I truly believe that forty, fifty years ago, there were advantages in owning your own building. It was something of which we could proud. There were many volunteer hands to keep the building maintained without spending a lot of money. Taxes were low, utilities reasonable, and insurance was not bad. Today, that has all changed. Now we must consider if we really want to be in the building business. Many hours have been spent watching and waiting on service persons, not to mention the money being expended, when we could have been doing things more constructive.

We have reached a point, as have some other Lodges, where we must consider consolidation. Many of you know that I have talked of merging Lodges down to about five or six Lodges in the District. We must get to a position where we are taking full advantage of our resources in a useful way. M.:W.: Gary A. Henningsen, in his recent article in the *Empire State Mason*, says it best, "We must get back to basics."

Yes, change is going to be difficult. In other ways, things will be new and different and we will be looking forward to using our time in a more positive way for, and in, Masonry. See you in Lodge.



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Grand Master's Edict

Now that most of my visits are complete, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed meeting with each of the Lodges this year. I have been very pleasantly received and treated as a regular in each of the Lodges, and for that I wish to say thank you. I want to let each of you know that I have found the state of the Ritual greatly improved throughout the District. It is not quite where it could be, but is getting better all the time.

Our Ritual is what separates us from other organizations. It sets the atmosphere for how a Lodge is perceived by others, and is the first impression our new Brothers have of the Fraternity as a whole. I have really enjoyed spending time in other Lodges this year and would encourage each of you to attend other Lodges and see how their Ritual is done. It is essential that our younger Officers learn their work properly; it does carry on to further generations.

School of Ritual

The next SOR will be at Etolian Lodge in Spencerport on February 18th. The work will be the first section of the 3rd Degree. Union Star will be-

gin and Etolian will finish. We will be concentrating on the junior Officer's work, with emphasis on the floor work. The SOR Attendance Banner is still up for grabs, so get your Officers and Brothers out.

CLIO
LODGE No. 779

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

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We welcome to Clio Lodge, Brother Thomas B. Kasper Jr., who was raised to Sublime Degree of Master Mason in December. We know he will be a faithful worker in the quarries of Masonry. W.: Sean Noonan was in the East for Brother Tom's 3rd Degree. Once again, the Brothers of Clio Lodge conferred a great 3rd Degree with plenty of participation from all. I also thank OES from Hilton who provided a wonderful meal for us.

On February 17th, Clio will be having a 2nd Degree. SW, Dave Goodrich, DSA, will be in the East. Two new Brothers will be passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft.

Have-a-Heart

This year's Have-a-Heart Campaign will kick-off in February. Clio Lodge will man the booth on February 10th for the day. We need all the help we can get. Please come down and share in some friendship and brotherly love. Don't forget this is to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Please call W.: Scott J Brickman, if you would like to volunteer.

The February dates for our Spaghetti Dinners are February 11th and 25th. If you are free on either of these two dates, come down and help out. We would greatly appreciate it.

If you are a Brother who has not been to Lodge for a while, come on down and meet some of the new Brothers. It would be a shame to pass a fellow Brother of Clio on the street and not even know who he is. If you need a ride to any Lodge event, please don't hesitate to call any of the Officers.

ETOLIAN
Lodge No. 479

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

Master
W.: Patrick M.
Schwartz
395-0874

Secretary
W.: James E. Toogood, 594-2189
133 South Union Street, Spencerport 14559

I apologize to everybody for missing last month's deadline for the article. It crept up and passed me before I knew it. That being said, a lot of very important events have either happened, are currently happening or are coming up.

To begin with events that have happened, our December 8th meeting was our 1st Degree. Our Junior Warden, Brother David Sylvester, opened Lodge, conducted

business, exemplified an excellent 1st Degree, and closed Lodge. Not only were the Degrees executed proficiently, but the opening, business and closing were also conducted crisply and efficiently. Congratulations, Brother Sylvester, on an excellent job.

Congratulations are also in order for V.:W.: John Dyer and Brother Chet Riley for Q's and A's; W.: Jim Toogood and W.: Michael Schwartz for Whys and Wherefores; Brother Chet Riley for the Working Tools; W.: Tom Michielsen for the Charge, and all of the Line Officers for great floor and Ritual work. My thanks to all for a great evening.

Holiday Party

On December 15th, our annual Holiday Party with the Etolian Chapter OES was held. We had approximately thirty in attendance and a great time was had by all. The entertainment was a very lively Clown who taught some of the kids some new juggling and spinning tricks. The evening ended with a surprise visit by none other than Santa Claus. Thanks to Brother David Sylvester for cooking an excellent Ham, and to everybody for coming and bringing your favorite dishes.

Our 2nd Degree was January 26th meeting. Like the 1st Degree, Brother Chet Riley opened Lodge, conducted business, conferred the Degree in its entirety, and closed the Lodge. The Officers worked very hard to make sure that it was an impressive one.

This brings me to events that are presently happening. On December 16th, an incredible opportunity presented itself to our Lodge. Our Brothers at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge voted almost unanimously to explore consolidating with us at Spencerport. The reasons why this opportunity is so important are pretty self-evident. Even though we at Etolian are active in both local and District events, have a strong line of Officers, which has only one Past Master, and have a strong showing at meetings, one cannot ignore the fact that our numbers and subsequent strength are diminishing faster than we can grow it. When I was raised just seven short years ago, our membership was 20% more than it is now. Think about it for a minute, 20% in just seven years. As if this isn't hard enough to work with, costs of running a Lodge do not go down as time goes by. My Brothers, at this rate, the time is a lot closer than some of us think where all of our resources will be used in survival only, and we will not be able to spread our beneficent influence. In light of this, a consolidation with another strong Lodge can help assure our long-term health.

At our meeting on January 12th, a resolution was passed to empower a committee to explore a consolidation with Charlotte/Corinthian. This committee will work with the committee from Charlotte/Corinthian, to the end of forming a consolidation contract.

This committee consists of myself, W.: Jim Toogood, W.: Tom Michielsen, W.: Mike Schwartz, Brother Chet Riley, Brother David Sylvester, and Brother Leon Randall. Al-

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though this is the standing committee, all members are welcome to all discussions and meetings with Charlotte/Corinthian.



If you have any thoughts, questions, or comments, please either call me or one of the committee members. I will keep you posted on the progress of this endeavor.

Have-a-Heart

As far as events that are coming up, the Have-a-Heart Campaign is very quickly approaching us. Etolian is responsible for February 1st and the 14th at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center. I can't stress enough about how important this program is and we need as much help as possible to make it successful. If you are able to help, please give me a call.

Our first meeting in March (the 8th) will be our 3rd Degree. To all Officers, the rehearsal dates for this are February 12th and March 4th.

See you in Lodge. ❧

F A M E	
Lodge No. 722	
4275 Culver Rd. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.	
	Master W. David Foster 244-0194
	Sec. W. Leon VanHuben 647-1391

If you're like me, you have had more than enough Winter this year. I don't know where global warming is supposed to be happening, but I assure you it isn't in Rochester. At least the daylight hours are getting longer. Now if we could only see the sun...

Our first meeting this February is on the 10th and will be a 1st Degree! That's right! We have a candidate. The meeting will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m., featuring a Pasta and Meat dish, vegetable, potatoes, salad, rolls and butter. The cost for the dinner is \$8.00 per person and reservations are required.

Our second meeting in February will be on the 24th and will be a 2nd Degree. There will not be a Pot Luck Dinner that night. Officers, please remember that there will be Officer's Degree rehearsals at the Temple. Don Krech will be contacting you as to time and date. **It is crucial that you attend these rehearsals.**

Annual gala

Our annual Honor the Ladies Gala will be on Sunday, February 29th, at Nick's Sea Breeze Inn, just up the road from the Lodge on Culver Road. Cocktail hour will be from 3:00 until 4:00 p.m., followed by a hot and cold Antipasto Buffet Dinner. After dinner we will repair to the Lodge for sweets, coffee and cordials. Price is \$14.00 per person. Reservations should be made with Mike Bell

at 244-2895, no later than February 20th! It's sure to be a great time.

Also, we will be manning the Have-a-Heart booth at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center on Sunday, February 8th from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m. We need at least three volunteers for each three-hour shift. Come out to help, even if you can't stay the full three hours. All helpers are gratefully welcomed. Please contact me if you're willing to help raise money for this special cause.

Brotherhood Fund

If you haven't already, please send your Brotherhood Fund contribution to W. Keith Moore. We did very well last year, but I know we can do better. Brothers, I know people everywhere are asking for help, and we can only do what we can, but please remember that these are our Brothers and charity is the cornerstone of our Craft.


Sickness and distress

I am happy to report that W. Ken Rhodes came through his surgery in good fashion and is recuperating at home. We look forward to having him back at Lodge as soon as possible.

I am sad to report that our Lodge Secretary, Leon VanHuben, has been experiencing a very serious medical situation which occurred back in December, and from which he is still recuperating. We certainly wish him a speedy and complete recovery and hope that he can be home soon. During his recovery, secretarial duties will be handled temporarily by W. John Foster at 97 Owaissa Drive, Rochester, 14622; telephone - 467-1677. Any questions that you would have directed to Leon should now be directed to John. We are trying to keep things going as smoothly as possible, but this is a major change. Please be patient.

Last, but not least, happy birthday to all our Brothers with birthdays in February!

See you at Lodge! ❧

Wakan/Hubbard	
Lodge No. 154	
2nd & 4th Mondays 7:30 p.m.	
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Well, we are now well into 2004 and we have a very busy and exciting schedule of events planned at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge.

Thank You event

We will be having a Valentine Party on Friday evening, February 13th. The purpose of this event (other than to have some fellowship and fun) is to honor our ladies and to "thank" the ladies of The Irondequoit Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star for

their continued assistance in providing our Lodge with outstanding dinners for both our meeting nights and other Lodge events. We plan to have finger foods, along with liquid refreshments. Please get your reservations into Paul Kober via the telephone at 381-1058; muddler@rochester.rr.com, is his email address.

1st Degree

Our 1st Degree will be held on February 23rd. Our Junior Warden, Brother Hugh Woodside, will be sitting in the East. We currently have one candidate for the Degree, but have plenty of time to secure any additional candidates. Get those petitions in to the Secretary as soon as possible.

There will not be a dinner prior to our meeting on February 23rd.

Tartan Square Club

At our March 8th meeting, we will be honored with a visit by members of the Tartan Square Club, who will put on a program relating to Scottish Freemasonry Ritual. For those interested in the history of our Craft, or want to get a glimpse how the Ritual is done in Scotland, don't miss this meeting. A wonderful dinner will be provided preceding the meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This is a stag event. Cost will be \$8.00. Please get your reservations into Brother Paul Kober.

St. Patrick's Day Party

We will be putting on the Green (or Orange) on Friday, March 19th, for some fun, fellowship and a bit of the blarney. We plan to have some traditional Irish food and a wee bit of beer or other beverages to celebrate this sacred holiday for those that have a bit of the Irish blood in ya. Festivities will begin around 7:00

p.m. and the cost will be around \$7.00. Ladies and friends are invited and encouraged to attend. So, stop by the "Masons Pub" on Friday, March 19th, in the dining room of the Lodge.

100th Anniversary

On March 16, 1904 the Brethren of Penfield Union Lodge No. 154 bought the land on the Northeast corner of Penfield and Five Mile Line Roads in Penfield. Soon after the Penfield Masonic Temple was built (the same Temple that serves Wakan/Hubbard as its Lodge building). In celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of this event, we will be having a Re-dedication Ceremony on March 22, 2004. The Grand Master, M. W. Carl J. Fitje, has agreed to preside over the festivities. Final plans are in place. There will be a dinner at Penfield Country Club beginning at 6:30 p.m. After dinner we will retire to the Lodge for the formal Ceremony of Re-dedication. Cost for dinner is \$32.50 per person.

Please get your reservations into Paul Kober as soon as possible. Please pay in advance with a check to "Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 - F & A M." Checks, along with your Paul Kober at 59 Park Lane, Rochester, New York 14625-2015.

Canadian Lodge event

March 26th - 28th, we will be spending a social weekend with our Canadian Brethren and our ladies in Niagara Falls, Ontario. We will be staying at the Renaissance Fallsview Hotel. Cost per night, double occupancy, is \$89.00, Canadian. To make a reservation at the hotel, simply call 1-800-363-3255 and mention "Masons - March 26th -28th."



Newest Brothers Jon Goetz (left) and Ron Lalik with Joe Oelgoetz, Master.

The only scheduled event during the weekend is on Saturday evening, March 27th. Many of us will be attending the Dinner Theatre "Oh Canada, Eh!" Cost for the dinner theater is \$44.00 US per person (as long as we get 20 people). To reserve a seat, please send a \$10.00 deposit per person to Joe Oelgoetz, 44 East Pointe, Fairport, NY 14450. We would like to get all reservations in to assure us good seating for the Dinner Theatre. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact me (Joe) at 425-9969.

I want to thank those Brethren who assisted in the distribution of small holiday gifts to our Brothers, who for health or age reasons, cannot get to Lodge meetings. Thanks go out to Brother Don Osborne and his wife, Norma, for pulling together the gifts of cookies and the festive sacks and cards that went along with them. Thanks to R. W. John Tijou and Brother Hugh Woodside for assisting me in both delivering the gifts and spending some valuable fellowship time with these Brethren. As for me, I really enjoyed the time I spent with Brother Glynn Reynolds and Brother and Mrs. Bob Harris. We are blessed with men such as these, and we should never forget that.

May your Winter days be filled with happiness and may the Great Architect of the Universe bless you and yours. ❧




"Aerial" overview of Wakan-Hubbard's Table Lodge held in November.

(Photos courtesy of Joe Oelgoetz)



Among those gathered for the annual Wakan-Hubbard Lodge's Holiday Party were (from left) Brother Don Osborne, R. W.; Bob Zabel, R. W.; Charlie Spiegel, R. W.; John Zabel, R. W.; John Tijou and W. Angelo DiCataldo.


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From Our Master

There is not very much to write about this month. Perhaps it is due to the "Holiday Lag." Little more than memories, actually. But what memories! I shall not go into that subject, for it would take too long to put it on paper.

This will be a very short column, my Brothers. I wish to dedicate this communication to those who have departed our midst and journeyed to the Celestial Grand Lodge On High.

In Memoriam, 2003

William Taylor February 2nd
 Eino Laakso, DSA March 2nd
 Benjamin Silver April 6th
 Horace M. Trenholm May 1st
 Paul A. Kenner July 25th
 Stanley Nesbitt Sept. 20th
 Ernest G. Allen October 22nd
 God bless.

From Our Junior Warden
 By Mike Hueston

I welcome all Brothers to our meeting on February 3rd. I have the pleasure of sitting in the East for this evening. The meeting's program will be a trip into Charlotte/Corinthian's past, circa 1940. We will show a movie which was shot at a Lodge picnic, and also review some of the meetings minutes of that time period. It should prove to be a very interesting night, so you don't want to miss it. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

Consolidation Update

By Cliff Short

All Charlotte/Corinthian Brothers should have received news from the Lodge explaining the decision to consolidate with Etolian Lodge in Spencerport. This was not an easy decision, but a necessary one, and one I hope is supported by you, our Brothers.


