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## R. W.: George L. Wetzel

By David King



(Photo circa 1971)

A 1963-64 President of the Masonic Service Bureau and founder of the *Monroe Masonic News* in 1963, George passed away on January 24, 2004 at the age of 91 years. His Masonic career also included being Master of the then Genesee Falls Lodge (now ERAC Lodge), and the 1972 District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Monroe District. He was a member of Sagoyewatha Commandery and Damascus Shrine.



Reproduction of the front page of the first edition of the *Monroe Masonic News*, published in January 1963, which was founded by George Wetzel. It was the forerunner of the *Masonic Times*.

R. W.: George had the vision to bring the Monroe Masonic community together with a monthly newsletter informing all of the upcoming events and trestleboards of their respective Lodges and organizations.

Most of us who were around in the sixties and seventies can remember Brother George visiting the Lodges and Concordant Bodies, soliciting the Bodies membership in an endeavor to keep this paper solvent, with the hopes it never would have to shut down. Brother George even went so far as to use his own resources to keep this idea afloat. We hope he is remembered for his efforts, as we all know they were successful. His family can be very proud of Brother George's tireless hours spent achieving his dream.

The original paper was named *Monroe Masonic News*, reporting events on the Lodges and Bodies in the Monroe Districts. Later, the surrounding Districts were recruited to join in the membership of this publication. We now report the news and upcoming events of the Masonic Bodies in the counties of Ontario, Seneca, Yates, Wayne, Livingston, Genesee, Wyoming, and Monroe. I'm not

sure Brother George's vision reached this far, but certainly his idea was one of this area's finest means of communication. The name has been changed to *Masonic Times*.

The price of the original subscription, back in 1962, was \$.30 per member per year. The cost today is certainly not the same. With inflation, the costs to produce the paper have risen. As the membership has declined, these increases are amortized over fewer subscribers. It is still a publication of which we all can be proud. We have taken the liberty to reproduce in miniature, the front page of the very first issue of the *Monroe Masonic News*.

Captain Wetzel was a combat veteran of WW II, serving under General George Patton. He was awarded the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster for gallantry in action while serving from February, 1944 to April, 1945.

George is survived by his wife of 68 years, Marie, two sons, four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Those of us who are involved in the Masonic Service Bureau and the *Masonic Times*, are indebted to George for leading the way.

## Have-a-Heart is Success

By Mike McBride

We were back in the malls again, from Saturday, February 1st through Friday, February 14th. The Program for 2004 was, once again, a SUCCESS! Over \$13,500, was collected! On behalf of Dean Smith at Eastview Mall, Karl-Heinz Reich at The Mall at Greece Ridge Center, myself at Marketplace Mall, and the Management of the local Ronald McDonald House, we thank each and every one of you who helped! All of the Lodges participated (including some from out of town), ladies from the Eastern Star Chapters and the Caldron, Damascus Shriners, including the Damascus Shrine Clowns, the Grotto and our Prince Hall Brothers.

An extra personal thanks goes to the Brothers and Sisters from Prince Hall Affiliated Bodies. These groups chipped in when I asked for help at the last minute and filled a hole of two days between them! Special thanks to Jim Toogood! He helped me tremendously each day and each time I had no help or no-shows! His feeling was no Brother should be left to work alone! I sure could have used some more with those thoughts.

We will be sending out individual thank yous to all groups. We all realize that without the group and individual help, we would have done nothing. Thanks again.

On the downside was the difficulty we had getting help and



David Mura, Windy (Wendell Burtner), Mike McBride

the confusion caused when three of the scheduled groups failed to show up.

Karl and Dean are leaving as Co-Chairs and I am looking for help. I'd like a committee. Call me at home at 663-4636, or at work at 722-7714. I want to get input from the committee

and tentative commitments from each Lodge or Concordant Body by June, with reminders to go out in December of 2004.

We will be presenting the check on Saturday, March 13th at 10:00 a.m. sharp! Dress code is jacket and tie. The Mas-

ters and Wardens meeting will follow. A tour of the facility will be available. Call me for offers of assistance, questions, input, complaints or comments.

Thanks once again for the support.

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## Supreme Council of Grottoes Appointment

By Skip Waterstreet

The Grand Monarch of Supreme Council of Grottoes of North America, Carl W. Landerholm, Jr., has appointed Kenneth V. Hutchinson, PM, to be Grand Historian.

Ken became a Prophet of Lalla Rookh Grotto in 1994. He has served as Commander of the Legion of Honor in 1998, Monarch in 2001, and currently is Secretary, a position he has held since his election last year.

W.: Ken Hutchinson was the 1975 Master of Webster Lodge,

where he was raised in 1967. He has served as President of the Rochester-Monroe County Police & Fire Square Club, Master of Travel of the Genesee Chapter of Masonic Campers & Travelers, and was a Daddy in Fidelity Triangle No. 4. When his wife, Edna, was Matron of Webster Chapter No. 171, OES, in 1974, Ken served as Patron. He is active in the James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12 of Masonic War Veterans.

Best wishes are extended to Ken in his new endeavor.



Dated Material





## Editor's Corner

### Looking for something?

Check the "What's Inside" index on the front page. It's there to help you find a particular column or grouping of articles. We added a new line in the issue this month... "Late Arrivals."

Dave and I have tried, over the past year, to accommodate everyone. All of us are pressed for time, but when a contributor misses the deadline it delays our efforts to complete the layout. This month, we decided to change our routine slightly to avoid the possibility of working an entire weekend, as we have the past couple of issues, in order to get the paper delivered to you by the first of the month.

The Lodges are the first articles that get our attention. We need to know how much space each District will require before we can determine how many pages will remain for the other organizations and fillers.

Articles were pretty slow coming in this month, which is a concern, but we have to proceed. If the paper is thinner because we have nothing to print, so be it. We anticipated a 16-page issue. The paste-up began.

With pages 4 through 9 completed and 10 partially finished, we received three more articles (more than a week late!). We fit those in later in the issue.

Two days later, we received three more articles! We fit those in even later in the issue as well, and now knew we would have our usual 20-page issue.

Please don't interpret this as a complaint. Barbara, Mat, Dave and I have nearly 160 years combined experience in the printing or newspaper business. Deadlines are nothing new to us; you do what you must to meet them! We do everything we have to so you receive the *Masonic Times* before the first of the month.

If you are searching the issue for your organization's news, it means we didn't receive that copy in the timely manner we needed. The deadline for articles is the **second Monday of every Month**. I changed this a year ago, figuring it would be easy to remember. Maybe soon!

Thanks for reading. ✕

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By Linda Zahn

Improved communications is one of my main goals for this year.

These first two months have been difficult for me as we've been dealing with Bob's cancer and that comes first. However, I've not forgotten my obligation to the Masonic Service Bureau and have been in constant communication with Skip and Barbara. They share with me, consult with me and get my opinion on major issues. How fortunate we are to have these people. Bill Lindsay is also a very capable and a willing sharer of pertinent information.

All of you have been most kind and understanding, which is appreciated more than you'll ever know. I am very grateful. Many thanks. ✕



W.: Angelo DiCataldo, past Chairman and Chief Executive Officer receives recognition plaque from W.: Charles Waterstreet, President.

(Photo, Richard Snyder)

## Masonic Service Bureau Scholarships Available

By Rt. Wthy. Erna-Jean T. Walker

The Masonic Service Bureau is happy to again offer Scholarship Applications for high school seniors or students attending an accredited college. The Scholarships are for \$1,000 on a one-time basis only.

All applicants must belong to a Masonic related youth organization or be sponsored by a member of a Masonic Lodge or related Body.

The deadline is March 31,

2004, and all applications should be mailed to:

Mrs. Erna-Jean T. Walker  
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Applications may be obtained at the Masonic Service Bureau, or from the Secretary of a Lodge, Eastern Star Chapter or youth organization.

The number for the Masonic Service Bureau is 671-9730 or you may contact me by calling 663-2266. ✕

## CAMP TURK OPEN HOUSE

### Camp Turk Open House

Camp Turk will be holding an Open House on May 23rd from noon until 3:00 p.m. We encourage you to stop by and visit us if you have never seen the Camp or if you know someone interested in attending this Summer. The Camp Turk Committee will be available for tours and will be registering campers.

#### Costs

The cost for Camp is ONLY

\$450.00 per two-week session.

For more information, contact Mollie Denslow at (315) 942-6716; the email address is: CampTurk@aol.com

Know someone interested in working at Camp Turk? Contact Dennis Rundle at (315) 866-8770 or by email at this address: gandalfleo@msn.com

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## Interfaith Service and Brunch Sunday, October 24th

By Linda Zahn

Nominations are needed for the Distinguished Community Service Award to be presented on October 24th.

If you, or your organization, knows of anyone you think is worthy of consideration, please submit the name, along with a resume stating the qualifications of the candidate. If it's someone who has been nominated before, you need to re-nominate them and submit updated information. Please include the name of the person or organization submitting nomination so we can contact

them if there are any questions.

This item should be put on your organization's agenda in March to be discussed, and then any names for submission can be voted upon at your April meeting and sent to me by May 1st. Please take the time to do this. Be sure October 24th is on your calendars.

Send nominations to: Linda B. Zahn, 6 VanCortland Drive, Pittsford, NY 14534-3016

Any questions? Give me a call at 381-4241.

Thank you for your help. ✕

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### Washington as a Mason

#### Masons Ease Secrecy

Masons are well known for the secretive nature of their traditions. The international Fraternity is as famous for its private ceremonies, oaths and symbols as for its philanthropy and other good words. So few people in Fredericksburg knew what was behind the doors of Lodge No. 4.

Inside the sprawling, 188 year-old red brick building, were key artifacts from the young adulthood of George Washington, who grew up across the Rappahannock River and is the source of such pride and identity here that his portrait hangs even in the local McDonald's.

Washington was a member of Lodge No. 4, where dozens of historical items, including the Bible used at his Initiation Ceremony in 1752, the minutes of his meetings at the Lodge and a portrait by the celebrated painter, Gilbert Stuart, dating to the late

1700s, were stored unprotected from must and dust.

For years, a volunteer gave tours, but the collection was barely advertised and was seen mostly by insiders - Masons from around the world who know Lodge No. 4's place in American history. More than a decade ago, officials with the city's museum began appealing to the Masons to move their collection to safer storage space and to allow the city to display it on a much grander stage.

But the Fredericksburg Masons, influenced by a combination of possessive pride in their unique connection to Washington and two centuries of sporadic anti-Mason sentiment, turned the city down.

"People who have experienced persecution are more hesitant about opening themselves up," said J. Travis Walker, a past Worshipful Master of the Lodge and its Historian.

Then on one day last year, the Masons came to city museum officials to say they had changed their minds. It had been 250 years since Washington swore on that Bible, the Masons told the city, and they didn't want the anniversary to pass unnoticed. They know that they didn't have the money to mark the occasion themselves.

There was more to it.

Like other civic groups, the Free and Accepted Masons are losing membership, and in a culture that reveres free information and free trade, the group's reticence hasn't helped. The Masons in Fredericksburg, a place that celebrates constancy, decided to try to buck the trend by bringing some of their 250 year-old traditions into the open, hoping to save them from extinction.

Along with the exhibit, which opened last month at the Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center, the Fredericksburg Masons this year published a book by Walker about their history and have just registered the Lodge as a nonprofit organization so they can begin raising funds to restore their building and house the permanent exhibit there.

"There has been a concerted effort to reintegrate our Lodge into public life," Walker said.

The world's oldest fraternal organization, the Masons - which is called by many other names, including the Freemasons and, in Virginia, the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons - evolved from the guilds of stone masons and cathedral builders of the Middle Ages. Eventually they opened their membership to others and became focused on morality, charity and the requirement that members believe in some high being - regardless of what it was.

With the number of Masons nationwide down about 300,000 since 1996, to fewer than 2 million, the Fraternity is trying to be more open to shake loose the stigma of secrecy and attract younger members, said George Seghers, executive secretary-

treasurer of the George Washington Masonic national Memorial in Alexandria. After the Alexandria Memorial, the Fredericksburg collection is the second most important from Washington's Masonic past.

Because of its link with George Washington, the Fredericksburg Lodge has been hit slightly less hard by the decline in numbers and has been able to maintain more interest - among both relatively younger men and Masons worldwide who pay to be "affiliated" with Lodge No. 4. Its average age is 45, compared with the national average of 65, Walker said.

The Local Lodge has still been hurting financially and was unable to pay someone to keep the George Washington collection open when its long-time volunteer guide fell ill in 1999. The Lodge also has been unable to afford to maintain its relics.

"One minute book page was open with sunlight on it, and it almost faded away," said Don Robey, a former Virginia Grand Master, or state president, who has been involved with the Fredericksburg Lodge. Also, a document mounted on an oily board was ruined, he said.

Scholars have long studied the significance of Washington's experiences as a Mason. When Washington joined the Lodge, it was a place where landed gentry would gather and one of the few places where the British and colonials could mingle. It was a more sophisticated, worldly group that Washington had generally been exposed to, Walker said.

The impact of Masonry pervaded Washington's writing and ideas, said John Kaminski, a history professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, who wrote *A Great and Good Man* about Washington and heads the University's Center for the Study of the American Constitution.

Washington's writings rarely include references to God, and never to Jesus, Kaminski said, but rather use the terminology and philosophy of the Masons, referring to The Great Archi-

tect and building in general. Washington became a promoter of an extensive canal system aimed at facilitating westward expansion, and Kaminski suggests that he was influenced even in that by his experience as a Mason.

After Washington's death, suspicion about this elite society grew into a political party - the first Third Party - based on anti-Mason sentiment. Masons in the United States split into many factions, including some who practiced Rituals criticized as satanic and anti-clerical.

Suspicions and old rumors about Masonic practice have lingered, and officials with the Fredericksburg Area Museum said they believe that part of the reason they had difficulty raising money for the exhibit may have been some donors' reluctance to be connected with the Masons.

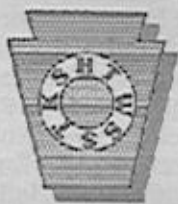
As the world sometimes looked askance at the Masons, so did the Brotherhood sometimes look skeptically out. Robey said he doesn't favor all the moves toward openness, including the simplification of Rituals, to make it easier for people to join. "It's everywhere, so what can you do? We don't like to see those things lost, but others say, 'Hey, we need to get members in, whatever the cost.'"

Franklin Powell, 71, a retired contractor who has been a member of Lodge No. 4 since 1956, said he was simply worried about turning over to the museum items that have such value to the Masons.

"When you think about it, that Washington was initiated 250 years ago and you have this Bible, it's not replaceable," he said. But for the sake of saving Lodge No. 4, Powell said he supported going through the elaborate rites involved with removing certain artifacts from the Lodge. For example, three Past Worshipful Masters had to be present to escort them to the city museum.

"What can you do," Powell said. "It's just a sign of the times."

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### The Building Season

The weather is improving and Spring is around the corner. With this improvement in the weather, we enter the building season. Every kind of builder is making plans now to start building soon. The Craft must do the same. We must start planning to build our Lodge membership. How should we do this? By planning a Brother Bring-a-Friend event for our Lodge. You will note, from past and current issues of the *Masonic Times*, that many of the Concordant and appendant orders are having Bring-a-Friend events, so why shouldn't the Lodges? If your Lodge does not know how to prepare for and hold a Brother Bring-a-Friend, call Derek or me and we will point you to the proper resources and, if schedule permits, be present to support your efforts.

Making Masons, and thus building Lodges, is one of the main reasons Lodges exist. The other reasons include using the Ritual to show men how to improve themselves, friendship, fellowship and our many charitable endeavors.

It is also time for those of our Brethren who will be chosen Master of their Lodge this coming May to start building their program for the coming year. There is a wealth of talent available in our noble Craft to allow for every Lodge to have highly interesting programs at those communications that are not Degree work. Your Grand Lodge Officers, the Concordant Bodies, past Masters and knowledgeable Brethren, are ready to help by providing a wide variety of programs. Use the District Directory as an aid to calling around the District for program ideas. There are many ideas that have been tried and worked and many more that are waiting in the wings. Let us all work toward building our Lodges into something that our members want to come to and the profane are anxious to join. ✕

## Grand Sword Bearer



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While doing my civic duty as a Trial Juror, I figured it would be a good time to write my monthly article for the *Masonic Times*. For those who have served in this capacity, you know one has quite a bit of sitting time where you can read, watch other juror members, talk with new friends, read a good book or gaze out the window. But when the word comes

in for a trial, all of this quiet time comes to a screeching halt and all in the room (150) pay close attention to hear if they have been picked for the ensuing trial.

First, we were asked to stand, and were sworn in as Jurors. As this oath was being administered, I noticed a familiar face in the room. The wife of the Potentate of Damascus Shrine, Dottie Chilton, was there. We both were selected to sit on the same trial. As it turned out, we were both disqualified and were dismissed from duty.

### Road to the East

We had a very successful RTTE Program the latter part of February, which was attended by 20 Brothers who sought "further light" in Masonry. This group is now better prepared to sit in the East as Masters of their Lodges, partially because of the dedicated Brothers who took their personal time to come to Wakan/Hubbard to impart their expertise in presenting various materials to these 20 men. I thank them for their commitment in making this a successful experience.

### White Stuff

From time to time, we have acknowledged our Brothers who migrate to Southern climes. These "snowbirds" are a unique group of men who, for some reason, don't like the "WHITE STUFF" that falls from our skies during the Winter months; neither do they care for temperatures that are less than 70 degrees. Maybe there's a hidden message for the rest of us. We are a hearty bunch who stay up here where the cold is invigorating and the warm fires in our homes make us cozy on long Winter nights.

Recently, my wife and I spent some "quality time" in the Sunshine State and, upon returning home, now envy those who roost in New Smyrna Beach, Cape Coral, Punta Gorda, Ft. Myers, Zephyrhills and many other towns and warm climes. We all would probably enjoy visiting you and warming ourselves in your world.

### Brotherhood Fund

From October through May, the Brotherhood Fund Chairmen rise in their separate Lodges and ask you to contribute to the Fund. Last year we, as a Brotherhood, did not raise as much as had been expected around the State. This is an opportunity for each of us to support the programs of the Grand Master. Up to December 31, 2003, \$738,739.49 was contributed by 10,421 Brothers from around New York State. There are three months left in this year's campaign, and we can all stand tall as we make this a very successful year for the Brotherhood Fund. Any contribution is tax deductible for those who participate.

