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## It's More Than Dollars



By R. W. Donald Darrohn

The Campaign may be over for this year, but the memories linger on. We raised in excess of \$5,400 for the local Ronald McDonald House in this year's Campaign. Thanks to all who provided assistance and worked at the booths.

Back to the memories. I had the opportunity to hear individuals at our booth recount their personal experiences with a Ronald McDonald House. In one case a woman had her child in a local hospital and everything worked out successfully. In the other situation, a young man mentioned staying at a Ronald McDonald House while his best friend was being treated for cancer. His friend lost the battle, but he will be forever grateful for the support and kindness provided him through that Ronald McDonald House.

Thankyouagain,foryoursupport!

## Service Bureau Scholarships Available

By 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 up to \$1,000 on a one time basis for students who will be attending an accredited college.

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

The deadline is March 30th and all applications should be mailed to me at: 4580 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14612-3951.

Applications may be obtained at the Masonic Service Bureau, the Secretary of a Lodge, Eastern Star Chapter, youth organization or myself. The Service Bureau number is 473-4351 and mine is 663-2266.

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## Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge Serves Dinner for Ronald McDonald House Residents



Jim De Lorenzo, Joe Privitera, Bill King and Phil Hurwitz at the Ronald McDonald House. (Photos courtesy Don Darrohn)

## What a Feed!

By R. W. Donald Darrohn

On January 16th, several Brothers of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 cooked a feast for the residents of the local Ronald McDonald House. Chef and Junior Warden, William T. King, along with the able assistance of W. James De Lorenzo, W. Andy Alvarez, R. W. Joseph Privitera and W. Phillip Hurwitz, President of Masters and Wardens, prepared a traditional Thanksgiving meal. The real challenge came when the potatoes needed to be whipped. Quite a sight in a tuxedo!

The residents were thrilled with the meal. The Brethren of Lodge No. 1088 are to be complemented for reaching out to make a difference. A true demonstration of Freemasonry in action.



Andy Alvarez, Bill King and Jim De Lorenzo, three cut-ups at the Ronald McDonald Dinner.

## Hesperus Brothers Qualify for Pott's Award



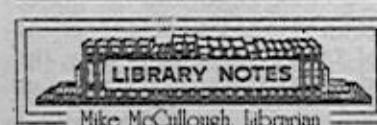
(Front) Brother Ralph Marsocci, W. John Cooper - Master. (2nd) Brother Chet Banach, W. John Specht, Brother Norm Austin, Brother Marshall Krause and Brother Ron Morris. (back) Brother Harry Tyson, W. George Springett, R. W. Holden Miller and W. Ken Barons. (Photo courtesy Holden Miller)

By Holden Miller

Members and Officers from Hesperus Lodge turned out in strength at the Genesee/Wyoming Grand Lecturer's Convention at Constellation Lodge in

Perry. Hesperus was the sole qualifier from the G/W District.

The Officers of Hesperus Lodge also took the chairs for that evening at the request of the AGL with W. John Cooper in the East.



## A little activity underway

There are a few contributions of books, periodicals and magazines on Freemasonry that have been received by the Herman Sarachan Library in the last couple of months. These are being catalogued, listed and placed in their proper locations before they can be loaned, but we are making progress. Thank you to our donors! Prominent among them are Don Brugger and Jack Thibaut.

## A very special acquisition

Author and Brother Gary L. Heinmiller presented a signed copy of his 1999 book titled "Freemasonry and a View of the Perennial World Philosophy" to the Sarachan Library. He was an attendee at the Truth Seekers Program that was created and presented by the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Philalethes Society in January. He is known by many from this area, being from Liverpool, New York, and also being a Trustee of the Livingston Library. For Lodges and individuals who would wish their own copy, the books are available from Chancery Press, 4165 Werzel Road., Liverpool, NY 13090.

## Computer is being loaded

A library computer software package has been located. We are studying the "preview" disk and should be ordering the full software package soon. It is specifically designed for smaller libraries such as ours. It is the Auto Librarian Library Server 4.0 and it handles circulation, book searches, reports and labeling.

## Livingston Library update

We have been in contact with Thomas M. Savini, Director of The Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library of Grand Lodge.

Former Director, Wil Moore, has moved to Massachusetts and we are told an exciting position has developed for him.

Director Savini provided us with the "Classifications of the Literature of Freemasonry and Related Societies" by William L. Boyden. Boyden was Librarian of the AASR, Southern Jurisdiction, and his classification system was published in 1915. There have been annotated additions since that time, of course. We plan to use as many of those classifications as we can so we are compatible with our own Grand Lodge Library. They have been given the green light by the Trustees of the Library for selecting computer equipment and software so they can now join the electronics age.

Director Savini sent us a listing of Masonic books which are available to establish active Masonic Libraries to consider as additions to their collections. We qualify! We are expected to pay some shipping and handling charges for those we select, but otherwise we

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## Editor's Corner

By Don Brugger  
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### Have-A-Heart

The Masonic Community of this area should be proud of the effort put forth in this year's Ronald McDonald Campaign. Although there were glitches, the Campaign went well with a creditable amount raised. Coverage was good with most Lodges and Concordant Bodies and O.E.S. participating. Thanks to all who participated and we hope all took something personally gratifying away from their experience. As Don Darrohn said, "It's more than dollars". I also want to commend those groups who have recently contributed time and talent to put on dinners for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House. Keep up the good work!

### Masonic Series

We have been running a series of articles written by the Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. I have not heard anything from our readers regarding these articles. How about it loyal readers, what do you think?

### FYI

From the Seekers of Truth Program we have a list of research references for information on Masonry in Genesee Country. This list is available through Kathleen Kutowski. Copies are available at the Service Bureau.

### New Book

A new book has been published by Gary L. Heinmiller which surveys some of the interpretations of what the Craft is, its symbols, allegories and Philosophy. The title of the book is "Freemasonry and a View of the Perennial World Philosophy". It is a 8 1/2 X 11 paperback and can be ordered from Brother Heinmiller for \$24.95. A copy of the book for your inspection is available at the Masonic Library and Order blanks are available in the SB Office, DTT.

### Communication problems

If you sent an article to us through e-mail and it doesn't appear in this issue, it's because we were unable to access it due to technical problems. Always call the office to verify transfers. No calls about e-mail transmissions were received so, I assume none were sent. Do not use e-mail to transmit *Times* articles until further notice.

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### Y2K?

Brethren, because of computer problems, we were late in mailing the 1999 appeal. Incoming checks have dropped to a trickle. Did you send in a check in the last 3 months? If not, will you? Don't forget that pledges to the United Way can be donated to us. Our Donor Choice ID number is 1060, and the agency is Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester, Inc.

### That which binds us

These are troubling times. Remember, a house divided will surely fall, but in unity there is strength. Let us all be of one mind and hold high the basis, the very foundation of Masonry; Faith, Hope and Charity. The Faith of our Fathers is everlasting; hold high the banner of Freemasons everywhere!

Let me close with the prayer given by the Master at the closing of Lodge meetings: "May the blessing of Heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons, may brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us." His peace is free—"go forth and pass it on".

## Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

### Housing Law Tidbits

Even the sexual revolution has its limit. NYS law prohibits a landlord from discriminating against a person because of their status. In other words, a landlord cannot refuse to rent to someone because they are single, married, separated, divorced or widowed. A landlord can legally refuse to rent to a couple who aren't married to one another. New York law prohibits landlords from discriminating against individuals because they are unmarried. Landlords are permitted to discriminate against individuals, married or unmarried, who want to live with a non-spouse. In other words, a landlord doesn't have to rent to people "living in sin".

When you rent an apartment, the landlord usually requires a security deposit. This deposit is used to secure your promise to pay the rent. It's also used to offset any damage to the apartment, above and beyond normal wear and tear. The security deposit belongs to the tenant. The landlord holds it in trust. This means that the landlord can't co-mingle your security deposit with his own money. He has to maintain it in a separate bank account. The bank has to be located in NYS. The landlord must notify you what bank the money has been deposited into. If the money is depos-

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Commodore	81
Crutches	210
Walkers	163
Wheelchairs	112
Miscellaneous	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>760</b>

eas (e.g. hallway) are fit for human habitation. Obvious examples of a breach of this warranty are: leaky ceilings, non-working toilets, vermin. Not so obvious examples are other tenants whose behavior jeopardizes your health and safety. If the landlord doesn't take care of the problem, then you may be able to sue him for damages. A breach of this warranty may entitle you to break the lease and go elsewhere without liability to the landlord.

A landlord cannot refuse to rent to people who have children, unless the apartment is owner occupied, and only one other apartment is being rented; or the apartment was specifically built and financed with taxpayer money for the use of senior citizens only.

### Caution

One prudent, laconic and reserved beginning more often will statistically reach a successful conclusion faster than many overconfident attempts.

D. Brugger

ited into an interest bearing account, then the interest belongs to you. The landlord is entitled to charge an administrative expense of 1% against the principle held in the account. The interest itself can either be held on account or paid out each year.

If an apartment contains six or more separate rental units within, then the landlord must deposit the security deposit in an interest bearing account and account for the interest; that is keep it on account or pay it to you each year.

Circumstances might require that you leave the apartment earlier than your lease provides. In other words, you have been transferred, but have another six months to go on the lease.

NYS law allows a tenant the right to sublet his apartment, provided the landlord agrees. This provision only applies to apartments containing 4 or more dwelling units. If the landlord unreasonably withholds his consent, then the tenant can either be released from the lease or go ahead and sublet the apartment. In order to perfect your rights to sublet, written notice of your intent to sublet must be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the landlord. The notice must contain specific information, as required by law.

The landlord then has 10 days to request information from the tenant about the proposed subtenant. Within 30 days after mailing the notice to sublet (40 days if a request for information is made), the landlord must notify the tenant whether he will approve the sublet or not. Silence on the landlord's part is deemed consent to the sublease.

Regardless of how the sublease is approved, the prime tenant remains responsible for the rent. This means if your subtenant defaults on the rent, then the landlord can come after you. Your only remedy is to sue the subtenant for indemnification. If the landlord reasonably withholds his consent, then the tenant cannot sublease.

If you are 62 or older, or will turn 62 during the term of the lease, and have been accepted into a health facility, adult home, and the like, then you can legally break your lease before the end of its term. All that's required is written notice to the landlord, and proof of your acceptance into a facility. The landlord's notice must be mailed within 30 days after the date the next rental payment is due. The law deems the notice delivered 5 days after being mailed. For example, a notice mailed on March 5th is deemed received by the landlord on March 10th. Rent is due April 1st. The lease termination won't become effective until May 1st.

If you rent an apartment under a monthly agreement (month-to-month tenancy), either you or the landlord can terminate by giving notice at least one month "before the expiration of the term of his election to terminate." An example helps to explain. You want to leave (or your landlord wants you out of) the apartment by March 1st. Notice has been given no later than January 31st. If notice is given on February 1st, then the tenant is entitled to stay until April 1st. Of course, March's rent has to be paid.

If the lease provides that the landlord can recover attorney fees if you breach the lease, then the law implies a reciprocal obligation on the landlord. If the landlord sues you, and you hire an attorney to represent you, then you, too, can recover your attorney fees if the landlord loses.