Our Lodge Consolidation Committees (both Lodges), have met twice, once for general information gathering and familiarity purposes and formed subcommittees to work on specific areas of the consolidation; and a second time to review the subcommittees reports and suggestions. All of the proper forms have been submitted to Grand Lodge, and the process is proceeding as it should.

Many details still need to be worked out, and the Committees would welcome comments and suggestions from all of our Brethren in both Lodges. If we are able to progress with our time line, we will have completed the consolidation by mid-Summer, and start the new Lodge year in the Fall, as one Lodge.

If you would like to comment, make suggestions, or just let your feelings be known, please contact me at 225-0464, or 746-1548. I will make sure your comments are conveyed to our Lodge's Committee.

I will try to keep you as informed as possible on what we are doing and why. I do have

an email address book with many of our Brothers names, but if you have an email address, and would like up-to-the-minute news about Lodge activities and events, and don't receive notes from me now, please send me a note with your email address, and I will be sure to add you to my address list. This is the best way to get updates on what is happening in and around Lodge. ✕

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Winter-the days are cold, the nights are frigid, the furnace is working overtime, and Cupid is just around the corner. As Masons and Americans, we celebrate Washington and Lincoln's birthdays this month and as men, it's a time to celebrate the warmth, tenderness, and special memories that our lifetime companion has left in our hearts. It's the month of February and it's a time for Valentines, flowers, and chocolates. Love is in the air and romance is on our minds. May all your days be filled with open arms, your heart with love, your soul with the prayers of joy and contentment, and may God's blessing shine down upon you.

Speaking of memories, I thank all who attended and participated in our last communication on December 18th and a special thank you for those who filled in. It was a solemn evening in which we held a Lodge of Remembrance for those Brothers, Masons, and friends who have touched our hearts and who passed away this year. It was a night dedicated to those who are now resting peacefully with, and to those who are now enjoying the wonders and majesty of, the Great Architect of the Universe. My Brothers, we shall miss you; may your journeys be complete.


Our other meeting night, January 1st, and was supposed to be a Masonic Quiz Night. But after hearing the opinion of many Brothers, I put it up for a vote and got a unanimous and resounding NO. So in response to that, and not wanting to spoil anyone's New Year, I cancelled our meeting. Hopefully, later this year we can find a spot to reschedule the event.

February promises to be a very busy month and with our snowbirds down South, our cabletows will be stretched even more. Your Officers and I will need the support and assistance of all those who are willing. If there is a possibility that you're available to help in any way, please do so.

Trestleboard

February 5th - 2nd Degree
 February 6th - Spaghetti Dinner 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 February 8th to 10th - Have-a-Heart Campaign at Eastview Mall
 February 12th - Fellowcraft Club, 6:30 p.m. dinner.
 February 19th - Masonic Education Night. Masonic

Presidents - George Washington to the present
 February 26th - Fellowcraft Club. 6:30 p.m. dinner. ✕

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Well, we are about half-way through another Upstate Winter now. The days are getting a little longer, and I hope everyone gets outside and enjoys it. Remember, there is no such thing as "bad weather"... just "bad clothing!"

Looking back

First of all, I thank all of the Brothers who put up (and took down) the Christmas decorations on our Lodge building. They did a great job and the building looked GREAT! Thanks to W.: Bud Ripley, W.: James Nersinger, Brothers Harold Wagner, Gene Gordon, Scott May and Glenn Clark.

January was quite a busy month for all of us. Our 2nd Degree went very well, due to the hard work of the Officers. They were well prepared and conferred a fine Ritual for our new Brothers. I thank R.: W.: Clifford Short, and all the Brothers who supported them.

Our Annual Communication was in January. We covered a lot of ground that evening and we are starting the year ready to meet our goals.

On Saturday, January 17th, our Lodge hosted the "Let's Chat" session with Deputy Grand Master R.: W.: Edward Trosin. It was an honor to have Masons from all around our region in our Lodge. The session was very informative, and we enjoyed the opportunity to "chat" with Deputy Grand Master Trosin about our Craft.

Condolences

It becomes my sad duty to announce the passing of one of our Brothers. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of W.: Donald Miller. Don was Raised May 26, 1953, and was called to the Supreme Lodge above on December 23, 2003. W.: Donald Miller was presented his 50-year Pin and Certificate last year. He was very involved in Masonry and he will be sorely missed.

February

We will have two rehearsals for the 3rd Degree in February. Our first will be on Monday, the 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. and, the second will be Monday, the 16th, also at 7:00 p.m. As always, all Officers are required to attend.

At our meeting on Monday, the 9th, we will welcome William Zufall to our Lodge, to give a talk on the Morgan Affair. We look forward to hearing Bill give this talk, and if you have not heard it, please feel free to join us at 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, February 18th, Union Star and Etolian Lodges will be doing the work for the evening at the third School of Ritual. This will be held at Etolian Lodge at 7:30

p.m., and will be covering the Ritual of the 3rd Degree.

Monday, February 23rd, at 7:30 p.m., our Lodge will hold a Special Communication to confer the 3rd Degree upon our new Brothers. Brother Rob Sweeney will serve a Pot Roast Dinner at 6:30 p.m. If you have not already signed up for the dinner, please call me at 346-3124, by February 13th.

I hope everyone remains in good health and spirits, and can join us soon. As always, if you need a ride, don't hesitate to call me. ✕

Fairport/Flower
City Lodge No. 476

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 7:30 p.m.
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Thanks to all the Brothers who braved the wind and the cold to attend our Lodge meetings in January! This Winter will certainly not be soon forgotten.

January

Life Members' Recognition Night on January 12th gave us the opportunity to learn more about our Brothers who were raised at least 40 years ago, and they certainly had some stories to tell. The Lodge of Remembrance, on January 26th, was also well attended.

Thanks especially to all the family members who joined us for dinner at the Cantonese House on January 22nd; we're glad that our new social program is working so well to bring us all together.

February Events

All members who want to take part in the administration of our Lodge are welcome at the monthly Fellowcraft Club meeting on February 5th in the dining room. These meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

We have a 1st Degree coming up on February 9th, with rehearsals the first week of February. Just for fun, we will have a "Flannel Shirt Night" on February 23rd, so leave the suit and tie at home. We'll have a casual evening at the Lodge.


We have signed up for the Have-a-Heart Program on Wednesday, February 11th, at Eastview Mall, from 12 Noon to 9 p.m. All members who wish to give their support to this worthy cause are welcome to participate. Please call me and let me know what time you can be there!

As a sort of a reward to ourselves for our community service efforts, we will have a Valentine's Day Dinner at the Lodge the following evening, Thursday, February 12th. Phone calls will be made for both of these events, but if you don't hear from a Lodge Officer by the weekend before, please don't hesitate to call me and make your reservations.

Thank you

I have received a great deal of support from many of our Lodge Brothers this year. I have challenged everyone to participate, and you have responded. I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for all of the ideas,

assistance, and good advice that I have received. One or two people are not enough to keep an organization like Masonry going, but many hands make light work. I truly look forward to working with you all throughout the remainder of my term as Master. Thank you for your participation and support! ✕

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The new year is off to a great start for ERAC Lodge. We had an excellent open meeting on January 12th, when Dr. Kathleen Kutolowski gave a talk on "Freemasonry and the Genesee Frontier." The Lodge room was full with many Brothers and guests. Many thanks to R.: W.: Bill Lindsay, who arranged for Dr. Kutolowski to speak at our Lodge.

The 2nd Degree, on January 26th, reaffirmed our commitment to good Ritual work. Brother George Nasra sat in the East and was well prepared. Many thanks to all who participated in the Degree and who made all four rehearsals.

Please join us

February will kick-off with a joint Table Lodge with Wakan/Hubbard Lodge. The event is still in the planning as I write this article, so more to come via email or call if you don't have email. The 3rd Degree is set for February 23rd, and our Officers are hard at work preparing. If you have not been out to Lodge recently, please come to see your Officers do great Ritual work.

Eastview Mall

The Have-a-Heart Campaign is off and we are scheduled to be at Eastview Mall on Friday, February 6th and Sunday, February 8th. Brother Richard Greenaway is in charge of filling those dates and times. Please don't wait to sign up to help. Brother Greenaway's phone number is 527-8802.

Success

The ElderWear Campaign has ended and was a success. Thanks to ERAC Brothers who helped W.: Lew Perna in collecting, sorting, and distributing clothes to local nursing homes. This will be an annual event for W.: Lew Perna and ERAC Lodge.

Please don't hesitate to call if you have questions or concerns regarding your Lodge. If you email me, it might take a week for me to get back to you because I rarely check my emails on a regular basis. Thanks for your support. ✕

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Sickness and Distress

Brother Bill Baxter was recently diagnosed with Leukemia. He is currently undergoing treatment and is making good progress. Our thoughts and prayers are with him during this difficult time. Brother John Hennessey's recovery from recent hip surgery is progressing ahead of schedule. I am happy to report we will see him back in Lodge very soon.

Brother Bring-a-Friend

January 28th will be our second Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. If you know a potential candidate who might be interested in joining the Craft, please bring him to this great event. Dinner will commence at 6:30 p.m.

Have-a-Heart

Saturday, February 7th, the Lodge will be volunteering time for the Have-a-Heart Campaign at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center from 12 p.m. - 9 p.m. Any Brother who wishes to help out for this great cause, please contact Ed Kelley: email edwardkelley@netzero.net, or 293-2538.

Second Degree

On February 11th, we will have our 2nd Degree, which will be presented by Jesse Noble. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., with the Degree commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Annual Table Lodge and Fellowcraft Night

The Lodge is excited to announce that the annual Table Lodge will be on March 24th at 6:30 p.m. This year the Fellowcraft Association has planned a Steak Dinner with all the fixings and a cigar demonstration, with prize drawing immediately following dinner. I can assure you this event has always been a great time.

The Fellowcraft Association is also pleased to announce that on April 14th it will hold its First Annual Fellowcraft Association Night. Our own Garry Hutcherson will be preparing his famous mouth watering Roast Beef Dinner. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m., with activities beginning at 7:30 p.m. More details will be available in next month's article. If you have any questions, please call or email me.

I look forward to seeing all of you in the months ahead. "



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By W.: Skip Waterstreet

We hope you are able to dig out by now and join us on the 3rd for our monthly dinner and social evening. Brother Warren Doerrer has arranged for Warren Kling to speak to us on the subject of millionaires and entrepreneurs over the years in the Rochester area. That's a class I'll never qualify for, but it should be an interesting presentation. We will meet once again at the Nutcracker Restaurant, 2159 Empire Boulevard for a Meatloaf dinner at 6:30 p.m. I've neglected to mention this before, but if you need transportation please call me or one of our Officers so we can make the necessary arrangements.

January

Last month, Philip Greenstine gave us some historical information on Will Rogers. Another enjoyable evening for those in attendance.

On the 20th, a brave and hearty crew battled the elements to confer the 2nd Degree. The wind was whipping pretty good along Bay Road, but it did not deter the required Officers from their appointed duties. Of course, the Worshipful Master (Chuck Strickland) is on his Winter hiatus in Florida so he missed out on the presentations.

Our Senior Warden, Brother Ken Schumacher, did an excellent job as Worshipful Master in leading the Degree participants. Aably assisting were: W.: Bill Shelby, Senior Warden; W.: Dave King, Junior Warden; it was my pleasure to serve as Senior Deacon; W.: Volney Frankel was Chaplain; Brother Jack Grover was Marshal; and Brother Joe Steffen was the Conductor. W.: Tom Kendig presented the Working Tools and W.: Dave King did an outstanding job on the Middle Chamber Lecture. We should have invited our AGL, V.: W.: John Dyer, to visit us for this Degree.

Have-a-Heart

Our Secretary has established a list of the Brothers who have volunteered to assist at the Have-a-Heart Campaign booth at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center. Brother Tom mailed this list to those involved. (Then he left for a couple of weeks in the sunny South! But, he promised to return in time to be there and help the rest of us.)

If you are not signed up, don't let that stop you from coming out and lending a hand to this worthy cause. The Masons have been a major supporter of the Ronald McDonald House since the beginning. The need continues; your help

would be appreciated. Our day is Wednesday, February 11th; we are on duty from noon until 9:00 p.m. Please come out for whatever amount of time you are able. I'm told, the booth will be near the Food Court. See you there!

Sickness and Distress

We learned that W.: Duane Smith fell in his home and the result was the "best shiner" in the city. A few days later, he experienced some difficulty and was hospitalized for observation. We expect he is back home by now and hope he is feeling much better.

We say hello to our Tiler, Brother Harold Impson. While still convalescing from his stroke, we hear he is itching to get back to Lodge to enjoy the fellowship.

Brother Bob Traub continues to recover from his recent setback and also hopes to get back to regularly attending our meetings very soon.

Dues

We have a few Brothers who have not paid their 2003 dues as yet, and several still outstanding for 2004. Our Secretary, W.: Tom Kendig, will be happy to see the checks in his mailbox, 2064 Brookway Crescent, Ontario, NY, 14519.

3rd Degree

Despite what you may have heard in other circles, as of January 22nd here's what's happening:

The Shrine Past Masters' Degree Team will confer the 3rd Degree on our Brother and possibly two Brothers from Union Star Lodge in Honeoye Falls on Tuesday, the 17th. This event will be preceded by a catered Buffet Dinner at the Damascus Shrine Center. There will be two meat entrees: Beef Tips and Chicken, with appropriate sides and beverages. The cost will be \$8.00 per person. The calling committee will be in touch with you earlier than normal, as we must report the count to our caterer by February 11th.

Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m.; the Degree will get underway around 7:30 p.m. Please join us for this special occasion, even if you can't come for dinner. We would like a good crowd to welcome our new Master Masons. "

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By W.: Jayson Richardson

It is with honor that we present the newly Appointed and Elected Officers of Eureka Lodge No. 36, PH.

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James Tisdale
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Charles Settles

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Congratulations to all and best wishes in your endeavors for the year. "

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The new year is here, and with it a whole new set of possibilities, a new beginning, and a whole new set of Masonic events. First, a short recap of last year's events.

On June 6th we had our Installation, with all kinds of finger food and drinks. On June 11th, we all went to a soccer game at Frontier Field. It was a great family time. There were hotdogs, burgers and beer shared among Brethren, their families and friends.

On July 3rd, and the 17th, we had card games and food. August was dart month when on the 7th the Brothers competed for first place. On the 21st, we had a Spaghetti dinner with our families.

As the regular meetings came in September, we started with pizza and darts, besides our regular communication. On the 6th we had our annual Widows Luncheon.