### Interesting History

Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, was initiated in 1952 in Navy Lodge No. 2612 of London. Other members of the Royal family who belonged to this Lodge, and were Past Masters, were Edward VIII and George the VI. The Duke of York, in 1936, was elected and installed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodges of Scotland and continued in office until his ascension to the Throne of England as King George VI. The last eight Grand

Masters of the Grand Lodge of England have all been knighted in the Most Noble Order of the Garter, indicating the close connection and great attraction that English nobility has had for our Craft.

### Installations

As the Senior Wardens prepare for their Installations, please contact the incoming Grand Lodge Officers if you would like them to take part in your ceremony. Any advance information you can provide them, as to time and place and whether it will be a public or closed installation, would be well received. With 15 Lodges installing new Masters, it can get very busy in the months of May and June. We wish all of you the very best in your upcoming year as you take over the leadership of your respective Lodges. If we can be of further assistance just ask. ✕

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### Consolidations:

#### Effect on Membership

Consolidation of Lodges can be stressful to some of the members. In last month's article, I wrote about this topic and will continue to do so this month. I would like to address the effect of a consolidation on the Brothers of the Lodges which are merging. Over the next few years, I believe there will be more consolidations in the Monroe District. We should be considering all the factors involved and discussing them before we are knee deep in a situation.

Some of the Brothers are concerned by the name and number change. Others are disturbed that some of the traditions may be changed or forgotten. What is going to happen to all the paraphernalia? Most of all, how will it affect my membership? These questions, and others, are on our minds during the consolidation talks. What concerns me the most is your membership.

Unlike the circumstances when a Lodge turns in its Charter, where the Brothers are given a demit and left to fend for themselves, a consolidation brings together all the Brothers from the Lodges involved into one new Lodge. From there, the individual Brother can decide to stay with the new Lodge or take his time to investigate other Lodges. If he decides to join another Lodge, he simply petitions that Lodge and when voted in, he demits from his original Lodge. Bottom line: his membership in this Fraternity is retained.

If anyone has any questions or steam to blow off about consolidations, please contact me. As I have said in past articles, contact lines are on page two of this publication.

### Words of thanks

I thank all for their thoughts, calls, cards, etc., during my left knee replacement surgery and recovery. When you are lying in that bed and your mind wants to get up and go, but your leg says "forget it," it can be very frustrating. The remembrances were very helpful. I know I have mentioned this many times before, but it never fails to astound me how the Lord gives me a kick

in the slats when I start feeling sorry for myself and He shows me someone else who is in worse shape than myself. While I am at it, I thank those responsible for giving me this forum to express myself.

Again, thanks to all and I hope to see you in Lodge. ✕

## ERAC Lodge No. 163

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



Master  
W.: Terry W.  
Wihlen, Jr.  
377-4695  
Secretary  
R.: W.: Terry  
W. Wihlen, Sr.  
346-4380

152 West Commercial Street  
East Rochester 14445

### February

February was a great month for ERAC Lodge. We started the month with the Have-a-Heart Program at Eastview Mall. Many Brothers, family and friends came out to support a great and worthwhile event. Many thanks to our coordinator for the Have-a-Heart Campaign, Brother Richard Greenaway.

Our joint Table Lodge on February 9th with Wakan/Hubbard was incredible. We had over thirty-five Brothers from our Lodge in attendance. Many thanks to Brother Steven Lysenko for another job well done in organizing and planning with Wakan/Hubbard. Brother Steven Lysenko emulates what a Junior Warden should do, and his efforts should not go unrecognized.

We had a change in our trestleboard for our second meeting in February. On February 23rd we had our "Move Up Night" and discussion on the status of the Lodge building. Brother George Nasra was in the East and again did a wonderful job. His trestleboard is just about complete and it is impressive. His work has not gone unnoticed by others and he will make a great Master.

### Degree

Our 3rd Degree was moved to April 12th to give ample time to prepare. Next month's *Masonic Times* article will give the details on our Lodge building.

### March

March is here, so mark your calendar for the upcoming dates. Concordant Bodies will be at Lodge on March 8th to discuss their organizations.

On March 22nd, Eureka Lodge No. 36 (Prince Hall) will be joining us for our meeting. R.: W.: Bill Lindsay and I went to their Lodge on February 7th, to promote the event with great success. Please put forth every effort to make this upcoming meeting as we grow a stronger bond with our Prince Hall Brothers.

R.: W.: Rich Friedman will be speaking at this meeting. ERAC will be visiting Eureka Lodge No. 36 on May 15th. More to come regarding this event.

### Circus time!

The Shrine Circus is in town and ERAC is manning a booth on March 27th at the Blue Cross Arena. There will be three four-hour shifts starting at 9:00 a.m. Please email your shift commitment (9 a.m.-1 p.m., 1-5 p.m., and 5-9 p.m.) to: twihlen@webbox.com. The Shrine Circus is a great event to support, as the

Shriners are supporters of many of our events. Please come out for this great cause.

The year is still going strong for ERAC and I am proud to have had the honor of working with all of you. ERAC is growing stronger and stronger and the next few years we plan to strengthen our foundation even more. We are stronger because of good planning and many Brothers who have "stepped up to the plate." Thanks again for your support.

Come to Lodge. Visit your Brothers. Get back to your "Basics." ✕

## FAME 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

Our first meeting this March is on the 9th and will be preceded by a Buffet Dinner at 6:30 p.m., featuring a Rueben, Potatoes O'Brien, vegetable, salad, rolls and butter. The cost per person is \$8.00 and reservations are required. The agenda that night will be a continuation of the topics under consideration from our meeting on February 10th.

Our second meeting, on the 23rd, will be a 2nd Degree. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m., and as last month, we will NOT be having a Pot Luck Dinner that night as the weather is still too chancy. I hope, however, that we will have a big turnout to show support for our new class and our Officers who are working hard on their Ritual.

Thanks to Heinz Gunkel, Al Pulcino, Howard Topel and Dan Walker who helped man the booth at the Have-a-Heart, on Monday, February 9th at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center. We raised over \$211 this year - not quite as good as last year, but not bad either.

Thanks to Michael Bell for organizing our "Honor Our Ladies" party. You missed some interesting and fun times if you missed these activities. Brotherhood Chairman Keith Moore tells me that contributions are coming in slow but sure. If you haven't made your donation yet, please do!

### Dues

Just a reminder, dues are due! Please remit your dues to our Acting Secretary John Foster, 97 Owaissa Drive, 14622. If you already have, thank you again!!

### Good news!

Brothers Leon VanHuben and Ken Rhodes continue to improve, but still have a long way to go. I'm sure they would appreciate cards.


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

Last, but not least, Happy Birthday to all our Brothers with birthdays in March!

See you at Lodge! ✕



**Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154**



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

**Master**  
W. Joseph F. Oelgoetz  
425-9969

**Secretary**  
W. Theodore J. Snyder, 467-0165

**Asst. W.:** Donald C. Bell, 334-7768  
1822 Penfield Road, Penfield 14526

Our first couple of meetings in 2004 were successful and enjoyable. I thank our Senior Warden, Brother Bruce Horncastle, for providing us with a fascinating program on Rosslyn Chapel during our first meeting of the New Year.

To follow-up, at our January 26th meeting, we had the pleasure of hosting R.: W.: William Zufall, who talked on the Morgan Affair. To complete the evening, our very own Brother David Sisson presented a letter written by his great-great-grandfather. The letter was a dissertation on the reasons why one should stand up for Masonry and to stand strong in the face of anti-Masonic fervor in the time immediately following the Morgan issue.

**Tartan Square Club**

At our March 8th meeting, we will be honored by a visit of 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 who 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 to Brother Hugh Woodside send him an email to: HWoodside@empireval.com or, via the phone at 248-2106.

**Wakan/Hubbard Lodge**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY**  
**LODGE DINING ROOM**

Friday, March 19th, 7:00 p.m.  
Cost \$7.00  
Ladies and friends invited

**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 who have a bit of the Irish blood in ya.

Festivities will begin around 7 p.m. and the cost will be around \$7.00. Ladies and friends are invited and encouraged to join us. 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 hundredth anniversary of this event, we will be having a Re-dedication Ceremony on March 22nd. The Grand Master, M.: W.: Carl J. Fitje, has agreed to preside over the festivities.

We plan to have 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 (\$22.50 per person for Wakan/Hubbard Lodge members.) Please get your reservations into Don Osborne as soon as possible.

You can contact him via phone at 381-3458. Please pay in advance with a check to "Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 - F. & A. M." Checks, along with your reservation, can be sent to Don Osborne, 19 Willowview Drive, Penfield, NY 14526.

**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 Falls-view 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 26-28.

The only scheduled event during the weekend is on Saturday evening - March 27th.

**Wakan/Hubbard Lodge**

**100TH ANNIVERSARY**

**RE-DEDICATION CEREMONY**

**M.: W.: CARL J. FITJE**  
Presiding

**March 22nd**  
**Penfield Country Club**  
Dinner 6:30 p.m.  
\$32.50 per person  
\$22.50 for Wakan/Hubbard Lodge members

Contact Don Osborne  
381-3458 for details

Many of us will be attending the Dinner Theater, "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.

**Wine tasting**

Our first meeting of April will be preceded by a dinner with

our ladies. Business during the closed meeting will be a review of the Grand Lodge agenda. I plan to have a healthy discussion among the Brethren concerning the issues I will face at Grand Lodge, as your representative. Afterwards, we are planning to put on a wine tasting program. Stay tuned.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you and yours!

**O-At-Ka Lodge No. 759**



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

**Master**  
W.: Charles A. Piazza  
247-5032

**Secretary**  
W.: Charles W. Crevison  
889-6414

5 Browns Avenue  
Scottsville 14546

I hope I find all well. Sorry for the past months of no communication in the *Masonic Times*. We had our 1st Degree on the 28th of January. It was critiqued by John Dwyer. I am happy to report that we passed with flying colors! Thanks to all the Brothers, especially Kevin Fisher and Tim White. I especially thank Larry Blazey for cooking one of the best meals we have ever had at our Lodge! A special thank you to the women, Jerry Fimbel, Shelly White and Edie Christ, for serving and cleaning up after our dinner.

I welcome back Jasper Brady, who has been unable to attend meetings with us due to illness. We missed you!

**February**

Our day at the Have-a-Heart Campaign was February 1st and I thank the Brothers who attended that day.


The meeting at my house on February 7th was a success. Thanks to all the Brothers who attended. Let's do it again soon!

The Pancake Breakfast was on February 22nd.

**Degree**

The 2nd Degree date is March 10th. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Arlaukas at 889-8418.

**Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088**



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

**Master**  
W.: William J. Mitchell  
581-1806

C. William Flemming, DSA  
Secretary 723-0083

4550 Lake Avenue  
Rochester 14612

Hello again, my Brothers and Ladies. Time to communicate to you the latest news of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge. My, how time flies, regardless of whether one is having fun or not.

First on my list is the February 2004 issue of the *Masonic Times*. I look forward to reading every issue, but of all the issues I have read in the past two years, this was, by far, the best. The articles are interesting, informative and well written. My compliments to the contributors and the *Masonic Times* Staff.

**Consolidation**

Now, unfortunately, a bit of sad news. As you already know, we are in the process of consolidating with Etolian Lodge. It is unfortunate that this must happen, but after very serious thought and several discussions, we (the Officers, Brothers, and I) made the decision to take this action in order to survive. I appointed R.: W.: Cliff Short to act as Chairman and select a committee for this purpose. He will keep you informed of our progress via email and/or the *Masonic Times*.

That wraps it up for now, except for a wee bit of trivia. Each king in a deck of cards represents a great king from history.

- Spades - King David
  - Hearts - Charlemagne
  - Clubs - Alexander
  - Diamonds - Julius Caesar
  - Good Luck and God Bless
- Consolidation Update**  
From Cliff Short

As of this writing, both Etolian Lodge and Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge are in a holding pattern, waiting for the next set of paperwork from Grand Lodge. The committee has completed its work in drawing up the framework of new By-Laws, budgets, and Officers' Line of the new Lodge.

**Timeline Update**

We are almost three months into this process, which we hope to complete sometime this Summer. I thought I should share some of the comments, correspondence, and thoughts I have received regarding our upcoming consolidation.

**Changing Times**

Most of our Brothers understand that with changing times and declining memberships, the Lodge must adapt or cease to exist. Ceasing to exist may sound harsh, but it is meant to sound that way for a reason. The Lodge which turns in its charter leaves almost nothing for future generations to perpetuate its existence. Its remaining members usually scatter to different Lodges, and it will only exist in the memories of those Brothers who are still alive. Once they are gone, their memories have passed on with them, the proud heritage of that Lodge fades away, and exists on paper only.

**To the Future**

We have chosen a different path forward. By consolidating Etolian and Charlotte/Corinthian Lodges, we will be preserving the history, memories, memberships, and heritages of both Lodges. The new

Lodge will have a new name, but the memories of the earlier Lodges will be preserved, and honored within the walls of our meeting place. Each time we set foot in our new Lodge, we will be reminded of the proud history of the houses from which we emerged.

**Changes can be good**

We are trying to make this transition as easy as possible for our Brothers, by giving them a new meeting place, where they can not only preserve old friendships and camaraderie, but can also forge new ones in an active, growing, and strong Lodge. The committees of both Lodges see many benefits to this consolidation. The new Lodge will have a large, active membership, with more financial stability than the two previous Lodges. Dues are projected to remain very stable for the foreseeable future, and in some cases will even decrease. The look of the Lodge building may change also, making the rooms much more accessible, and comfortable, for all of our members, as well as other organizations which utilize the building facilities.


**Reflections**

What we must not lose sight of, is that the building and name do not constitute a Masonic Lodge. It is the strength

and integrity of the Brothers who belong to the Lodge, which gives the Lodge true substance. Without the commitment of our Brothers to their belief in our Masonic Rituals, and their continual commitment to the ideals we all hold to be true, the building in which we congregate is no more than mortar and bricks. It is what is within that makes a mere building a stupendous edifice.

As always, I welcome any comments and suggestions that you would like to share with me, and if you can't come to Lodge, I will pass them on to our Brothers. Please contact me by phone, 225-0464 (home) or 746-1548 (cell), or short4us@frontiernet.net.

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**LODGE NO. 538**

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7:30 p.m.

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Secretary, Richard Collazo  
339-9662

30 Orchard Street  
Webster 14580

Well, it's that time of month to sit back down again and say hello. March is the month of March Madness and the college basketball tournament. Basketball is my favorite sporting event and March is the month when thousands of sane students from across America go crazy for two weeks in support of their team. It is also the month of four leaf clovers and the Leprechaun, that little guy who runs around in the funny green shorts chasing the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. It is a month of luck, wishes, and dreams. It is also that time of year when Spring returns; a time of crocuses starting to peek out of the ground with their little purple blooms and a time when Mother Nature starts putting that wonderful array of color back into our lives after a long, cold, and gloomy Winter. It's also a time when the first robins start showing up and you awake each morning to the pleasant sound of birds chirping. It's a time of renewal and rebirth.

Since my last article, we've gone through an absolutely dreadful cold spell here in Western New York. For most of the month of January, the temperature averaged about 4 or 5 degrees and the wind chill averaged around 15 to 20 below. It was one of the coldest and most bitter Januarys in recorded history and one that we haven't seen in quite a while.

This was the case on January 15th, the night of our second meeting. We received another 8 to 10 inches of snow that day, so for everyone's safety, I cancelled the meeting for that night. I had planned to have a "Masonic Education Night" that evening, and was going to have Brother and M.: E.: John Konvalin, do his oratory on "The Mother-Lodge," a poem written by Brother Rudyard Kipling while he was living in India. I have the poem, so if any of you would like to hear

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it, let me know and I'll try to squeeze it into a future meeting night.

Our next meeting was February 5th and the night of our 2nd Degree. So in the continuing and enlightening spirit of Freemasonry, we portrayed the Degree, and advanced our new Brother to Fellowcraft. It was an evening in which the Officers of the Lodge made me proud with their devotion to the Craft and their excellent job in the rendition of the Degree. Nice job gentlemen.

R.: W.: Cliff Short, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, and V.: W.: John Dyer, Assistant Grand Lecturer, joined us that evening and were very impressed with our Degree.

Before I go, I'd just like to say thank you to a few of the Brothers for their continual support of our Lodge. The members of distinction are Mark Brooks and Pete Bowers for their help and support of the Red Cross Blood Drive; Nick Haldoupis and the rest of his crew for their continual and faithful support of our Spaghetti Dinners; and Hank Libera for stepping up to the plate and filling in for our Secretary, while he goes through some work and family tribulations. Gentlemen, an exemplary performance of what Masonry is all about.

#### March events

- 4th - Past Masters Night
- 5th - Spaghetti Dinner
- 11th - Fellowcraft Meeting
- 18th - Eastern Star/Widows/Ladies Night - A Night to Honor the Ladies. Dinner.
- 25th - Fellowcraft Meeting

**NORTHFIELD**  
Lodge No. 426  
Instituted March 1857  
1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.

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17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

January was a cold month, but the brotherly love kept our hearts warm, and busy. A second 1st Degree took place and a new Brother came into Northfield. Early last week the 2nd Degree was conferred upon him. I am proud of my Officers who conferred a great Degree.

#### Condolences

Some Brothers join, others go away, but only their bodies go, since their friendship and memories will stay with us forever. This is the case of Brother Walter A. Weick, DSA, who passed away peacefully in his sleep in the early morning hours on Sunday, February 8th. He became a Trustee of Northfield and improved the structure, both physical and spiritual, as if it were his own home. All the Brotherhood has something to say about his

good character and dedication. There are not words to describe all that he did for the Lodge and the community. Thanks, Walter. May the Great Architect of the Universe have you in his glory.

#### Knights Templar

Later in February we had a Spaghetti Dinner with our wives. We enjoyed music; a way to celebrate with our Valentines. In Masonry, we heard from our Masonic ancestors, the Knights Templar.

#### March

We are going to have our 3rd Degree on March 18th. Remember to call in your reservations for dinner. The first meeting in March we will have a Masonic lecture.

Get ready for the Rusty Nail Degree in April.

**Union Star**  
Lodge No. 320  
3 North Main Street  
Honeoye Falls 14472  
2nd Mondays  
7:30 p.m.

Master  
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Ripley  
346-3124

Secretary, Robert Sweeney  
(h) 381-5286; (w) 464-6316  
38 Cullens Run, Pittsford 14534

All right guys, I enjoy a nice Upstate Winter as much as the next guy, but it's starting to get old now! Spring is just around the corner, and soon we will be able to attend a meeting without defrosting our cars first.