If you pay your rent in cash or by money order, the landlord has to provide a written receipt showing: date paid, amount paid, identity of apartment, and signature and title of person receiving the rent.

Every lease, whether in writing or not, contains an implied promise that the apartment is habitable. This is called the warranty of habitability. This warranty requires every landlord to guaranty to the tenant that the apartment, and the common ar-



### To My Masonic Family

By R. W. Herbert Spencer

On behalf of our entire family, I would like to say a very special "Thank You" to all of the Masons and the ladies who have extended their kind thoughts and prayers at the sudden passing of my lovely wife, Jean, on January 7th.

The outpouring of concern, respect, thoughts and prayers, has touched our family beyond words of thanks. This has been true Brotherly Love.

If I were to send cards of thanks to everyone who came to the funeral parlor, the church, sent cards, donations, and e-mail, I would be writing forever. There were, however, two very special Masons and their ladies who were with us from the moment this all occurred and are still with me almost daily. They know who they are.

The dust is starting to settle and the realization that my beautiful Jean is not with us any longer. I have found so much love from my Masonic Family that words can't tell the full story.

Again, on behalf of our entire family and with much love, I say "Thank You".

### Money Tips

By Dave Larson

#### Stock Market "Sale"

Last month I introduced the first of the core principles Harry S. Dent, Jr., presented in his recent book, "The Roaring 2000's", which is to save at least 10 percent of your pretax income. Principle two tells us what to do with this accumulating capital: "Use Buy and Hold Strategies to Stay Invested in Fundamental Bull Markets".

We have enjoyed an unprecedented bull market and economic boom for the past five years, but how many of us truly stayed invested during this time? How many of us changed horses (sold mutual funds) in the middle of the race only to fall behind? We sometimes try to time the market by switching mutual funds or moving from stocks to bonds or money market funds, but history shows us that no one can consistently, over long periods of time, correctly anticipate the market's short-term direction. In the long run we know where it's headed—higher as always. The hard part is sticking to the diet of stocks.

Time is our great friend when investing in stocks, especially when sudden corrections and volatility give us indigestion or

send us on an emotional roller coaster. Successful investing should be as exciting as watching paint dry or grass grow. In the decade of the 90's, the S&P 500 had an average annual growth rate of 17.5 percent. If you had missed the best 40 days during that ten-year period, your gains would have been just 3.9 percent. Since 1982, no correction has lasted more than six months, so anytime you see the market decline by 10 or 20 percent, you should think of it as a stock market "sale" and fill your portfolio with stocks just like you'd fill your pantry with tuna when the grocery store slashes its price. The real risk in long term investing is not being in the market, but in being out of the market and missing the sudden upward advances.

Buy-and-hold strategies work best for the overwhelming majority of investors. Find a few consistently good mutual funds across a spectrum of large and small, domestic and foreign, growth and

value stocks and hang on for the long term. Only rarely should you think about and act on your desire to switch things around. One financial planner did a simple study based on "Money" magazine's recommended mutual funds. He found that buying the top mutual funds recommended in February of every year would have returned only 10 percent annually versus 16 percent in the S&P 500. More revealing, however, was what happened when you changed the funds each year for the newly recommended list of funds. The result was a disappointing 2 percent annual return. Picking last year's hot mutual funds and trading in and out of funds doesn't work.

As always, if you need some help formulating a strategy or deciding which funds fit your objectives, ask a few people for a referral to a financial planner or investment professional and find a trusted advisor who can help you now and in the future with specific and unique circumstances. □



### December 19th Gift Distribution at the Canandaigua VAMC

On December 19, 1999, the second and final major event for the VAMC Volunteer year was held.

The program began in the Building 5 Auditorium. Santa hats were distributed to all the volunteers attending. A good sized group was present, however, the total number of people and the number of the veteran, fraternal, civic, and other organizations they represented was smaller compared to previous years.

During the process of taking photographs, I requested an unknown gentleman in the audience to take a certain group picture for me. He graciously consented. I immediately noticed that he displayed a number of Masonic pins on his suit lapel. He was W. Wayne Smith, a five time Master of Rushville Lodge No. 377. His wife, Leslie, Past Matron of Eastern Star Chapter No. 326 in Canandaigua, accompanied him.



Residents of the VAMC at Canandaigua enjoying gifts and entertainment at the December 19th Gift Distribution.



In addition, I had the pleasure of meeting David Smith, Director of the VAMC in Canandaigua, and his two young daughters, Emily and Hannah.

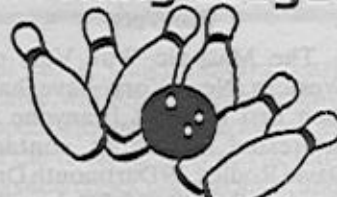
The five volunteers representing the Masonic Service Bureau were: Tom Paglia, June Moon, Tina Wahl and Sylvia and myself. We served refreshments on the Ward, consisting of holiday egg-nog, ice cream and cookies. Gifts that had been wrapped on December 14th were distributed to each and every veteran patient.

#### 2000 Schedule

The next Ward visit is Sunday, March 12th. The Annual VA Volunteer Awards Banquet will be May 4th at Logan's. As far as I know, there is no activity for the Summer. Regular Ward visits will be resumed in October. □



## Masonic Gothic Bowling League



John J. Flynn, Secretary  
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Craig Russell rolled his first 600 with a 613 series (218, 185, 210). He will be receiving an ABC Patch for a series 151 pins over his average.

Rick Flanagan rolled a 722 series (248, 268, 206) for the league's first 700+ series of the season.

Since my last column, league bowlers have rolled 15 - 600+ series and 94 - 200+ games. 600 series were rolled by Rick

Flanagan-636 (254), 633 (225) and 624 (225), Dave Mawhiney-635 (243) and 634 (223), Bob Eckman-631 (256), Don Weis-625 (222) and 619 (226, 223), Bill Rubert-615 and 612, Ken Masi-607 (237), Bob Goodyear-606 (227, 223), and Mitch Wright-602 (223).

Other notable games were rolled by Chris Masi-246, Derek Masi-246, Dave Mawhiney-245, Jim Flanagan-234, Bill Rubert-233, Rob Goodyear-232 and 221, Rick Flanagan-228, Mike Metheny-227, Bob Eckman-225 and 224, John Parker-225, Don Weis-222, Ken Masi-222, Mark Dinatto-205, Bud Crane-202, and Len Mack-201.

The league bowls at 8:30 Wednesday night at Maiden Lanes in Greece. It isn't too early to start thinking about signing up for next season. We are usually in need of substitute bowlers, so stop by and see us some time. □

Sixty tons of snow and rain fall on the roof of an average house each year.



Robertina Wahl, June Moon, Jane Heath (Recreation Therapist), Sylvia Bollotin and Tom Paglia working Ward B.



Tom Paglia holding Hanna Smith, Dave Smith (Director of the VAMC), Emily Smith, Robin Johnson (Volunteer Program Coordinator) and an unidentified Volunteer. (Photos courtesy H. Bollotin).

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Leslie Smith Past Matron O.E.S., Canandaigua and Wayne Smith, five time past Master of Rushville Lodge at the VAMC.



## District Deputy Grand Master

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### DeMolay?

There will be a meeting on March 29th at 7:00 p.m. at Attica Lodge regarding the possibility of starting a DeMolay Chapter. Anyone interested should attend.

### Grand Lodge

There will be a bus going to Grand Lodge in May if anyone

## Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities



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### Exemplar Lodge

Do you lead an exemplar Lodge? Is your Lodge prepared for the 21st Century? Can your Lodge attract the young men of the area? Are your sidelines filled with all of the Masons living in the area which are listed on the membership roll of your Lodge? Does your Lodge business consume more than ten minutes of total time for a regular communication? Did your last regular communication have time devoted to the education of the Brothers of the Lodge?

If you, as Master of your Lodge, can honestly answer all of these questions in the affirmative, I congratulate you on your achievements. You surely understand the true meaning of Masonry.

For those of you who think that you have a true understanding of Masonry, let me tell you that philanthropy, fundraising, Ritual and Degree presentations are the BY-PRODUCTS of our activities and secondary to the real reason for Masonry. True Masonic leaders understand that Masonry is a system of continual education for perpetually making good men better.

Stop and think about that last statement. Analyze the total package of Masonic Ritual, you

does not want to take the train. The cost is approximately \$60.00 per person. Contact Leroy Turner, PO Box 321, Hammondsport, NY 14840-0321 or (607) 569-2407.

### War Vets

The Masonic War Vets of Western New York have had their first meeting. If anyone is interested in joining, contact David Rodler, 39 Dartmouth Dr., Depew, NY 14043-2207. I would very much like to see the Genesee/Wyoming District have their own unit. All we need is 15 Brothers. Think about it.

### Working together

My Brothers, if for some reason we have a difference of opinion with someone, we, as Masons, should sit down and talk it out. Demits are not the answer. We cannot afford to lose anyone. Everything is not black and white, sometimes there may be a gray area. Let's all work together to stretch out our hands and say, "I'm sorry, Brother".

The Brotherhood Fund in the District is doing very well. Keep up the good work.

"We all need each other". Leo Buscaglia  
God be with you.

will see that it amasses many lessons whose sole purpose is for the moral improvement of man. When you increase the morals of mankind through the best education system, you stimulate the mind in other succeeding activities leading to the improvement in the economic social society of the community circle around yourself and your Lodge.

Recognize the fact that a Masonic Lodge is an educational institution. Progress along this line of thought and plan your communications to present some Masonic topic for discussion that will enlighten, refresh, and expand the minds of the members of your Lodge. The topics can vary from Masonic philosophy to a discussion about one of the parables or allegories from the Ritual.

When a man attains the ability to comfortably discuss Masonry, he can then apply those same ideals in public. If a Mason is skillful and proficient, he will set a leadership example for the profane community. Through this type of activity, the Fraternity will grow with men who desire to learn. Remember, it is not the quantity of men, but the quality that we need to develop for better Masons for the 21st Century.

A Lodge meeting agenda should appear similar to this format: Opening, 10 minutes; Business, 10 minutes; Educational presentation, 30 minutes; and Closing, 10 minutes, total 60 minutes.

If this is like a new idea to you or for your Lodge because it's not the way it has been done in the past, let me tell you this is the method that has been recommended by the Grand Lodge Development Program for the last 20 years. This format is designed

to encourage new members to attend for growth in Masonic knowledge, and give the members of longer association a chance to elaborate on the truths they believe and live by.

### Election of Officers

At the Annual Meeting on January 16th, the following officers were elected in due form. President W. George Springett Secretary R.W. Dennis M.

Turton, Sr.

Treasurer R.W. Paul H. Smith Members-at-large for the term of office ending at the conclusion of the year 2002-R.W. Richard C. Anderson and W. Joseph Chimino.

### Future dates

The Grand Commandery Line Officers will Re-dedicate the Batavia Asylum at Attica Lodge hall on March 25th.

On March 29th DeMolay will have an organizational meeting at Attica.

There will be a Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities meeting at Hesperus Lodge on May 26th. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. Dinner reservations are required 7 days in advance. BRING THE LADIES.

## Editor's Award for Lodge Articles

This article was selected for its concise, straight-forward style and economy of language.