Brothers Raymond Beardsley, Derek VanHouten, Pedro Ugalde, Master (above, left to right), and Jack Thibaut, Richard Trolley, Glenn Schaefer and Glenn Hedges (below) were among the attendees at the recent Table Lodge held by Northfield Lodge. (Photos courtesy of Pedro Ugalde)



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Genesee/Wyoming

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Each year starts anew with the promise of a better future and resolutions to bring this to fruition. We, as Masons, can resolve to make our world and communities better through our aid and support of the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, and its beneficent support of charity, our greatest gift.

Your support and assistance to the Brothers of the District can be given in many forms. On January 31st, Oakland Lodge, along with Constellation, Triluminar, Attica and West Star Lodges, will be conferring the 3rd Degree. Come and partake of the excellent

What would we be if we didn't bring in new members, eh? So we had our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on the September 18.

On October 1st I gave a short talk about annum lucis, and W.: Raymond Beardsley continued the talk from where I left it. On the 16th we recognized our Scottish Rite Award Winner, W.: Randy Griswold.

November 6th brought us the Official Visitation, and on the 20th, Brother Horncastle came to talk about the Rosslyn Chapel. Our December Brother Bring-a-Friend Night paid off and we had our 1st Degree. On the 18th, we closed the year with one great meeting; a Table Lodge, where I had the pleasure to see Brothers have great laughs, and a good time. We can't forget that for the Grand Lecturer's Convention we had a great attendance.

All of these in half a year. Let's see what this new year brings. With all good times come sad times. Many Brethren departed. I received a call from Priscilla Ford, informing me of the passing of her father, Brother William R. Ford, January 10th. He was a faithful Mason for over 50 years. For him, and all Masons who came before us, let's keep this brotherhood shining its light over all, and its tenants alive. "

brotherhood afforded by this Degree work. Offer your services in the Ritual or join in on the sidelines.

After you have attended this Degree, you can travel to the other end of the District and attend Hesperus Lodge's 3rd Degree on February 5th. Each of these functions will have a dinner for your enjoyment. Why not come and join in bringing new Masonic Brothers to light and fellowship in our Craft?

Another date for good food and fellowship would be the annual George Washington Day Dinner Dance held at Warsaw Lodge on February 21st.

The Education Assistance Program materials have been delivered to the Lodge Secretaries and are available to assist you and family members to further their education.

Grand Lodge has set aside May 22nd, along with twenty-six other Grand Lodges and States, to present to the nation the Masonic Child Identification Program (CHIPS). Grand Lodge will be asking that every District, Lodge, Brother and other family members

come forth and participate in this worthwhile community service project. This will help our true Masonic Light to the world at large, and show our Craft in a positive light.

Enhance your Masonic education at the Road to the East Program, which is scheduled for consecutive Saturdays, February 21st and 28th, at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge in Penfield. The cost is \$20.00, which covers all materials and coffee and doughnuts. Time to be announced.

You should be making plans to attend Grand Lodge on May 3rd and May 4th. Many important votes will be on the agenda, and if you are not present you cannot cast your ballot and let your voice be heard.

May the blessings of heaven rest upon you and yours and may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

topic which many of us have difficulty-remembering names.

The more I become involved in this Fraternity, the more people I meet. I enjoy making new acquaintances and expanding my circle of friends, both within as well as outside, of Masonry. With an ever-increasing sphere of acquaintances, one of the major tasks I face is committing names to memory and facilitating the link between the name and face. When I was teaching college, I was assigned classes which ran the gamut from small seminars, to lecture halls containing 300+ students. In the larger classes, I made it a point during the first few meetings to delineate my dilemma regarding names. I would explain that while I was one name to remember to each student in the class, in the case of the larger classes, each student was but one among the 300+ of his or her classmates, each of whose names I could never learn in one semester. There was nothing I lamented more than to be greeted in the hallway with a cherry "Hi, Dr. Austin!" and to have to return the greeting with a smile, but with no name to attach to it-how impersonal! Invariably, when names did come to mind, they were of those at opposite ends of the spectrum, those who stood out because of stellar academic performance, or those whose academic performance brought their names to mind on a more abysmal note. The majority, who placed in the middle academically, were "lost souls," whose names unfortunately, in many cases, were never connected with their faces.

I had heard of, and employed whenever possible, a memory technique known as mnemonics, a form of association used as a memory enhancer. Once I joined Masonry, I encountered this method again. Indeed, R.: W.: Bil Vassily has formulated a wonderful program utilizing mnemonics as a memory enhancing method which I have again encountered as part of Masonic training sessions. I have to say, it works-it really does!

Recently, I came across an article written by Lucius Beebe, an author and newspaperman. During his career, he met many people, and I was surprised to learn we shared a common pet peeve of trying to commit the names of newly met acquaintances to memory. I share the same with you herein; perhaps many of you will empathize:

The politest man I know-and I don't encounter him every day-is the one who, on shaking my hand in a restaurant or encountering me on the street, says, "I'm John Doe, of XYZ Lodge." He doesn't say, "I'll bet you don't know who I am," or otherwise act coy. He announces plainly whom he is, knowing that the chances are I don't know him from Adam and am very embarrassed about it, too.

The rudest man I know-and I encounter him almost daily-is the one whom I should know but don't and who makes capital out of it as though somehow I had deliberately insulted him. I know, I suppose several hundred people, but my memory is as defective as the next man's. Give me a clue and I can usually, in time, reconstruct a person's case history and recall whom he roomed with at Yale, but sometimes I can't do it on the spot.

Women, of course, are far worse than men. They expect everyone to remember them immediately, as though a poor memory for names were a sort of lapse from chivalry. The fact that no woman ever appears twice in the same hat, hairdo or makeup, just doesn't occur to them.

When I encounter somebody who obviously doesn't remember my name, I don't try to be coy and mystify him with veiled references to the last, presumably shady, circumstances under which we met. I make a point of stating my name and my business or Lodge association. When anybody does as much for me, I set him down as having irreproachable manners and meriting my golden opinion.

The same obtains in all forms of communication, greeting or salutation. There is the character who simpers on the telephone: "I'll bet you don't know who this is." I don't and I don't want to. The individual who signs a postcard with just his initials or a nickname can also be retired, for my money. There are several people of my acquaintance who are "J.H." or "Hank" or "Ratsy," and any one of them might be roaming around in Rome, old Mexico or Antofagasta.

It doesn't make any difference if you are George Bush or Queen Elizabeth. Not everyone remembers you and it's a good thing to identify yourself before you get your acquaintances into a frenzy trying to think who you are. Not only do they know you then, they know you for a human being.

I liked this article, and found it to provide a basis for reflection. Hopefully, you did also, John, or is it Mike, er, ah, um, I mean Joe, oh no, pardon me, of course, your name is Bill, ISNT it?



R.: W.: Norm Austin, Grand Sword Bearer, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to R.: W.: Bill Lindsay, on behalf of the Genesee/Wyoming District Brothers involved, for teaching them the new Masonic Development Course.

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I knew we were existing on borrowed time—the weather was delightful for so long, and then we received our due. I guess we should expect it, after all, it is February, but my thoughts are still toward Spring.

With the onset of February comes Valentine's Day, and a tradition at Warsaw Lodge. February 21st is the date of the annual George Washington's Day Dinner Dance. Good food, good company, dancing and a lot of fun are on the agenda, and each is a surefire remedy for the Winter doldrums. Stop in and enjoy a delicious family style Turkey Dinner and a great afternoon.

Cancellation

The Road to the East sessions scheduled for February 21st and March 20th at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia have been cancelled due to lack of interest/enrollment. I'm not sure if there is a connection between this cancellation and the adage: "Ignorance is Bliss," but I shall defer to the reader to be the judge. (Editor's note: The Course will be offered at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge in Penfield on February 21st and 28th.)

Sickness and Distress

Our thoughts are with R.: W.: Merle Robinson and his wife Mary, as he recovers from his recent surgery.

At this time of the Masonic year, not too much is taking place. The holiday season has come to a close, and most of us are eagerly awaiting the advent of Spring. During this hiatus, I thought I might deviate from the usual format of this column, and expound upon a

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From the East

As we begin a new year, I find myself contemplating what the new year will produce. Since this is not my first time presiding in the East at this time of the year, I ask myself many questions relating to my office and the propagation of the Fraternity. What can I/we do differently to make this a time of change for the better? I fully realize that I cannot do it alone. It takes a combined effort to make these kinds of changes, beginning with myself, the Officers and each and every one of my Brethren.

A positive step in this direction is in the works. We are making plans to introduce a man from the community into our Fraternity on the 27th of January, which may be after you receive this publication. Watch your email and if you do not have access to that medium, word of mouth will be utilized so all may come, meet and greet this individual. Remember, this event means a 'first and lasting' impression on a Brother who, until this time, was in the dark, as relates to Masonry.

I personally thank those who gave of their time and helped to support our traditional events during the month of December, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army and also hosting the residents of the Batavia VA Medical Center with an evening of Bingo.

From the South

As we begin the New Year, we have some work to do. We need fundraisers for our activities, expenses, and we now need to purchase a Purple Apron this year. I could use all the help I can get for fundraising ideas and help to make them happen. Bring your ideas

to Lodge or email me at cinder1@rochester.rr.com.

Any New Year's Resolutions...Have I been as active as I would like to be? Have I lived up to my obligations I swore to, in Lodge and in my daily travels and activities? I, myself, resolve to become a brighter beacon of the Light in Freemasonry in thought, word, and deed. I have found that more people respond to what you project than what you say. So Brothers, turn the light on high beam, be the lighthouse that others look for in the storm.

I wish Brother Ralph Goodberlet a speedy recovery and I hope to see you in Lodge soon. Get better, we miss you.

Sickness and distress

Over the past few days, I have been in contact with Brother Ralph Goodberlet. He is at home recuperating from a serious bout of cardiac problems. Slowly but surely, he is on the mend.

I would ask that you continue to remember several of our Brothers from the District who recently have had some trying times physically. R.: W.: John Bater of Hesperus Lodge is healing from some broken bones. At the time of this writing, he is a patient at Highland Hospital. I have been told that he may remain a resident of the hospital for some time.

R.: W.: Ken Kohlhausen, of West Star Lodge, continues to improve with each day, although I have been informed that he "lost his razor." W.: Ron Morris, of Hesperus Lodge, is at home recuperating. I do not have any particulars on his situation at the present.

R.: W.: Merle Robinson, of West Star Lodge, also decided he needed a vacation so he went into the hospital for some R & R. Actually, some serious surgery, also. We wish these Brothers a complete and speedy healing process.

Finally Brothers, we continue to ask that you keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers. They are giving of their time while diligently performing their respective duties overseas and at home while we are in the comfort of our families and homes.

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Hopefully, all fellow Masons and their families have had a happy and healthy start to the New Year. It was reported to me that Brother Hoffmeister is doing well and helped in the preparation of the meal for the Table Lodge, hosted by Constellation Lodge. I was fortunate to see Brother Bowels over the holidays and I'm glad to report he is doing well. I have not received any information on any Brother of Oakland Lodge who became ill during the holiday season.

Table Lodge

The Table Lodge, hosted by Constellation Lodge on January 10th, was a very successful gathering. I was unable to attend myself, due to other commitments, but it was reported to me that a great time was had by all. It was an evening of good fun and great food. If anybody went away from this evening hungry, it

was his own fault. A special thanks to Constellation Lodge for hosting such a fine evening.

Degree

On January 31st, we will be raising a Brother to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Brothers from Oakland Lodge and fellow Lodges throughout the District will be helping in conferring this Degree. I thank Constellation Lodge for the use of their Temple to confer this Degree.

Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Campaign is off and running for another year. The Brotherhood Chairman for Oakland Lodge is Kenneth Smith. The best place to make your contributions is at our monthly communications. For those Brothers who are unable to make our communications, your contributions can be sent directly to Brother Smith at: Kenneth Smith, 8562 East Main Street, LeRoy, NY 14482. Any member who is making a contribution through the mail, please indicate what category toward which you would like your contribution dedicated.


Lodge dues

Every member should have received his dues notice from the Secretary by now. Please help facilitate this process by getting your dues payment into the Secretary as soon as

possible. This will allow the Lodge to concentrate its efforts on other areas and prevent you from falling behind a year.

May the blessings of heaven rest upon all Masons and their families everywhere. x

Eagle Valley Lodge No. 1161



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As 2004 begins, nothing has changed in Eagle Valley. Merger progress is proceeding at what could be described as a "glacial pace."

Weather has been wintery as should be expected and, unfortunately, several of our most dedicated Brothers have been on the list of those ill or recovering from surgery. Good news is that we of Eagle Valley struggle on. Tho' the flame of our ever-diminishing candle flickers precariously, the dim light still shines forth!

It is the writer's hope, Brothers, that wherever we may be, we will always meet, act and depart as regular Masons

should. May Heaven bless us! Amen! Don't forget to pray for our military men and women everywhere. x

HESPERUS Lodge No. 837



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Many thanks are in order to W.: Richard Sands for his tireless efforts with the Christmas Baskets for shut-ins and needy, and to all those who helped in any way. This year Dick suggested sending a card and phone card to active area service people; great idea to let our service people know those at home are thinking of them while they defend our country.

My thanks to everyone for their prayers, cards, emails, visits and phone calls during my recent heart attack. Your outpouring of concern truly helped speed my recovery, and I am now well on the way to feeling 100% again. Brother Harry Tyson did a great job in the East in my absence and kept me completely up-to-date.

Our Table Lodge, held January 15th, was very successful. Thanks to W.: Garry Hutcherson and W.: Donald Hargrave for a fantastic meal.

Ladies Night Out will be held at the Rose Garden Restaurant in Bergen on February 21st. Tickets are \$20.00 each and each Lodge participating has a chairman from whom tickets can be purchased. It is always a wonderful evening out for our members and their ladies. Participating Lodges are Churchville, Etolian, Hesperus and Batavia.

We will be having a 3rd Degree on February 5th with W.: Joe Chimino in the East. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. by the ladies of the Eastern Star and the Degree will begin at 7:30 p.m. Please feel free to join us for the evening.

News from Hesperus Eastern Star

Worthy Sharon Morris, outgoing Matron of Hesperus Eastern Star Chapter, has asked me to add this message from her to my article this month.

I would like to thank everyone who gave Ron and me support and prayers while he was sick.

We also thank all the members of Hesperus Chapter for all the support they gave me last year while I was Matron. Without all of you I could not have done the work. Thank you all! x

Grand Director of Ceremonies Livingston District



R.W.:
C. Eugene
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I did like the weather in December much better than what we have had so far in January! Even though the

weather has been tough, our Lodges are quietly at work. Union Lodge No. 45 has an excellent newsletter, which is very informative.

Task Force

Livingston District has formed a Task force to investigate the future of our Lodges. They have held several meetings, made several inquiries as to the present status of our Lodges and I am told they are going to present their first report at our next Association Meeting. We hope it is enlightening.

Road to the East

This Program is proving to be difficult for the Staff Officers to put together because the Brothers do not inform us of their intentions in a timely manner. If you want to take the Course, by all means let us know. I spoke of the dates for this Course back in November at our Association Meeting. Due to the lack of response, the place and dates have been changed. The new location is Wakan/Hubbard Lodge in Penfield. The dates are consecutive Saturdays, February

21st and 28th. The location was changed due to the lack of interest generating from Livingston and Genesee/Wyoming Districts.