#### Looking back

First of all, I congratulate Brother Pete Yendell, and R.: W.: Ken Buckland on receiving the "Re-Member the Blue Lodge" Award. R.: W.: Harold Aldrich presented the Awards, and the Brothers received Grand Honors.

Congratulations to our two newest Brothers, Glenn Clark, and Robert Volzer who were Raised to the Degree of Master Mason on February 17th. Many thanks go out to Craftsman Robertson Lodge for hosting the Degree, and the Shrine Past Masters Team for performing the work for the evening. The Ritual, as well as the dinner preceding it, were both great.

I also thank all of the Brothers who helped out with the Have-a-Heart Campaign this year. It was not only fun, but it felt good to be involved with such a worthwhile cause.

Last, but not least, I thank Etolian Lodge for hosting the 3rd School of Ritual on February 18th. We went over the Ritual of the 3rd Degree, and it was very informative.

#### Brotherhood Fund

So far this year, we are at 30% participation in our Brotherhood Fund Campaign. There is not much time left, and I urge anyone who has not yet donated, to please do so. You can send your donation to our Committee Chairman: William Nersinger at 840 Lindsey Circle, Webster, New York 14580.

#### Fundraiser

Our committee for our annual fundraiser, "Village on the Green," is already busy attending meetings and preparing for another successful year. We operate a food booth, selling Italian sausage, hamburgers, and beverages. Thanks to W.: Jim Nersinger,

W.: John Williams and Brother Gene Gordon, for all of your efforts. We will also be running the Child ID Program there, and we hope the participation will equal or surpass last year.

#### March events

At our March meeting on Monday, the 8th, we will have the Walk-About Program. R.: W.: Robert Sanford will take our newest Brothers around the Lodge, introduce them to the various stations, and the significance thereof. There will be NO dinner preceding this meeting.

On Monday, the 22nd, we will have our next Fellowcraft meeting. Due to all our Degree rehearsals, we have not had a Fellowcraft meeting since December, so please join us.

As always, if you need a ride to Lodge, please do not hesitate to call me at 346-3124.

**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 give my most heartfelt thanks to all the Brothers who made the Have-a-Heart Campaign successful once again. On our first day, February 1st, we had a total of almost \$250 collected for the Ronald McDonald house. That's a lot of hearts! We have a lot of volunteers, and should expect even greater success on our second day, the 14th, which is the last day of the campaign.

#### Roses

While a lot of our Brothers were working at the mall, another large contingent of us were doing an equally important event. On Valentine's Day, we delivered roses to all our dear widows who still reside in the county. Again, my most sincere thanks to all who helped make a special moment for some very special ladies.

#### Good job!

The very next week, on February 18th, the School of Ritual was held at Etolian. Our Officers were responsible for the second half of the first section of the 3rd Degree. They performed very well, and have done us proud once again.

Speaking of the 3rd Degree, ours is coming up very fast, on March 8th. As in the preceding Degrees, the 3rd Degree will be done in its entirety. The evening will begin with Lodge opening at 5:30 p.m. We will be having supper between the first and second parts. So, if you haven't seen a full Degree in some time, or would like to break bread with your Brothers, we hope to see you there.

#### Consolidation

Last month I wrote about our endeavor to consolidate with Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge. I would like to take a moment to bring everyone up to date on the work that the respective committees have accomplished. At this time, the framework of new By-Laws, budgets, and Officers' line are completed. The committees of both Lodges see many benefits to this consolidation. The new

Lodge will have a large, active membership, with more financial stability than the previous Lodges. The look of the Lodge building may change as well, making the rooms more accessible to ALL of our members.

We must not forget that the building or name do not make up or define a Lodge. It is the strength and integrity of the Brothers who belong to it that gives the Lodge its substance. The committees have decided upon a name to propose that encompasses all that we are and all that we are to become.

Unity Lodge No. 479. This name says that in the face of an uncertain future, we unite to be stronger. It also allows both Lodges to preserve their rich heritages, without clouding them with a generic or obscure name. In short, it says all that we as Masons are about. Without the commitment of our Brothers to their belief in our Masonic Rituals, and their continual commitment to the ideals that we all hold to be true, the building in which we meet is no more than bricks and mortar. It is us, all of us that makes it mean so much more.

**Churchville**  
Lodge No. 667  
2nd & 4th  
Wednesdays  
7:30 p.m.

Master  
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Kelley  
293-2538  
Secretary  
W.: George  
R. Burke  
293-1629  
www.geocities.com/churchvilleg667  
20 South Main Street, Churchville, 14428

#### Have-a-Heart Campaign

On Saturday, February 7th, Churchville Lodge was at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center helping to raise money for the annual Have-a-Heart Campaign. I am pleased to report that through our efforts, the Lodge was able to raise over \$537 for the Ronald McDonald House. I sincerely thank all the Brothers who were able to take time and help out for this great cause. A special thank you goes out to the daughters of Larry Bright, who were there for the entire day and were a tremendous help.

#### Table Lodge

Our Table Lodge is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24th, at 6:30 p.m. Please make every effort to attend this great event. The fare for the evening will be a seven-course steak dinner. Immediately following dinner we plan to have a cigar demonstration and a series of contests. For reservations please call Ed Kelley.

#### Fellowcraft Association

Our First Annual Fellowcraft Association Night will be on Wednesday, April 14th, at 6:30 p.m. This will be a great opportunity for those who haven't been to Lodge in a while to reconnect and catch up with each other. Brother Garry Hutcherson will be putting on his popular Roast Beef Dinner. Throughout the night there will be a series of contests and trivia. Come out and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call me at 293-2538 or email me at: edwardkelley@netzero.net. I hope to see you all in Lodge!

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 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
  
**Master**  
 W.: Charles E. Strickland  
 473-6195  
**Secretary**  
 W.: Thomas W. Kendig  
 (315) 524-4063  
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By W.: Skip Waterstreet  
 Last month I neglected to include the birthdays. My apologies are extended to Brothers Robert Burns, Roy Cluff, Kenneth Goodrich, Ronald Hibbard, Harold Impson, H. Fred Seuffert and John Walker. I started this month's column with the list so I wouldn't forget again. (As editor of the paper, I could tell you I cut the list due to space constraints, but that's simply not true...I just forgot!) So I hope you each enjoyed your special day.

**March Birthdays**  
 I will continue that line of thinking by offering congratulations to these celebrants: Brothers William Armstrong, Richard Barth, Kahrye Bryant, Donald DeBack, Douglas Fix, Ronald Freida, Robin Hamm, Clifford Hayner II, Richard Howard, W. Duane King, Patrick McWhinney, Jay Rodgers, Clyde Siverd, George Steele, Walter Walker and Larry Weekes. Many happy returns, gentlemen.

**Have-a-Heart Campaign**  
 Several of our Brothers (and some of their ladies, too) turned out at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center on February 11th to support the Have-a-Heart Campaign for the Ronald McDonald

House. Our Lodge collected \$448.99, thanks to the generosity of the shoppers that day. Elsewhere in this issue, you may read the total collected for the entire two-week campaign. I believe we are around the \$200,000 mark in funds raised since the first campaign was held in 1988.

Warren Kling gave an interesting slide presentation on early Rochester millionaires and entrepreneurs at our February dinner meeting. We have some very knowledgeable members; several of them knew the answers to questions Warren raised throughout the course of his talk. He was ably assisted by his wife, Nancy.

For March, Brother Warren Doerrer has lined up Brighton Town Court Justice Karen Morris. Once before she was scheduled but had to cancel, so we hope she will be available for this evening. Her presentation will follow a Turkey dinner, so make sure you have a reservation. The Calling Committee will be in touch.

We were honored with the presence of Shrine Past Masters' Degree Team on February 17th. Two Brothers from Union Star Lodge in Honeoye Falls, along with our Brother Nick Eull, were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

We really appreciate these Brothers on the Degree Team giving up their evening to help us continue to induct new members. We haven't been able to put on our own Third Degree in quite some time. Brother Ken Schumacher, and several others, are attempting to assemble interested Brothers into our own team. If the Ritual is some-

thing you enjoy, and being a part of this team is appealing to you, please contact him or our Secretary for more details. All of you know this will take the help of many Brothers.

**Fellowcraft Club**  
 Mark your calendars now for the annual Fellowcraft Club dinner on April 13th at Rick's Prime Rib on Buffalo Road. The location is the same, but we will be in a different room this year. Social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner. The cost is the same as last year. Brother Jack Grover, 247-3007, can give you more details and take your reservation.

**Sickness and Distress**  
 Please keep the following Brothers in your thoughts and prayers as they have experienced some health issues in the past few weeks: Harold Impson, Bill Shelby, Charlie Walker, Duane Smith and Bob Traub.

When next you see Bill Hook, ask him about the great trip to Florida he and Helen had.

**Brotherhood Fund**  
 The Brotherhood Fund Campaign will end in May, and Brother Ralph Jurgens has sent out a second mailing encouraging your contribution. Please respond as you are able to this very worthwhile cause. Remember, you can designate where you would like your contribution to be applied.

Speaking of money, there are still some past due Dues. Our Secretary will gladly accept your check to cover them. Let me point out here, that if there is some hardship or infirmity which prevents you from meeting this financial obligation, please, my Brothers, bring it to the attention of our Secretary.



Doris Robertson, R.:W.: Paul Robertson, R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, and Brother Ralph Jurgens (above) supporting the Have-a-Heart Campaign. Below, Ralph waits for donor to finish signing his paper heart. (Waterstreet photos)




We do not want to remove any Brother from the rolls for non-payment of dues, and find out later that there is a financial or medical condition which prevented him from submitting his check and there was concern of embarrassment.

Many of you are, I'm sorry to say, out of direct contact with us (although this Winter, I sure wish I could have been visiting you!). Unless you bring to our attention any problems you have encountered, we have no way of knowing. So, drop us a

line when you can take a minute to say hello and tell us how things are with you.

There are several issues which will be discussed and voted upon at Grand Lodge sessions this May. It is important that we determine the position our Lodge wants to take. Please give some consideration to the proposed dues structure. Also, there are several candidates for some of the Offices. Our delegate should have the decision from our Brothers which way to cast our votes.

See you in Lodge. x

**Ark Lodge No. 33, F. & A.M.**  
 3rd Wednesday  
  
**Master**  
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**Secretary**  
 V.:W.: Lance R. Ward  
 (315) 789-4411  
 3394 Sutton Road  
 Geneva 14456

A very close friend of mine asked me why I was a Mason and why I joined Ark Lodge in Geneva. I suppose I could have thought of some noble or very impressive reason. Maybe because Freemasonry is the oldest, strongest, largest fraternal organization in the world. Maybe because Masons are known as a very charitable organization (we Masons give over a million dollars a day to charities here in America and all over the world). Maybe because Ark Lodge received its Charter in 1807 and gave dedicated service to its Geneva community for over 197 years.

Actually, the truth was much simpler, but, to my mind, equally impressive. I chose Ark Lodge because many of my Arabian-American relatives and friends who belonged to Ark Lodge told me of the fellowship of the Brothers and its community activities. Many told me that Freemasonry offered opportunities to make friends with Masonic Brothers in the county, State, America, and the world; to help Brothers and others in the community, State and nation.

I'm very proud I joined Freemasonry and Ark Lodge 50 years ago. I was never, ever made to feel like an outsider; every Brother of Ark Lodge made me feel like I was in the family. They told me it's not how rich or poor you are or how high or low you are, all of the Brothers in Ark Lodge are on the same human level. I thought, wow!

Let us reflect upon 2004 as an opportunity to put into Ark Lodge and Masonry much love and concern and to accentuate positive and eliminate negative attitudes and thoughts. Come to your Ark Lodge meetings (every third Wednesday) and be a big part of our programs and community activities.

There are Brothers in our Ark Lodge family who join, have taken the three Degrees and are never seen in Ark Lodge again! I, as Master, the Officers and our active Brothers of the Ark Lodge family, want to see and enjoy your presence, to say "hello," to receive your fellowship and to have you join us to celebrate our 200th Anniversary in 2007. We need your help, aid, and assistance in planning and carrying out this great endeavor. All 97 Brothers of Ark Lodge are needed (wisdom, intelligence, fortitude) to make this celebration a success.

This is what Ark Lodge is to me; this is what Freemasonry is to me! What is Freemasonry and Ark Lodge (197 years) to you? To me, Freemasonry is a fundamental life philosophy, something special, something great and different of which I am proud and never want to

lose. Is that not true for you as well?

**People, places, events**

1. Salvation Army Christmas food packages were delivered to 75 needy senior citizens of the Elmhurst, Seneca and Court Yard Apartments. Thanks to Brothers Lance Ward, Tom Bryan, Howard Colegrove, Bob Mattick, Tony Khoury, Charles Rouse, Jack Holyer, Jeff Brandow and Terry Trenchard.

2. Christmas Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army was done jointly by Ark and Geneva Lodges at Wal-Mart. Brothers Howard Colegrove, Tony Khoury, Tom Abraham, John Keeton and Bob Mattick participated.

3. The December 18th Christmas Party was held at Geneva Hydrant Hose. There were forty who attended from Ark and Geneva Lodges. We began with fellowship and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a delicious dinner. Magnificent brotherly love and fellowship were shared between the two Lodges.

4. Please, please give to the Brotherhood Fund. Last year Ark Lodge did very poorly in the dollar amount and the number of Brothers who gave. Please give as much as you can and be specific to where you want it to be designated!

5. Please remember in your prayers Brothers Tom Bryan (who had a five bypass operation), Harry George, Raymond Baroody, Robert Inscho, Joe Michaels, and Dr. John Stelter. Please visit Dr. Stelter.

6. A little fiction and fact from the Master's almanac! In 1807 Ark Lodge had twenty


charter members from the Geneva, Palmyra, Phelps and Penn Yan areas. Honorable Philetus Swift was our first Master. Geneva had 68 houses and 385 inhabitants. In 1839, Ark Lodge No. 160 was changed to No. 33.

7. **Help wanted:** Someone to organize and present a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. We need petitions. Do you know of any good people, friends, sons of other friends?

We need someone to volunteer to do a beautiful dinner for widow's and wives' night.

**Dates to remember**

March 17th - Ark Lodge communication. Program to follow.

**Canandaigua Lodge No. 294**  
 1st & 3rd Mondays  
  
**Master**  
 W.: Richard A. Stanton  
 394-1438  
**Secretary**  
 R.:W.: George N. Stanton, Jr.  
 394-6829  
 Shortsville 14548

**March**  
 A special thanks goes out to Garoga/Sincerity Lodge for letting us bring our new Brother to their 3rd Degree. He is Vincent Garner, who lives in Shortsville.

We have heard that in some other jurisdictions some of the Lodges do Degree work at one of their communications each month and have a business meeting at the other communication. The Lodge has decided to try this for the rest of the year to see how it works

April 21st - Ark Lodge communication. Nomination of Officers.

**Words of wisdom**

1. Don't fret or be discouraged if your children reject your advice. Years later they will offer it to their own offspring! *Anonymous*

2. Anxious hearts are very heavy, but a word of encouragement does wonders (Proverb 12:25.) Father, remind me to be an encourager in the lives of others.

3. I will speak ill of no man, and speak all the good I know of all men. *Ben Franklin* x

and to see if we can improve our Ritual work. We will be conferring Degrees the first Monday of each month except in June, as that communication is our Installation of Officers. March 1st will be the 2nd Degree.

Last Summer our new Brothers wanted to know why we did not have communications in the Summer. The only answer we could give them was "because we never have and our By-Laws are set up without Summer communications." This was brought up again this Winter and the Lodge voted to try having communication this Summer. More information will be coming on this endeavor.

**Catching up**

As we missed having a newsletter last month, I will back up a little with some information about December.

We had our annual Breakfast with Santa. It was a great success. Continued on Page 8



## Canandaigua Lodge

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cess again this year as we had thirty-five kids and thirty parents to breakfast.

Then, on the third Monday, we took our wives to dinner at Schooners Restaurant in Canandaigua instead of having a meeting. All had a great time.

### Dates to remember

March 1st - 2nd Degree  
March 15th - Stated.

April 5th - 1st Degree

Check DDGM message for other dates of importance.

Looking forward to meeting and greeting you at any or all of the above.

**Milnor**  
**Lodge No. 139**

2nd & 4th  
Thursdays

Master  
W.: Steven L.  
Harwood  
(315) 597-1177

Secretary  
W.: Philip A. Trautman  
394-6976

21 Maple Avenue, Victor 14564

Our Turkey Dinner went off well again this year. Although the weather was poor, we still had a good turn out. I thank everyone who helped this year. Nearly everyone who

could help did, and many hands make the work load lighter. I extend a special thanks to Brother Nick Cretkos for the generosity of his time and the use of his freezer, ovens and equipment in preparing the dinner. Without his help, this would be an extremely difficult task. I thank Brother Norm Smith for the donation of the pies, rolls and cole slaw dressing. I also thank Brother Joel Steele for donating milk and butter. With these donations, we are able to keep costs down and make a profit.

### February

At the first meeting in February we reviewed our budget. We will be sending out details

on the things we need to do to make sure we are not operating in the red. The next meeting was the Staff Officer visit. We were able to enjoy another Turkey Dinner.

On Tuesday, the 10th of February, we participated in the Have-a-Heart Campaign for the Ronald McDonald House. Again, I thank all who participated; it is a worthy cause.

### March

The first meeting in March, on the 11th, will be a family night; we will have the Shrine Clowns making a presentation that the whole family can enjoy. This is an open meeting, so please bring your whole family and friends. Anyone

### Brotherhood Fund

The time for Brotherhood Fund contributions is growing short. If you want your contribution to count toward this year's total, you need to respond now so it can be sent in and recorded for your Lodge. No matter what the amount, every dollar helps. Contact the Lodge Chairman or Master.

### Support One Another

Brothers, as the weather gets better, I urge you to get out and support our Lodges that are having dinners as fundraisers. Lodges, advertise your events on our website and send a flyer to the Lodge secretaries to read and post.

*(Editor's note: we will mention events in the Masonic*

volunteered to lead this program until a team is developed. He has reported to me that three Brothers have contacted him to help since the February 4th meeting.

R.: W.: Jones plans to have the equipment available for May 22nd when 26 Grand Lodges plan to host a national Child ID program. He further hopes that Lodges will offer this service to their communities during community events held during the Summer throughout the county such as the Williamson Apple Blossom Festival and Palmyra Days.

This is great news. Thank you Brothers of Drumlin Square Lodge!

### Beacon Project

I am happy to announce that there have been some reports for the Beacon Project. W.: Daryl Bentley and his wife have volunteered 125 hours to their local elementary school so far this school year. I have a report that W.: Tim Young, of Pultneyville Lodge No. 159, is also tallying his hours for work with the athletic teams in the Williamson School District. Thank you, Brothers, for supporting our Grand Master!