## Attica Lodge No. 462 F. & A.M.



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### Masonic Bingo Night

For many years the Genesee/Wyoming Masonic District has assisted the Veterans Hospital in Batavia with their Bingo games. With 12 Lodges in the District, each Lodge has one night per month. Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30 p.m., is Attica Lodge's night to assist. Eight to ten members are needed to set up tables, bring patients from their rooms in wheelchairs, call numbers and assist the players. After the games the Lodge serves light refreshments to the players. It takes only about two hours and is very rewarding to see the veterans having a good time. If you are able to assist, your time will be greatly appreciated. Hope to see you there.

### Benefit Dinner

A Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Attica High School Marching Band will be held at Attica Lodge, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on March 4th. The Band Jazz Ensemble will play at the Lodge during dinner. Band members will also furnish serving and bussing details in the dining room, along with kitchen clean-up. Profits will go to the Band's Travel Fund for the trip to Miami to march in the December, 2000, Orange Bowl Parade.

### Remember

As of this writing, 60% of all Annual Dues have been received.

Our goal, if possible, is to have 100% of dues paid prior to March 15th. This is the date when our Annual Grand Lodge Assessment is due. Please remember the Brotherhood Fund as your cable-tow will allow.

### 1st Degree

A thank you is extended from Attica Lodge to all the Brethren who attended and assisted with the 1st Degree on January 19th. The work was excellent and everyone was greatly impressed by the drama and exemplification by all who participated. It will certainly be a tough act for the 2nd Degree to follow.

### First Sunday

The pancakes and attendance were both excellent at Attica Lodge's February Pancake Breakfast. Don't worry if you missed it because there is another first Sunday breakfast on March 5th. It's difficult to improve on excellent pancakes, so with some help, we'll concentrate on attendance.

By William A. Gephart

Brother Oel Kidder was a member of Attica Lodge No. 462 and a very faithful Brother to the Lodge and its membership before his passing to the Master above. This poem was written at the time of his death, as everyone that knew him, loved him. He was also known in the Shrine and the Scottish Rite, and well known in the OES and the Order of the Amaranth in which he served several offices and dedicated himself to their beliefs.

### Servant of the Temple

Servant of the temple  
Labor now no more;  
Rest thy gentle hand  
From those at the door.  
Servant of the temple,  
Master of the Word,  
Rest in gentle glory  
The passions so often heard.  
Servant of the temple,  
Guardian of its altar;  
Drape it now in purple  
His memory never falter.

Helen Gephart

How true these words do apply to all our dearly departed Brothers.

## Batavia Lodge No. 475 F. & A.M.

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By R.W. Robert Dagen, Sec.

### Fraternal greetings

By the time this publication gets to each of you, I trust that it will find you enjoying the beginning of more temperate weather, 'lifting spirits and renewing vigor and vitality'. Maybe it is unfair for me to make this assumption that all do not care for the 'cold Winter atmosphere'. I do it speaking for myself and my own mental and physical feelings. If I offend anyone, I apologize.

Speaking of 'lifting spirits and renewing vigor and vitality', at this point in time, as relates to our Fraternity, we have a couple of events which will enhance this thought. First, our newest

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Brother will have completed his progression of receiving the Degrees of Masonry, having been passed to the Fellowcraft Degree on January 20th and being raised to the Degree of Master Mason on February 17th. We welcome him with enthusiasm and open arms. I would encourage each of you to meet and greet him at your earliest convenience.

Secondly, the renovation work of the third floor of our Lodge is on schedule. It is hoped that it will be complete by our first communication of March. Come and see for yourself!

### Together We Build

I would like to take this opportunity to remind each of you of the desire and belief of our Grand Master, M. W. Stewart C. McCloud. At his Installation almost two years past, he gave each of us a challenge, that being "Together We Build". "Together" as defined is 'in harmony and accord'; 'We', you and I-we, represent people in general; 'Build', defined as 'to establish and strengthen; create and add to'. His statement cannot be explained in a more simple form or manner.

Batavia Lodge No. 475 and Masonry in general, is not looking for 'quantity' in its ranks, but most importantly, 'quality'. Whether you live locally or out of town, each of you know of someone who fits the description of 'quality' and would jump at the chance to recommend him a Fraternity built on 'taking good men and making them better' by sharing and strengthening the beliefs of 'morality, friendship and brotherly love'. Please let us know who these individuals are.

### Reminders

We have distributed five Scholarship Applications for the 2000 Education Assistance Program. Applications must be postmarked by April 30th. Remember, applicants are children, grandchildren, and widows of Masons of this jurisdiction. If you want an application, please write or telephone me.

If you have not as yet contributed to the Brotherhood Fund, and find it within your means, please do so at your earliest convenience. The Lodge Fund Chairman reports that our respective contributions are coming in, but we're looking for contributors who have not done so to date.

I respectfully request that you check your dues card and if it does not indicate year 2000, it is a sure indication that you probably have not sent your remittance for the same. Please attend to this at your earliest convenience.

### Sickness

I have been informed that W. Richard Rung has taken a fall and injured his shoulder. I do not have any particulars at the present, but we do wish him a full and speedy recovery. As of this writing, rumors have it that he can be seen back working at Top's Market in Batavia. I have also been informed that R.W. Steven Wing, of Triluminar, has incurred an injury to his hip while working around his farm. We also wish him a full and speedy recovery. Brother Gerald Sawdey continues as a resident of the Veterans Home of New York located on the grounds of the Batavia VA Center. I have had the opportunity to visit briefly with his lady, Norma, who informed me that he has his good days and also days which are not. We keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

Until next month, may God bless us all!

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### Please be there

Upon receiving your *Masonic Times*, please mark your calendar for a very important communication on March 15th. I expect and need every member within driving distance to be at this meeting. There are many critical subjects to cover.

### Health problems

Last Fall I bragged about my health and this January I was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Each year at my annual physical I have digital and PSA exams. Last November my PSA number was elevated, and the biopsy proved the prostate was cancerous.

I have had chest x-rays, a bone scan, transrectal ultrasonography, computed tomography, intravenous pyelogram, magnetic resonance imaging, and the final procedures of external beam radiation therapy, with radioactive seed implants. Because my condition was found early, my doctors are very enthusiastic for my recovery. You don't realize the importance of early detection. At your annual physical, my Brothers, have the digital and PSA exams for prostate cancer.

The following was printed in our "Church Bulletin" by an Unknown Author:

Don't quit when the tide is lowest,  
For it's just about to turn  
Don't quit over doubts and questions,  
For there is something you may learn  
Don't quit when the night is darkest  
For it's just a while to dawn  
Don't quit when you've run the farthest,  
For the race is almost won  
Don't quit when the hill is steepest,  
For your goal is almost nigh  
Don't quit, for you are not a failure,  
Until you fail to try.

## West Star Lodge No. 413 F. & A.M.



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### Think Spring, Brothers!

Even though the Winter has not been bad, let's come out of hibernation. At our March 6th communication, we will celebrate our Brothers years of service. This will be an open meeting. Brothers to be honored are: 5 years, Duncan King; 10 years, Neil Parmeter, Donald Larish; 15 years, Shawn Wright, James

## District Deputy Grand Master Monroe District



R.W. Donald Darrohn  
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### The Right Take

Saturday, February 12th, the Masters and Wardens had a regularly scheduled meeting at Northfield Lodge. There was significant discussion about the Have-a-Heart Campaign. W. William Lindsay, the DDGM designate, joined us for the meeting. He offered some remarks about the Campaign for the Ronald McDonald House that really struck me as being right on the mark. It was his contention that having been there and participated at the booth, we were better Masons for our efforts and the money wasn't as important as the experience. I know he's right!

There's another aspect of our efforts for the "Home Away from Home" that we can't put a value on. It's exposure. It still amazes me that the number of individuals who will offer money for a heart, but don't understand what the Ronald McDonald House is for. We perform a valuable service when we effectively relate where, what and how about this community resource.

### Final plans

May is right around the corner, and that will bring Election of Officers at the first meeting

Weber, Fred Stalhood; 25 years, Stephen Licht; 40 years, Arthur Travis; 45 years, Merle Robinson; 55 years, Frederick Luce, Ellsworth Eck, Warren Wheeler, Darwin Wheeler and Harold Spink.

Plans are being made for a Past Masters Night at the Lodge on March 20th. It would be great if all could attend.

I hope to see you there.

## Arcade Lodge No. 419 F. & A.M.



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### Brethren

Thanks much for your help and co-operation at our recent 1st Degree, held January 22nd.

I am looking forward to an equally good performance when our two new Brothers are passed to Fellowcraft, along with two or three other Brothers who have been in limbo for a while. The new Brothers will be raised to

after Grand Lodge Sessions. The Senior Warden is in the final stages of completing his trestleboard for the coming year. The Brethren may have some suggestions for meeting topics. These need to be communicated to the Senior Warden. Your support for your Lodge should begin with a commitment to participate and communicate your expectations.

### Degrees

Many Lodges have slated Degrees for the coming months. These represent an opportunity to support your Brethren and Lodge. Plan on attending. You remember the feeling of Brotherly Love and affection when you were brought to Light with the sidelines crowded. Why not take a look at the calendar on the back page? Call a Brother and go visit a Lodge you haven't been to in some time where they're doing a Degree. We should also remember those Brothers we recently brought into the Craft. Take them to a Lodge so they may refresh in their own minds the beautiful Ritual they went through.

April 15th, Saturday, at the Downtown Temple, the District will be holding a Degree Fest. There are several Lodges planning on participating, all are welcome and encouraged to attend. Lodges may team up to do the first section in the morning, the second section will be completed together in the afternoon. Please call the Assistant Grand Lecturers for details; V.W. John Zabel at 223-3228 or V.W. Daniel Walker at 429-6572.

### Circus

The Shrine Circus will be in town March 23rd through March 26th. These are our Brothers at work providing a service to our community by bringing handicapped and underprivileged children to an event they might not have otherwise had the opportunity to see. If you have some free time while the Circus is here, I'm sure they could use your help.

Master Mason on April 1st at 2:00 p.m.

My Brothers, please keep these dates open for this important Degree work. We will have a dinner prior to the 3rd Degree on April 1st. Reservations, please.

### Think Spring!

We are still planning a huge lawn sale sometime in the Spring. We have plenty of storage space for your clean saleable goods. This could be a painless way to raise badly needed funds for our Lodge.

Remember, April 18th is Bingo Night at the VA Hospital. We have to be there by 6:30 p.m. Your participation is appreciated.

## Remember!



## The Brotherhood Fund

## Grand Lodge Staff Officer

### Monroe District



R.W. Ruel R. Lovett  
Grand Sword Bearer  
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I'm sure you will recall my telling you about jobs on the airplane, the semi and the Staten Island Ferry. Those jobs didn't go very well, but not to worry. Cousin Vinnie came through. He got me a job on Amtrak. This time there was no way to go wrong. The train is on tracks. It can only go in one direction, and on a pre-planned course. I could only start it moving or stop it.

Now that I'm well trained, I'm on my way. I've made many trips and I know the route very well. We have a computer. There are directional lights and we have radio contact with "control".