R.T.T.E Program

Livingston District has the choice of holding their own RTTE Program or do we join with Monroe District? R.: W.: Rich Friedman will be one of the presenters. The cost for the Course is \$20.00. This covers all materials and, of course, coffee and doughnuts. Time to be announced.

May

The trip to Grand Lodge will

soon be upon us. Let's start planning. District Deputy Bob Fisher has sent out a newsletter and a questionnaire, concerning the trip. Let's not drag our feet on this one.

Good news

Union Lodge has announced they will subscribe to the *Masonic Times* for the ensuing year. Four out of eight Lodges are now receiving the *Masonic Times* in Livingston District. This is good, but we should do better.

Enjoy your life, smile; Winter will be over fairly soon! x

District Deputy Grand Master Ontario/Seneca/Yates District



R.W.: Clayton R. Ruggles
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At the OSY Association meeting on January 10th, there were twenty-four Brothers from eight of the Lodges in attendance. More tapes and other materials for Child ID use in the District will be ordered. The Surviving Spouses Luncheon will be held on either April 17th or 24th, depending on site availability. Possible locations for the 12th Annual OSY Charities Golf Tournament in August are being checked. Information for seeking sponsors, door prizes, etc., is being developed. Other ideas were shared and will be discussed further. The next meeting of the Association will be on March 13th at Garoga/Sincerity Lodge.

Information on the trip to Grand Lodge, regarding hotel and bus transportation, has been sent to Lodge secretar-

ies and Masters. Any wishing to make the trip are strongly encouraged to submit the necessary paper work as soon as possible.

The combined 3rd Degree with Garoga/Sincerity, Canandaigua and Seneca Lake Lodges proved to be a great success. There were over fifty in attendance. This left a lasting impression on the newly raised Brothers. This is the third year that such an activity has been done in the District and I strongly encourage a continuation of this. It certainly is helpful to Lodges which might otherwise have difficulty conferring the 3rd Degree alone. Regarding further Degree work in the District, please keep us informed. In the calendar of events for February, you will note those we know of.

R.: W.: William Colin, Staff Officer, and I, will continue to visit Lodges in the District and are ready and willing to offer whatever support and assistance we can.

February dates

11th - 1st Degree - Seneca
12th - Staff Officer Visit - Milnor Lodge
19th - 1st Degree - Seneca Lake No. 308
26th - Staff Officer Visit - Geneva No. 965 x

Ark Lodge No. 33, F. & A.M.



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Perhaps it has been a long-time since you have attended Ark Lodge at 208 Border City Road. If it is, you have probably forgotten some of the obligations you took. Why not try to attend Ark Lodge, see the three Degrees conferred, and refresh your memory? You may be surprised to find how much there is to this Masonic Fraternity of ours.

Do you know how much Masons and Masonry had to do with the historical development of our country? Do you know how our Masonic forefathers helped George Washington's Army? Do you know that in the original thirteen Colonies there were over one thousand Masonic Lodges?

Now is the time to find out a great many things about the history of our Masonic Fraternity. W.: Howard Colegrove

has set up our many Masonic books in our Masonic Library adjoining our Lodge. Many members of our Lodge (R.: W.: Dr. John Stelter in particular) have done a great deal of Masonic research work. Give Ark Lodge a chance to prove to you that Masonry is so firmly rooted in American history that Masonry will never die, for what better foundation could any organization have than the Holy Bible?

Let us consider for a moment, Masonry as a service (community, State and nation) organization. Freemasons and concordant Masonic Bodies contribute over millions of dollars each day to outside relief where needed. Do you know that from April, 1921 to 2003, how much Masonry has contributed to the Masonic Home in Utica? Millions and millions of dollars in relief of suffering to Masons and their families. Do you know the Shrine, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch and Grand Commandery, how many millions of dollars they have given to outside relief?

This is only in New York State. Multiply this by 49 other States and then add to this all the Masons all over the world and see if you can realize the magnitude of our relief

activities throughout the world.

Ark Lodge Brothers, think these things over and see if you agree with us in our true belief that Masonry is truly a great undertaking, carried on through the ages by strong Masonic men who are more than willing to help others as they are able to do it.

Words of wisdom

George Washington's prayer at Newburgh, NY, 1783, for the United States of America.

"Almighty God, we make an earnest prayer, that, thou wilt keep the United States in thy holy protection; that thou wilt incline the hearts of our citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to our government and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States. Finally, that thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with charity, temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion and, without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant out supplications, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

Albert Einstein - strange is our situation here upon earth. Each of us comes for a short visit, not knowing why, yet sometimes seeming to divine a purpose. From the standpoint of daily life however, there is one thing we do know: that man is here for the sake of other men. Above all, for those upon whose smile and well-being our happiness depends, and also, for the countless unknown souls with whose fate we are connected by a bond of sympathy. Many times I realize how much my own outer and inner life is built upon the labors of my fellow men, both living and dead. How earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received.

Top stories of 1990

1. The Iraq invasion of Kuwait (my wife and I missed the invasion by 2 days. My daughter, Dr. Julie Khoury, her husband, Ishmael, and son, Cameron, were captured for 2 months until their escape to Iran.)
2. East and West Germany reunited after 40 years of separation.
3. Political and economic reforms in Russia.
4. End of Cold War between United States and Russia.
5. Economic slump in United States.
6. Democracy in Eastern Europe.
7. British Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, stepped down.

Ark Lodge: 1918 - 1988

Various organizations that met in the Temple:
 Masonic: Ark Lodge, Geneva Chapter, RAM (1814), Geneva Commandery No. 29, KT (1862), Geneva Chapter No. 82, OES (1891), Geneva Shrine Club (1900), Amaranth (1903), Umakon Grotto (1907), Geneva Masonic Club (1920), Geneva Lodge No. 965, F&AM (1920), Jewel Triangle (1929), Finger Lakes Council No. 40 (1957), Malta Shrine No. 25 (1950), Geneva Chapter, DeMolay (1926).

Community organizations

The organizations which rented from Ark Lodge were: Mormon Church, American Machinist Union, Geneva Red Cross, St. Michael's Church activities, Geneva Lodge of the Sons of Italy, Geneva Community Chest, American Legion, Geneva Girl Scouts, Finger Lakes Masonic Bowling League and private receptions, banquets, etc.

Psalm 133

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity!

This and that

Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration!

The essence of all life is to have pleasure in giving pleasure to others. *Anonymous*

No man is useless in this world who lightens the burden of others. *Charles Dickens*

The law has honored us, may we honor it.

Daniel Webster

Age is strictly a case of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter! *Jack Benny*

People, places, events

In 1989, Ark Lodge meetings were held in the basement of St. Peter's Church, January - April. They then went to Geneva Lodge from May to November.

In 1989, W.: Charles Rouse, Jr., retiring Master, gave Ark Lodge a splendid banner of Ark Lodge, 3' by 10'.

In 1989, W.: Stephen S. Goebert (Master, 1978) was awarded the 18th Hiram Award.

In 1990, in *The Empire State Mason*, Spring issue, was the Ark Lodge newsletter written by R.: W.: Dr. John Stelter. In the Grand Lodge Trestleboard contest of 175 entries, the article won first place. Thank you, Brother John Stelter, for all your many enlightening Ark Lodge newsletters for over four decades!

Freemasonry means freedom of action to many Brothers. You receive the working tools, you make your masterpiece. You pay your Lodge dues, you receive in return what you put in your effort. It is your choice, success or failure!

Brother Raymond Baroody was awarded his 50th year Damascus Shrine Certificate with a beautiful 50-year Pin. Congratulations, Brother Raymond.

American Red Cross

On behalf of the American Red Cross of the Finger Lakes, and the blood recipients you helped, we express our appreciation for your support of the Blood Drive on November 18th. There were a total of 91 willing donors from whom 78 units were collected. There were two first-time donors, which was great.

Thank you for the many Red Cross posters distributed all over Geneva and I thank my wife, Clara, for the macaroni salad she provided for the helpers.

**Garoga-Sincerity
Lodge No. 200**

1st & 3rd
Tuesdays



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Reflecting back on December, I thank W.: Ernie Day for his efforts in organizing our Salvation Army Bell Ringing Program. Thanks to all who

made this program so successful again this year. I thank R.: W.: Robert Bird for his efforts and work with the Widows Program (ordering and delivering poinsettias) and to all others who helped deliver. All who received them appreciated them.

Condolences

On a sadder note, I'm sure most of the Lodge members already are aware of the passing of W.: Elwood Mowers. What a wonderful response we had at the Cheney Funeral Home for his Masonic Service. It was great to see so many Brothers there to show their last respects.

Degree

On January 12th, a joint 3rd Degree was held. Canandaigua, and Seneca Lodges participated with Garoga/Sincerity. It takes a lot of hours to confer one of these Degrees, and I would like to once again thank all who participated in the rehearsals to make this such a special evening for the new Brothers and all who attended.

Four Brothers were raised, two from Garoga/Sincerity, one from Canandaigua and one from Seneca. I will have more on this Degree in next month's article.

As we turn our attention to the new year, we face many challenges and decisions that have to be made. I will schedule an Officers' meeting sometime in March. This meeting will be open to all Brothers, not just Officers. We will need the whole Officer line there for this meeting to be successful.

Card night

On December 12th we had a Card Night, with a lot of new faces there and even though the night turned stormy, it didn't keep those in attendance from having another fun night together.

Our next Card Night will be Friday, February 13th, at 6:30 p.m. Just bring a snack to pass and plan on having a fun night. Friends are welcome.

In closing, please don't forget that the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays are meeting nights, with the 1st Tuesday of the month being a Pot Luck Dinner night.

As always, remember to keep all our servicemen and women in your thoughts and prayers.

February birthdays


Happy birthday to Brothers: Win Abplanalp (17th); Perry Adams (3rd); Charles Buisch (23rd); and Jesse Gillespie (15th).

The following Brothers were raised in the month of February in past years:

- James Piper 2/28/45
 - Donald Sabin 2/6/51
 - William Walp 2/25/71
- Congratulations!

**Milnor
Lodge No. 139**

2nd & 4th
Thursdays



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The month of December was a busy one. I regret missing the deadline for the *Masonic Times*. Our new Brother took his 2nd Degree in Phelps at Garoga/Sincerity Lodge on December 2nd. The Brothers of Garoga/Sincerity did a fine job. DDGM, R.: W.: Clayton R. Ruggles, made his Official visit on December 11th. After presenting the message from the Grand Master, M.: W.: Carl J. Fitje, he summarized the happenings of the 2003 Grand Lodge Meeting and stressed the importance of all the Lodges sending representatives to the Grand Lodge meetings.

Next was the Lodge Christmas Party, scheduled for December 14th but, as was the pattern for the year, the party was called off due to bad weather.

The 3rd Degree conferred on December 18th, went very well. Our new Brother, Allen Miller, and I, thank everyone who helped with the Degree. It was a difficult time of the year to do it and I appreciate all the Brothers who gave their time and effort to make it a successful Degree.

Our next meeting was January 8th, with a Venison Dinner put on by W.: Jim Hartz. In that meeting we covered a lot of ground; from welcoming our new Brother, Allen Miller,

to going over the upcoming projects. We will be participating in the Have-a-Heart Campaign. I will be calling Brothers to help.

W.: Bud Peglow discussed the town meetings to have billboards put up at main edges of town with various service organizations on it.

We are also looking into Drug Free School Zones for Victor and Bloomfield School Districts. The annual Turkey Dinner on February 7th, was also discussed.

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Our January 22nd meeting was to set a budget for the Lodge. The February 12th meeting is our Staff Officer's meeting. A Masonic Challenge will highlight the second meeting, February 26th.

The first meeting in March, on the 11th, will be a Family Night and all are invited. We will have the Shrine Clowns in for a presentation that both young and old will enjoy. The second meeting, March 25th, will be Awards Night.

Please remember the Brotherhood Fund and that your dues are now due.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for their help and time in the many projects that we are and have been doing. Please try to attend our Lodge meetings; there is a lot going on and the fellowship is more than worth it. May God bless and keep us all in His care.

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Scottish Rite NEWS

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Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°

A special privilege to be a 32° Mason

The late Ill. Harold Dates, 33°, Active Member Emeritus of our Supreme Council at the time of his passing, shared some important lessons with us when he cited our responsibility as members of the Scottish Rite to be the guardians of the "Four Ships": Worship, Stewardship, Leadership and Friendship.

As we pray each day, the presence of worship in our lives as related to the strength of our individual spiritual relationships with the Great Architect is vital; the daily care that we exercise in our stewardship of the beloved principles that we embrace as 32° Masons is important; the daily outreach to our various critical mass groups as we lead our various organizations through growth and change is a crucial part of our future. The constant practice of these three creates a special bond of friendship that makes our Scottish Rite a special experience in life's journey.

The Officers and leaders of your Valley encourage you to take a moment to celebrate your special station in life as a 32° Mason. Our Valley is proud to begin its 138th year of continuous service to Rochester area Freemasons.

Reach out and say hello

With the special feeling that we all have for being a 32° Mason, we ask that each of our valley members "Reach out" and ask a Lodge Brother to join us in this special venture. You will be delighted that you asked and he will ultimately be glad that he accepted. For special information and details about securing and submitting a petition, please call our office at 264-1160.

It was interesting during a holiday visit to one of our senior members when he asked, "Why did you join the Consistory?" After thinking for a moment, it was just as amusing to respond that a number of my Fraternal contacts had suggested it to be a positive step in Masonic growth and that there would be new lessons learned. The most fascinating part of the educational process was the explanation of the Masonic "Camp" in the 32nd Degree. That particular trip twenty-four years ago was educational, exciting and every bit as amazing as what was shared beforehand.

Each of us has a special reason why we took this journey. Perhaps each of you can share your excitement with a potential candidate. It was a pleasure as a candidate in the Lake Erie Consistory of Cleveland, Ohio, to have been sponsored

by the (then) presiding Grand Master of Ohio. It was more of a thrill to have been the exemplar in one of the Degrees, conducted exclusively by all Senior DeMolays.

Calendar highlights

February 1st - 14th - Have-a-Heart Campaign

February 19th - Day of Adar Obligatory Day (Table Lodge). Guest speaker, Ill.: David P. Spencer, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council.

February 27th - Brother Bring-a-Brother Program. (See separate information for details.)

Spring Reunion

April 23rd and 24th have been reserved for the Valley's Spring Reunion. On Friday, the 23rd, the Lodge of Perfection Degrees will be conferred. On Saturday, April 24th, the Council, Chapter and Consistory Degrees will be conferred. The Valley of Buffalo will be working with us in the conferral of Saturday's Degrees. This will be an interesting time for our two Valleys to share the expertise that each has in particular parts. Stay tuned for more details and specific information.