## District Deputy Grand Master Wayne District



R.: W.:  
Francis E.  
Powley, Jr.  
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Brothers, I will give you the bad news first, and then the good news.

### MDC

R.: W.: James Frind was forced to cancel the Masonic Development Course in Wayne District due to the lack of participants. The instructors said that the Course could not be presented in a meaningful way with only three participants. I was personally disappointed, as I wanted to participate in this class and will have to wait a bit longer. Plans for the *Road to the East* are also on HOLD until Brothers call and ask for the Course to be held in Wayne District. In the meantime, individuals will have to journey to neighboring Districts to ob-

tain this training. R.: W.: Jim Frind is waiting to be called.

### Masters and Wardens Association

The March 11th meeting will be hosted by Wolcott Lodge No. 560. The dinner will be at the Rose Diner, Railroad Avenue, North Rose at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Wolcott Masonic Temple, 6052 Lake Avenue, Wolcott. You will note the hospitality of Wolcott Lodge is generous. This is our second visit in three months. Having dinners at restaurants is working for us. Wolcott Lodge also has opened their lodge to Rose Lodge No. 590 while the Rose building was having a new heating system installed. Thank you, Wolcott Lodge!

### CHIP's Program

At their February 4th communication, Drumlin Square Lodge took a big step for our entire District by approving the purchase of equipment to operate a CHIPS program. (Child ID Program). I have been informed that all Lodges will be invited to use this equipment as long as one Brother from Drumlin Square Lodge is present.

R.: W.: William Jones has

March 15th, to comply with the Grand Master's Edict. If W.: Bruce Waterman informs me he needs assistance with the cast, I may be asking some Brothers in the District for help with the first or second section of the 3rd Degree in Savannah.

### Masonic Development Course

I was very disappointed to find out that only two people had signed up to take the Masonic Development Course that was offered at Humanity Lodge No. 406 in Lyons. R.: W.: Ed Marriott and I were the only ones who were going to take the Course. With all of the newly raised Masons from Wayne District who were in the Grand Master's One-Day Class, I thought that there would be a full class. There were some very good presenters scheduled to do the Course. The new members did not even have to order Course materials as they were given to them in Rochester. The MDC ties directly in with the Degrees that the newly raised Brothers have just completed. Brethren, please, if this course

## Assistant Grand Lecturer Wayne District



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Brethren, here we are in the middle of the Winter doldrums! I apologize for not having a column in last month's issue, but the month was so busy that time just got away from me and I completely forgot until the deadline was upon me.

### Degrees

February's Degrees consisted of a 2nd Degree conferred at Wolcott Lodge No. 560 on the 11th and a 2nd Degree at Drumlin Square Lodge on the 18th. Rose Lodge No. 590 will exemplify the 3rd Degree on March 3rd and Savannah Lodge No. 764 will confer the Master Mason Degree on

is able to be offered again, especially in Wayne or Monroe Districts, please get as many of our members, especially the newly raised Brothers, to sign up and attend.

## Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

### Master

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R. Stuart  
Smith, Jr.  
(315) 597-9763

### Secretary

R.: W.:  
William  
C. Jones  
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Palmyra Masonic Hall  
161 East Main Street 14522

Does Spring begin in the month of March? I can't remember. I can't even remember what Spring looks like. I guess our activities will keep us busy until the snow's gone, the robins appear and we change the oil in our lawn mowers.

### LSOME

The Stated Communications in March will be on Wednesdays, the 3rd and 17th. On March 3rd, our newly passed Fellowcrafts will observe the Lodge System of Masonic Education (LSOME) portion on the Fellowcraft Degree. We did this following the Entered Apprentice Degree and it was well received by all the Brothers.

On the 17th of March, we will confer the Master Mason De-

gree, with Lodge opening at its regular time, 7:30 p.m.

In last month's column, it was mentioned that the members of Drumlin Square Lodge made a donation of \$2,500 to the Community Center which serves Southwestern Wayne County. A photo was taken of Brother Bruce DePew, Past Master, presenting the check to Christine Guyette-Vienna, Director of the Community Center. That picture appeared in the *Times of Wayne County* weekly newspaper.

At the February 4th Communication of this Lodge, the members present voted to initiate our involvement in the Child ID Program. Discussion showed that there is considerable interest among our Brothers for starting and administering this very worthwhile program. Brother Bill Jones volunteered to be Chairman of the overall program and he was authorized to begin acquiring the necessary equipment. I urge every Brother in our Lodge to volunteer his service to Bill. Don't wait to be asked. Call Bill at (315) 986-9150 and tell him that you're available.

### Masters and Wardens

Remember that Wayne District Masters' and Wardens' meetings are now on the second Thursdays of each month and that all Master Masons are encouraged to attend and participate. The location of the

March 2004

else who would like to come is welcome. Come and meet the Brothers and families of Milnor Lodge; have good fellowship and food. There will be a dinner that night and to make sure we have enough food for all, we are asking for everyone to RSVP to Brother Rob Roys at 924-7163.

The second meeting on March 25th is an Awards Night. I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge.

### Brotherhood Fund

Thanks to the Brothers for their generous donations to the Brotherhood Fund. At this writing, through donations of 34 Brothers and the work of Brother "Corky" Thon and all of his helpers, \$1125 has been collected. With this pace, we will have a great year.

May God bless and keep us all in his care.

*(Times if notices are sent to us.)*

There is still time to make reservations to go to Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge per capita dues are now due.

I hope to see you soon as R.: W.: Jim and I make the Spring circuit of Lodges.

## Remember!

Support the  
Masonic  
Brotherhood  
Fund

## WAYNE LODGE NO. 416

Presents

**LENTEN FISH FRIES**

**1932 Ridge Road, Ontario**

Every Friday

February 27th - April 9th

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

March meeting has not yet been decided. Call me if you're interested.

### Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund is approaching this year's completion in May. If you haven't sent in your donation, do it right now. Your Lodge Chairman is Leonard Bennett. His address is 1497 Woodsvie Way, Macedon NY 14502.

Again, I need to comment on the beautiful job your Officers are doing this year with the Ritual. It will be worth your time to observe the quality of what they do at every meeting. This is not just a coincidence. They all work at it and their results show.



Golf Outing - 2004

**Save the Date**

**Saturday**  
**August 28th**  
**Batavia**  
**Country Club**  
7909 Batavia Byron Road  
Batavia, New York

2:00 p.m. Shot Gun Start  
Hot Dog & Beverage at turn  
Steak Dinner  
**\$75 per person**

Proceeds benefit New York DeMolay, Inc.

**Wright Wisner**  
MASONIC

3165 Brighton Henrietta Town Line Road Rochester, NY 14623  
(585)-427-2880 FAX (585) 272-1216

**Claude H. Wright**  
President



## District Deputy Grand Master Genesee/Wyoming



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

Brothers, the weekend of January 31st, February 1st, held many special events. It combined Super Bowl Sunday and ran thru to Ground Hog's Day (he did see his shadow, so six more weeks of Winter). The weekend also was a Super Saturday for the Genesee/Wyoming District. The events of that weekend aligned themselves with the early history of Genesee County, in which Masons played a major role in the development and foundations of creating the life-styles of the early frontier.

In the early 1800s, Genesee County was all land West of the Genesee River, so the surrounding counties sprang forth from Genesee County. These frontier Masons set up governments and legislated based in part on the Masonic principles that make our Fraternity what it is: principles of brotherly love, truth and plain dealing.

### Working together

This super Saturday event again helped Genesee/Wyoming to lead the way. Eleven Lodges from four Districts and forty-seven Brothers came together to spread the cement of brotherly love, help illuminate the pathways of the Craftsmen, and conferred the 3rd Degree in splendid fashion. As with all great undertakings, there was substantial behind the scenes work to be done. I congratulate the Masters of the three principal Lodges who put this together; Constellation Lodge for the use of their building and the great dinner; Oakland Lodge for one of the candidates and fellow participants; and West Star for the additional candidates and the props, which made this Degree deeply appreciated by all. I applaud all of them and those Brothers who attended this event.

### Community service

Brothers, let us continue to build and take this opportunity to expand the leadership role in our communities, such as your continued and expanded support of the Brotherhood Fund and its charities. Community service is one of our tenets, and, as such, we should begin the ground work for the upcoming Grand Lodge Community Service project, set to incorporate twenty-six Grand Lodges and States to introduce the nation to the Masonic Child ID Program (CHIP). This event will be taking place on May 22nd, and the Grand Master would like every District, Lodge and Brother to take active roles in promoting and participating in this days activities by sponsoring a Child ID Program or assisting in one. Ask what you can do to help, then pitch in and follow through.

Our District Blood Drive, held at Mt. Vernon Lodge on February 6th, presented the American Red Cross with 22

pints of blood. All who helped are to be congratulated, and thank you's go out to Jim Allen, Ken Kohlhagen, Don Strang, Bill Geitner and Ray Barber, for their assistance.

Senior Wardens should be planning their year of leadership and preparing their trestleboards. Arrangements need to be made for attending Grand Lodge on May 3rd and 4th of this year, to be sure that their voice is heard concerning the proposals that will come before the Grand Lodge session this term.

May brotherly love prevail, and the blessing of heaven rest upon you and yours. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

## Grand Sword Bearer Genesee/Wyoming



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P. Austin  
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A new month is upon us, and with it comes the advent of Spring. Hopefully, Mother Nature will take the hint, and adjust the weather accordingly.

The Have-a-Heart Campaign is now behind us, and accolades go to all the tireless volunteers who gave of their time to make it the success it was.

Speaking of harbingers of Spring, the next major event to take place will be the Damascus Shrine Circus, on the 26th, 27th, and 28th of this month. This always proves to be a really enjoyable time for everyone, young and old. Come on out and see the animals, marvel at the performers, and enjoy the antics of our own Damascus Clowns. I guarantee, you will be glad you did.

### Where Were You?

The last Council of Masonic Activities meeting did not get underway, as only three of us showed up. This was a shame, as we had a tray of wonderful sandwiches awaiting any intrepid souls who might have braved the inclement weather to join us. The next meeting of this organization will take place on Sunday, March 21st, at Arcade Lodge. Candy bars have been distributed to the Lodges by Candy Sales Chairman, Jim Allen.

### Sickness and Distress

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Rt. Wth. Maggie Nugent of Caledonia and Batavia Chapters, OES, as she deals with health issues.

### Congratulations

Unlike most of the other Masonic Bodies, the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons begin their new year in January. Congratulations are in order to the new High Priests of the Chapters within the Genesee/Wyoming District: V.: E.: Dennis Parmerter, of Western Star Chapter No. 35; E.: Harry Tyson, of LeRoy Chapter No. 183; and E.: Ed Law, of Arcade Chapter No. 322. Best Wishes for a great year guys!

### Take That!

In closing, may I leave you with this little Irish limerick: May those who love us, love us

And those who don't love us, May God turn their hearts. And if He doesn't turn their hearts, May He turn their ankles, So we'll know them by their limping. Happy St. Patrick's Day! ✕

## Eagle Valley Lodge No. 1161



2nd & 4th  
Thursdays

Master  
W.: Edwin  
C. Law  
237-2579

Secretary  
R.: W.: Sheldon J. Moden  
322-7343  
Liberty Street, Bliss 14024

Once again I greet you as the third month of 2004 begins. February was, as the months of that name generally have been, snowy with some cold sunshine and winds. Some of our number have been ill, recuperating from surgery or otherwise "housebound." Hopefully, another issue of the *Masonic Times* will have more to report to you.

May God bless America and our servicemen and women, wherever they may be. Do continue to be careful as we pass through the rest of this Winter season.

## Triluminar Lodge No. 543



2nd & 4th  
Wednesdays

Master  
R.: W.: Keith  
Granger  
493-2908

Secretary  
W.: Richard Anderson  
493-2203  
Main Street, Pike 14130

Brothers, the Winter is half over and it has been an extra cold one! I hope everyone is in good health and good spirits.

### Brotherhood Fund

I am still looking for donations for the Brotherhood Fund. I think we are about 23% participation at this time. All donations can be sent to me.

### Dinner

On January 24th, we had a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner for the senior citizens within the town of Pike. W.: David Mayer put on a program after the dinner on photos of the Village and Town in its earlier years. A great time was had by all and many thank yous have been received at the Lodge. Thank you to all the Brothers who helped out and a special thank you to R.: W.: Richard Anderson and his wife, Cathy, for all the time they put into preparing the meal. My thanks to W.: David Mayer and his wife, Cheryl, for the program.

### Meetings

The meetings have been a little shy of Brothers. I hope it is just because of the bad weather. At the next meeting we are going to set a date for a night out with the ladies.

### Children in the military

Please keep all our children who are overseas in your prayers. I know of my daughter who is in Kuwait and Brother David Mayer's son who is in Iraq. Again, take a minute to pray for all the great people defending our country.

### Chimney repair

We are looking for someone to fix the chimney, as it is in

need of repair. If you are a Mason who does masonry work, let us know. We will make it worth your time.

### Breakfasts

Remember that the Harding Temple puts on a breakfast every 3rd Sunday of the month.

## Oakland Lodge

No. 379, F. & A.M.  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays  
(Jan., Feb., Mar.: 1st Tuesday only)



Master  
W.: Henry  
Robinson  
322-7545

Secretary  
W.: Richard L. Smith  
493-5408  
134 South Main Street, Castile 14427

Winter at last, Winter at last, thank God it's Winter at last. Now I have everybody thinking I'm crazy or have been gone from the Northeast the last couple of months and haven't experienced the extensive amount of snow and cold weather we have been experiencing. I haven't been away and have been weathering the cold and blowing snow just as much as the next person. Just thought I would try and put a positive spin on our beloved groundhog which saw his shadow once again this year. I pose the question: does seeing his shadow mean six more weeks or months of Winter? If history repeats itself, it will definitely feel like six more months, as it did last year.

### Congratulations

I send huge congratulations on behalf of Oakland Lodge to Brother John Wahl and his daughter, Mary Wahl. Mary, in the month of November, scored the highest possible SAT score of 1,600. Anyone who has had the opportunity to take this exam would realize what a tremendous accomplishment this was. This score places Mary in the top .07 percent of students nationally. Mary is currently a senior at Central High School in Davenport, Iowa where she maintains a 4.0 grade average. Mary has also excelled by carrying a 4.0 grade average in the 38 hours of college work she has taken in the AP program at Central High. Mary will be furthering her education in Neurobiology at Cal Tech. I thank Brother Wahl for sending this information to our secretary. Brother Wahl is one proud poppa and has every right to be so.

### Sickness and distress

My Brothers, it saddens me to report that one of our Southern birds has fallen on some hard times. Brother Fred Hance, while residing in Florida for the Winter months, was just not feeling himself and experiencing spells of dizziness. Fred was taken to the hospital and was equipped with a pacemaker. At last re-

port, the surgery was a success and Fred is recovering slowly. The only negative aspect of the surgery has been Fred's inability to work on his golf game. All cards and words of encouragement should be sent to: Fred Hance, 13359 Bronze Avenue, Port Chester, FL 33981. I will try to get a further report on Fred's progress for next month's issue.

### 3rd Degree

Brother Arthur Robinson was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on January 30th. I will say that this Degree was one of the best Degrees I have ever witnessed and in which I have been a participant. This Degree was truly a display of Masonic Brotherhood and how fellow Mason's come to aid one another. I believe that almost every Lodge in our District either participated or attended this Degree. I thank all the Brothers throughout the District for their support and help in conferring this Degree. I'm quite sure it was a night that I will never forget, nor will the newly raised Brothers.

### Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Campaign is off and running for another year. I am the Brotherhood Chairman for Oakland Lodge. 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 me: Kenneth Smith, 8562 East Main Street, LeRoy, NY 14482. Any member who is making a contribution through the mail, please indicate which category you would like it designated.

### Lodge dues

Every member should have received their dues notice from the secretary by now. Please help facilitate this process by getting your dues check into the secretary as soon as possible. This will allow us to concentrate efforts into other areas and prevent you from falling in arrears.

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I hope this article finds you all wintering well and in good health.

### Welcome, Brother!

Rev. Michael Shell was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at Mt. Vernon Lodge on January 26th. It was a great Degree and thank you to the members of Blazing Star Lodge from East Aurora who braved the weather to help us fill out the ranks of Craftsmen.

### Pancake Breakfast

I've changed the format of the Pancake Breakfast to a self-serve buffet style event. Our customers are quite happy with the change and we've had many compliments on it.

Surprisingly, I still need the same amount of help to make the event run smoothly, (seven people minimum) so please, if you can volunteer a few hours of your time once

a month on a Sunday, October through March, it will really benefit your Lodge.

### Blood Drive

On February 6th, a Blood Drive was hosted by Mt. Vernon Lodge, which was staffed by members from West Star Lodge. Things ran very smoothly and we had 22 donors.

This is a very worthwhile cause and I enjoy setting up these events up. Besides the fellowship that I always enjoy when working with my Masonic Brothers, it's also a chance to interact with both the Red Cross staff and the community and pass along a bit of information as to what the Masons are all about.

At the end of the day, after the donors and Red Cross people are gone, I locked the door to the Lodge, and got in my car for the ride home with a great feeling of satisfaction, knowing that for each pint of blood donated this day, three lives may be saved.

I'll be in touch with other Lodges in the District to host blood drives. It's not labor intensive and a great thing to do for our communities.

### Open Meeting

The Worshipful Master scheduled an open meeting for the 23rd of February with a guest speaker who talked on railroading.

Refreshments were served at this fun-filled meeting. ✕

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I have one thought, or question, at the time of this writing, "is it just me or do you agree that we live in one of the most interesting areas of the country, good old Western New York where the weather can, and does, control our daily lives and schedules?" What I am leading up to is the fact that, due to the weather, we have yet to conduct a communication during the year of 2004! It is my hope that by the time you have received this issue of the *Masonic Times*, we are all looking at grass, not necessarily green, but at least it won't be white. Enough of my complaining!

Plans are underway for the conferral of the Entered Apprentice Degree at our communication to be held on the

24th of February, which will be prior to your reading this article; the Fellowcraft Degree should be held on March 23rd to be followed by the Master Mason Degree on April 13th. Needless to say, we are anticipating that all of the "snowbirds" will be home by then, as we need all Brethren to assist in the conferral of Degrees.

Plans are also underway for the necessary fix-up of the fourth floor of our Lodge. Help is needed for some general repair and painting. Most of the major work should be accomplished by this time and all that should be left is some minor cleanup. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Due to time constraints, the use of telephone and/or email will come into play in order to make this happen.