One day I approached a curve in the road and I began to slow the train. The assistant engineer asked why we were slowing down. The lights are green. I told him that we had a close call at an intersection up ahead last month. A car went through the gates in front of the train. There was no way to stop in time, but we were in luck. The car got through - barely! What luck! It would have taken us about a mile to stop.

When we rounded the curve, we saw a car beginning to go through the gates again. I applied the brakes. We slowed somewhat. It was enough, but only because we had previously began to slow down.

Each of us should be armed with all of the knowledge that we can muster. Then we must trust our instincts. You have the best possible AGLs, who not only put on the Schools of Ritual, but stand ready to help at any time. They will also answer questions at any time. If you are timid, they will be "underused". You have a very good Library which has been brought up to date and re-furnished by R.W. Jay McCullough. It too, is "underused". Your District Deputy and Staff Officer, although busy, are still "underused". Your Grand Lodge programs, such as LSOME, are "underused" or not used at all. The Philaethes Society continues to offer help, but is "underused". Have we really become the "underused" District?

In my travels I have seen a clear lack of workable programs. I have also seen good and industrious programs. I offer my congratulations to the officers of those Lodges. To the other Lodges, you owe it to your members to try "something", even if it's wrong. It's better to try something and fail than to try nothing at all.

One Lodge runs two Fish Fries, Chicken Dinners, and other fundraisers to support their Scholarship Fund. They participate in programs with the local schools. They give awards to members of the community. They participate in parades. As individuals, they participate in local government. They have a visitation program and give fruit bas-

kets to ill Brothers. They call on the widows and offer their support. They support "food for the hungry" programs. They have a Christmas program whereby they box up food and take these baskets to shut-ins. They have a regular column in the *Masonic Times*. They have an active phone committee. These are in addition to their in-Lodge programs. This Lodge is taking in members. Can you guess why?

Can we help? Yes, we can, but any program must be initiated by YOU. Have you visited another Lodge lately? Why don't you try to get the Traveling Gavel? Why not visit other Lodges, with or without the Gavel. You will see for yourself which Lodges are doing better, and which Lodges are not. In the Lodges that are not doing well, do you see some of the "doings" of your own Lodge?

It's no secret that I believe the two biggest assets of a successful Lodge are their persistency in doing good Ritual work and their ability to instill pride in their members. These assets do not come easily. It takes persistence and hard work. Which kind of Lodge do you belong to?

## Assistant Grand Lecturers Monroe District



V.W. Dan B. Walker



V.W. John Zabel

By V.W. John Zabel

### School of Ritual

The next School of Ritual will be held on Thursday, March 30th, at Union Star Lodge in Honeoye Falls. The School starts at 7:30 p.m. The work for the evening will be the 1st Section of the 3rd Degree. The Lodges exemplifying the work will be ERAC and Etolian. The School of Ritual is the best place to learn how the Ritual should be conferred or to confirm your interpretation of how it should be conferred. We will also answer questions on any other Degree or ritualistic matter. Come and support your Lodge's effort to win the Attendance Banner. It should be noted that Charlotte/Corinthian did not get the most number of attendance points at the School in January.

### The Ritual

In recent days questions have been raised about the Ritual for the three Degrees. The questions have revolved around what is required and what is optional. The answers can be found in the "Standard Work and Lectures of Ancient Craft Masonry in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York" printed by the Grand Secretary and dated 1996. However, many Masons have not taken the time to read the book, so here is our response.

For the 1st Degree, as with all the Degrees, the 1st Section in its entirety is required. Now for the

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2nd Section, this Section is broken into three parts. Part one is the Lecture of Forms and Ceremonies, i.e. the Questions and Answers. This is required at the time the Degree is conferred. The 2nd part is the Lecture of Reasons, i.e. the Why's and Wherefore's. This is required at the time the Degree is conferred. The 3rd part is the Historical Lecture, i.e. Lantern Lecture. This Lecture is a required part of the Degree, but the Master is given permission to defer the Lecture to the next communication. Take note, Brethren, the Lantern Lecture must be given. It can not be ignored. The 3rd part of the 2nd Section is the Charge. The Charge must always be given at the end of the conferral of the Degree.

The 2nd Degree, 2nd Section, contains the Middle Chamber Lecture which must be given at the time of the Degree or the new Fellowcraft is not considered as having completed the Degree. The Lecture of the Forms and Ceremonies is also to be given at the time of the Degree. There is also a charge for the 2nd Degree. This is to be given at the time of the Degree conferral!

The 3rd Degree, 2nd Section, is the raising of the new Master Mason. However, the 3rd Degree has a 3rd Section. It contains the Historical Lecture and the Lecture of Forms and Ceremonies. The Historical Lecture can be given at the conclusion of the 2nd Section. It can also be broken into two parts, one given before the start of the 2nd Section and the 2nd part after the 2nd Section. Lastly, the Historical Lecture can be given at a subsequent communication, but it must be given in one of three ways. The Lecture of Forms and Ceremonies is the only part of the Degree that is truly optional. The Charge is to be given at the conclusion of the conferral of the Degree.

I know that your concern now is that "we do not have anyone that knows all these Lectures or Charges". Well, that is where your District Officers and AGLs come in. Call these Brothers for assistance in finding a Brother to do the Lectures, etc. The Lodges in the Districts should work together when needed. We are all Brethren, regardless of Lodge affiliation. Dan and I are always ready to help, as are the District Deputy and Staff Officers.

Why should the candidate for the Degrees be presented with all the Lectures? Since one of the tenets of Freemasonry is to make good men better, we need a method to do this. The Lectures are the 2nd step in the process of teaching new Brothers the principles of our institution. Although the symbols and their meanings are not fully defined in the lectures, the Lectures present a large amount of information.

The new Brother is not expected to assimilate the information on first hearing it. All Brethren should listen to the Lectures when given as they will, by reflection, find new meaning and instruction for their own life. Freemasonry's teachings are not prescriptive, but are reflective. By contemplating the Lectures, a Brother can find his own meaning and shape his path through life by the meaning found. □

## Bureau of Masonic Education Monroe County

President:  
V.W.: John Zabel

By V.W.: John Zabel  
Learning?

"George, I don't know if I will continue my membership in the Lodge. I thought that I would really find something in Masonry, but the meetings are usually business. What a bore," said Frank one morning while having breakfast with George. Frank was a new member of the Lodge and had become a good friend of George. They usually met for breakfast.

"I know what you mean," replied George. "I get bored with the business much of the time. I do like some of the programs, however. That makes going to meetings much more interesting. I also like talking to my Masonic friends after a meeting."

"Yeh, I do like some of the programs, but I was hoping for more," said Frank.

"Well, I've got a question for you," said George. "Why Ethiopia?"

"Huh? What are you asking?" replied Frank.

"Why did the ruffians want to go to Ethiopia?" asked George.

"I don't know," said Frank. "Why did they want to go to Ethiopia?"

"Well, why don't you find out," said George.

"How do I do that?"

"I would suggest that you start by reading all you can about the Hiram Legend. You can start by getting in touch with the Livingston Library and asking what references they may have and go from there. This could be an interesting research project," said George.

"OK, I'll give it a try," said Frank.

Several weeks passed before George saw Frank again. In that time he discovered that Frank had paid his dues to the Lodge, so he must have decided to keep his membership. When they met, Frank seemed different to George.

"How are things going, Frank?" asked George.

"Boy, you set me on quite a path. I have been researching the Ethiopia question, but have not found the answer yet, but I'm learning a lot. I've been thinking of putting together a talk for the Lodge," said Frank.

"Great, I'm sure the Master could use the program. Why don't you get in touch with him," replied George.

"I'll do it this week," said Frank.

As time passed, George noticed that Frank was becoming a regular attendee at Lodge meetings. He did give that first talk, which was well received, and continued to give talks on a regular basis. George noticed that Frank had found a place for himself in Masonry and that Frank was now a happy productive Mason.

### What's happening?

The Bureau of Masonic Education met on Thursday, January 27th. The meeting was used to start the definition of the Bureau's program for the coming year. It was decided that one of the programs we will be sponsoring will be based on the Lodge System of Masonic Education. The preliminary plan is to de-

velop a series of programs to assist new Brothers to learn their work after the 1st and 2nd Degrees and to help them understand the meaning of the Forms and Ceremonies they passed through. The basis of the program will be the LSOME and the Lectures. To make this program a success the Bureau will need Brethren that would be interested in spending an hour and a half sometime between September and April assisting new Brothers. If you are interested, please contact me at 223-3228 for more information. We could also use Brethren to help in developing the program. □

## Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.



President  
W.: Phillip R. Hurwitz 581-1831  
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### Greetings, Brothers

We will meet on March 11th at 10:00 a.m. at Churchville Lodge. There is a change in the trestleboard as to future meetings and places: April 8th at Fame/Germania Lodge at 10:00 a.m.; and May 6th at Clio Lodge at 7:30 p.m. for the Ox Roast.

Our January meeting was very productive. We had representatives from 12 Lodges in attendance.

Our annual solicitation for the Ronald McDonald House was a success. The Have-a-Heart Campaign is very popular with mall patrons; and places Masonry in a very good light. Thank you to all the Brothers who donated their time at the malls to make this year's solicitation a success.

### Thanks

Thank you to our Association Secretary, Brother Lew Perna, Senior Warden at ERAC No. 943. Brother Lew was tireless in his efforts in organizing Marketplace Mall. In addition to that task, Brother Lew constructed fabric curtains to display paper hearts at the mall. That was no easy task.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to our DDGM, R.W.: Don Darrohn. His efforts in ensuring a spot at the malls to solicit money, rounding up supplies, and buttonholing merchants for donations, is appreciated by the Craft. I know it was frustrating at times, but Brother Don, with his usual sense of grace, saw to it that this year's effort would be successful. His hard work today will make the load that much lighter in the future.

### Labor of love

On January 16th I joined with Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 at the Ronald McDonald House to help prepare and serve dinner to families staying at the Home. W.: Andy Alvarez, W.: Jim De Lorenzo, Brother Bill King, (Senior Warden and master chef) and R.W.: Don Darrohn donated their love and labor to make the dinner a success. The amazing thing is we were all in tuxedos and stayed clean! Imagine that! Better yet, go to [www.ronaldhouse.com](http://www.ronaldhouse.com). I'm told that a picture of those men in black will be posted on the web site for the local Ronald McDonald House.

### Spring!

Mark your calendars for Saturday evening, May 13th, our Association's Annual Spring Dinner. The cost is only \$25.00 per person and includes a keepsake. This year's theme is "Masonry 2000". R.W.: Don Vetal will be our guest speaker. Afterwards, we DANCE! Bring your significant other. This promises to be a memorable evening. As an added treat, we will be taking and producing electronic pictures on the spot of those in attendance. W.: Tom Richenderfer and Brother Mike Morris of Fairport Lodge No. 476 have generously agreed to make these arrangements. My thanks to W.: Mo Schirano of Webster Lodge No. 538 and W.: Dave Foster of Germania Lodge No. 722 for their efforts in keeping our ticket prices affordable.

Don't forget the Widows Luncheon on March 18th at Logan's Party House. An information packet was sent to all Masters through the District. This is an opportunity for the Craft to demonstrate Masonic benevolence towards our deceased Brothers' widows. □

## Membership Retention

R.W.: Joseph Privitera  
Monroe District

### Biting the bullet or Lodge merger, ugh

Let's face it, Lodge consolidations are tough. Traditions go down the tubes, the way we used to do things are gone, we may lose our building, what is going to happen to all the specific charities a Lodge gives to and what happens to the Lodge assets? Yes, all these things and many more must be considered in a Lodge merger.