Learning Center fundraising initiative

Steve Pekock, Learning Center Fundraising Coordinator for Supreme Council, visited us on January 17th to begin a special initiative for the development of an endowment for our Learning Center through local fundraising efforts. Steve is a professional fundraiser who is very competent and capable in this arena. We look forward to being in touch with many of our members who can assist in this effort.

If you are interested in visiting the Learning Center to see the great work that is taking place, please call our office. While our efforts have been very positive, the disturbing thing is the number of children who are waiting to be helped who we cannot accommodate.

Congratulations

Best wishes to Charles N. "Skip" Waterstreet and Linda Zahn in their newly elected positions of leadership within the Masonic Service Bureau. We thank Angelo DiCataldo for his leadership during the recent past. Best wishes, as well, to Sublime Prince Bruce Chilton, in his new role as the Potentate of Damascus Shrine. The Valley of Rochester has been a supporter of both of these groups for many years. We trust that these relationships will continue to grow, strengthen and prosper under the new leaders who have been recently elected and installed. Congratulations, as well, to those new York Rite presiding officers who have been elected and installed for the 2004 year.

Masonic youth

Sublime Prince Gary L. Burke has made many positive efforts to recruit and train new Advisors in an attempt to revitalize Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay. If you are interested in working with the youth of today, please contact Gary for further information about becoming a Certified Advisor.

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The Bodies of the Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Rochester, State of New York acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose Grand East is in Lexington, Massachusetts and whose officers are:

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Abbott Scholarships

For those who inquire throughout the year, please see the January issue of the *Masonic Times*. The Valley's Chair, Sublime Prince William Lindsay, has done an excellent job of creating awareness about how to secure an application, fill it out correctly and submit it in a timely manner. The Valley has been privileged to have presented several of these for each of the past years. For any further questions, please call our Office at 264-1160.

ReMember the Blue Lodge Award

There are many of you eligible to receive this Award. If you have been a first line signer of a petition for a Blue Lodge during the last year, please contact the Valley Office to secure an application. The procedure for completing the same is to forward it to your Lodge Secretary for validation and then mail to the State agency that is coordinating this Award.

Welcome

Ill.: David Spencer, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council, has been appointed as the liaison to the Valley of Rochester. We welcome Ill.: Brother Spencer and look forward to learning from him as we move forward together.

Hospitaler's notes

We ask for your continued thoughts and prayers on behalf of the Spillane family, the Glaser family, Alfred K. Miller,

Roger MacCaughey, Dr. John Stelter, MD, Ill.: Howard Amos, 33°, and Robert Zahn. If you learn of a member of our family who is in need of our thoughts, prayers and assistance, please call the office and provide any specific details that may be of assistance.

Special notes

Please take a moment to send in your dues for 2004. These dollars represent an important part of the Valley's operating budget.

The Strategic Plan for the next five years will soon be reviewed. It is interesting that your Valley participates in 38 of the suggested 52 requirements. "Whale done" to the Officers and leaders of the Valley who provide the necessary leadership.

The Learning Center will be sponsoring a "Walk-a-Thon" on October 17th for the benefit of the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center. Stay tuned for more information! We look forward to having a great turnout!

Story telling

In the context for presenting both *Undaunted Courage* and *To America*, we are all thankful for the many wonderful stories that have been shared by Stephen E. Ambrose, a prominent American historian and scholar. Perhaps each of us might share one of our special Masonic memoirs in a like manner with a potential candidate which might encourage him to join and share

the special privilege that we all enjoy. Part of our stewardship is this very outreach and care.

Reunion photos

We have a documented record of all classes during the first 100 years of our organization. From 1967 on, things seem to be a bit fragmented. If you have an original photo of any of the classes from 1967 on, it would be greatly appreciated if we could borrow the same to generate an electronic image for future posterity. At every class someone has always taken a picture. Your help is sought in attempting to make the record complete. Thanks very kindly.

Think out loud, stick to basics and be kind. ✕

"Communicate"

By Norman Austin

It has been brought to our attention that a number of Scottish Rite members have not been receiving their issues of the *Masonic Times* as a result of postal regulation or other reasons, particularly in outlying Districts.

If you know of any Sublime Prince(s) not receiving the *Masonic Times*, please contact the Scottish Rite Office at 1-800-858-2320, 264-1160, or fax: 264-1161. We will look into the matter for you. ✕

Sharing is caring

Valley of Rochester
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Thursday, April 15th
Eisenhardt Auditorium
Rochester Museum and Science Center
Guest Speaker
R.:W.: and Reverend Paul R. Gleason, Jr.

Cash Bar 6:00 p.m.
Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Feast 8:00 p.m.
Reservations by April 9th

Feast of the Paschal Lamb

Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix presents the annual Feast of the Paschal Lamb on Thursday, April 15th. This event will take place at the Eisenhardt Auditorium of the Rochester Museum and Science Center, 657 East Avenue. Cocktails and refreshments will begin with a cash bar at 6:00 p.m. There will be a sit down dinner at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Feast of the Paschal Lamb at 8:00 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per person, with Rochester Consistory underwriting partial cost of the dinner. Din-

ner choices are: Prime Rib or Chicken. This year's guest speaker will be R.:W.: and Reverend Paul R. Gleason, Jr. All reservations are to be made through the Scottish Rite Office, accompanied by a check. Please make checks payable to Rochester Consistory and mail to: Rochester Consistory, 3300 Monroe Avenue, Suite 320, Rochester, 14618. No phone reservations will be accepted. The reservation deadline is April 9th. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend this very special event. ✕

Something Completely Different
 By Michael Knolla

Don't get me wrong, I love tradition, it's one of the things that appealed to me in Masonry. How about if we try something different? Not to supplant the wonderful things we already do, but rather, to compliment them. For hundreds of years, Masonry has offered a message of hope, brotherhood and striving to maximize one's own potential. We share this message with each other and new Brothers in a rich and wonderful manner through our Rituals. Who among us can say that we have not benefitted from this? Therein lies the rub. We have something wonderful and beautiful in Masonry and it is something we can share with others in this darkened period of our history. Not by revealing our secrets or diluting the Craft, but rather by giving the benefits of the underlying lessons to those who could learn from them: our children, our families, neighbors and co-workers.

Children's Theater

If you look in your Scottish Rite calendar, you'll see on Sunday, March 21st, a note for Children's Theater. Over the last few months, I have been adapting the lessons of the Scottish Rite into original short plays for children. These plays will be performed that day at the Damascus Shrine Center in Webster as the "Ma-

sonic Matinee," in what I hope will become a tradition. This performance will be open to the public and I encourage you to bring anyone you think might be interested. This is a unique opportunity for us to show what a wonderful organization we can be to an audience we might otherwise not be able to reach. Here's the thing. **I can't do this alone.** I need your help and I've strived to make this as painless as possible for anyone willing to lend a hand. These are short plays and there's a part for anyone willing to give this a shot. There are parts as small as one line, and even the major parts require only a page or two of memorization. There's nothing involved that even remotely resembles the Middle Chamber Lecture, so if you've never tried Ritual before, come on and give it a shot. If you're willing to help me with this, I can make you a few promises: one, working with children is one of the most rewarding things you can do, and they'll be the best audience you'll ever have. Two, no matter how big or small a part you have, you'll do wonderfully because I've written this to be easy on you and to make you, and thus Masonry, look good. Three, we're going to have a good time with this. If you want to be a part of something new, please call the Scottish Rite Office at 263-1160, or 1-800-858-2320 to leave your contact information. This could be something special that will be remembered by the children for years to come, but only if you help. ✕

1st Lieutenant Commander

By Robert D. Pedersen

Mark your calendar!

Quality Membership Recruitment = Quality Brothers. Do you want to:

- help our Fraternity grow?
 - support all Freemasons, from the sideliners in Lodge to the DDGM and staff?
 - assist your Brother Masons in learning more regarding our Fraternity?
 - assist your Worshipful Master in promoting our Masonic 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 on February 27th, at the Burgundy Basin Inn, 1361 Marsh Road, Pittsford. For all prospective candidates, sponsors and spouses, there is NO Charge. For any Scottish Rite members wishing to offer their services, in presenting or assisting, that evening, again there will be no charge. See the ad in this issue of 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 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.

It is the responsibility of each member of the Valley of Rochester to Reach Out and Say Hello (ROASH) to all the Blue Lodges in our area. One cannot, and should not, sit still and watch the world go by.

If you care about Freemasonry, and life's fundamentals: love, integrity, fidelity, loyalty, caring, duty, citizenship, impartiality, and honor, it is your duty to contact a fellow Master Mason, and invite him to advance his knowledge in Freemasonry.

The Ambassador group alone cannot secure our growth for our future. It is the Ambassador's responsibility to assist the Symbolic Lodge Master in providing 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, and support the Lodge in its membership development.

The Traveling Gavel

Do you know who has the "Gavel?" Do you know its path, in the last year? Please call the Scottish Rite Office (264-1160), to let us know if you have had, or currently have, the Gavel. The Scottish Rite would like to recognize those Lodges. We want to support both you, the Blue Lodge and the

Brotherhood Fund. 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 opportunity to promote 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.

For those Lodges who aren't aware of the Traveling Gavel, it was started in the '70s by the Masters and Wardens Association to promote camaraderie among local Lodges. A Lodge may obtain the Gavel, by visiting the current holder on their regular scheduled meeting night, with the correct number of officers, past officers, and members. They may display the Gavel in the East at their Lodge meetings, until challenged by another Lodge and its members.

The advantages of visiting another Lodge are many, in addition to the increased number of sideliners, the Master and his 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, displays the values of Freemasonry - working together for the good of mankind, in the name of Brotherly love. ✕

Sovereign Prince

By George Nasra

Your Officers at the Valley of Rochester have been very busy during the past several weeks and we continue to meet on a regular basis to prepare programs that we hope you will find useful and enjoyable. The Council held its annual obligatory celebration of the Day of Tebeth on the evening of Tuesday December 9th, at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge in Penfield. We were honored to have as our guest and speaker for the evening the Ill.:

Harold L. Aldrich, 33°, Active Member of the Supreme Council and Deputy for New York. The celebration was held as a Table Lodge event with formal toasts, good food, fellowship, and fun.

A similar event will be held on the evening of February 19th. This will also be a Table Lodge celebration of the Day of Adar, when the second Temple in Jerusalem was completed and dedicated, in the year 515 BC. We are hoping that many of you will be able to join us for this evening of fun and celebration of hope and renewal. Our guest

speaker for this evening will be the Ill.: David P. Spencer, 33°, Active Member of the Supreme Council. The place of this event will be finalized in the next few days, so please look for the invitation in your mail soon.

We are always looking for Brothers to get involved and participate in our events. Give me a call and let's talk about your thoughts and suggestions about involving more Brothers in Valley events. I can be reached at 377-2832, or by: gnasra@rochester.rr.com.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you all. ✕

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Damascus Shrine Circus is Just Two Months Away!

By Erwin Newell, PP

I say this every year, "Close your eyes and smell the popcorn, hot dogs, and cotton candy. Of course we can't forget all the other wonderful aromas of the Circus." Nobles and Ladies, this gets the circus blood flowing in my veins. It tells me that MARCH 26th, 27th, and 28th are almost here. There is a lot of work to be done and, once again, we need your help in making the Circus a success. Ill. Bruce Chilton, Ill. Joe Bourcy and Andy Rueby are our Man and Woman Power Chairmen. Help them do their job by calling the Shrine Office at 671-7701 and leaving a message to let them know that you would like to join our Circus Team. There is a job for everyone.

You will have an opportunity to buy discounted circus tickets before the start of the February 4th meeting. There will be a \$3.00 discount on the price of the \$12.00 and \$10.00 tickets. You will also save the City Surcharge of \$1.50 per ticket.

This past Summer the Office sent you a questionnaire. One of the questions asked was for your email address. We are updating the emails in order to better communicate with our members. Please send your name and email address to: office@damascusshriners.com

Past Masters Degree Team

By Noble Joe Minas

Latest News

We will be going to Craftsman Robertson Lodge on Tuesday, February 17th. They meet at the Shrine Center for dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Degree at 7:30 p.m. Cards will be sent out to members and the Divan.

Our Annual Meeting and Dinner will be at the Shrine Center on Friday, January 30th, with cocktail hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reports of the past year's events and Election of Officers for 2004 will follow. This is a combined meeting with the Ceremonial Cast. Cards will be sent, and reservations are a must for this event. I hope to see you at both of these events.

Legion of Honor

By Dean L. Smith, Commander

As the new year begins, the new Line Officers for the Legion of Honor have been installed. I take this opportunity to thank these Officers and wish them well in their assigned tasks. The wheel will not turn by itself, but only with the help, encouragement, and guidance from all. We salute those in the service of our country and, to those who have served, for a job well done.

The schedule for this year came before the Executive Board on January 27th. We look forward to good dinners and speakers as part of the year's agenda. I hope to see all our Legionnaire members at our meetings.

The House Love Built

The Have-a-Heart Campaign at the malls is from February 1st - 14th. Please sign up to help the Masters and Wardens Association fundraising event for the Ronald McDonald House, the House Love Built. The Legion of Honor will be assigned a day for this event. Please sign up with 1st Vice Commander, Jim Kahn.

Thank you for your support and God be with you always. ✕

Monroe District HiLights, OES

DDGM Rt. Wthy. Sula Baxter 225-5284	DGL Rt. Wthy. William Baxter 225-5284
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Greetings from the North Pole. The weather has been cold, but our 2004 Officers did not let that stop them from attending our organizational meeting. We had 26 Officers braving the cold, snowy weather and we are very lucky to have so many who are dedicated. We had a wonderful brunch by our head chef, Carol Wynings, with her helpers from Nolarka Chapter. The Officers then were busy forming their Clubs and planning their year. Many thanks to all for jumping right into their work and accomplishing at lot. Thank you, thank you to all. We will be meeting every 1st Saturday of the month at Nolarka Chapter, 9:30 a.m. Our next meeting will be on February 7th.

First, a lot of this year's continuing projects involve moving things from one point to another. These would include contributions for the veterans hospitals, canceled postage stamps and Campbell's labels

Queen Christina

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The Court enjoyed the hospitality of Sagoyewatha Commandery at their annual Christmas Observance on December 20th. Nine of our members were able to participate in the morning celebra-

tion. In the afternoon we held our meeting.

Honored Lady Beverly Brown, DDGRM, was to have made her Official Visit. She, unfortunately, was not able to attend due to illness. We will need to arrange another date. We are closed during January and February. The next meeting will be March 20th, at which time there will be the annual Election of Officers.

Condolences

We lost two longtime members in December. Honored Lady Emily E. Whitney passed away on December 21st and SK Elwood O. Mowers passed away on December 27th. We will miss them very much and extend our sympathies to their families. ✕

Zama Temple Daughters of the Nile

Our Temple is dark for January and February, but our activities continue.

Pr. Royal, Sharon Spencer, has planned a Winter Dinner Party and get-together for January 31st. Invite your friends and families to attend this gala party and help shake the mid-Winter blahs! See the invitation for particulars and come join us for this festive evening of good food, music and fellowship.