Your Worshipful Master is suggesting that, as his schedule permits, he is looking forward to traveling throughout the District and he would greatly appreciate your company in this endeavor. This used to be something in which we all can remember participating and the great and sincere fellowship that went with it. Let's see if we can resurrect this once again!

As a reminder, the Secretary has applications available for the 2004 Educational Assistance Program. This program

March 2004

is open to all children, grandchildren and widows of Master Masons. Completed applications **must** be completed and returned to the Secretary no later than the last full week of March, in order that the proper information can be filled in by the Secretary and signed by the Master and forwarded to the committee on or before April 1st.

### Sickness and distress

I would ask that you continue to remember with your thoughts and prayers, Brothers Ralph Goodberlet, Glenn (Ted) Seifert, John Bater, Kenneth Kohlhagen, Ron Morris and Merle Robinson. Give them a call, or even visit with them as you can. I'm sure they would be receptive and appreciative of your concern. I would also like to include Sister Margaret Nugent of our local Chapter No. 267, OES. As of this writing, she is a patient at Roswell undergoing treatment. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Finally Brothers, we continue to ask that all 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 with our families in the comfort of our homes.

May God bless America and may God bless us all! ✕

## In the Right Place At the Right Time

Bristol, CN - Robert Britton of Plainville headed down to Florida last year on vacation without a care in the world. Little did he know that by the end of his trip he would have had his heart jump-started twice and be diagnosed with a unfamiliar genetic heart disease.

"I was in perfect health," said the 52-year-old Britton, owner of an explosives company. "I had never had any problems except occasional high blood pressure because of stress-related problems with work."

Britton remembers his Saturday morning that his life changed. He and his wife had gone out to an antique car auction when he began developing chest pains. "I had never had chest pains before," he added.

But Britton got medical attention anyway, and felt better within about 10 minutes. On the way to the hospital in the ambulance, his heart stopped, and then it restarted on its own.

The doctor in Tampa told him that Britton did not have a heart attack and that his arteries were crystal clear. "It was strange," said Britton.

The Tampa doctor then spoke with a colleague across the country, suspecting that what the electrocardiogram was showing was a newly discovered disease called Brugada syndrome.

The doctor ordered an EP test, which checks the heart's electrical activity and whether there is any type of malfunction. This procedure is performed by going through a vein in the leg and into the lower chambers of the heart. With this procedure, doctors were able to recreate the same

scenario once again, by stopping, then re-starting Britton's heart.

"There wasn't any pain. I just remember waking up and asking everyone what the hell had just happened," said Britton.

The doctors informed him that he did in fact have Brugada syndrome, and that he would need to have a defibrillator installed in his chest, which he would need for the rest of his life.

Brugada syndrome was discovered in 1992 by Pedro and Josep Brugada, who identified the disease, which prevents the sodium channels in the heart's electrical impulses to pass correctly.

Dr. Ramon Brugada, director of the Molecular Genetics Program at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory in Utica, and brother of Josep and Pedro, has been researching this disease since 1995, and believes it is possible that one in 5,000 Americans may have the syndrome, and that an estimated 20 percent of all sudden cardiac deaths in America may be caused by these genetic abnormalities in the heart.

"Don't ever think it's normal to have an unexpected, sudden death, like that of a young child or a healthy 40-year-old. It's never normal, unless the condition may be related to a very elderly person," said Brugada, who is familiar with Britton's case.

"When we got into the history of his family, we found that he had a couple of cousins who had died of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. It's just not normal for an infant to die suddenly."

Brugada syndrome is believed to be so close to SIDS,

that in Southeast Asia, the adult disease is also known as SUDS, or Sudden Unexpected Death Syndrome. Researches at MMRL claim that Brugada syndrome is the second only to car accidents as the cause of death for young men - accounting for approximately one in every 2,000 deaths.

Dr. Henry Ward, Britton's regular cardiologist, said that although he has been informed that the disease is prevalent in Asia, he doesn't necessarily agree with the numbers, and he believes Brugada syndrome is one of the rarer diseases.

"These numbers are estimations. I don't know if you can pinpoint it," he said.

A number of area health professionals contacted for this article had never even heard of the disease, which is why Brugada is trying to get as much information to the public as possible.

"It's important to have your blood screened for genetic abnormalities, especially when a healthy member of your family dies suddenly," he said. "We need to get awareness of this disease out there."

Although there is no medicinal cure for this disease, sufferers can live a healthy life with an implanted defibrillator to jump-start the heart every time it stops. The device is checked regularly with software every three months.

Britton said the defibrillator doesn't bother him, although he does always know it's there. He claims that his life hasn't changed much, except in a few different ways.

"I can't use remote-controlled airplanes or cars, and I can't go through metal detectors. Oh, and I can't jump-start a car." If he does any of these, he risks sending a false trigger that will give him a sudden shock, which could then cause cardiac arrest.

"All I know, is that I was in the right place at the right time

when all of this happened," added Britton, who also said that he is not sure if the same diagnosis would have been made had he been in Connecticut instead of Florida. "I'm glad I'm still healthy."

Brugada recommends that people with any history of sudden death in their family, or symptoms of frequent fainting, should seek the assistance of a physician immediately.

(Courtesy MMRL) ✕

## MORE HAVE-A-HEART CAMPAIGN



Karl-Heinz Reich (center), who plans to "retire" from his position as Chairperson of the Have-a-Heart Campaign booth at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center, with two of his "regulars," James Toogood and John Jamele soliciting donations. Also helping out, but not pictured, were George Springett and Arthur McMichael. (Staff Photograph)

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**Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!**  
By Tom Michielsen

The wearing "O' the Green" is prevalent and I see Leprechauns everywhere. Even the streets are putting on the green. The aroma of corned beef and cabbage is in the air.

The Internal Revenue Service comprehensive tax guide for individuals has been updated for tax year 2003 and is now available at <http://www.irs.gov>. IRS Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax, has been published annually by the IRS for more than 60 years and has been available on the IRS Web site since 1996.

Global Crossing stockholders that owned shares prior to December 9, 2003, can write off this stock as being worthless on this year's tax return.

The revised 2003 Form 8332, Release of Claim to Exemption for Child of Divorced or Separated Parents, indicates that the IRS now agrees with the holding in *Lopez v. King* that allowed a never-married, noncustodial parent to claim a dependency exemption where the custodial parent has waived this exemption

by signing Form 8332. In *King*, the Tax Court applied the special support test and held that the noncustodial parent was entitled to a dependency exemption because the custodial parent signed Form 8332 waiving the exemption. Changes to the wording in the instructions to Form 8332 reflect this court ruling.

National Taxpayer Advocate, Nina Olson, released a report to Congress that identifies the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) and sole proprietor tax noncompliance as the top two problems faced by taxpayers. In her report to Congress as the National Taxpayer Advocate, Olson also sets forth strong arguments for protecting the confidentiality of tax return information and makes legislative recommendations for ways to enhance these protections.

"Although the AMT was originally enacted to prevent wealthy taxpayers from avoiding tax liability through the use of tax avoidance techniques, it now affects substantial numbers of middle-income taxpayers and will, absent a change of law, affect more than 30 million taxpayers by 2010," Olson reports.

By 2007, nearly 95 percent of AMT revenues will be attributable to personal and dependent exemptions, the standard deduction, State and local taxes, and miscellaneous itemized deductions. Olson recommends that Congress repeal the AMT or, alternatively, make changes to lessen the impact on middle-income taxpayers.

The annual report is required by law and contains three main sections: a list of the Most Serious Problems Encountered by Taxpayers, Key Legislative Recommendations, and a list of the Most Litigated Tax Issues. This year's report focuses on the IRS's need to maintain an active presence in enforcing the tax laws while balancing these initiatives with an equally vigorous protection of taxpayer rights.

Toward this end, the report reaffirms the importance of confidentiality to the tax system. "The promise that we will hold taxpayers' highly personal information in confidence forms the basis of all tax administration. Every proposal to create an exception to that promise must be balanced against the potential

impact it will have on taxpayers' continued willingness to provide that information to the IRS," Olson writes.

Olson also proposes a legislative solution to the second most serious problem - the over \$132 billion tax gap attributable to income not reported by self-employed persons (\$81 billion is attributable to independent contractor sole proprietors).

Because payments made to these taxpayers are often not reported to the IRS by payers and have no tax withheld, Olson recommends that Congress enact a withholding requirement on payments to certain categories of non-wage workers.

"Why would the National Taxpayer Advocate highlight a problem that requires a response involving enforcement initiatives?" Olson asks in the report. "The answer is simple - compliant taxpayers are impacted by the large tax gap attributable to sole proprietor taxpayers."

The report makes several other legislative recommendations, including the oversight of tax return preparers. The National Taxpayer Advocate recommends that the IRS reg-

ister, test and certify persons who prepare more than five tax returns for a fee. Olson also recommends enhanced penalties against preparers (including Electronic Return Originators) and stronger due diligence requirements for persons who prepare EITC returns for a fee.

The Taxpayer Advocate Service, an independent organization within the IRS, helps individuals solve ongoing tax problems with the IRS and recommends changes to mitigate taxpayer problems.

- Upcoming due dates**  
 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  
 April 15th - March Payroll Taxes  
 Individual Tax Returns  
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 Federal and State First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Individuals  
 If you have any tax questions, please forward them to [tmichie1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tmichie1@rochester.rr.com).

**Ask Angie**  
About the Masonic Care Community



Imagine living in a nursing home and getting up when you want. Then picture being able to get what you choose for breakfast anytime, choices of buffet or ordering something special for lunch or supper. Next, consider being able to get a shower or bath at the time you select. How about a late night snack?

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The Health Pavilion groups into "households" with 8 or 16 other individuals. Each household has shared living space where residents can gather and play cards, exercise, listen to music or just visit with friends. Common areas and private rooms feature bay windows, hardwood floors and two atriums.

Sponsored by the Masonic Fraternity of New York State, The Masonic Care Community, formerly called the Masonic Home, welcomes everyone. It is truly "A Place for Everyone" where we address every stage in life's later transitions. Our facilities are integrated into a carefully planned environment. Our community is designed to nurture interaction between staff, residents and their families. This is key to establishing an excellent quality of life. Our continuum of care approach includes independent retirement living, adult care, skilled nursing services, long and short-term re-

habilitation, respite care and palliative care for the terminally ill.

Masonic Care Community believes the right level of care and services can be provided without sacrificing freedom and independence. Our dedicated and caring professionals make that possible.

Acacia Village, a jewel of independent retirement living, provides a dynamic approach to life for active seniors. There are numerous social activities and opportunities and spacious apartments with all the modern amenities. Residents live in a safe and secure environment and enjoy the companionship of good friends and neighbors. It's the way retirement living should be.

As we move into the year 2004, the Masonic Care Community will continue its growth constructing a new Wiley Hall. The existing build-

ing will be replaced with a completely new, exciting structure, enhancing every aspect of our residential adult care. The new Wiley Hall will feature private bathrooms for each room, specially designed spaces for couples, centrally designed common areas, and individual lounge areas in each wing.

Along with these facilities, the Masonic Care Community offers a wide range of services to complete the continuum of care cycle. If a loved one is suffering from hip surgery, a stroke or other serious condition, we provide both short and long-term rehabilitation services including Physical, Occupational, Speech and Language therapies.

We also provide Respite Care. This is short-term care for patients who normally reside in a private residence and are administered by family or

private caregivers. Respite Care provides much needed relief when caregivers need time off.

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For over 100 years, the Masonic Care Community has demonstrated a tradition of compassion and service to humanity. Our priority, at all levels of care, is dedication to our residents. They are at the center of everything we do. This is their home.

In addition to being a fore-runner in healthcare services, the Masonic Care Community has a strong tradition in community enrichment. The Masonic campus is active throughout the year hosting community events such as the Masonic Festival, the Boilermaker Health Expo, the

Alzheimer's Memory Walk and Run, the Winterfest and the Wonderland of Lights.

The Masonic campus also features many historical architectural points of interest, including the exquisite stained glass windows in the Tompkins Memorial Chapel, and the Masonic Square and Compasses sculpture in the Promenade. This sculpture was originally displayed at the 1964-65 New York World's Fair.

The Masonic Care Community employs more than 650 full and part-time people and continues to play an important role in the Mohawk Valley. Get to know us and our commitment to compassionate care.

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# Scottish Rite NEWS

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### "Undaunted Courage" comes alive

How blessed we are that each of our Sublime Princes is empowered to tell his very own version of why a Brother Mason should take the time to gain the special privilege of becoming a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. In recent conversation with many of you, it is interesting to see the many ways that each Sublime Prince tells his story. With this very important fact in mind, we encourage each of you to *Reach Out and Say Hello* to encourage a Master Mason to become a 32° Mason.

The positive power of being part of an expanded network, seeing young people with dyslexia learn to read through the efforts of our Learning Center, sharing with families as their children receive scholarship checks for further education, having the special privilege of walking through the Museum of our National Heritage and knowing that you are a special part of this unique collection as well as learning expanded lessons about life's journey are all parts of special stories that we all can share.

We salute Ill.: Robert D. Pedersen, 33°, and his Marketing Team for their special efforts in reaching out to secure additional candidates for our April 23rd-24th

### Other Learning Center Efforts

There will be a Learning Center-Valley jointly sponsored event on April 18th. Stay tuned for more details. There will be a Learning Center State-wide "Walk-a-Thon" in the Fall of this year. Our local Chair for this program is Sublime Prince Derek E. Van Houten, 32°, DSA. The State-wide program is being chaired by Sublime Prince Joseph F. Oelgoetz III, 32°. Stay tuned for details.

Special thanks, as well, to Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, who serves as the Chair of the Board of Governors of our Learning Center (as well as the Valley's Deputy Representative), and the other Sublime Princes who serve on the Board of Governors.

### Grand Lodge Officer Support

We reach out and thank Ill.: John E. Zabel, 33°, 2nd Lieutenant Commander of the Valley, and Sublime Prince Derek E. Van Houten, 32°, DSA, for their service this past two years as the District Deputy Grand Master and Grand Sword Bearer of the Monroe District. We reach out as well to Francis E. Powley and James W. Frind of the Wayne District, Clayton R. Ruggles and William L. Colin of the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District, Robert G.

Fischer and Clarence E. Hill of the Livingston District and Robert W. Strang Jr. and Norman P. Austin of the Genesee/Wyoming District and thank them for their service to our Craft.

### ReMember the Blue Lodge Medallion

For those who are members of the York or Scottish Rite and have been the first line signer of a petition for a Craft Lodge (since January 1 of 2001), you are eligible to receive a "ReMember the Blue Lodge Medallion." Please contact the Scottish Rite Office at 264-1160 to secure an application. After completing this form, send it on to your Lodge Secretary for validation and forwarding.

### March Calendar

March 18th: General Committee Meeting, Four Body Opening and Closing. Program Event: An Overview of "Reach Out and Say Hello." Some special comments about the Order of DeMolay, Founder Dad Frank S. Land and DeMolay Legion of Honor Obligatory Day.

March 21st: "Masonic Matinee" Program, a translation of our Degrees that has been put into a "play" setting for presentation to children. Author and Presenting Organizer: Brother Michael Knolla, 32°.

### Bangor, Maine Temple Destroyed by Fire

The Masonic Temple in Bangor, Maine was destroyed by fire in January. This was the home for a Scottish Rite Valley, Commandery, Chapter, two Lodges, an Eastern Star Chapter, two Masonic youth groups and a Scottish Rite Learning Center. We have asked Supreme Council if there is anything we can do to assist. Our thoughts and prayers reach out to these Brothers and Sisters as they relocate and continue to operate.

### Thoughts and Prayers

We continue to reach out with our thoughts and prayers to Distinguished Brother Roy E. Van Delinder Jr., 32° MSA, on the passing of his sister; Sublime Prince Alfred K. Miller, 32° DSA, for the care of his wife; Sublime Prince Roger McCaughey, 32°, for his illness; Ill.: Dr. Robert Pettit, 33° for the care of his wife; Sublime Prince Leland Sperry, 32°, Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Jamestown on the passing of his father; Sublime Prince William Armstrong, 32°, for recovery from his recent fall; Sublime Prince Dr. John Stelter, 32°, for his care; Sublime Prince Robert Zahn, 32° for his care; Ill.: David P. Spencer, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Gail for their daughter Heather's improvement, and the many others who are suffering or in pain. Thank you so very kindly for your devotions on behalf of our Masonic Family.

### Changing Mission...

As we reviewed the Valley's "Five Year Strategic Operating Plan," it was interesting to analyze the thirty-eight elements which we support and the fourteen which represent opportunities for improvement. It is impressive to see

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the way that we are managing to support these with our limited critical mass as well as to learn of the new, creative and innovative ways that challenges have turned into very positive opportunities for improvement. As we begin to become more cross-functional in our management and operation involvement in running the business of the Valley, it is impressive to learn of some of the "power dreaming" that is taking place in an attempt to focus on *Reach Out and Say Hello* efforts. As we begin to prepare for the annual transition of Officers, it is rewarding to see the potential that exists for the Valley's future. This is reflected in Spencer Johnson's newest management coaching book, *The Present*. "While it is important to understand the history of an organization, it is even more important to learn from the present as we begin to form a vision for the future."

### The Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center Fundraising Initiative

On Saturday, January 17th, we were pleased to have hosted Steven Pekock of Supreme Council, along with Ill.: Richard Welkley, 33°, Active Member Emeritus of Supreme Council, to begin to organize a local team for the purpose of developing an operating endowment for our Learning Center. The initial organi-



Attendees of the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center Fundraising Initiative were (from left): Cyrus Kloner; Michael Morris; Steven Pecock, Supreme Council Director of Development; Stephen Whittaker, 33°; Rodney Rittenhouse, 33°; and Joseph Oelgoetz III.  
(Photo courtesy of Robert Pedersen)

zational discussion proved to be very fruitful. This team will soon be announcing a Chair to coordinate these efforts.

You may wish to consider making a donation or perhaps a bequest on behalf of the Learning Center. We will soon be making contact with many of our members as we begin this initiative. Special thanks are extended to all who have agreed to participate in this project. It will be one of our "hallmark" efforts during the coming year.

### Commitment, Competence and a Common Cause

It is interesting to see how these three work together. It is very impressive to see how these fundamentals, as shared in the *Harvard Business Review*, have been adopted as part of the operating philoso-

phy of your Valley leadership. These help to instill the necessary structure, discipline and accountability required in any organization. As you may gather, it's even more important in a volunteer organization! There are many of you who may be looking for something to do within our structure; please feel free to contact our Office at 264-1160 to let us know of your interests.