However, for many Lodges and their members (and let's face it, without members we don't exist) the time is now. Officer lines are difficult to fill, finding members to do the work is a difficult job, money is short, nobody wants to do the Secretary's, Treasurer's or Trustee's jobs, and that building is costing more and more every year, even if the money is there.

Now you may come up to me and say, "Joe, what do Lodge mergers have to do with membership retention?" Well, membership retention is a lot more than trying to get Brothers not to drop for non-payment of dues. Membership retention covers Masonic Education, Long Range Planning, Awards, Widows, Lodges and Temples, just to mention a few. In this case, Lodges need to come together to do a better job for their members. The better we do the job, the more apt we are to keep Brothers in the Craft.

Let me bore you a bit with some numbers for your consideration. In 1950, Monroe County had 31 Lodges and 11,699 Masons with an average of 377 Brothers per Lodge. Today we have 19 Lodges and 3400 Masons with an average of 126 Brothers per Lodge. One of the things this says is that we have fewer to draw from for leadership in our Lodges than we had 50 years ago.

So now that I have presented the situation most of us know exists, what do we do about it? We consolidate our resources! We can get our butts up and moving and not wait to be picked off one by one. I am not talking about two weak Lodges merging to-

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gether to form another weak Lodge. What I am suggesting and looking forward to is four or more Lodges consolidating to form a strong Lodge. This can be duplicated in different sections of the county. We could consolidate our resources, leadership, monies, efforts and, more importantly, all those good things that Masonry is really about.

I realize that there are many aspects to consider in any consolidation, but it is time to bite the bullet. It won't be easy. Nothing worthwhile is. If you have any comments, pro or con, please let me know. □

## Past Master's Supper Club

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292-6383

### We still have a roster

The Past Masters Supper Club has been dormant during recent months. This has been primarily due to the closing of the old Red Men's Club on Lexington Avenue, following a fire at that location, and secondly due to finding an eatery that will tolerate a group once a month for dinner, followed by an evening's program and card games.

The officers have concluded that a switch from the 4th Friday to the 4th Thursday might be more palatable for a commercial establishment since there is not as large a customer draw. There are a minimal number of related organization conflicts with the Craft, also.

Should any member have a place in mind, or some thought or recommendation on how to proceed, contact the Secretary, Bob Sanford, at 292-6383 and let him know how you feel. We'd like to be back in business at the end of March. Should we be able to establish a place and date, we will be in touch by postcard or telephone to invite one and all back to monthly gatherings. □

## Monroe Masonic Secretaries Association

President  
F. Jay McCullough  
352-1061  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Philip Averbach  
458-1817

By R.W.: Jay McCullough

### Welcome new and almos!

Brother Bob Sweeney has come aboard in Union Star No. 320 to succeed Brother Joe Cotteleer as Secretary. Brothers Mike Batz of Valley/Simes and Mike Schwartz of Etolian are presently in the wings, awaiting annual elections when their membership may choose to make them Secretaries of their respective Lodges, succeeding R.W.: Herb Spencer and me. These new guys seem to be of an intellect, age and temperament which will fit in very well with the electronics movements afoot in Lodge administrative duties. Welcome



to the Association! We are pleased that you come out to the meetings to share your knowledge with several of us in need of enlightenment.

#### New MLSS is on the horizon

We are told that a much needed update of the Masonic Lodge Secretary's System of computerized Lodge administrative tasks is moving along very well, thank you. We know there is progress, since this is a work of Brethren in this District, and they have shared some of the development process with those of us who push paper at present. It seems to be an exciting process which should improve efficiencies in communicating with our Brethren and Grand Lodge with e-mail, fax, internet and web sites being common ground.

#### Current Masters invited

The Association is having a dinner meeting at the Downtown Masonic Temple in Rochester on April 17th starting at 6:30 p.m. Secretaries are inviting their respective Masters so they can share some Grand Lodge action items with them before they head to the Big Apple.

This is a year of change with a new Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and other new Officers to be elected and appointed. Our nominated District Grand Lodge Officers will be invited also so we can make a concerted effort, and maybe some slight differences, in the future of the Craft in New York. There are some action items that all should be in tune with. The dinner and meeting are in casual dress, as is usual for this group.

#### Other invitees

We are in hopes that some of our secretarial counterparts in Wayne, Livingston, Genesee/Wyoming, Ontario and Orleans Districts will consider joining us, along with their respective new Masters or alternates who are heading to Grand Lodge the first week of May. Brother Averbach will be in touch.

#### Association elections

At the Meeting on January 31st, the perennial Secretary/Treasurer, R.W. Phil Averbach of Flower City Lodge, was re-elected for the year 2000. A new Vice-President was elected to serve this year and he is Brother Tom Kendig of Craftsman/Robertson. R.W. Jay McCullough of Etolian accepted reelection as President until June when he steps aside from Secretarial duties and is no longer eligible for elected office in the Association.

#### Polls

We are planning to poll secretaries at the April meeting in a form of a "Masonic Census". We are looking to get averages of the cost of dues, any wages that may be paid to officers, amount extended to Masters for Grand Lodge expenses, and some of the "stuff" that appears on Annual Reports to the District Deputy. We are also interested in the level of wizardry provided by the Lodge or the Secretary in electronics equipment and usages. Come share your secretarial expertise to the extent you are willing and able.

#### Overconfidence

Gross overconfidence nullifies doubt. And the absence of doubt begets illusionary invincibility which begets narrow-mindedness and appearance of total ignorance. D. Brigger


## Union Star

### Lodge No. 320

3 N. Main St.  
Honeoye Falls, NY

W. John H. Williams  
Master  
533-1188

2nd Mon.  
7:30 P.M.



Robert Sweeney, Sec.  
(h) 381-5286 (w) 272-2481  
33 Cullens Run, Pittsford, 14534

#### Ronald McDonald House

Our participation in the Have-a-Heart Campaign on Sunday, February 6th, at the Marketplace Mall was a great success. All of the contributions that were made by the mall visitors will go directly to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. My thanks go out to the other members of our Lodge who assisted in our booth: Terry Hatch, Richard Dye, Jerry Wiedemann, Tom Michael, Mike Weber, Rob Sweeney and Jim Nersinger.

#### March meetings

At our regular meeting on Monday, March 13th, we will be considering some changes in our By-Laws. We are hoping a lot of members will attend and give us their input and comments on these changes. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Fellowcraft Meeting will be on Monday the 27th at 7:00 p.m. We will be reviewing projects to improve our Lodge and participate in community service activities. In order for these projects to be successful, we will need cooperation from most of our members, not just a few officers. Let us know if you have suggestions or can be active in this group.

#### Brotherhood Fund

It is still not too late to send in your contribution to the Brotherhood Fund. Brother Jim Nersinger can help is you have misplaced your form. Give him a call at 334-9057 and he can tell you the categories for the distribution of your donation and where to send your check.

#### Host Lodge

We will be the host Lodge for the School of Ritual on Thursday, March 30th. The School begins at 7:00 p.m., but you need to be registered before the meeting starts. We hope to have a large turnout of our members. The School will be covering the first half of the 3rd Degree, and we will probably need some of our members to fill some of the chairs and participate in some of the Ritual work.


March also brings the start of Spring, the reduction of the snow and the return of the robins. Along with these events come others that are important to our Lodge. Saturday, March 18th, is the day of the Widows Luncheon at Logan's Party House. On that same day (in the afternoon) we have been asked to assist Oatka Lodge in Scottsville in conferring the 3rd Degree and we will need as many as possible to attend and fill in as Craftsmen, etc. On that same day (in the evening) Oatka Lodge will have its St. Patrick's Party, complete with their Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Give me a call at 533-1188 and I should have the times for these activities and I can pass along your reservations for the dinner.

## FAIRPORT

### Lodge No. 476

W. Tom Richenderfer,  
Master  
377-7782

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



W. George R. Bracht, Secretary  
(h) 383-1947  
37 South Main St.  
Fairport, N.Y. 14450

There is great news, good news, and not-so-good news at Fairport Lodge this month. I will start out with the great news.

The Defibrillator Committee held a breakfast at the Lodge with Fairport Mayor Clark King, Fairport Police Chief Brian Page, members of the Fairport service organizations and reporters to formally kick off the campaign to raise money to purchase the defibrillators for placement in the Fairport Police cruisers. I would like to thank W. Tom Goodrich for volunteering to cook for this event. I urge all Brothers to volunteer to help the Defibrillator Committee in some way, no matter how small, because it is the community recognition from projects like this that will raise our standing in the community and draw in new members who will be active in the Fraternity.

#### Lodge cleanup

The good news is that the Lodge Cleanup Committee met at the Lodge as reported in the last issue of the *Masonic Times* and found a gold mine of historical items. We found the original minutes book of the Lodge (first meeting recorded was April 16, 1859), a certificate with a wax seal that is dated 1804, architect plans for a grand, three story Lodge building for Fairport Lodge (I can't find a date for this item) and the transcript of a Masonic trial for a Fairport Lodge member in 1923. We also found programs from various anniversary celebrations, documentation from the purchase and renovation of the current Lodge building and memorabilia from the 100th Anniversary Celebration in 1959.

The next step is to get some knowledgeable assistance in going through all of these items so that we can get as much information as possible and also learn about how we need to store these items so that they do not degrade any more than necessary.

Any Brothers who are interested or have special knowledge of the history of the Lodge please volunteer to help the Committee work with this material so that we can use it to our best advantage.

#### Sickness and distress

Now the bad news. Over the last month or two, a number of our Brothers have been ill and had to go to the hospital to recover from their maladies. R.W. Chick Becker, W. Mike Landgren, Brother Don Swanson and Brother Norman Diedrich could all use a card, a telephone call or a visit to help cheer them.

#### A final note

I would like to thank all of the Brothers who came out to Eastview Mall to support the Have-a-Heart Campaign for Ronald McDonald House. I am sure that they helped raise another record-breaking total to support this very worthy cause. Again, thank you.


## WEBSTER

### Lodge No. 538

30 Orchard St.  
Webster, N.Y. 14580

W. Bernard Russell,  
Master  
872-1353

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



W. Paul Soltzick, Sec.  
671-8980

First of all, I have some news from February. Webster Lodge absconded with the Traveling Gavel. Twelve members from the Lodge visited Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge and were treated to one of the best 1st Degrees I have seen in quite a while. It was a pleasure to sit in the East during the Degree and I know that the Brothers of Webster enjoyed watching from the sidelines.

#### DeWitt Clinton Award

The following Thursday Webster Lodge awarded the Webster Fire Department the DeWitt Clinton Award. What a success! The Fire Department not only honored us with a terrific evening by attending the dinner and presentation, they gave the Lodge Brothers an excellent lecture with questions and answers regarding the fire rescue career as volunteers.