About the Nile

Our organization is an inter-

national group of some 50,000 women who are related to men of the Masonic and Shrine orders. We support the children in the Shrine hospitals through a Convalescent Relief Fund. Annually, this Fund contributes better than one million dollars for current patient and outpatient care. There is also a Convalescent Endowment Fund, which uses only the Fund interest for this same purpose.

We are a convivial group of women who join together for charitable and social functions. An important part of our strength is the long-lasting friendship and support we have for each other. Come join us - we'd love to have you. Ask any member for information. ✕

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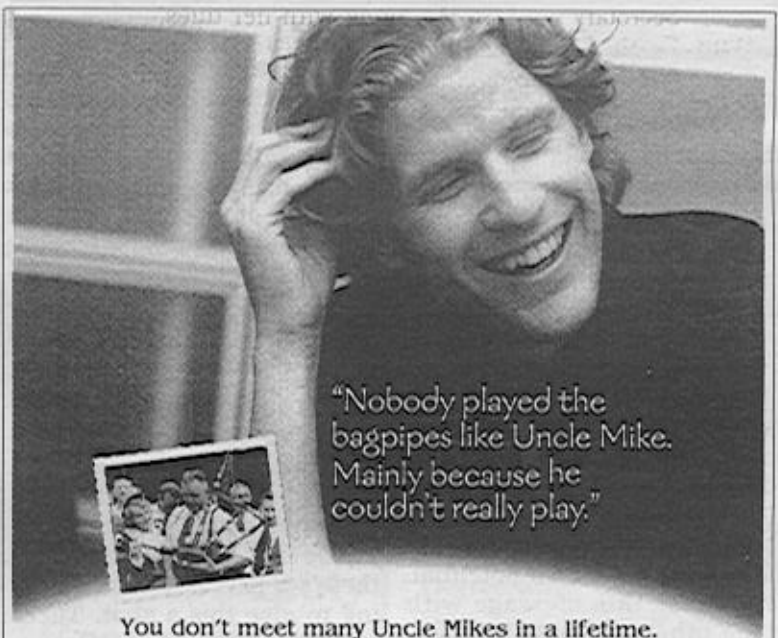
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for Eastern Star Day Care Center. The Officers this year have decided to include saving the pull-tabs from pop cans, as well as other cans that now have them.

The District Project will be Heritage Christian Service and in a couple months we will have a presentation on the Services of this Agency.

The annual District "School of Instruction" will be held on February 14th, Churchville Masonic Temple. Please plan to attend. We will gather for coffee and donuts at 9:30 a.m. and begin at 10:00 a.m. We will conclude the festivities at 1:00 p.m. The program will cover information on a wide range of topics related to ritual and protocol. We hope to see many of our Sisters and Brothers there.

Sickness and distress

Rt. Wthy. Debra Leipold is now home and getting stronger each day. Rt. Wthy. Leon VanHuben is at Strong Memorial Hospital and Rt. Wthy. Ken Rhodes is home after his surgery. We hope to have all these friends back soon and seeing them in our travels.

"Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed."

Peace be with you.

tact our Secretary, Faythe.

Mark your calendars

The Spaghetti Dinners, a combined project with our Masonic Brothers of Webster Lodge, will continue on the first Friday of each month through June from 5 to 7 p.m. As you know, this is our major fundraiser and the proceeds allow us to support the many charities of our beloved Order. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend and enjoy the fellowship and a good meal. If you can help with the setup and serving, please contact Faythe Mattern at 594-4449; tell her you will be there.

Mark and I wish you all a healthy and happy Winter.

NOLATKA
Chapter No. 320

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

Reminder and thanks

Please save used postage stamps for Chapter. Also, don't forget to save Bostops for Education, your Tops register tapes, and fronts only of Campbell's Soup labels.

Please forward 2004 dues to Carol Wynings. Meanwhile, we thank Wthy. Edith Lewis, who sent a donation to Chapter, along with her dues.

Meetings

On Saturday, January 3rd, Nolatka Chapter held its Open Installation of their Matron, Wthy. Cynthia Nielsen, her Officers and appointees, for the year 2004. In addition to the Officers mentioned in the last issue of *Masonic Times*, Rt. Wthy. Diane Maltese was installed as 3rd-Year Trustee, Sister Jane LaPree as Chaplain, Rt. Wthy. Martha Loomis as Marshal, Rt. Wthy. Judy Lenzi as Assistant Marshal, Wthy. Dean Hiler as Warder, and Rt. Wthy. John Lenzi as Color Bearer. The five points: Rt. Wthy. Sue Goossens as Adah, Rt. Wthy. Sue Huff as Ruth, Wthy. Jean Stewart as Esther, Sister Carol Pickworth as Martha, and Rt. Wthy. Sula Baxter as Electa. Wthy. Betty Reisinger will continue as Nolatka's Musician.

Our Worthy Matron's colors are blue and cream. Her symbol is the butterfly. Her flowers are the Peace Rose and Blue Bachelor Buttons, and her theme: "Love Creatures great and small. The Lord God Made them All."

Wthy. Cynthia's Motto is "Seek those things which raise your spirits."

Among the sideliners were Jennifer Jeerings, Junior Advisor of the Monroe District Organization of Triangles, State of New York, and Gloria Taylor, Junior Lady-in-Waiting of Fidelity Triangle No. 4.

Our January 20th meeting was an Organizational Meeting. Wthy. Cynthia reviewed the budget, assigned committees, and asked for discussion on how to reduce the number of excessive inventory items reported by the Trustees. Members suggested various

ideas for activities and fundraising.

February

At our February 3rd meeting, we will celebrate Valentine's Day. Those who wish to participate as Pen Pals will exchange names. Guidelines for that program will be reviewed.

Sunshine

Sadly, we wish to inform our members that we received word, in November, (and forgot to mention it in the *Masonic Times* until now) that Sister Carol Haller passed away. She was a former member of Nola Chapter. Condolences to her family and friends.

Our Chapter members send best wishes to Rt. Wthy. Debbie Leipold as she recovers from a stroke. C'mon Debbie, you're too young for that! It's so great that you are home, though, and improving. We have to compliment you for going out to therapy on those zero degree mornings this month. Rt. Wthy. Karen told me, "Everything is going VERY well." We're sending lots of love and prayers.

Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays in February will be Wthy. Cora Anderson, Sister June Hagen, Rt. Wthy. Carol Lang, Wthy. Kim Morici, Sister Nancy Murphy, and Wthy. Cathy Thompson.

Rochester
Chapter No. 314

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Rt. Wthy. Barbara Mertens
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I hope this note finds you warmer than when it was written! We're in a deep freeze outside, but our hearts are warm with God's grace.

Projects

The new year has begun and a lot of hard work will make it a banner year for all of us. A few of my projects are Biscuit Banking (dime banking); put a dime in your jar for your daily biscuit (bread) from God. Later this year we will have Camp Polyfil and craft sales.

Good news

We will be initiating a new member at our February meeting and what a wonderful thing that will be. A new man to our Chapter!

I thank Rochester Chapter for their trust and love in electing me as their Worthy Matron for this year. Monroe Chapter served our refreshments at Installation and that was most appreciated. Thank you so much.

I thank the members of my Chapter for stepping up to the plate and being proxies for our absent Sisters at Installation.

That's all for now. Try to stay warm and go in Peace and Love.

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394-2778

Shortsville Temple

I apologize for not having anything in the *Masonic Times* in January. I'm not sure what happened. I did do up a letter and sent it, but for some reason it never got printed. (Editor's note: Our records indicate nothing was received. We encourage writers to check with us to ascertain if their material was received.)

I thank each of you who attended our Christmas Party and brought gifts for the children. We had 21 attend and had a great time. A big thanks to Rt. Wthy. Shirley Wells for making the arrangements.

I hope everyone has recovered from the holidays and is looking forward to Spring. I know I am.

Official Visit

We will be having our Official Visit on March 10th. I hope that all my Officers can be to

our February meeting so that we can practice and make our final plans as we are now only having one meeting a month, on the second Wednesday.

Our Officers for this year have been elected and installed. Again, I thank each and every one of you.

Dues

As you know, a letter went out to each of you with your dues notices. The reason for it was not only to bring up our records, but so that I can recognize each of my Sisters and Brothers each month with a birthday wish in our news.

Anniversaries

Birthdays for January were: Frances D. Hansen, 1/8, and Dorothy Baldwin, 1/13. I hope you each had a great day.

Our February birthday celebrant is Marilyn McElwee on the 17th.

The following members joined the Order of the Eastern Star in February: Mary Peck, 2/15/72 and Earl Gorton on 2/22/78.

If you haven't sent your information into Shirley Wells, please do, or if I have missed you, please let me know, as I want to include every member.

I leave you with this: If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy.

Webster
Chapter No. 171

Order of the Eastern Star
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Matron
Rt. Wthy. Marjorie Fenton,
217-8904
Secretary
Wthy. Faythe Mattern
594-4449
30 Orchard Street
Webster 14580

The 2004 elected and appointed Officers of Webster Chapter were installed on December 16, 2003. Mark and I extend our sincere thank you to the members of the Chapter for their support. Thank you to the special Sisters and Brothers who so willingly filled their offices.

Sickness and distress

Bob Zahn and Carl Peck are in need of our prayers and cards.

Our Golden Chain was broken twice since our last communication. Sister Hazel Denton passed away on December 25th. Many thanks to all who assisted in the Eastern Star Service and made this tribute to our Sister so memorable for all of her relatives and friends.

On January 9th, Sister Bonnie Vandelinder passed in Gettysburg after a long battle with cancer. Her services were held in Pennsylvania.

Christmas Baskets were prepared after the installation and delivered to our shut-ins by Santa Claus helpers. All of the helpers enjoyed their visits and we are sure the shut-ins had a good time visiting and enjoying the goodies.

There will be no meetings in January, February, March and the first part of April. The next meeting will be April 20th, 7:30 p.m. Please plan to join us then and give your support to your Chapter. In the meantime, if you have any news or concerns to report, please contact me on my cell phone: 727-2202 or via email: mfenton1@juno.com, or con-

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Zones 11 & 12 - Knights Templar

York Rite NEWS

York Rite College
Judah Maccabeus

District Deputy Grand High Priest



27th
District
RAM

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

I have been remiss in my duties of late due to personal issues, but I am now back and will be as active as I can for the rest of my term.

I congratulate all the new Officers of the various Chapters and wish them well in the upcoming year.

As of this writing, I have not received any reservations back for Grand Chapter. I sent these out in early December and had said that I would like them back by the 31st of that month. At this point, I cannot guarantee that we will be able to get a block of rooms near one another.

I hope that each Chapter will have at least one representative there to act as liaison for their Chapter.

I had also asked the High Priests of the Chapters to poll their Past High Priests as to my replacement as DDGHP and also our AGL. Again, as of this writing I have had no response. I am hoping that someone will step forward and volunteer for these offices.

LeRoy Chapter No. 183 RAM



4th
Tuesday
7:30 p.m.

High Priest
E.: Harry Tyson
494-1137

Secretary
E.: Norman P. Austin
494-2223

8 West Main Street, LeRoy

Companions, as your new High Priest, I personally thank E.: Jim MacConnell for his effort and leadership of the Degree Festival held at LeRoy Chapter on January 10th. What a wonderful way to start the year, with twenty-three candidates receiving the Mark Master Degree in the morning and ending the day with the Holy Royal Arch Degree. I also thank the many Companions who took part in the Degree Team. Their help and teamwork resulted in a very successful event. Chapters attending with candidates, or helping the Degree Team, were from Gateway No. 31, East Aurora No. 282, Steuben No.

101, Western Star No. 35, Orleans No. 175, and, of course, LeRoy.

Donations totaling \$150 to the Scholarship Fund were made again this month by Karl-Heinz Reich for music he provided at Christmas parties for the Wayne County Damascus Shrine Club and the Daughters of the Nile. Thanks again, Karl-Heinz. I am sure your music was enjoyed by all.

Grand Convocation

The Annual Grand Convocation will be held in Albany on March 5th and 6th. I hope some of you have made plans to attend. I look forward to seeing you there.

Our next few meetings will entail training, not only for our new Veils, but for me as High Priest. If you haven't been to a Chapter meeting in a while, and know you're a little rusty, now is the time to get refreshed, or if you have something to offer in the Ritual, please come and share it.

District Deputy Grand Master



8th
Cryptic
District

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

1ddorpt@ll

As I have said in many of my other communications, there is a need for names of prospective DDGM's and AGL's. This allows the incoming Most Illustrious Grand Master to make the necessary appointments in a timely manner. These names can be submitted to me or the Deputy Grand Master, R.I.: Stephen Licht. Deputy Grand Master's and my email addresses may be obtained through the Grand Council's Website: <http://www.2ki.net/~slicht/index.htm>

February

My last Official Visit, for my term of office, will be to Palmyra Council (my home Council) on February 5th, at 8:00 p.m. The By-Laws of Palmyra Council state that the February meeting will be held in the Canandaigua Masonic Temple. The Canandaigua Temple (a.k.a. Shortsville Temple Building) is located at 12 Canandaigua Street, Shortsville. The Illustrious Master, Lee Coller, Sr., has informed me that there will be an "off the menu" dinner prior to the Visit at the Depot 25 Restaurant, One West Main Street, Shortsville. The time should be listed in the Palmyra Council's column else-

where in this publication (probably 6:00 p.m.).

I invite all of you who missed my presentation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master's Message, for whatever reason, to come to the Canandaigua Temple, join with fellow Companions and enjoy the camaraderie and brotherly love around the Holy Altar of Cryptic Masonry.

Palmyra/Eagle Chapter No. 79

1st Mon. 7:30 p.m.



High Priest
Cyril White
315-597-9546

Secretary
R. Stuart
Smith
315-597-9763

161 East Main Street, Palmyra 14522

The next stated Convocation of Palmyra Eagle Chapter will be held Monday, February 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. in the Palmyra Masonic Temple, 161 East Main Street. Our usual custom of having a meal prior to the Conclave will not be observed at this meeting.

What will be observed is refreshments after the meeting. No "one dollar a gross" cookies that I usually bring (some people referred to them as cardboard cut outs), but something mouth-wateringly special.

The work for the evening will be the fulfillment of the Grand High Priest's Edict of exemplifying the Mark Master Degree. This will be done under the direction of our AGL, R.I.: Lloyd VandeViver. A special thanks for the assistance of Companions from Wayne Chapter No. 276. Palmyra Eagle appreciates the help extended to us.

Thanks

The elections have come and gone and yours truly was elected and installed for another year. For this I thank you - I think! I have now obtained the rank of a "retread" retreat. An honor that, I'm sure, I share with many others. The Officers have all been installed in their stations. Thank you all for your commitment to our Chapter.

We welcome all Royal Arch Masons to join with us in friendship and brotherly love around the Holy Altar of our beloved Fraternity.