Think out loud; stick to basics; be kind.





## 1st Lieutenant Commander

By Robert D. Pedersen

### Thank You

Once again, the Fraternity has given to the community. For fourteen days, Freemasonry gave their time to promote the Have-a-Heart Campaign in support of our local Ronald McDonald House. Thank you to all of those who gave of their valuable time and generosity for this community project. Many thanks are due to Michael McBride, Dean Smith and Karl-Heinz Reich for their leadership, direction and time away from their own families for such a project.

If you did not have an opportunity to assist in this endeavor, you missed a great privilege to assist those in need.

### Thinking of the Future

Social Security and membership, what do they have in common? Are these two topics related? The Social Security Act (SSA) was signed under the guidance of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1935. While many dispute the current facts, SSA originated to monetarily benefit the primary worker as he reached retirement age. (Note: The earliest reported applicant for a lump-sum benefit was a retired Cleveland motorman named Ernest Ackerman, who retired one day after the Social Security program began. During his one day of participation in the program, a nickel was withheld from Mr. Ackerman's pay for Social Security, and, upon retiring, he received a lump-sum payment: 17 cents.)

As I am still employed, a portion of my wages are put into this Trust, to support those nearing retirement age,

while the "younger" generation (hopefully) supports this Trust, when I retire.

My point is, current wage earners are investing in the economic future of the younger generation. So should we, as Masons, look out to protect, and preserve the future of Freemasonry. While we cannot compare the SSA and Freemasonry from an economic viewpoint, there are social and moral similarities; we must provide a solid foundation in order to protect the future of our organization; in the basic philosophy, beliefs and community service, in the good that we do and what we stand for. We cannot sit still and expect the critical mass of our Fraternity to maintain our heritage, our shared responsibilities. We must all work together. Offer to assist, when you can, whether minutes or hours, and protect our future.

### Membership and You!

How many of us read the *Masonic Times*? Whether you read one article, or from cover to cover, you discover the joy, excitement, and dedication amongst all our Masonic families. In each article, we read about the caring and good we do. The good we extend to our Masonic families and community service, and the fun we have doing the same. But how many of us, take the ideals of Freemasonry, and the good we do, out to the community, out to those who have the same values and ask someone we know.... to join our ranks?

As we resume our labors, after the long Winter, each and every one of us, should look to those among us who wish "Light in Masonry." I ask each of you to "Reach Out and Say Hello" to a family member or someone you work with. Ask them to join our Fraternity. Discuss with them the values of membership within our

ranks, whether it be the Craft Lodge, or for those who wish "Further Light" by petitioning a Concordant Body.

Safeguard our future, whether your discussions are with a friend or family member, to join the Craft Lodge or continue their education in Freemasonry; it is the Rite thing for you to do. ✕

### Feast of the Paschal Lamb

Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix will present 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. Dinner 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. ✕

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R.:W.: and Reverend Paul R. Gleason, Jr.

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Feast 8:00 p.m.

Reservations by April 9th

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266-8652  
Secretary  
Robert C. Green, Jr., 223-5953  
30 Orchard Street  
Webster 14580

Spring is coming (really) and we certainly could use some warmer weather again. On March 2nd, we will be having our Annual GEVA Night. This year the play is a classic, "Death of a Salesman." Please join us that night and enjoy dessert and coffee on Seneca Lodge as well.

Last month we exemplified the 2nd Degree as per the Grand Master's edict and it came off beautifully. Superbly organized by W.: Michael Ferguson, with a great job by Richard Shellman in the East, we showed the AGL that we were truly "Masters of the Craft." Though we did not have a candidate for the Degree, we were pleased and fortunate to have Brother Donald Jenks Jr. as the Exemplar. Brother Jenks (along with his father and four others) became a member of Seneca Lodge during the One-Day Class last March. This was his first opportunity to see the Degree conferred in its former format and he told me that it was very meaningful for him.

With membership in mind, we are having a "Brother Bring-a-Friend Night" at our next meeting on March 9th. Please join us that night to help non-Masons learn about the Craft. If you bring someone along as a possible candidate, both his meal and yours will be courtesy of Seneca Lodge. Please contact Brother Bob Kimmel with reservations as soon as possible to assure we have enough food on hand.

Adios for now, Brothers. Keep warm, keep well and pray for sunshine. ✕

where Molly will appear next! Be on the look-out and get out to your fellow Lodges to bring Molly back to your own Lodge. It is a fun way to visit other Lodges and to have other Lodges visit yours.

### Degree

We have a candidate waiting in the wings to continue his journey in Masonry. The 1st Degree was on February 24th at Batavia Lodge.

### Stop in

We are still holding our monthly breakfast on the first Sunday of the month. Please stop in and see us. Everyone is welcome and no reservations are needed.

I invite all Brethren to attend our meetings on Wednesday nights, again no reservation needed. We have plenty of room! ✕

## Attica Lodge No. 462

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W.: Keith  
Counterminne  
591-1023  
Secretary  
W.: Norman Steinbaugh  
591-2073  
39 Main Street, Attica 14011

I am sorry I took a small vacation from the last two issues, but I am back and ready to write.

### Molly

I see that Molly is on the road again, traveling all over the District. You never know

## Fairport/Flower City Lodge No. 476

2nd & 4th  
Mondays  
7:30 p.m.  
Master  
W.: William V.  
Nardone  
458-7512  
Secretary, W.: George R. Bracht  
383-1947  
Fairport Masonic Temple  
87 South Main Street

A hearty "Thank You" to the dozen Brothers and friends of Fairport/Flower City Lodge who volunteered their time at

the Have-a-Heart table at Eastview Mall on February 11th! I had the privilege of working with each shift throughout the day, and it was interesting to see the changes in traffic patterns and populations, as well as the different "sales techniques" our Brothers used.

Thanks to Kel Kelsey for organizing our Valentine's Dinner on February 12th, where we enjoyed some fine food and a pleasant evening with our ladies and friends.

### Upcoming meetings

Rather than holding "Officers' Meetings," we have a "Fellowcraft Club", which is open to all members who want to assist with running the Lodge programs. The meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Lodge, and the next session will be March 4th. We have a 2nd Degree coming up on March 8th. My thanks to W.: Sy Kopen for accepting the challenge of serving in the East, and to all the Officers who attend the rehearsals and participated in the Degree.

We will follow this with our Junior Warden's Program on March 22nd, which is to be entitled, "All Things Masonic." Looking farther ahead, we plan a 3rd Degree on April 12th.

### March events

Our monthly dinners continue to receive positive feed-

back from those who participate. Let's try to get an even better turnout at our next dinner night. Please join us for an evening at Clemente's Restaurant, 84 High Street in Fairport, on Thursday, March 18th, at 6:30 p.m. These are family events, no Masonic business is conducted, so the ladies and the kids are quite welcome. We're continuing to refine the telephone tree, but we're not always able to reach everyone, so if you don't hear from an Officer by the weekend before this, or any other Lodge event, please don't hesitate to call me directly and make your reservations.

### Make it better

Among the ways to improve an organization are to help each other be right, and to find a way to make new ideas work. These concepts are key to making Freemasonry relevant and successful. Tradition is important, but we must adapt to survive and prosper. We must all work together to make a better Masonic future, not just for one Lodge (or Concordant Body), but for the entire Fraternity. Keep making it better for everyone, and everyone will enjoy Freemasonry more! Thanks to all of our Brothers for your participation in our Lodge and its programs this year. ✕



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Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

# Shrine News

Potentate - Bruce D. Chilton



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## From the Recorder



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Erwin Newell  
544-2242

## From the Recorder's Desk

By Erwin P. Newell, PP

The excitement is starting to build up. We are less than a month away from the start of the 2004 Circus. Billboards are going up, advertising has started, tickets are being sold, and the committee heads are doing their thing. The success of the Circus starts with good planning, people buying tickets and most of all, your help, the Nobles and your Ladies. If you have not been contacted by the Manpower Committee and, as yet, do not have a job at the Circus, please call the Shrine Office and let us know that you would like to help. We will have someone call you.

Our Potentate, Ill. Bruce Chilton, has asked me to put

together a Circus Program for the March Meeting. Pete Yendell will be your Ring Master for the evening. I will not be at the meeting as I will be in Tampa for the Shrine Recorder's Meeting. Scott O'Donnell, our Circus Promoter, will put on a pre-Circus act. Our clowns will be in make-up. This will be a casual fun night.

There will be a dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage before the meeting. Ladies are invited.

Many of you have been asking about parking for the Circus. Ill. Cy Kloner is in the process of negotiating for parking spaces. This year, space is limited due to the fact that the Troup Howell Bridge is undergoing reconstruction. Some of the normal parking area will be lost due to storage of equipment for the reconstruction. We will have a plan in place, which will be announced at the March meeting.

March 25th will be a busy day. This is our move-in date at the War Memorial when we set up all of the booths and novelties. Battery opening and novelty set up will start at 10:00 a.m. You will receive your Circus Worker's Pass at the March meeting.

See you at the Circus. ✕



## Support the Circus March 26th - 28th

celebrate their 100th Birthday on May 16th. More information will be coming soon to all the Chapters. Congratulations to those two Chapters.

### Travel time

The Grand Matron and Grand Patron fun trip for 2004 will be June 27th to July 4th. This trip is open to OES members, Masons and other people who would like to travel to the Amish Country in Ohio. The cost is \$650.00 per person based on two people sharing a room. This includes all meals, hotels, and attractions. Step on Guide Service and travel will be by New Motor Coach. All reservations need to be in by May 1st. Pickup places are Malone, Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo. For more information, contact the Grand Matron.

Another date to mark down is that on Wednesday, March 31st there will be a Friendship Night at Batavia Lodge at 7:30 p.m. This is sponsored by Erie and Monroe Districts and we are looking forward to a good attendance. If there are any changes, or more information on this, we will let the secretaries of the Chapters know.

By the time you receive this, we will have had the School of Instruction. We are hoping to have a good showing and that everyone who comes will participate in the day's activities.

### Official Visit

Our first Official Visit will be Saturday, April 3rd, at Rochester Chapter and we are looking forward to our Social Visit with them. Rt. Wthy. Bill observed their Ritualistic work at their February meeting. We both enjoyed all the work they did that evening. Thank you, Rochester Chapter, for all the courtesies extended to us.

### Bucket Brigade

It was decided at the February Officers' Meeting that there will be a Bucket Brigade at each Chapter and that the Matrons will provide their Chapters with bucket. We appreciate that the Matrons are willing to do this to help Bill and me with our project, the Heritage Christian Service. We have a very special interest in this organization because they provided our daughter, Ellen, with wonderful care and we received much support from

them during the time of her passing. They are our special Angels of God. We thank all for supporting our project.

### Sickness and Distress

Sister Joy Woodley had minor surgery.

Sister Ruth Peck lost her husband.

Sister Donna Hiler has a broken ankle.

Brother Leon Van Huben is waiting to have therapy.

Sister Debra Leipold is now back to work.

Brother Ken Rhodes is getting stronger each day.

Let's keep these Sisters and Brothers in our prayers. God Bless you all and Peace be with you. ✕

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## Lunch Club

By Jan Lughart, President

The Lunch Club is looking for new members and all Shriners, Masons and guests, are welcome. Lunch is served each Monday at 12 noon, with

a social hour starting at 11:00 a.m. Ladies Day is the third Monday of each month, when we have a guest speaker and a special meal for the ladies.

The Circus is coming and everyone is encouraged to sign up to help on Thursday, March 25th to box popcorn, put batteries in toys and set-up. Please support some of the Circus performances on March 26th, 27th and 28th.

### Note

There will be no Lunch Club meeting on Monday, March 22nd, or Monday, March 29th, as the cooks will be preparing food for the Circus workers.

See you at the Lunch Club. ✕

## SUPPORT OUR CHARITIES

Zama Temple  
Daughters  
of the Nile

By Jean Friedrich, PQ

Our Temple was shuttered for the month of February, but plans for re-opening for the March 13th session are in full swing. We will welcome back some of our snowbirds and congratulate the rest of our membership for surviving a landmark Winter.

There will be refreshments at the 11:30 a.m. social hour before the 1:00 p.m. session, giving us a chance to compare notes of new storm stories and catch up on news of friends. This is also the session for Election of Officers and announcement of plans for Installation of our new slate of Officers in April.

Be sure to come and spend a pleasant afternoon with your friends and fellow members. ✕

## Monroe District HiLights, OES

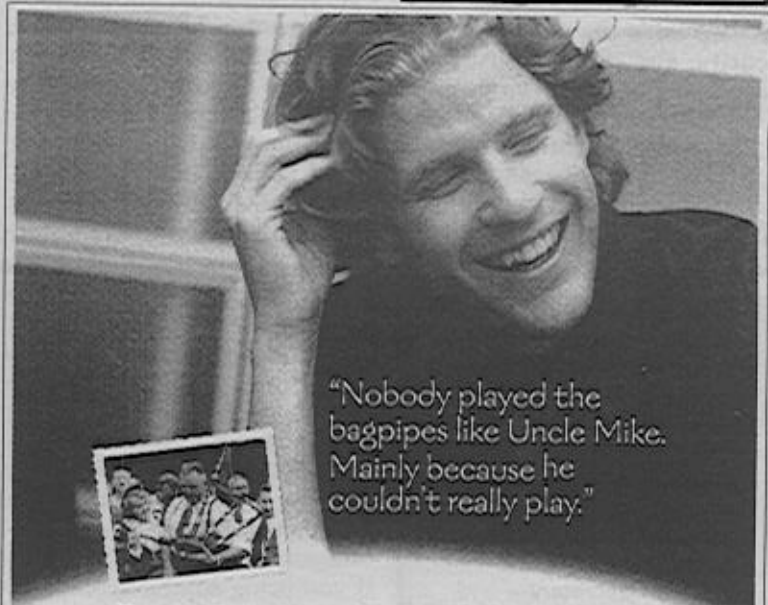
DDGM Rt. Wthy. Sula Baxter 225-5284  
DGL Rt. Wthy. William Baxter 225-5284

Today the sun was shining and it was wonderful. The ice is melting from the roof; so far we have been very fortunate that we have had no water leaks. The other morning I heard the birds singing and it reminded me that Spring is just around the corner; it has been a hard Winter and we are all looking forward to Spring.

### Homecomings

Our Grand Matron will be starting her Homecomings the first of March and Bill and I are looking forward to visiting other Districts for her Official Visits.

There will be two Social Visits with the Grand Matron in Monroe District. Etolian Chapter will be celebrating their 100th Birthday on May 1st and Rochester Chapter will also



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

Mat: Wthy. Leslie Smith  
554-6715

Sec: Wthy. Shirley Wells  
394-2778

Shortsville Temple

Well, we have two months of Winter under our belts. Let's hope that the next two months are a lot better! I am not sure about you, but I will be glad to see Spring.

### Official Visit

March will be a busy month for our Chapter as we will have our Official Visit on the 10th. I hope to see many of you there.

### Congratulations!

We will be honoring our members for their many years

of service to the Chapter. 25-year members are: Georgiana Wetmore and Gird Harris, III. 50-years: Jean VanLare Corteville, Lucille Cowan, Sara Hetschel, Marilyn McElwee, Sally Ormsby, Dorothy Spoor and Jeanne Waldorf. Our 60-year member is Dorothy Kinde.

We are also going to be collecting non-perishable canned goods to go to Glenmer Kitchen and we will be wearing green for St. Patrick's Day.

### Happy Birthday!

Our birthday lady this month is Helene Panzarella on March 17th.

Members who joined this month are: Anne Keney, 8th; Carol B. Eldredge, 11th; Frances Mann, 13th; Frances Johnson, 24th, 1981; Frances Hansen and Dorothy Baldwin on the 24th, 1937. I wish them all the best and hope they will be with us for a long time. ✕

### Sunshine

Please send "Thinking of You" cards to Rt. Wthy. Margaret Nugent, Grand Representative of North Carolina 2001-2002. She is one of those people who represent the epitome of Star Sisterhood. Those who attended my Installation as our Matron in 2002 may have met Maggie, who brought a former classmate of mine and OES Sister to that function. Rt. Wthy. Margaret has dual membership in both Batavia and Caledonia Chapters. She has been diagnosed with widespread cancer of lung and bones, and will have a rough road ahead. Her address: 10504 Allegheny Road, Darien Center, NY 14040.

### Sympathy

Condolences to friends and family of Wthy. June Lind, who died on January 12th. Wthy. June was a life member of OES. She joined the former Oatka Chapter in 1939, and served as Matron in 1948. She had been residing in Palmyra, PA.

### Birthdays

Celebrating a birthday in March will be Wthy. Florence Thayer. ✕

## Tri-Star Chapter No. 209 OES

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

Matron  
Wthy. Donna Hiler  
(315) 986-7173

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

Palmyra Masonic Hall  
161 East Main Street

Sorry that I missed submitting an article for February. The time came up so fast.

### January

Installation turned out great. Everyone was installed with only three Officers needing to have proxies. Thanks again for everything.

We cancelled our Game Night on January 20th due to the inclement weather. I still would like to reschedule at a later date (to be announced).

### Change of plans

Our March 2nd meeting plans have been changed to a regular meeting without Richards Chapter. There are some important items which need to be done that night before our Chapter Official Visit. The date for March 3rd with Richards Chapter has been cancelled. I'm not sure, at this point, if it is possible that we will reschedule this.

### All invited

Wayne District Patrons' Club will be having their Annual Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday, March 7th, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Palmyra Masonic Hall. The public is invited. Anyone who needs tickets, please give me a call.

### Official Visit

On March 16th we will be having our Chapter Official Visit. We will be the first one, and I'm looking forward to greeting our District Deputy Grand Matron, Rt. Wthy. Melody Collier, and her companion Grand Officers, who include Rt. Wthy. Wallace Cooper, District Grand Lecturer.

If anyone wants to come to a meeting, but needs a ride, please feel free to give me a call anytime. We would love to see everyone who wants to be there. We always have a great turnout and time. ✕



Veramae Kless is pictured after receiving her 70-year Service Award Certificate as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. (Photo courtesy of Leslie Smith)

## Queen Christina

Court No. 13  
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Royal Matron  
Audrey Curtis  
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Secretary  
Donna Stalker  
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161 East Main Street

The Court will open the new season on Saturday, March 20th, at 2:00 p.m. We will meet for the rest of the year in Palmyra on the third Saturday.

### Election of Officers

The March meeting will be the time for us to elect Officers for the ensuing year. The Officers will be installed at the April meeting. Grand Court will be in May.