#### Traveling Gavel

Wait-there is more going on at the sidelines than meets the eye. The Traveling Gavel was taken in plain sight right out from under our noses. The suspects are none other than our Sister Lodge in Canada. Yes, visitors from another country have the Gavel. Seeing our Brothers from Canada was a great surprise and the Traveling Gavel has helped renew friendships that have been put on hold for at least five years. I am making a call to all of our Brothers at Webster Lodge to help me get the Gavel back on Ionic Lodge's next meeting which is the first Wednesday of each month. We will again have the Gavel for the next Lodge that wants to try and take it from us.

#### Condolences

On a sad note, Brother Daniel Ertel, Jr., from Plano, Texas, has

traveled to that undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveler returns. He passed away February 1, 2000.

#### Widows Luncheon

The Masonic Widows Luncheon will be on March 18th. Paul Soltzick has tickets and information. Reservations have to be in by March 10th. Please contact Bernard Russell at 872-1353 or me if any Brother knows of anyone who should be invited or who needs a ride.

#### Congratulations

I congratulate Brothers Doug Koenig, John Merz, and Brad Lewis for completing the Road to the East Program. They will certainly lead the Lodge well into the new millennium.

#### Degree work

Our 3rd Degree will be Downtown this year at the Degree Fest on April 15th. I will need help from the Brothers conferring the final Degree for the year. The new Brothers have experienced the finest Degree work from the Brothers of Webster Lodge. The 3rd Degree will definitely transition them into Lodge as active members, especially if the sidelines are full of Brothers welcoming them to our Fraternity. Clear your calendars and attend this Degree. Show the new Brothers, who may serve as line officers, that you love and support your Lodge.

#### Spaghetti Dinners

One last note. I am always encouraging all Brothers still in New York to support the Spaghetti Dinners. Some of the Brothers have gone South and in order to keep the Dinners a success, I am asking all who can help to come to them. They are held the first Friday of each month. Brother Doug Koenig and crew need your help.

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## Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109



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2nd Tuesday  
7:30 P.M.

R.W.: Herbert Spencer, Sec.  
271-8577

875 Main Street East  
Rochester, N.Y.  
14605-2789

By Michael C. McBride

### Fellowcraft Club

We will be meeting at our Lodge for the next couple of months to try out something different. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday and will consist of three abbreviated parts.

1. Fellowcraft meeting
2. Lodge Stations practice
3. Card playing and socializing. Snacks and some food will be provided.

We need help with coaches for new members and participation for socializing. If participation and feedback is good, we will continue this. If 6:00 p.m. is not good for you, come on down when you can. Please call me for input or more information (663-4636).

By Herb Spencer, Secretary

Brethren, I am writing this so you are not surprised. Our next Lodge elections are coming in May. At that time I will not be accepting the nomination for Secretary. I have only done this for five years, however at this time it is becoming a very burdensome job.

For those who never have done this, it is really a full time job, if done properly. Over the last few months this has become an even greater task. I have already suggested to the Nominating Committee a Brother who could be my replacement. However, I will work closely with who ever takes my place and help out as much as my cable tow will allow. I will try and keep you posted through e-mail as much as possible. I thank the Lodge for all the support they have given me.

## Seneca Lodge No. 797

Second Tuesday  
6:00 P.M.



W.: Robert Franzen  
594-4029

Robert C. Green, Jr., Secretary  
223-5953

30 Orchard St.,  
Webster, N.Y. 14580

### Condolences

The celebration of one life has ended and a new one begun for our dear Brother, W.: Arthur William Schuster, Sr. Arthur was in his 98th year of life when the Grand Architect called him on January 27, 2000. Brother Schuster was raised in Hiram Lodge in 1928 and affiliated with Seneca No. 920 in 1939. He served as Master in 1947, joined Rochester Consistory in 1942, Damascus Shrine in 1947 and Hamilton Chapter, RAM, in 1949. Arthur and his wife, Irene, loved to travel and have covered most of the world. A trip to Florida was made as recently as 1997.

Art was an inspiration to all whose lives he touched. He will be missed by those in the Craft who knew him well and by those of us who were fortunate enough to meet and speak with him only a few times. With Brother Schuster's passing, W.: James S.D. Cooper assumes the mantle of Senior Past Master of the combined Lodges, being Master of Frank R. Lawrence in 1950.

### All doing well

W.: Cooper is recovering from some surgery on his leg, as is R.: W.: William H. Russell. Brother Del Fix is recuperating nicely from recent surgery, also.

### Fellowcraft

The Tea should be an exciting event this year and I encourage all our members to attend. It will be held at the Memorial Art Gallery on April 16th from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. A tour of the Gallery has been planned for those who wish to take it. If not, just enjoy the fellowship of your Brothers, spouses, and friends in the Cutler Union.

Our March meeting will be our first chance to relax and share fellowship since September. I would like to call this Amnesty Month. If you are a Brother who has not come in a few months, or a few years, please mark your calendar for March 14th. Join us to renew old friendships. We will have a short business meeting, a short Masonic talk and then close for fellowship and hopefully, some Euchre or a card game of your choice. I can't remember the last time we stayed for some cards and story swapping. Probably when we still met at Doric Hall!

Please call Brother Walthour at 321-1948 and join us. Remember, we are your Brothers. There is no reason to be embarrassed. It was good to have Brother Wilson and Brother Schwartz with us recently.

### A letter to my nephews

Dear Douglas, Ellis and Duane, (triplets)

Your mother tells me you are considering leaving Masonry. This does not surprise me with the circumstance under which you were brought into it. Receiving all three Degrees in one day may have made for a good show, but I doubt if you remember much of what happened. Especially since you haven't had any instruction since. If you should leave, you should know that there is a process for doing this. It is called a demit. As long as your dues are current you can request a demit from your Lodge. You will receive a paper that states you left in good standing and as such, you can petition for reinstatement at any time in the future. It will also be helpful if you wish to petition to join another Lodge in the future. Your Lodge Secretary can give you the particulars on this.

That said, I would ask you to reconsider your decisions, especially if you are considering it for religious reasons. Freemasonry is not a religion. Sectarian and political discussions are strictly forbidden in a Lodge. Masonry only asks that you believe in one true God. It encourages all men to worship God at an altar of their individual choice. A "Brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God". Masonry does use Biblical oriented and other historical stories in allegory to teach its principles similar to the reading of a fable when you were young to teach a moral. Masonry has as its principle tenets the virtues of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Brotherly Love, to regard the human race as one fam-

ily; Relief to those in distress, and Truth to be truthful in all we do. It is an educational process of continual learning to better ourselves in life and in so doing become a better member of the human family.

I know that there are personal experiences in your life that would make you believe that Masonry is hypocritical. Masonry is not, men are. Though we try to learn and better ourselves, we will falter along the way. A Mason knows that he has the strength of his Brothers to help and guide him when he does falter. We do not forgive because we can not. We do not have that power, only God has that. We do, however, understand, support, and teach.

Please, do not turn away from this beautiful Fraternity until you have given yourself a chance to understand it. I will be sending you some reading material and a source of other materials. Reading about us will help, but going to Lodge when you can will also be important. As long as your dues are paid you can, at the discretion of the Master of that Lodge, visit another Lodge. Go visit a local Lodge. If you explain to them that you are a new Brother, show them your dues card, they will help you get into their meeting. If you have a problem, let me know and I will come and vouch for you.

Take care and may the blessings of heaven be upon you and all regular Masons.

## Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154



W.: Raymond DiJames, Master  
227-0494

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

W.: Theodore J. Snyder, Secretary  
467-0165  
1822 Penfield Rd.  
Penfield, N.Y. 14528

As this article is being written for the March publication of the *Masonic Times*, it starts to make one think more of Spring and more pleasant weather to follow.

### Re-cap

A quick re-cap of recent events in the Lodge. Our annual Euchre Tournament was hosted by Brother Don McDill. There was a decent turnout considering the bad weather we had.

The Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, conducted by V.: W.: John Zabel, was very well presented. It would have been nice to have more in attendance for the event.

Our Annual Past Masters and Concordant Bodies Night was an enjoyable evening with W.: Angelo DiCataldo in the East, and all Past Masters sitting in the Chairs. We had a great Roast Beef Dinner preceding the meeting, cooked and served by Irondequoit Chapter, OES.

The month of February was our Annual Eastern Star Appreciation Night. This is our answer to the Eastern Star's Master Mason Night. The fare of the evening was a German Dinner prepared and served by the Line Officers of Wakan/Hubbard, with some, (ahem) background help by the Officers' wives and ladies. I thank all of the Officers who helped to make this dinner a success. An additional special thank you to W.: Frank and Erika Briffa, W.: Sherwin and



Final closure on the 1999 Wakan/Hubbard-District Golf Tournament was achieved when the Chair of the Tourney, Don Brugger, presented the First Prize, A Sentry Safe, to Brother Bob Spencer of Etolian Lodge. W.: Michael Schwartz, Master of the Lodge, accepted the Longest Drive Gift Certificate for R.: W.: Donald Darrohn.

Virginia Isaacs, and my wife, Hildegard, for their help in the food purchasing and preparation.

### Have-a-Heart

On Sunday, February 6th, Wakan/Hubbard worked at the Have-a-Heart Campaign in Eastview Mall. I thank all of the members who participated and donated their time to a very worthy cause.

### Thank you

I thank W.: Donald Bell for sitting in the East for the 1st Degree and for his exemplary work. He initiated two new members into Masonry.

### March events

March 13th is a meeting with a dinner and the ladies are invited.

We will have an officers meeting and rehearsal for the 2nd Degree on March 23rd. This will be at the Lodge at 7:00 p.m.

The 2nd Degree will be on March 27th with the Junior Warden in the East.

## Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088

W.: G. Thomas Grape, Master  
(h) 621-5282

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

C. William Flemming, Secretary  
723-0083  
4550 Lake Avenue  
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### Great meeting

The January 18th meeting with Mr. Dan Clark of Acacia Village was highly enlightening on those Masonic facilities. As Masons we should be very proud of the good work being done in our name and support these activities.

### 1st Degree

Our 1st Degree for two candidates was held on February 1st with JW Bill King in the East. He did a great job. It is too bad so few Charlotte/Corinthian Brothers turned out to support him.

### Traveling Gavel

The 17 Brothers from Webster Lodge who came to claim the Traveling Gavel were heartily appreciated as they stayed to swell the Temple walls, giving our newly made Brothers a strong impression of Masonry's fraternal bonds.

### Fellowship

On February 8th your Officers will meet to plan the February 15th fellowship evening with Etolian Lodge. We will have a 6:30 p.m. dinner of Ham and Beans. Major David Vickers will be showing a video and speaking on Marine armor, followed by a short tiled meeting.

### 2nd Degree

March 7th is the 2nd Degree and I hope to fulfill my role in the East. You may not remember, but I am 0 for 2 as past circumstances have nullified my planned participation.

### Drivers needed

R.: W.: Joe Privitera is looking for drivers for the Widows Luncheon on March 18th at Logan's Party House. The doors open at 11:00 a.m. with a Buffet at noon.

### Samurai Warrior

March 21st has Paul Stillman coming to perform as a Samurai Warrior (open meeting) and I hope the DeMolay will turn out in force as they have encouraged us to sponsor this performance the past several years.

### Brunch

Our Annual Lodge Brunch will be at the Lodge from 10:00 a.m. to noon on March 26th. I am sure JW Bill King is looking for help to cook and serve. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the podium or call him at 266-5676. Come on out and help us kiss Winter good-bye.