Hiram Chapter

No. 62

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

E.: Douglas M. Koenig, High Priest
225-6533
quequesquared@yahoo.com

E.: Charles M. Roberts, Secretary
225-6533
cholyone@frontiernet.net

17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

The new year is here, your new Officers have been elected, some installed, and the work on the Temple has begun again. 2004 is now upon us and our Royal Arch year has just started. It's the dawn of a

New Age and a time for fresh and visionary ideas.

Winter - the days are cold, the nights are frigid, the furnace is working overtime, and Cupid is just around the corner. As Masons and Americans, we celebrate Washington and Lincoln's birthdays this month and as men, it's a time to celebrate the warmth, tenderness, and special memories that our lifetime companion has left in our hearts. It's the month of February and it's a time for valentines, flowers, and chocolates. Love is in the air and romance is on our minds. May all your days be filled with open arms, your heart with love, your soul with the prayers of joy and contentment, and may God's blessing shine down upon you.

Greetings to all the Companions of Hiram Chapter. This is my first article for the *Masonic Times* as your newly elected High Priest and I'd like to start my year out by thanking all of you for the support and confidence you have given me over the years. It will indeed be a pleasure to serve you this coming year. Many of you have been kind enough to offer a few words of wise counsel; for each of you who have, I thank you.

I have given much thought to my year as High Priest and to my Trestleboard for the year, as well. I've tried to plan a balanced and fun year for all. My main theme for the year will be coming together in Masonic Brotherhood. Whether that be SIDELINERS coming to programs for the first time in many years or by VISITATIONS to Companions who can't make it out anymore.

I hope to accomplish this by having programs which grab the interest of the Companions, their wives or significant others, or maybe a neighbor or friend of one of the Companions. I would also like to form a committee of 10-12 Companions, paired into groups of two, in order to start visiting Companions who can't make it to Chapter anymore or just can't get out to socialize, period. Growing up with grandparents in nursing homes and as an adult, having friends with physical handicaps, the one thing I've heard most often is they wish people would come and visit more. So my thought on this is why wait until Christmas for a visit? Why can't we go and see one of the Companions at least once or twice more each year and play some cards, a game of scrabble, or just reminisce about whatever? The friendships that are built and that will continue to grow if properly nourished will be priceless.

If you weren't present on January 8th, you missed a very quaint, but solemn, evening in which the Officers present were installed by R.I.: William Zufall, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, State of New York, and his Officers: R.I.: Donald Wright, Past District Deputy Grand High Priest as Installing Marshal, and R.I.: Charles Roberts, Grand Chaplain of the Grand

Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, State of New York, as Installing Chaplain. The proceedings were followed by a very nice array of hors d'oeuvres by Joy Woodley. Your Officers for the 2004 Royal Arch Year are:

High Priest **Douglas Koenig**
King **Joe Oelgoetz**
Scribe **Ed Walker**
Capt. of Host **Sean Noonan**
Prin. Sojourner **John Zabel**
R.A. Captain **Richard Horton**
1st Veil **Ed Tousey**
Secretary **Charles Roberts**
Treasurer **James Nersinger**
Chaplain **Donald Brugger**
Organist **William Kuehne**
Trustees
3rd Year **Thomas Paglia**
2nd **Donald Wright**
1st **Raymond Beardsley**
Committees

Finance

Douglas Koenig, Charles Roberts, James Nersinger and Joe Oelgoetz.

Temple Relocation

Bill Zufall, Grand Lecturer; Thomas Paglia and Don Wright, Trustees

Grand Convocation

Ed Walker and Richard Horton

Canadian Visit

Thomas Paglia, Ed Walker and Sean Noonan

Unity Night

Donald Brugger, Bruce Horncastle and Joe Oelgoetz

Picnic/Scholarship

Douglas Koenig, Raymond Beardsley, Charles Roberts, James Nersinger and Ed Walker

Trestleboard

February 12th, Ladies Night (Valentines Day Celebration) - quick vote

February 26th, Mark Master Mason Degree

March 11th, Masonic Education Night - Come meet Benjamin Franklin - A Historical Portrayal by Brother Paul Stillman (Dinner)

March 25th - Past Master Degree.

Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons

(Chartered 1861)

3rd Wednesday

III. Master
Bruce
Horncastle
(607) 347-4680

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

As we enter our Degree season, work on the Ritual and the greeting of new Companions become the focuses of the Council and its members. The Select Master Degree is scheduled for February. Your attendance at the Degree is not only welcome, but encouraged. It can enable each and every Companion as re-indoctrination as to the meanings behind Cryptic Masonry and why it is so important to us.

At our last regular communication, we were honored to have present our DDIGM, Cyrus White, who provided his address to us as a portion of his Official Visit. Cy made his way out to us despite the frosty and icy conditions which make travel treacherous, at best. What else is new? This is upstate New York! This Visit was belated, due to conflicts in the

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schedules of key members of the Council. At any rate, thanks Cy. You are welcome at the Council at any time, even after you are out of your present office.

Oh, that reminds me, it is imperative that I mention this, vicariously, as a message from our DDIGM. His two-year stint in this office is to be over with as of the Grand Council Annual Conclave this August and he is seeking a replacement for this job. It would be a good job to assume for the Companion who would want to augment his career in Cryptic Masonry, so it would be something for the serious Companion to consider. Also, this Cryptic District is still seeking an Assistant Grand Lecturer. The position is immediately available. If you have any interest in either of these positions, please feel free to contact our DDIGM, Cy White, or myself, at your earliest convenience.

Thank you, Companions. I hope to see you in Council soon.

Nundawaga Council No. 92

 4th Monday
 West Main Street
 LeRoy 14482
 I.: Edwin C. Law
 Master - 237-2579
 I.: Vernon G. Rupert
 Recorder - 343-8429

Companions, I greet you, one and all. Many thanks to those who were able to greet and dine with our Grand PCW in January.

The ever-circling days and months neither cease nor slow their forward movement. Winter grinds on. Several of our number are either ill or recuperating from surgery. Our prayers for our Companions continue in February '04.


I hope to see everyone of you on February 23rd at our regular communication. Do be careful on foot, wheels, and snowmobiles!

May God bless America and Americans everywhere!

Palmyra Council No. 26
 Cryptic Masons
 1st Thursday, 8:00 p.m.
 Master
 I.: Lee L. Collier, Sr.
 (315) 589-8146
 Secretary
 David W. Taber
 388-0629
 Palmyra Masonic Hall
 161 East Main Street

Palmyra Council will hold its regular Assembly on February 5th at the Shortsville Masonic Hall. R.: I.: Cyril R. White, DDGM, will make his Official Visit. We will meet at the Depot Restaurant, 1 West Main Street in Shortsville for dinner at 6:00 p.m. This restaurant will be new to most of us. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. As we will be eating prior to the meeting, there will be no refreshments to follow.

Palmyra Council traditionally has held its February Assembly in Canandaigua. Now that Canandaigua Masonry

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Note: Proceeds of dinner to subsidize the travel expenses of the degree team

meets in Shortsville, it is a pleasure to meet there, making it easier for our many Ontario County members to attend meetings.

There probably will not be a March Assembly, as most of the Officers will be attending Grand Chapter in Albany. A final decision will be made in Shortsville.

Looking ahead

On April 3rd all three Degrees will be conferred in East Aurora. The Super Excellent Master Degree will be conferred by a cast from New York City.

Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17
 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m.
 Commander
 SK F. Edward Powley
 (315) 483-2745
 Recorder
 SK David Taber
 (585) 388-0629
Phelps, NY



I wish to remind everyone that Sir Knight Ronald Edwards is our Eye Foundation Chairman and he asks that you save aluminum for fundraising. Ron is in Florida, enjoying some sunshine for a few weeks. Sir Knight Fred Durbin is also heading South to visit his children in Virginia, the Carolinas, and Florida. We wish all Sir Knights safe, happy journeys. In February, we will con-

tinue our review of the Sword Manual and continue to work on the Order of the Red Cross for our Spring Inspection by Sir Knight James MacConnell, Grand Warder.

Our February conclave date is February 21st at 9:00 a.m., with our customary breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant at 7:30 a.m., to catch up on all the real news. Dust off those tactics books and study your work while it's cold outside.

Batavia Commandery No. 34 Knights Templar
 2nd & 4th Thursdays
 Commander
 SK Garry Hutcherson, 494-1395
 Recorder
 SK James MacConnell, 494-1815
 39 Main Street, Attica 14011



We had our first meeting of the year on January 8th and I thank all SKs who came, despite the weather. We opened and had an excellent meeting.

SK Ken Kohlhausen looked very good considering his health problems. SK Capwell was there and he says he is leaving for the South as soon as he can. Please pray for SK Gordon Reeves and his family at this time. Merle Robinson was operated on and is doing fine after his surgery.

Congratulations to SK James MacConnell for doing a fine job at the Royal Arch Degree Fest. Over twenty new members

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were brought through with over fifty Companions in attendance. We hope they will go on to Knights Templar.

I hope all are weathering the cold and hope to see you at the February meetings.

God bless.

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



I have been remiss in my duties of late due to some personal issues and, for that, I apologize. I am now back on an even keel and will be very active for the rest of the Templar year.

I want to remind everyone that our Inspection is coming up on April 19th. We will be conferring the Order of Malta. I also want to remind everyone that this will be a joint effort between the Zone 11 Commanderies and DeMolay No. 22.

All those who volunteered for a part in the three Orders, done at Hornell, are reminded that we will be doing the other orders at Sagoyewatha and DeMolay. Please let me know if you can't attend any of the following dates so that a suitable substitute can be found.

Sagoyewatha - Order of the Red Cross - April 17th

Cyrene/Monroe - Order of Malta - April 19th

DeMolay No. 22 - Order of the Temple - May 20th

Hope to see all of you at our conclaves.

Rochester Forest No. 133
 Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America
 4th Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.
 Penfield, New York 14526
 Angelo DiCataldo, GTC
 461-5253
 Donald C. Bell, Scribe
 334-7768



By Don Brugger

On January 28th our Officers for 2004 were installed. The MD Program, following the Installation, was very informative for the Woodsmen and their ladies. JDGTC, Don Wright, whose grandson is afflicted with Duchesne Muscular Dystrophy, shared what information he has gained from his experience and study. Following the presentation, we all enjoyed good fellowship and snacks prepared by the ladies.

Sickness and distress

I talked with Doug Draker on the phone after the holidays. He is in good spirits and his rehabilitation is going well. He is now getting around without using a cane and expected to be fitted with his prosthetic arm the following week. Doug is residing in Dundas, Ontario, Canada. I am sure he would

welcome cards. Please call Paul or me for his address.

Don Freeman's condition has not changed since my last report, and I am sure he would appreciate cards. Please call to get his address.

Brother Paul Kober was slated for hip surgery on January 15th to correct a problem with which he has been suffering for some time. By the time you read this, hopefully Paul will be well on his way to recovery, but he will be recuperating for a while. I am sure he would appreciate a card or a call during this period. Get well soon, Paul.

Rochester Forest No. 133
Tall Cedars of Lebanon
Woodsmen
Bring-a-Brother Night
Wednesday,
February 25th
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Bring a Brother to join us in fellowship and fun
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Coming events

Our next meeting will be on February 25th. At that time we will be making plans for our Woodsmen Bring-a-Brother Night. Please be thinking of a Brother whom you think would be interested in joining Rochester Forest. We would like the names and addresses so that we can mail out invitations for that night; the committee will take care of the program and refreshments. All you will have to do is escort the prospect to the Lodge Hall. If for some reason you cannot attend with your candidate, we will try arranging for a substitute.

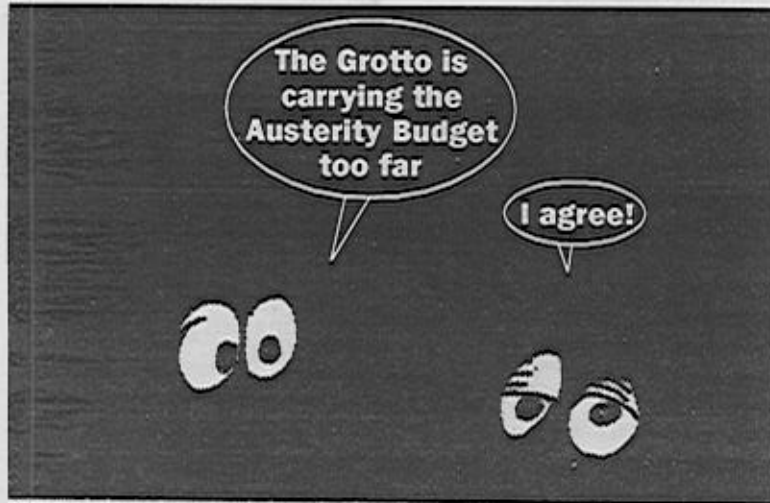
Listen up!

The following is a bit repetitious, but still no one has stepped forward to assist. With Brother Paul Kober out of commission for what we hope will be a short time, we really need some assistance. We are still looking for a few good Woodsmen to volunteer for the Communications (making sure that all the Woodsmen are informed of our events; only 3 to 5 calls, once a month) and Logistics Committees (making sure that setting up for our events is not a one person job). I will be taking over the TCL refreshment duties for the Forest; we still need you to help out with these other important services. This is your Forest. If you want it to survive, we need your support! Please call me at 458-6125 if you can assist.



Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Legion
Clowns
Caldron
Historian



On a cold night at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center, other Bell Ringers were: Mike Bell, PM; Greg Ludwig; Lou Campaniello and Monarch, Al Pulcino, III.



Membership Chairman Al Pulcino III has one petition already, he reports to Monarch Jerry Spero.



Monarch Alfred Pulcino, III, leading the Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army's Christmas donations.

(Photos courtesy of Ken Hutchinson.)



On behalf of Grand Monarch Carl W. Landerholm, Grand Historian Ken Hutchinson passes the "Membership football" to Monarch-elect Jerry Spero and the 2004 Membership Chairman, Alfred Pulcino III.

Master of Ceremonies

By Norman Austin

Last month's Installation went very well, and we extend our thanks to Past Monarch, Alfred Pulcino, III, for two years of wonderful leadership. We look forward to the new Grotto year under the leadership of our newly elected Monarch, Jerry Spero.

I have been elected as your new Master of Ceremonies, and I look forward to serving you in that capacity. If I can only perform as well as my predecessor, Ken Rhodes, I will consider my efforts worthwhile.

At our next meeting, on February 18th, social hour will be at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., and Swiss Steak or Chicken will be available. I am requesting that all reservations be in to me by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13th, in order that the proper amount of food can be made available for those who plan to be present for dinner.

Please call me at 234-0296 for dinner reservations.

Jerry Spero, Monarch

Secretary's Column

By Ken Hutchinson, PM

We are entering a new year of activity to keep alive the spirit of good fellowship. The Public Installation is now history. For 2004 we have new Officers, none of the line Officers are Past Monarchs, except the Secretary.

The next Grotto meeting will be February 18th. If you haven't attended a meeting in a while, you will be pleasantly surprised at our new location, new larger office and our meeting room.