Honored Lady Beverly Brown, District Deputy, was unable to visit us in December. It is expected she will want to come before Grand Court meets.

### Sickness

Now that Honored Lady Bea Quinter has moved into Clark Meadows, we will miss her participation and good humor. SK Francis Daniels is confined to his home, especially in this cold weather. Honored Lady Grace Simpson continues to show improvement. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them. ✕

## NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

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

Matron Wthy. Cynthia Nielsen  
889-4207

Patron Wthy. Robert Crystal  
473-0279

Sec. Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings  
594-4692

22 South Main Street  
Churchville 14428

By Wthy. Alice Hassett

### Meetings

At our February 17th meeting, those who wished to participate as Secret Pals exchanged names, and guidelines for that program were reviewed. At a previous meeting, we decided to continue sending cards and holiday greetings to Max Smith. His address, again: Room 9, Eastern Star Campus, P. O. Box 959, Oriskany, NY 13424.

We are really looking forward to our March 2nd Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and Open Meeting, following, as we will have several guests who are interested in our Order of the Eastern Star. All members are encouraged to bring a friend, male or female.

### Special note to recent Matrons and Patrons

At our March 16th meeting, you will sign our new Chapter Bible, to bring that up to date. Also, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, all members are invited to wear something green. ✕

## 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



### Condolences

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of our Brother, Carl Peck. Please keep Sister Ruth and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

### Charitable work

Many thanks to all who helped on the February Spaghetti dinner. As you know, the money raised helps us to support the many worthwhile charities of our Order. If you can help with the March dinner (first Friday in the month) give Faythe a call.

Since the Chapter has not met, and will not meet until April 20, I do not have any more news to report. But even though we are not meeting as a Chapter, let's try to keep in contact with each other. If you haven't seen or talked to your Sisters or Brothers lately, give them a call and let them know you are thinking of them. Give me a call, too (727-2202).

### A thought for the month

Compassion is understanding the troubles of others, coupled with an urgent desire to help.

Farewell. ✕

## Little Known Facts and Hand-Me-Down Nonsense

A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.

A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

A snail can sleep for three years.

Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.

All 50 States are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5.00 bill.

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age. ✕

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## District Deputy Grand High Priest



27th  
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R..E.. Benjamin P. Thorp, Jr.  
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This will be my last article to you as your District Deputy Grand High Priest.

These last two years have gone by fast, maybe too fast. We have seen a lot of changes within our District over that time. The move from the Downtown Temple was a traumatic experience for all concerned and it was the cause of some heated discussion, to say the least. But, that is in the past and we need to get on with our work in the quarries.

We have seen one of our Chapters fall, but yet we have seen another one grow. We have welcomed new Companions and sadly had to say good-bye to others. This is the way of life.

I thank all those who have helped and supported me during my tenure. I have had many enjoyable experiences and have had the pleasure of meeting many of the Companions in this District. I hope to be of service to this District in the future and will help out when and where needed.

I know you will all support and aid your new DDGHP, R..E.. John Dudley.

Thank you all again for making these last two years a positive experience in my life.

## 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

I can tell it's going to be an exciting year, Companions. On the day of our first scheduled meeting, I received so many calls from Companions stating their concerns of the weather and road conditions, the decision was made to postpone the meeting to a later date. I think we would have had a record attendance for that meeting. Let's not lose the momentum for future meetings.

### Communications

We are working on a communications plan to keep the

Companions better informed of upcoming events, Official Visits, and Degree work. Our Secretary, E.. Norman Austin, is compiling an updated email, phone, and address list. Please give Norm a call at 494-2223, or email him at Lindalee115@hotmail.com to confirm this information.

I look forward to seeing you at our next scheduled meeting.

## District Deputy Grand Master



8th  
Cryptic  
District

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

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I thought I would have all the Official Visits under my belt by this time but it was not to be. Bath had to cancel their Official Visit scheduled for January because of a heat problem. I'm glad they did; going into an ice cold Secret Vault some how does not appeal to me! Bath's Official Visit has been rescheduled to March 24th. The Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, R..I.. and Reverend Charles Roberts, will also have his Visitation that same night. Bath's Illustrious Master, R..I.. Lyman Storm, has indicated that there will be a 6:15 p.m. dinner prior to the meeting. Call the Illustrious Master for more detailed information.

### Grand Line Officer's visit

The Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, R..I.. and Reverend Charles M. Roberts will be making his Official Visits to Doric Council on March 17th, and Bath Council No. 40 on March 24th. I'm asking all Council members in the Eighth Cryptic District to lend every effort to support our Grand Line Officer with their attendance.

As always, I hope to see you, and I do mean YOU, around the Sacred Altar of Cryptic Masonry.

## Hiram Chapter No. 62



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

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

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

17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

Well, it's that time of month to sit back down again and say "hello." March, the month of

March Madness and the college basketball tournament. Basketball is my favorite sporting event and March is the month when thousands of sane students from across America go crazy for two weeks in support of their team. It is also the month of four leaf clovers and the Leprechaun, that little guy who runs around in the funny green shorts chasing the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. It is a month of luck, wishes, and dreams. It is also that time of year when Spring returns, a time of crocuses starting to peek out of the ground with their little purple blooms and a time when Mother Nature starts putting that wonderful array of color back into our lives after a long, cold, and gloomy Winter. It's also a time when the first robins start showing back up and you awake each morning to the pleasant sound of birds chirping. It's a time of renewal and rebirth.

Since my last article, we've gone through an absolutely dreadful cold spell here in Western New York. For most of the month of January, the temperature averaged about 4 or 5 degrees and the wind chill averaged around 15 to 20 below. It was one of the coldest and most bitter Januarys in recorded history and one that we haven't seen in quite a while.

This was the case on January 8th, the night of our first meeting and also our Installation. We had 4 to 6 inches of snow that day, so the turnout was quite light. I had hoped for a few more Companions and their wives, since it was an open Installation.

Other than Joy Woodley, who catered the festivities, the only lady and/or lifetime companion who came to enjoy the evening was Nancy Wright. I was a little disappointed, because one of the things I would really like to get back into gear this year is the fellowship and enjoyment of doing things as a group. That hasn't been present for a few years. So Nancy, thank you.

Our next meeting night was January 22nd. It was a light and informal evening in which we installed our King, Joe Oelgoetz, who was out of the country on the 8th. It was also a night for the new Officers to become comfortable with their new chairs, a night to review and go over the trestleboard for the coming year, and a night for the Secretary to pass along any communications from Grand Chapter for the coming year. We also received an affiliation petition from V..E.. George Springett, Assistant Grand Lecturer for the State of New York, with the intent of becoming a full-fledged member of our Chapter. All in all, the mood was light, the evening went well, we had some fun, and it was nice to get the ball rolling.

Before I go, I'd just like to say congratulations to E.. John Dudley for accepting the position, and becoming, our new District Deputy Grand High Priest, at Grand Chapter in March, and "thank you" to a few of the Companions for their continual support of our

Chapter. With that being said, your members of distinction are R..E.. Donald Wright, Past District Deputy Grand High Priest, for filling the hole in the Trustee Line, R..E.. Raymond Beardsley, President of the Trustees, for his continual fiduciary efforts in looking out for our investments with the closing of the Downtown Temple, R..E.. Charles Roberts, Grand Chaplain for the State of New York, for stepping up to the plate and becoming our new Secretary, and E.. James Nersinger for also stepping up to the plate and becoming our new Treasurer. Gentleman, an exemplary performance of what Masonry is, and all about, thank you.

### March events

5th, 6th - Grand Chapter - Albany

11th - Mark Master Mason Degree (open at 7:00 p.m.)

25th - Masonic Education Night - Come meet Benjamin Franklin, a Historical Portrayal by Brother Paul Stillman (Dinner)

## 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 on Monday, March 1st, at 7:30 p.m. in the Palmyra Masonic Hall. Our usual custom of having a meal prior to the conclave will not be observed at this meeting. However, there will be refreshments afterwards.

I thank all the Companions who helped in exemplifying the Mark Master Degree, especially the Companions from our neighboring Chapter in Sodus. For those who sat on the sidelines, your presence and encouragement were greatly appreciated. Last, but not least, a rousing burst of applause to our AGL, R..E.. Lloyd VandeViver, for all his help and guidance.

Companions of Palmyra Eagle and visiting Companions, you are always welcome to come and join with us in an evening of camaraderie and brotherly love around the sacred altar of Royal Arch Masonry. If you are not sure of the password or signs (I'm still learning them myself) there will be many well-informed Companions to help you in a non-embarrassing way. With that said, I'm looking forward to seeing YOU, and I do mean YOU, around the Holy Altar of Royal Arch Masonry on March 1st.

### Contact Us

Phone - 671-9730

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New email address:

bmasonic@rochester.rr.com

## 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

The Companions held their annual February Assembly in the home of Canandaigua Lodge in Shortsville. Prior to the meeting, several had dinner at the Depot. This was a first for many of us. The food was delicious and reasonably priced. Our own R..I.. Cyril R. White, District Deputy Grand Master, made his Official Visit. Good Ritual work is expected from the Officers as was exemplified that evening.

The Tri-State Festival will be held in Poughkeepsie on March 20th. R..I.. Francis Karwowski is handling the Awards for the State. Contributions to the Grand Council Parkinson's Charity Fund are being sought. Life Memberships are available for only \$50. A District-wide event, other than the Grand Lecturer's Convention, is encouraged to promote greater fellowship in our area.

### March dilemma

There probably will not be a meeting in March as half of the Officers will be in Albany for the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter. A proposal will be made in April to change the By-Laws to reflect the usual March dilemma.

### Sickness

R..I.. Cullen Henry is out on a limited basis under the escort of his Lady, Isabele. I.. Francis Daniels is really confined to home. Grace Simpson, R..I.. Walter's wife, hopefully is continuing to improve. Cards and/or phone calls would be appreciated.

## 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

I am pleased to report that our Winter season is about to draw to the usual conclusion for Winter seasons. Soon after you receive this issue of the *Masonic Times*, the vernal equinox will come to pass.

Those Companions who recently have been surgical patients, or otherwise indisposed, appear to be making satisfactory recovery or responding favorably to treatment at the time of this writing.

I hope to see you in LeRoy on March 22nd, when once more we resume our labors.

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 621-5764  
 17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

The Council performed the Royal Master Degree at the January meeting for a candidate from another Council, as neither of the candidates for Doric arrived for the conferral of the Degree. Therefore, the Royal Master Degree was performed again at the February meeting. The Degree went rather well, considering, some of the Ritualists were new to their parts (including myself). I extend my hearty thanks to all who did participate and gave their best in the Degree. We will perform the Select Master Degree for candidates, from wherever they hail and ask any Companions to participate to their fullest extent.

The Council extends its best wishes to I.: Robert Zahn and we hope to see him sometime soon. He has been undergoing treatments and states he is doing fine and is looking forward to seeing us soon. The best to you in your recovery, Bob.

That's it for this month. Until next month, safe and happy Masonry to all of you.

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



As I sit here writing this, I am looking out the window at the bright sunshine and thinking that Spring is just around the corner. Also around the corner is our annual Inspection on April 19th by SK Cortland M. Andrew, Grand Standard Bearer. There will be a dinner before hand. The restaurant is still to be determined at this time. After dinner we will be conferring the Order of Malta on a few candidates.

We will be doing all three Orders as a joint effort among ourselves, Sagoyewatha, and DeMolay No. 22.

Sagoyewatha will be conferring the Order of the Red Cross on April 17th.

DeMolay will be conferring the Order of the Temple on May 20th.

Those of you who have parts will be expected to be present at all the Orders. If you can't make it, please let me know ASAP so a replacement can be found.

Also, our Easter Observance will be on Monday, April 5th. That means we will have two conclaves in April.

This is also a reminder to those who may have forgotten to pay your dues for 2004. Please forward your payment to our Recorder, if you have not done so already.

**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



**March**

At our March 20th conclave at 9 a.m., we will continue 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. We will have 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.

Several of our Sir Knights are still in the South, so we need the support of everyone who is still home in snow country. One of the topics we will discuss, is the recommendation that Zone numbers be dropped and names adopted. Some consolidation of Zones is also being recommended for stronger Zones.

I look forward to seeing you on March 20th!

**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



**Degree**

Batavia Commandery met and we are now setting up the Order of the Red Cross for our Inspection in April. Please see Steve Wing if you would like a part. There are still some openings. We are also going to do the Order of the Red Cross for the Degree Fest in March.

**Best wishes**

We understand that Gordon Reeves is still not doing well and has been moved to a nursing home. We wish him and his family well.

We wish James MacConnell well on his trip to China and we'll keep him in our prayers for his safe return.

Good luck to Allen Capwell and his wife as they are traveling across America.

**Inspirational message**

SK Charles Roberts gave a wonderful program for our February meeting on the ties and binding of our Brothers to the Craft and what we gain from it. All SKs went away feeling inspired.

God bless and stay warm in this cold weather.

**Rochester Forest**  
**No. 133**

**Tall Cedars of Lebanon**  
**of North America**

4th Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.  
 Penfield, New York 14526



Angelo DiCataldo, GTC  
 738-9709  
 Donald C. Bell, Scribe  
 334-7768

By Don Brugger

January 28th was a weather related disaster and the meeting was cancelled at the last minute. I hope most of you saw the cancellation announcement on TV. Our Officers for 2004 were not installed until the February 25th meeting. At that time we attempted to salvage the Open Installation and MD Program, originally scheduled for January. Ladies and friends were invited. Our JDGTC, Don Wright, whose grandson is afflicted with Duquesne Muscular Dystrophy, shared what information he had gained from his experience and study. Following the presentation, we all enjoyed good fellowship and light snacks. All attending had an enjoyable evening.

**Coming events**

Since we had to cancel and reschedule the Installation, we will have our "Woodsmen Bring-a-Brother Night" on March 24th. At that time we will welcome all who are interested in joining our Forest. An informational night is planned with talks on our history, activities, and philanthropy. Please be thinking of a Brother whom you think would be interested in joining Rochester Forest and get his name and address to me as soon as possible after you read this article.

We would like that information in order to 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 to arrange a substitute. If there is not enough time for this formality, call me or just bring the Brother with you on March 24th. We need to know how many are coming to plan refreshments.

**Sickness and distress**

I talked with Doug Draker again on the phone. He is still doing well, but he told me that he was not a candidate for a fully operable prosthesis. He is in good spirits and his rehabilitation is going well.

Brother Paul Kober was doing well in his rehabilitation after hip replacement surgery, but he suffered a set-back just prior to his expected release. He suffered a loss of mobility and feeling in the leg on the side where the hip was replaced. Consequently, at this writing, he still remains in the Highlands of Brighton, but some feeling is coming back and this is encouraging. He may be home by the time you read this article.

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.

**Listen up!**

Still, no one has stepped forward to assist with our activities and communications effort. With Brother Paul Kober out of commission, we really need someone to help us contact the Brothers and assist with our activities. Communications (making sure that all the Woodsmen are informed of our events involves only three to five calls, once a month) and help with procuring supplies for only one event, is all that we ask. Why not try it, you might like it. This is your Forest. If you want it to survive, we need your support! Please call me at 458-6125 if you can assist.

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**Rochester Forest No. 133**  
**Tall Cedars of Lebanon**  
**Woodsmen**  
**Bring-a-Brother Night**  
**Wednesday, March 24th**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Penfield Masonic Temple**  
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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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**Jerry Spero, Monarch**

Golf View Dr. #306, Eagen, MN 55123.

Of course, Charles R. White would love to hear from anyone in this area. Chuck is a Past Master of Webster and Wayne Lodges and a 10-year member of Lalla Rookh Grotto. His email: Blue14room@aol.com. His Winter address is: 337 Cald Verde Drive, Leesburg, FL 34748.

If any other out-of-State member would like me to list his address, I gladly will do so.

### Sickness and distress

Chief Justice Ken Rhodes was able to attend our recent Installation, as well as the Board meeting. All were pleased to see him doing so well.

Leon VanHuben is now in the Wesley Community Center on East Avenue.

My wife, Edna, had knee replacement surgery in January. All went well. She thanks all for their kind thoughts, prayers, cards and flowers. \*

### Chief Justice

By Ken Rhodes

The duty of the Chief Justice is to keep you, the Prophets, informed of past events of Lalla Rookh Grotto, Empire Grotto Association and the Supreme Council.

My sincere thanks to all the Prophets and their ladies for the caring thoughts, many cards and assistance given during my absence.

The January 24th meeting was the Installation of Officers for the year 2004. They were officially installed by the Officers of the Empire State Grotto Association, some of them traveling many miles in a snowstorm. Following the meeting, we were entertained by a barbershop quartet. Due to the inclement weather, many ventured home early. \*

**Lalla Rookh Grotto  
EASTER EGG HUNT  
April 3rd 11:00 a.m.**

**Roberts Cabin  
Henrietta Town Park  
ALL MASONIC CHILDREN  
UNDER  
AGE OF 10 WELCOME**

**Master of Ceremonies  
By Norm Austin**

Our meeting this month falls on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. In commemoration of this holiday, and the "wearin' of the green," we will be serving Corned Beef and Cabbage, but Chicken will be available as an alternative. 5:00 p.m. will be the start of our social hour, with dinner to follow at 6:30 p.m.

Please have all reservations in to me by Friday, March 12th, so that food can be purchased for those who plan to be there for dinner.

Please call me at 234-0296 for Grotto dinner reservations. \*

### AIRPORT SECURITY



"What are you hiding under your hat?"



Ken Hutchinson, PM, presents Monarchs Jewel to New Monarch, Jerry Spero.



Ken Hutchinson, PM, presents PM Association's gavel to Alfred Pulcino III.

### Monarch

By Jerry Spero

I need to thank all those who braved the nasty weather the night of the Grotto Installation, especially those from out of Monroe County. It meant a great deal to me. Our caterer's truck got sidelined, yet his staff did a fine job by stepping in at the last moment and providing both the pre-dinner refreshments and the dinner itself with only a minor delay. Between the weather and the dinner delay, I wound up announcing the 7:30 Installation would start promptly at 8:00. Once we got started, Ward Peterson, Empire State Grotto Association President, and the members of the ESGA did a great job with the Installation of our Officers. Past Monarch, Kenneth Milner, as the Installing Marshal, provided just the right amount of assistance to see that the program went well.