### School of Ritual

By R.: W.: Joe Privitera

My last article in the December, 1999, issue was placed by the Editor on page 16 instead of with the Charlotte/Corinthian article. So, for you Brothers who just read this section of the *Masonic Times*, I will repeat some of that news and add a little more.

After a two year separation, the School of Ritual and Grand Lecturer's Convention Attendance Banners are back together again. The East is back in balance. At the Convention we were led by our Master, W.: Tom Grape. Other Lodge Brothers in attendance were Harold Bollofin, Jim De Lorenzo, Dick Felgner, Frank Jansson, Dave Jones, Bill King, Ken Ratliff, Cliff Short, Chuck Simpson, 50 year plus member and Marshal, Nick Vlahos and myself.

There have been two Schools of Ritual so far this year and they were well attended, not only by



Charlotte/Corinthian Brothers, but by other Lodges as well. The Master, W.: Tom Grape, and many of his officers were present, along with several other Brothers of the Lodge. We even broke in our newly raised Brother, Chuck Harwell, to our School of Ritual traditions.

The next School of Ritual will be on Thursday, March 30th, at Union Star Lodge No. 320, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Lodge is located at 3 Main Street, Honeoye Falls. I know you may have to pack a little snack to make it to Honeoye Falls, but the trip will be worth it just to see the great job the Brothers of Union Star did fixing the Lodge room and the rest of the building.

If you need a ride, call W.: Tom Grape at the above number or you can call me at 392-5583 or 392-5030. Hope to see you there.

## ETOLIAN

Lodge No. 479

133 South Union St.  
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W.: Michael Schwartz  
Master  
352-4016

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

R.: W.: F. Jay McCullough  
Secretary  
352-1061

### Maintain virtues

I had the good fortune of attending the "Seekers of Truth" Program on January 29th at the Downtown Temple. This worthwhile program was presented by the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Philalethes Society. As I reflected on the various messages of the day, I have come to the realization that I had become confused by some of the thrusts of the Fraternity. For example, we have been soliciting members by bragging of our philanthropic endeavors, our community service activities, who the famous Masons were, addressing the secrecy issues of the Craft, explaining the tenets of the institution, and generally selling why we are such a great organization to join. In the rush for membership growth, I know I missed the point.

Thanks to the education and information received, my focus will now be on improving myself in Masonry, and facilitating the same growth in my Brothers, focusing on the quality of candidates petitioning, and not on their quantity.

Our Craft must be composed of men of honesty, integrity, and morality; those are the traits of our ancestral Brothers, and we are obliged to maintain these virtues within ourselves. If the Craft dwindles in number because worthy candidates are not plentiful, so be it, we are obligated to be the benchmarks among men for these attributes, and we must not allow ourselves to tarnish the Fraternity's image or reputation.

### Kudos

My special thanks to Secretary, Jay McCullough, for submitting last month's newsletter article on my behalf. I was out of town on business when the deadline occurred, and R.: W.: Jay quickly responded on my behalf with a fine submission.

R.: W.: Gene Brendel; R.: W.: James Powell; J W, Karl-Heinz Reich; S D, Jim Toogood and Steward Art McMichaels,

represented Etolian Lodge at the DARE Graduation Ceremony at the Terry Taylor School on January 20th. For many years, Etolian Lodge has financially supported this program administered by the Ogden Police Department for the Spencerport and Churchville Chili School Districts. The Brothers were welcomed by School Principal, James Alexander, and Sergeant Brown of the OPD, as introduced honored guests. Thank you, Brothers, for sharing your morning with these future adults representing Freemasonry.

The Brother Bring-a-Friend Program on the same night brought lots of snow, cold weather, two potential candidates, and an evening of sharing. Thanks to Karl-Heinz Reich and Art McMichaels for preparing the dinner, and to all who participated in the evening program.

### Sad news

The Great Architect of the Universe has called Home Brother Arthur Rudig. A Masonic Memorial and Committal Service was held on Saturday, January 22nd, officiated by W.: Tom Michielsen. Art's sister and brother-in-law were appreciative of the large turnout on such a frigid Saturday morning.

### Looking ahead

We have scheduled the 1st Degree for February 28th, with J W, Karl-Heinz Reich in the East. Plan on attending our Spring Table Lodge on March 13th, a special night, where we will be looking into our collective Masonic heritage.

The 2000 Widows Luncheon will be held on Saturday, March 18th, at Logan's Party House. The doors will open at 11:00 a.m., with the Buffet Luncheon to begin at 12 noon. Please save the date, as we will be needing Brothers willing to transport and escort these ladies.

On March 20th Etolian again is sponsoring a Blood Donor Drive at the Ogden Town Hall. Blood donations freely accepted from noon to 7:00 p.m. If you cannot donate blood, Blood Drive Chairman, Karl-Heinz Reich, needs 3 volunteers to help him set-up the center at 11:00 a.m. and 3 volunteers (preferably different ones) to help tear down and pack up at 7:00 p.m. Thank you in advance for helping out.

## Towpath

Lodge No. 163

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Master  
581-1831

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

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### Greetings, Brothers

A change to our trestleboard. At our first meeting on March 7th, W.: Dan Emerson will tell us about "Masonic Etiquette and Furnishings". Everyone can stand to use this refresher. I know I still do!

### Reservations needed

We will join ERAC No. 943 on Monday, March 13th, to jointly raise our Brothers to the 3rd Degree. There will be a dinner. Please contact W.: Dan Emerson at 334-

7730 with your reservations no later than March 7th.

There will be an Officer's Meeting on March 14th at 7:30 p.m. This is an important meeting and I urge all officers to attend if able.

### Widows Luncheon

The Annual Widows Luncheon is on March 18th at Logan's Party House. This is Towpath's opportunity to demonstrate Masonic benevolence towards our deceased Brothers' widows. I need from all Brothers who will be available to attend: 1. your reservation and 2. your help in chauffeuring our widows. Reservations are a must, and due in by March 10th. R.: W.: Terry Wihlen, Co-Chair of this year's Luncheon, will have tickets in Lodge.

### Table Lodge

On March 21st we are having a Table Lodge. R.: W.: Bill Zufall is putting together the program. We anticipate starting at 6:00 p.m.; please wear your tux if you have one. Although details of that evening will be announced in Lodge, it goes without saying that a Table Lodge speaks for itself. Don't miss out on this unique gathering.

### Masonry at work

On behalf of Towpath Lodge, I thank the Craft for all their support of this Lodge during this difficult time. Your actions exemplify Masonic benevolence at its best. I also thank all the officers and Brothers who have come to the assistance of Towpath Lodge. The spirit of camaraderie and compassion is something I will never forget.

## GERMANIA

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14622



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Master  
671-4792

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Sept. - Apr.  
&  
1st Tues.  
May, Jun., Oct.  
7:30 P.M.

### Secretary

W.: John H. Foster 467-1677

By David N. Foster, Sr. Warden

Well, if you can believe the calendar, Spring will be greeting us at our meeting this month on Tuesday, March 21st. The meeting will be a regular business meeting with the main order of business being the continuing process of preparing for our merger with Fame Lodge. As usual, the meeting will be preceded by our Pot Luck Dinner, which will be at 6:30 p.m. (If you don't believe the calendar and have any concerns regarding the weather (read SNOW) and if Lodge will be held, call the Master, Senior or Junior Warden, or the Secretary to check meeting status. If you don't get through, use common sense. If you're not comfortable driving in the snow-stay home!)

### Brotherhood Fund

If you haven't made your donation to the Brotherhood Fund yet, please do! As Brotherhood Fund Chairman, I am hoping that everyone will make a contribution this year, even if it is only \$1.00. Let's shoot for 100% participation. We haven't received any donations lately, which is extremely disappointing. Let's make this Drive a huge success and go into our merger with style! Let's all help support the Broth-

erhood Fund and make the list of contributors grow!

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

Last but not least, happy birthday to all our Brothers with March birthdays.

See you in Lodge.

## Churchville

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426-0603

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

W.: George R. Burke,  
Secretary 293-1629

### Thank you

In writing this month's article, I have to begin with a big WOW, and a special thank you to R.: W.: Donald Darrohn for his attendance and assistance, and to R.: W.: Ruel Lovett for his assistance in the 2nd Degree Ceremony. Last, but not least to Robert W. Strang, AGL, for his presentation and assistance in the Degree work. Bob traveled all the way from Attica to assist us and it is greatly appreciated. The Degree was performed on January 12th by JW Lawrence Bright in the East. He did a fine job, as I knew he would.

Churchville Lodge is progressive, as usual, with new members being active and involved in our endeavors to further the Craft. We had four candidates and Bob Strang, Don Darrohn and Ruel Lovett joined in and helped to conduct. It presented a most impressive line. I say again, WOW.

### 3rd Degree

The 3rd Degree was conferred on February 23rd. The Shrine Degree Team, directed by its President, Brother Joe Minas, presented the Degree Ceremony for us. I thank the Nobles of the Degree Team for their participation. In looking in the February issue of the *Masonic Times*, I can

see that the time and effort of the Degree Team is no small matter, and we are grateful to them for being there.

### Change

On Wednesday, March 8th, we will have a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. We have potential new candidates expressing interest in petitioning our Lodge for membership. This, I will add, is a great time for all our Brothers who have previously obtained petitions from and brought new Master Masons to our Lodge in the last two or three years, to bring them to Lodge. This should encourage them to be active and attend meetings.

I am inviting the Brothers of Churchville Lodge who have not attended lately, to call a Brother or two to come and re-introduce yourself, so we can get to know you also.

### Condolences

We were saddened by the death of one of the Past Masters of our Lodge, W.: Robert Hopson on February 9th. A Masonic Memorial Service was held at Walker Brothers. Our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

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With many a generation starting this New Year, I guide you now into the final third of my Masonic generation as Master of Northfield. My efforts are useless without yours. For joined together, as past generations have, we shall journey into new generations together. Be here and now with me, for our future generations.

### Degrees for the next generation

You are reading this just after the 1st Degree. Candidates are undertaking the ceremonies as we all have. We are stretched thin to fulfill the work of the Order. Your assistance is greatly needed to do the work at hand. Even a member who has not made a meeting in a decade can help bring us forward for future generations. Call me at once to ask how you may help the Lodge today for tomorrow. Please remember the 2nd Degree on March 16th, and on April 20th, the most important 3rd Degree. Your attendance on these nights can make the most memorable moments for our new initiates.

JW Jim Knapp needs your dinner reservations the Sunday before the Degree. If you have not been called by then, please call Jim at 256-9979.

### Our distant past...

Too many members missed a wonderful session Downtown where six Northfield members joined over 100 others to attend the "Seekers of Truth" Program, sponsored by the Philalethes Society. We learned all kinds of new information about our Fraternity from the 1800's and the development of our communities. We enjoyed each of the speakers and the fellowship the day offered. The greatest news came at the end of the program when it was announced that the program had just received support for two more years. This is something to watch for again next year.

### Have-a-Heart

Thanks go out to volunteers Richard Trolley, Don Smith, Dan Walker, Sylvia and Harold Bollo-tin, who joined me and the other District Lodges and Masonic Bodies to help raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House. Check elsewhere in this paper for the final numbers raised.