Membership

Monarch Jerry has given our immediate Past Monarch some things to keep him busy. He is our new Membership Chairman and has one new petition to start off the year. If you are in need of a petition, contact Al, or the Grotto Office, and we will get one to you.

Sickness and distress

Chief Justice, Ken Rhodes, is recovering at home and won't be going out of the house until at least March.

Leon VanHuben, PM, is still hospitalized, and continues to improve.

Our thoughts and prayers are with both of them and their families.

Caldron News

By Doris Bell, MCO

An icy Winter has us in its icy grips. January's meeting was postponed due to the frigid, snowy weather.

Don't forget the Caldron Birthday Banquet on February 7th. I think there is a smidge of time left yet to make a reservation. Let's hope that evening will be a bit milder.

This is one of the highlight events of our year, and we enjoy having any and all Prophets and their ladies join in the festivities.

Congratulations to Jerry Spero, who was installed as Monarch of Lalla Rookh Grotto on January 24th. Best wishes to all the Prophets who agreed to take offices for the upcoming year. I have spotted a bit of Monarch Jerry's program and there looks to be many fun events.

Our February 12th meeting will celebrate Valentine's Day, and March 8th, we will pay homage to St. Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland, and all his little friends.

As is usual for the beginning of the year, that is about all the news I have for now. In the meantime, stay home, stay put, and most of all, keep warm.

Grand Historian

By Ken Hutchinson, PM

In honor of an important visitor in town, a banquet was held at the Colgate Inn. Riddell was called upon to respond to a toast. Now was the time for his revenge. While speaking, he lit a cigar and proceeded to tell of the time of the fireworks at the shake.

To show the form of explosion he placed a large "cannon" firecracker on the table. As he continued to speak, he lit it with his cigar. Those present were aghast and frightened. Some fell over backward in their chairs, and others rushed to extinguish the fuse.

When things quieted down, Riddell said, "Boys, I forgot to tell you. I took the powder out of it before I came here!"

Next: The Boys strike back.



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February 10th

The Post will participate in the 2004 Have-a-Heart Campaign, the Ronald McDonald Fundraiser on Tuesday after-

Looking Ahead

March 5 - 6
Grand Chapter RAM
Albany

March 22
100th Anniversary
Re-Dedication
Wakan/Hubbard Lodge

March 25
MDC 3rd Session
Wayne District
Humanity Lodge

March 26, 27, 28
Shrine Circus

April 17 - 18, 24 - 25
State Bowling
Tournament
Doug Kent's Rose Bowl
Newark

May 3 - 5
Grand Lodge
New York City

May 8
Haggai Chapter
Community Awards
and Dinner

October 24
Interfaith Service and
Brunch

noon. The calling list was used. If you would like to participate in this worthy endeavor, call Moe at 265-3932, or me, at (315) 589-9021.

February 26th

Our Adjutant, Vance Collom, Jr., has three petitions to act upon at our next meeting. Area Representative, Alfred Pulcino, III, also has a guest speaker for that evening.

Sickness and distress

Ken Rhodes, Past Commander, is recovering at home and won't be going out until at least March.

Past Area Representative, Leon VanHuben, is still hospitalized. Our thoughts and prayers are with both of them and their families.



Masonic War Veterans turn out on December 7th for the Wreath Ceremonies at Charlotte Pier.

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

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Attend Grotto Meetings

- Mon., Feb. 2nd - Board of Governors Meeting, Shrine Center 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., Feb. 7th - Caldron Birthday Banquet
- Thurs., Feb. 12th - Caldron Meeting 8:00 p.m. Charlotte/ Corinthian
- Wed., Feb. 18th - Grotto Meeting Social 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy the Fellowship

Masonic Gothic Bowling League
 Secretary
John J. Flynn
 585-227-6106

The Masonic Gothic Bowling League has completed the first half of its schedule. We have one new team and seven teams returning from last season. The League bowls on Wednesday evenings at Maiden Lanes at 8:30 p.m. We usually have a need for one or more substitute bowlers, so stop by sometime.

Several League bowlers have earned ABC patches. Tim Smart rolled a 133 triplicate series. Norm Messerschmid rolled a 266 game (as part of a 621 series) and earned a Senior Award Patch for a game 75 pins over his average. Craig VanGraafeiland rolled a 660 series (248, 209, 203) that was 150 pins over his average.

There were thirty-five 600 plus series and 222 200 games tolled in the first fifteen weeks. 600 series were rolled by David Horeth - 684 (251, 199, 234), 658 (246) and 650 (241); Rick Flanagan - 667 (221, 247, 199), 643 (245), 626 (232), 609 and 602 (221); Tom Ayers - 658 (267); Lee Olyer - 649 (234, 225), 637 (235), 623 (248), 615 (235) and 607 (234); Don Weis - 647 (243), 637 (236), 632 (233, 231) and 628 (226); Jeff Kincaid 646 (234, 220), 616 (234) and 616 (247); Brendan Dady - 644 (235); Mike Trafficante - 639 (230, 236); Jim Heckman - 633 (234); John Flynn - 630 (245, 222) and 612 (247); Phil Schultz - 624 and 616; Fred Bennett - 616 (224) and 605 (244);

Kevin Bird - 615 (236, 220); Norm Messerschmid - 611 (229); and Bryan Rogers - 607 (227).

Other notable scores included Kevin Bird - 256; Don Weis - 248 and 222; Jim Heckman - 247, 238 and 229; Norm messerschmid - 237 and 224; Craig VanGraafeiland - 232; Fred Bennett - 226, 223, and 220; John Flynn - 226, 223 and 221; Jeff Kincaid - 226, 224 and 222; Bryan Rogers - 225; Phil Schultz - 224, 223 and 222; Rick Flanagan - 224; Scott Weis - 224; Lee Olyer - 224 and 222; Dave Horeth - 223; Don Weis - 222; Roosevelt Williams - 218; Dave Achenbach - 215; Tom Horning - 212; Schuane Oppelt - 211; Ron Lipka - 210; Scott Kozlowski - 205; Tim Smart - 205; Paul Breneman - 204 and Jeff Dangler - 203. *

Ask Cindy
 About Acacia Village



Major Milestone

In December, 2003, the Masonic Care Community Rehabilitation Program reached a major milestone with its 1,000th admission.

Mrs. Mary Warner was admitted in mid-December following orthopedic surgery on her back. Like many of the admissions, Mary has been responding very well to her rehab program. Before long, she will be back in the comforts of her own home, functioning much as she did before her surgery (if not better). Coinci-

dently, Mrs. Warner happens to be the mother-in-law of Lynne Warner, RN and Rehabilitation Nurse on the Rehabilitation Unit.

Since it's inception in 1993 with only 3 admissions, the Rehabilitation Program at the Masonic Care Community has been steadily gaining recognition and success. In 2003 alone, there were over 180 admissions to the program.

The Rehabilitation Program consists of a team of highly trained and dedicated professionals, including: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Certified Aides, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapist, Speech Pathologist, Social Workers, Dietician and Activity staff. This team confronts and successfully manages a variety of cases. Rehabilitative challenges have presented themselves in areas such as: Orthopedic, Vascular, Cardiac, Respiratory and Neurological.

In the Spring of 2004, the Masonic Care Community will be opening a portion of its new health facility. The Rehabilitation Program will be a major component of a new and advanced philosophy in health care.

Congratulations to the Rehabilitation Staff for 10 years of success on their 1,000th admission.

(Courtesy Masonic News Network) *

Masonic Care Community
 By William J. Luley, Executive Director

As we enter 2004, let's take this time to look back and reflect upon a very exciting 2003

at the Masonic Care Community, and tell you about our plans for 2004.

We changed our name from the Masonic Home to the Masonic Care Community of New York. Over the years, we have expanded our continuum of care approach to elder living with several facilities that offer the appropriate level of care in the cycle of life's transitions. The name Masonic Care Community describes that approach, as well as the community atmosphere mutually shared by our staff and residents.

2003 marked the start of construction on the Health Pavilion, our new 24-hour skilled-nursing facility. The first "household" is scheduled to open in the first quarter of 2004. Each household will have shared living space where residents can gather to play cards, exercise, listen to music, or just visit with friends. Our goal is to provide our residents with the latest in technology, and still make it feel like home.

We are also finalizing plans to build a new Wiley Hall in 2004. Our Adult Care Facility will be replaced with a completely new structure. Each room will have a private bathroom and there will be specially designed spaces for couples. The new Wiley Hall will have centrally designed common areas and individual lounge areas in each wing.

The Masonic Care Community campus hosted a variety of Masonic and community events in 2003. We spoke with many of you across the State at various Lodges and events. We've welcomed many of our admissions counselors to our campus for a weekend of training and hosted four Grand

Lodge Teacher Training three-day sessions for teachers from New York State schools. Many of you joined us at the Masonic Festival in June; we also hosted the Boilermaker Road Race Health and Fitness Expo in July, the Alzheimer's Memory Walk in November, the Wonderland of Lights in December, and our annual Winter Fest this past Holiday season.

In 2004, we will continue to support, care for and educate all those in our community. On behalf of the Masonic Care Community, I would like to thank you for your generous giving and support. I am proud to be working on your behalf during such a key chapter in our history. As always, you can be confident that when you need us, we will be here.

Please visit us in 2004! *

Construction Update

Over the Winter months, progress continued on our new Health Pavilion. The architectural steel for the atrium and lobby glass were delivered, and the installation of the glass was completed in early January. The mechanical room for heating, ventilation and air conditioning is energized with heat being provided to the new additions and renovations on the North Wing. The structure was enclosed, allowing the internal finish work to be completed.

Plans are well underway to relocate the first group of residents to their new living environment, and the staff is excited to start work in the new neighborhoods.

(Via Masonic News Network) *



Let's Chat Session With R. W. Edward Trosin
 Union Star Lodge #320

January 17, 2004



The Circus is coming!
March 26th thru 28th

In Memoriam

December

Whitney, Emily E.

Emily was a member of Queen Christina Court, Order of Amaranth, when she passed away on December 21st. She is survived by many family members.

Stollery, Donald E.

Etolian Lodge lost a member with the passing of Donald on December 22nd at the age of 80 years. He is survived by his wife, Laurie, two children, one granddaughter and five great-grandchildren.

Miller, Donald A.

The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Donald on December 23rd after a brief illness. He was Master of Henrietta Lodge (now Union Star Lodge) and leaves his three sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Denton, Hazel

The loving arms of the Lord embraced Hazel on December 25th. She was a member of Webster Chapter, OES, and the widow of Horace. She leaves many family members.

Mowers, Elwood O.

Elwood entered eternal rest on December 27th at the age of 91 years. He was a member of Garoga/Sincerity Lodge and leaves four children, eleven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Lindsley, John M.

December 29th was the date John met his Maker at the age of 89 years. He was a member of Etolian Lodge and is survived by his wife, Lois, three daughters, eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

January, 2004

Pixley, Harold W.

Harold was a 65-year member of Etolian Lodge and a member of Damascus Shrine when he passed away January 4th at the age of 99 years. He leaves his two children, three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Lind, June K.

June was a member of Nolatka Chapter, OES, at the time of her death on January 12th. She was predeceased by her husband, John.

Dewey, Earl F.

Earl went to be with the Lord on January 13th at the age of 85 years. He was a member of Garoga/Sincerity Lodge and is survived by three sons, and five grandchildren.

Waters, Robert M.

Death claimed Robert suddenly on January 13th at the age of 64 years. He was a member of Etolian Lodge and is survived by his wife, Sandra, two daughters and three grandchildren.

Wilcox, William A.

William passed away January 13th at the age of 73 years. He was a 49-year member of Drumlin Square Lodge and leaves his wife, Marion, and many family members.

McLouth, Robert M.

Robert was a 52-year member of Drumlin Square Lodge and founder of McLouth Chevrolet. He passed away January 14th at the age of 81 years. Survivors include his wife, Nancy, two children and one granddaughter.

Bird, Paul

The death of Paul occurred on January 17th. He was 97 years old and was a member of ERAC Lodge. He is survived by his wife, Mary, three children, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

- March 5 - 6 Grand Chapter RAM, Albany
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To make additions, call the Service Bureau at 671-9730

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We received no details on the following deaths:

Ford, William R.

William was a member of Northfield Lodge for over 50 years and died January 10th.

Vandelinder, Bonnie

A member of Webster Chapter, OES, Bonnie passed away on January 9th after a long illness. She leaves her brother, Roy Vandelinder.

Deadline for the Masonic Times

BIG CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2004

Gem - Amethyst
Flower - Violet

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Mt. Vernon Lodge Pancake Breakfast 7:30 to 10:00 a.m.	2 Canandaigua - Shortsville Union Star - rehearsal West Star - Varysburg RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Batavia Commandery Ladies Night Shrine Lunch Club Ground Hog Day	3 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile Eagle - Honeoye Tri-Star - Palmyra OES - Fairport, Nolatka	4 Attica Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine OES - Henrietta, Monroe	5 Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen, 3* Northfield - Pittsford Webster, 2* RSM - Palmyra Council	6 Spaghetti Dinner Webster Lodge 5-7 p.m., \$6 Adult, \$3 Child 30 Orchard Street	7 Milnor Lodge - Turkey Dinner Caldron - Birthday Banquet Eureka Lodge, PHA
8	9 ERAC - East Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club	10 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit, 1* Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes RAM - 3x3, Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton	11 Churchville, 2* Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting Shrine Legion of Honor OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	12 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor, (SOV) Union - Lima WYN - Masters & Wardens - Drumlin Square, Palmyra RAM - Hiram - Pittsford KT - Batavia Commandery Lalla Rookh Caldron Lincoln's Birthday	13 Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps - Card Night	14 OES - Rochester Chapter - East Rochester OES - School of Instruction - Churchville Valentine's Day
15 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinners Weds. Jan 11th & 25th East Avenue, Hilton	16 Canandaigua - Shortsville Union Star - rehearsal West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day Presidents' Day	17 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton, 2* Craftsman Robertson, 3* Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport, Tri-Star - Palmyra, Nolatka	18 Attica Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra, 2* Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy School of Ritual, Etolian - Spencerport, 7:30 p.m. RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Grotto	19 Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite RAM - Western Star	20 KT - Sagoyewatha	21 Road to the East - Wakan/ Hubbard, Penfield Batavia, Churchville, Etolian & Hesperus - Ladies Nite Out, Rose Garden, Bergen Warsaw - George Washington Day Dinner/ Dance Eureka Lodge, PHA
22 Washington's Birthday	23 ERAC - East Rochester, 3* Etolian - Spencerport Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star-Honeoye Falls, 3* Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield, 1* RSM - Nundawaga Shrine Lunch Club	24 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit, 2* Valley-Simes RAM - 3x3, Dansville, LeRoy, Wyoming OES - Leah - Hilton	25 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Corinthian Fellowship Ash Wednesday	26 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram WYN - MDC, 2nd Session	27 Scottish Rite - Brother Bring-a-Brother Night, Burgundy Basin Inn	28 Road to the East - Wakan/ Hubbard, Penfield
29	<p>Assist with and Support the Have-A-Heart Campaign February 1st to the 14th</p>					