### 2004 Officers

Monarch **Jerry Spero**  
Chief Just. **Kenneth Rhodes**  
MC **Norman Austin**  
Sec. **Kenneth Hutchinson**  
Treasurer **Brian Bills**  
Ven. Prop. **Keith Freeman**  
Marshal **John Ponshock**  
Capt. Guard **Keith Bannister**  
Orator **Ernest Swan**  
Steward **Michael Bell**  
Inside Sen. **Frank Ghyzel**  
Outside Sen. **Frank Murrer**  
Chaplain **Richard Bull**

### March

The Lalla Rookh Grotto Business meeting will be on March 1st in our office. Farrah Grotto

in Warren, PA, has their Past Monarch's Ball on March 13th at the Holiday Inn. This is generally a fun trip.

Our March meeting, on the 17th, will be Ladies Night with dinner and entertainment.

### April

We have planned an Easter Egg Hunt and children's party on April 3rd, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Henrietta Town Park on Calkins Road at the Roberts Cabin. This will be open to children and grandchildren, 10 years and under, of all Masons. There will be activities for the children and some refreshments. Please contact Kenneth Rhodes at 621-7162 for information and reservations. It is our hope that this will become an annual event, but only your participation will make it so.

### Lalla Rookh Officers

The Kharram Grotto Monarch's Ball and the Chief Justice Conclave will be held at the Jamestown Holiday Inn on April 3rd. \*

### Secretary's Column

By Ken Hutchinson

From time to time I hear from our out-of-town members. Most recently I heard from Ken Bigelow, Jr. Ken is a member of Hilton Lodge and a 28-year member of our Grotto. He doesn't get out to Masonic activities where he is. He and his wife have thought of moving back to this area, and becoming active here. If you would like to contact Ken: ken.bigelow@comcast.net and his home address is 3420

### Grand Historian

By Ken Hutchinson, PM

After the episode at the Colgate Inn, the Prophets found the shoe was on the other foot, and they must do something to again even the score with Prophet Riddell.

It was mid-Winter and another plan was devised. This one would take time, which was on their side. They waited and again, Robert Riddell was at the same shack, on a fishing trip. A large company of the "good old boys" paid him a visit.

They carried with them a large burlap sack. When they arrived, they found he was out fishing. The majority of them hid in the woods, while three met him on his return. Under the excuse of having a private conversation, they sat down on the ground.

Soon the burlap sack was thrown over his head from behind. They took him to the water's edge and were about to throw him in. Someone insisted they have a trial, so they took him back and tied him to a tree.

After cutting a slit to expose his face, they stuck cigar after cigar in his mouth. Someone advanced with a bottle of wine, after allowing Riddell to smell it and then commenced to drink it himself.

Riddell yelled, "Throw me in, boys. Throw me in."

Author's note: The story, which was covered in three articles, was played out over the course of two years. It was all done in good, clean, fun. No one ever got mad at anyone, but there was always time to think of some way of topping

### Legion of Honor

By Fred Cornell, Commander

First, I thank all of you for electing me your Commander for 2004. I will do my best to

### Lalla Rookh Grotto Ladies Night

March 17th  
Shrine Center

5:00 p.m. Hospitality

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Meeting

Followed by entertainment

what was done. Thus, the fun continued.

The Fairchild Deviltry Committee started recording the minutes of their meetings on September 10, 1889. It was recorded on that date Robert R. Riddell and Herbert I. Tompkins were permitted to attend the Mock Trial of Fairchild, and to become members of the FDC. They were elected as Knights, then created as Knights of FDC of this Illustrious Order. A payment of a dollar fee was made.

Riddell went to work to re-tool the work of George Beal and Adon Smith, who wrote the first script out of necessity before Fairchild's Mock Trial.

October 15, 1889 - "On motion a vote of thanks was tendered to Brother R.R. Riddell for his able and efficient service in assisting to perfect the Ritual of our organization."

Riddell visited Lalla Rookh Grotto various times. From our minutes of May 29, 1895; "Monarch George Loder introduced esteemed Prophet Robert R. Riddell, Officer and member of the Supreme Council and author of the Ritual. Prophet Riddell gave the early history of the Grotto and made some very interesting remarks."

Next month - Part I: The Founders. \*

make this year enjoyable and informative to both you and your wives.

By the time you see this, my installation may have taken place. I hope to see you all on February 28th. \*

### Attend Grotto Meetings

Mon., March 1st -  
Board of  
Governors  
Meeting,  
Shrine Center  
7:00 p.m.

Thurs., March 11th  
Caldron Meeting  
8:00 p.m.  
Charlotte/  
Corinthian

Wed., March 17th -  
Grotto Ladies  
Night  
Shrine Center

Enjoy the  
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Wayne Charter  
Post No. 12**

Commander  
Kenneth V. Hutchinson  
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Adjutant  
Vance R. Collom, Jr.  
217-9817

I thank all who participated in the Have-a-Heart Campaign on February 10th at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center. We did our part, along with other Masonic groups, at the three area Malls. The Campaign ran between February 1st and the 14th to help fund the Ronald Mc Donald House and is certainly a worthy cause.

At our February 26th dinner meeting, we obligated three new members. Area Representative, Alfred Pulcino III, introduced two ladies from the



Flag Store who had a very interesting presentation.

**Please note**

We do not have a meeting in March. The next meeting will be April 22nd; on the dinner menu is Swiss Steak. The highlight of the meeting will be the Lodge of Remembrance, and election of Officers.

After that, are all the activities of May, including our Public Installation on May 27th.

**Sickness and distress**

Ken Rhodes, PC, who was recently released from the hospital, is now out and about. It was a pleasure to see him at two recent Grotto meetings.

Past Area Representative, Leon VanHuben, is currently at Wesley Gardens.



James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post members who supported the Have-a-Heart Campaign were: (above) Vance Collom, Fred Cornell, Al Pulcino, and Lou Campaniello. (Below left) Don McDill with unidentified Have-a-Heart contributor. (Below) Post members enjoying a Holiday Dinner.

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I am quite sorry for not having an article in last month's Masonic Times. As my workplace continues to lay off employees, I am finding it more and more difficult to keep up with the business demands without taking work home with me.

**Past events**

January and February were busy times for us in the Lodge. At January's Lodge meeting we had a wonderful presentation on Coins, Paper Money and Counterfeiting by Art Cohen; an exciting Fellowcraft meeting at Joe Bishop Auto Sales where we viewed his Model City; and a 2nd Degree for a Brother at Etolian Lodge.

In February, we had our annual Sweetheart's Night. If you were unable to attend the Sweetheart's Night, you missed a special evening. Members of the Gingold family did a wonderful job setting up the event, arranging for the meal, and presenting gifts to the ladies. David Braun and his spouse brought in some wonderful snacks to tide us over until the main meal could be presented. Our evening was blessed by the attendance of many widows of our deceased Brethren; a delight that cannot be easily expressed. Entertainment consisted of the "Women of Note," whom Joe Gingold and Mike McBride acquired for the evening.

February also brought us a highly successful "Have-a-Heart" Campaign. We thank Wally Wagner, Dick VanZandt, Herb Spencer, Rev. Paul Gleason, Ed Schmidt, Dick Giedd, Matt Gingold, Joe Gingold, Gary Burke, Mike

McBride, Jim Toogood, Pat McBride, Jean McBride, and Dave Braum (I hope I didn't forget anyone) for their assistance at this wonderful event.

**Traveling Gavel**

We still have the Traveling Gavel. I don't believe we've ever had it this long. I hope another Lodge comes to get it soon, as our arms are tiring from carrying its weight from our locker into the Lodge each meeting.

**Sickness and distress**

I have not received any sickness or distress notices for this month. Contact us if you are in a sickness or distress situation, or if you know of a Brother who is.

**3rd Degree**

On Monday, March 8th, our candidate is to be raised to the 3rd Degree of Masonry. The event will take place at Etolian Lodge in Spencerport. Please be there no later than 7:15 p.m. We should show our new Brother our appreciation by presenting him our support.

**Lodge Dues**

Every Brother should have received his dues notice by now. If you haven't paid your dues, please contact the Secretary as soon as possible.

**Upcoming events**

Ladies Night! Comedy Dinner Theater! Friday, March 12th at Golden Ponds. Advance tickets are \$20.00 through the Lodge by March 1st (a \$2.00 savings per person). Seating begins at 6:30 p.m. Dinner choices are Prime Rib, Chicken French, Stuffed Fillet of Sole or Beer Battered Fish. Call Dick Giedd at 621-3045, Herb Spencer, 334-7493, or me, 637-8695.

**Circus**

The Circus begins Friday, March 26th: workers start at 9:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, March 27th: workers start at 8:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.; Sunday, March 28th: workers start at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Come in at the Court Street workers entrance, walk down the hall, through the doors, up the stairs and turn right, follow the aisle to the last food and novelty stand (ask for me or ask for the Valley/Simes food

stand). Call Mike McBride at 663-4636 to let him know you are coming.

**March trestleboard**

8th - 3rd Degree, Etolian Lodge, Spencerport.

9th - Lodge Night - "Officers Move-Up Night"

12th - "Ladies Night! Comedy Dinner Theater!"

26th, 27th, and 28th - Shrine Circus ("Brother Bring-a-Friend"). Volunteers needed.

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



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As noted in dates at the end of this article, Degree work continues in the District. We encourage Lodges to continue to seek quality men for the Fraternity. Much has been done to add Brothers to Lodge roles, but much remains to be done. It goes without saying that we need to work diligently to maintain our current membership, as well as increase it. The District leadership is ready and willing to assist Lodges however we can.

Brothers are reminded to submit their reservations to the Jim Brown Agency for our Grand Lodge trip as soon as possible, if not already done. The bus leaves on Saturday, May 1st, with a return on Wednesday, May 5th. The trip promises to be fun-filled and entertaining. We will be traveling with Brothers from the Wayne and Chemung/Schuyler/Tioga Districts. Our hotel, the Edison, is a stones throw from Time Square and a healthy walk to Grand Lodge, if you are so inclined.

The OSY District will be having its 2nd Annual Surviving Spouses Luncheon on April 3rd at noon at the Phelps Hotel. Cost of the buffet will be \$14.00. Lodges are strongly encouraged to contact the

widows of deceased Brothers to invite them to attend. It is important that reservations be sent to me at (315) 548-3573, no later than March 29th. Gordie Osbourn will again present entertainment.

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.

**March dates**

5th - OSY Charities at DiPacific's - 6:30 p.m. Contact George Stanton.

13th - OSY Association at Garoga/Sincerity - 8 a.m. breakfast.

17th - 1st Degree - Ark Lodge

18th - 2nd Degree - Seneca Lake Lodge No. 308

20th - Road to the East, second session.

23rd - 2nd Degree - Eagle Lodge

27th - Masonic Development Course begins at Geneva Lodge No. 965 at 8 a.m.

29th - Masonic Development Course, second class - time and place TBA

31st - Masonic Development Course, third class - time and place TBA.

**Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200**

1st & 3rd Tuesdays



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As the end of January approached, I thought to myself that this weather couldn't get any worse. Then, as we got into February, I found myself canceling our first February meeting. Let's all hope that March will be kinder to us. I guess that's enough about the weather.

The month of February has been busy. Some of our Lodge activities have included a fun night, which was held on February 12th, and a Roast Pork Dinner on the 21st. Thanks to

all who donated their time and effort on these most worthwhile activities. We will be planning another dinner to be held in March and also coming up will be a Pork Chop Bar-B-Que. I will have more on these times and dates. Another Card Night is also planned for March 12th.

**Good job!**

I thank R.: W.: Robert Bird for a job well done on keeping our Lodge parking lot free of snow. Not only has he managed to keep it clean for Lodge meetings, but for all other Lodge activities, as well. No easy task in weather like we've been having of late. On behalf of the Lodge and myself, thanks, Bob.

On a closing note, remember that the Lodge meets on the first and third Tuesdays with the first meeting of the month being a Potluck Supper. If you have not attended Lodge in awhile, why not make it a point to attend and see what is going on in Lodge. We will be having some interesting meetings coming up with more emphasis on Masonic education. These meetings are designed for some of our newer Brothers, but I am willing to bet that most will learn something new. I look forward to seeing you there and, as always, remember our Brothers in sickness and distress and the many servicemen and women who serve our country proudly.

Happy March birthday to Brothers:

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|--|------------|
| Gregg Dell   | 3/2        |
| Robert Taylor                                      | 3/7        |
| Ira Warren   | 3/17       |
| Charles Anderson                                   | 3/22       |
| Ramon Howard                                       | 3/22       |
| Garry Clock  | 3/23       |
| Clayton Ruggles                                    | 3/23       |
| Howard Burgess                                     | 3/31       |
| Congratulations to those Brothers raised in March: |            |
| Harold Lyon  | 3/1/1946   |
| Malcomb Griswold                                   | 3/15/1929  |
| Nelson Gulvin                                      | 3/16/1954  |
| Robert Lash  | 3/16/1954  |
| John Parmelee                                      | 3/17/1942  |
| Vincent Rozella III                                | 3/17/1998  |
| Stephen Phillips                                   | 3/18/1981  |
| Robert Patrick, Jr.                                | 3/21/1989  |
| David Roll   | 3/21/1989  |
| Norman Schafer                                     | 3/23/1972* |



**In Memoriam**

**February**

**January, 2004**

**Minwell, Elmer G. "Bud"**  
January 26th was the date Elmer was called Home. He was a member of Drumlin Square Lodge and leaves his wife, Katherine, two sons and two grandsons.

**Bush, Roger T.**  
Roger entered eternal rest January 28th, in his 70th year. He was a member of Palmyra/Eagle Chapter, RAM and leaves his wife, Phyllis, one stepson and five step-grandchildren.

**Baker, William E.**  
Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge lost a member with the passing of William on January 30th. He is survived by his wife, Cecile, five children, thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Wethey, T. James**  
January 30th was the date James met his Maker. He was a member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. Survivors include his two daughters, seven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

**Partis, Edward R.**  
Edward went to be with the Lord on February 2nd at the age of 93 years. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge, Rochester Consistory and the 1966 Potentate of Damascus Shrine. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Audra, one daughter, two granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

**Ellis, Walter A.**  
Walter passed away February 3rd. He was a member of ERAC Lodge and leaves two daughters, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Peck, Carl H.**  
Carl was called Home on February 3rd at the age of 68 years. He was raised in Webster Lodge on May 6, 1971. He leaves his wife, Ruth, three children and four grandchildren.

**Weick, Walter A.**  
The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Walter on February 8th at the age of 84 years. He was a 46-year member of Northfield Lodge and leaves his wife, Doris, three children and seven grandchildren.

**Quinter, Beatrice**  
The loving arms of the Lord embraced Beatrice on February 17th. She was a member of Canandaigua/Fenogowone Chapter, OES. Survivors include two children, nine grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

**We received no specific information on the following deaths.**

**Werner, Hazel**  
Hazel was a Past Grand Officer of the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District, OES, and a member of Amaranth. She passed away December 30, 2003. ✕

Sharing is caring

**Erratum**

The article, *Little Known Facts and Hand-Me-Down Nonsense*, on the front page of the February issue of the *Masonic Times* was written by R. W. Bil Vassily, who is Chairman of the Custodians of the Work. It was sent to us by R. W. William Lindsay, who was erroneously credited with being the author. We regret this error and apologize to Brother Vassily. Editor. ✕

**Masonic Activities Looking Ahead**

- 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
- May 27 OES Grand Matron's and  
Grand Patron's Official  
Visit  
Beahan Road Party House
- June 28 Grand Officer's Apron  
Presentation  
Shrine Center
- July 3 - 8 Shrine Imperial Sessions  
Denver, Colorado
- September 11 Widow's Luncheon  
Logan's Party House
- October 24 Interfaith Service and  
Brunch  
Logan's Party House

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 Deadline for the <i>Masonic Times</i>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Canandaigua - Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle  Shrine Lunch Club	2 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile  OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Tri-Star - Palmyra, Webster	3 Attica Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy  Damascus Shrine  OES - Henrietta, Monroe	4 Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Eunice - Caledonia  RSM - Palmyra Council	5 Wayne Lodge Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.  Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$6 adult; \$3 Child 30 Orchard Street  Grand Chapter, RAM-Albany	6 Grand Chapter, RAM-Albany
7 Wayne District Patrons' Club Roast Beef Dinner, 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Palmyra Masonic Hall	8 ERAC - East Rochester Etolian - Spencerport - 3* Fairport/Flower City - 2* Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield  Shrine Lunch Club	9 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Seneca - Webster, Brother Bring-a-Friend Valley/Simes  RAM - 3x3, Dansville, LeRoy  OES - Leah - Hilton	10 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville - 2* Triluminal - Pike  Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting  OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville (OV), Corinthian Fellowship	11 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor  RAM - Hiram  KT - Batavia Commandery  Lalla Rookh Caldron  Wayne District Masters and Wardens - Wolcott Lodge	12 Wayne Lodge Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.  Valley/Simes Comedy Dinner Theater - Golden Ponds (Greece)  Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Card Night	13 Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport  Lalla Rookh Grotto to Warren PA
14 Mt. Vernon Lodge Pancake Breakfast 7:30 to 10:00 a.m.	15 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg  KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford  Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day	16 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile  OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Tri-Star - Palmyra (OV), Webster	17 Ark - Geneva - 1* Drumlin Square - Palmyra - 3* Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy, Ladies Night Lalla Rookh Grotto, Ladies Night RSM - Doric Council - Pittsford OES - Henrietta  St. Patrick's Day	18 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford - 3* Webster Eunice - Caledonia  Scottish Rite  RAM - Western Star	19 Wayne Lodge Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.  Wakan/Hubbard - St. Patrick's Party	20 KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps Amaranth, Queen Christina Court - Palmyra  Cryptic Council Tri-State Festival - Poughkeepsie  OSY - Road to the East, 2nd Session  First Day of Spring
21 GW - Council of Masonic Activities - Arcade  Masonic Matinee Theater for Children, 3:00 p.m. - Damascus Shrine Center	22 ERAC - East Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport/Flower City (OV) Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls  Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield Celebrates 100th Anniversary  RSM - Nundawaga Council  NO Shrine Lunch Club today	23 Arcade Batavia - 2* Fame - Irondequoit - 2* Valley/Simes  RAM - 3x3, Dansville, LeRoy	24 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminal - Pike  Tall Cedars of Lebanon - Bring-a-Brother Night  OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	25 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor  RAM - Hiram  KT - Batavia Commandery	26 Wayne Lodge Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.  Shrine Circus	27 Shrine Circus
28 Shrine Circus	29 OSY - Masonic Development Course, 2nd Session - location TBA  NO Shrine Lunch Club today	30	31 OSY - Masonic Development Course, 3rd Session - location TBA			

Gem - Aquamarine  
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**BIG CALENDAR MARCH 2004**