### More thanks

The latest thanks for volunteering for snow shoveling goes to Dick Trolley and Andy Place. Some are signing up for a second week now due to a lack of others stepping up to the task at hand. I would like to hear from someone new to share in our responsibility. Three to four spots remain. My number is above.

Bill Zufall provided the Lodge with his presentation on the Morgan Affair at our January 20th meeting. The presentation and

the meal preceding made for another warm fraternal night at the Lodge. Hats off to Bill for his efforts on our behalf.

### Sickness

The Lodge's thoughts and prayers are with Jean Campbell in hopes for the best recovery opportunities from her recent stroke.

### Before parting...

The time is fast approaching when the next term administration is to be defined. With many openings at all levels, we will need to know who would like to serve the Lodge and in what capacity. Please call me to discuss your options. In the mean time...SEE YOU AT LODGE!

## Craftsman/ Robertson Lodge No. 969

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Strickland,  
Master  
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(b)235-2920



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

W.: Thomas W. Kendig  
Secretary 265-2624  
875 Main Street East  
Rochester, N.Y. 14605

By Robert Ogden

### Sadly missed

R.: W.: Joe Martin passed away on January 28th. Approximately 26 Brothers participated in a Masonic Service at Anthony's Funeral Home at 7:30 p.m. the following Monday. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family and friends.

### Widows Luncheon

The 14th Annual Widows Luncheon will be held on March 18th at Logan's Party House. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. with luncheon at 12 noon. Widows will be contacted soon for reservations by Brothers Jack Grover, Ed Walker or myself.

### Brotherhood Fund

As of February 8th, 101 contributions have been received totalling \$3888.00 representing approximately 56% of membership. In contrast, last year at this time, there were 100 contributors totalling \$4030.00 representing approximately 55%. Brothers, you have been most supportive again this year and my sincere thanks to you!

### Entertainment

Donovan Schilling, a retired Principal of the Brighton School District, recently entertained guests after dinner with "Memoirs of the Time Capsule". On March 7th our after dinner speaker, with ladies invited, will be Brother Bill Zufall on "The Morgan Affair". Don't miss it-it will be a most fascinating story.

### Super Pancake Luncheon!

W.: Bill Hook has arranged for a bus trip on Wednesday, March 29th, to Short Track (approximately 18 miles South of Nunda) for a buckwheat pancake with genuine maple syrup, ham and sausage luncheon. Departure will be from the Shrine Mosque on Bay Road. Call the Mosque at 671-7701 or Brother Bill at 671-6452 for reservations.

### Fellowcraft Annual Dinner Meeting

A reminder from our Secretary, W.: Tom Kendig-the date for our Annual Dinner Meeting is April 11th. It will be at Rick's,

Prime Rib (the old Doud Post on Buffalo Road). The menu is Prime Rib, \$23.00 or Orange Roughy, \$21.00. The price includes dues, tax and gratuity. Please contact Brother Tom for reservations, keeping in mind "a reservation made is a reservation paid", unless cancelled within a reasonable time.

### Birthdays

Greetings to the following Brothers with birthdays in March: Dick Barth, Don DeBack, Doug Fix, Ron Freida, Cliff Hayner II, Dick Howard, Duane King, Earl Kraft, Fred Martin, Pat McWhinney, Jay Rodgers, Hal Russell, Lew Schultz, Clyde Siverd, George Steele and Larry Weekes.

### Reminders

There will be a Dinner Meeting on March 7th; Fellowcraft on March 14th and a regular meeting on March 21st.

## Flower City Lodge No. 910



W.: Jerry  
Spero,  
Master  
334-7616

2nd  
Thursday  
7:30 P.M.

R.: W.: Philip Averbach,  
Secretary 458-1817  
875 Main St. E.  
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### Have-a-Heart Campaign

Our Lodge participated in the Have-a-Heart Campaign on Saturday, February 5th, at the Marketplace Mall. I thank all the people who helped us raise \$300.00 for the Ronald McDonald House that first day. Please believe me, you do make a difference.

### Trip to Utica

I have been discussing with some of the Brethren in our Lodge about a trip to Utica to see the Masonic Home and other sites of interest in that area. The response has been very positive. Many of the newer members have never had an opportunity to make this trip. I am hoping we can make the trip in April. Please contact me at 334-7616 or R.: W.: Philip Averbach at 458-1817 if you would like to make the trip. I have not yet made the trip myself, and am excited about going.

### Thanks

Just a note of thanks to our officers for their attendance at the February Flower City Lodge meeting. In spite of a weather report of an ice storm, almost every officer made the meeting.

### Future events

Thursday, March 2nd, will be our next evening out with the ladies. We are planning on dinner at the Olive Garden on Jefferson Road at 7:00 p.m. Remember to phone either R.: W.: Phil or me. Our regular communication will be the following Thursday, March 9th, at the Masonic Temple at 7:30 p.m.

The Widows Luncheon will be at the Logan's Party House on Saturday, March 18th.

I thank the Town of Henrietta and its Supervisor's Office for providing an excellent cabin for our use again this year for our Annual Steak Roast, which will be on June 15th at the Bushman Cabin in Henrietta Town Park.

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647-1391

### Brethren

Some people depend upon the old "Farmer's Almanac"; others count the fuzz on caterpillars. Some people even put stock in Puxatawney Phil down in Pennsylvania. For me, the true harbinger of Spring is the United States Postal Service. That is, my Spring is announced by the delivery of seed and plant catalogues to my house. I leaf through them and dream of bushels of tomatoes, pecks of string beans, juicy cantaloupes, and delicious carrots. It is as if I have forgotten the digging, planting, weeding, and cultivating-and go directly from seed packet to harvest.

Our second communication in March, the 28th, will be a dinner meeting. Afterward, Brother Frank Churnetski will be giving a talk about "Driving While Intoxicated" and related issues. I strongly suggest your attending this presentation. It should be interesting and topical.

### Merger

The merger situation is progressing at what at times seems like glacial speed. We will be meeting with the officers of Germania in the near future to iron out any details that are yet unsettled.

Please remember to inform me, or any officer about anyone in sickness or distress. Keep those lines of communication open.

Don't be cruel to a heart that's true! Don't you step on my blue suede shoes! Don't you be no square, if you can't find a partner, get a wooden chair.

Elvis has left the building.

## O-At-Ka Lodge No. 759

W.: Kevin  
C. Fisher,  
Master  
359-2289

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



R.: W.: Lawrence W. Dunn  
Secretary 594-8033  
5 Browns Ave.  
Scottsville, N.Y. 14546

By Donald Tubman

### Thanks

On January 29th several of the Oatka Brethren attended the Philalethes Society meeting in the Downtown Temple. The speakers were all wonderful and Dr. Katherine Kutolowski of SUNY Brockport was particularly interesting. Her love and knowledge of both our local and Masonic history was apparent in her presentation. She discussed the possibility of having a local monument or shrine to Masonry so that the public could be better served and educated about the importance of our Craft in the history of Western New York and

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our nation. Oatka Brethren, perhaps with the Philalethes Society, we'll be talking with the Curator of the Genesee Country Museum about erecting a building on the Museum grounds for just such a testament to the Craft.

The Grand Historian, George Peters, also spoke about how to get the men off the farm and back to Lodge. I was most impressed with his remarks.

All Masons owe R.: W.: Rich Friedman and W.: Bill Lindsay, et al, a hearty thanks for their efforts in bringing everyone together for a wonderful program. They have a very worthwhile "society". We should all join and broaden our Masonic knowledge.

### Events

The overnight campout day was postponed until the following Saturday and good decorum dictates that you should ask Kevin, Pete or Charles how the day and evening went in Varysburg.

On February 7th W.: Kevin Fisher, W.: Gary Trescott, Keith Dustin and I went to Marketplace Mall for the Have-a-Heart Campaign. We had a great time and met a tremendous number of generous people.

On February 9th, W.: Burt Brown, DSA, while presiding in the East, asked me to help him present a program regarding some of the landmarks of the Craft. Actually, we looked at old slides that had been produced in the 1870's to go with what was called the 1st Degree "Lantern Lecture". R.: W.: Chuck Ogburn wrote out the program and I mumbled through it. This was a great meeting. We used the visual aids.

On February 23rd, W.: Terrance Wright presided in the East and directed the planning of our March 18th meeting with our Canadian Sister Lodge, Ionic. They are to join us for an afternoon 3rd Degree and our annual St. Pat's Ham Dinner Dance in the evening. There will be a dinner following the 3rd Degree to honor our newly raised Brothers and to welcome our visiting Brethren and their wives. The dinner will consist of Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee, or Tea. Dinner will cost \$7.50 per person or \$15.00 a couple. All Masons and their significant others are welcome. Dinner will begin around 6:30 p.m. RSVP only to Charles Crevison at 533-2481. A reservation made is a reservation paid!

The Widows Luncheon is that day also and some of our Brethren will be asked to help there.

The Officers of Oatka Lodge wish to publicly thank R.: W.: Dave Jones, R.: W.: Donald Darrohn and V.: W.: John Zabel for their assistance, guidance and support at our 1st Degree Lecture and for their efforts with our 2nd Degree on January 26th. It was an extraordinarily miserable night to be out driving to and from Scottsville.

### Sickness and distress

Brother Tom Nersinger was in a devastating automobile crash on Scottsville Road in Chili. His accident was reported in the "Democrat and Chronicle". Two cars racing hit his car head-on. He is home recovering and would probably appreciate a call or card from you.

As always, we are because you were, we will be because you are there!



# Have-A-Heart Campaign Successful Again!



On Saturday, February 12th I traveled to The Mall at Greece-Ridge Center to see how our Have-A-Heart effort was going. I took my camera, of course. I found the crew from Charlotte/Corinthian there in force. Although there was quite a crowd in the Mall, not too many showed an interest in the display. Those manning the site were Tom Grape, John Bennett, Bill King, Jim De Lorenzo, Harold Bollotin, Charles Simpson and two young ladies who's names I neglected to get. This was just one scene of many that were repeated at Marketplace at that time and at many times during our Campaign. I wish that I could have included them all to give credit to the many dedicated Masons who participated in this year's effort. A big "Thank You" to them all. □

(Photos courtesy Masonic Times)

## "Seekers of Truth" Masonic Education Day Well Attended and Well Received!

Over 100 Masons attended the Finger Lakes Chapter, Philaethes, presentation of a Day of Masonic Education. The best Masonic minds in the State and from out of state presented many subjects of interest. Among these were: Thomas Jackson - Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, George Peter - Grand Lodge of New York Historian, Kathlene Kutolowski - Professor of History, SUNY Brockport, Karl Kabelac - U of R Librarian and our own Bill Edwards. □ (Below is a collage of scenes from that gathering, courtesy of Bill Lindsay.)



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### The Opportunity

Back in September, 1999, I shared with you my thoughts and some of the details regarding the "Valley of Rochester Strategic Plan 2005". You have now had time to digest my comments and think about the Plan's implications. If you did not obtain a copy of the Plan from the Scottish Rite Office at that time, I certainly invite you to do so now. It is my intention as your Commander-in-Chief to use that document as a blueprint for laying out my trestleboard and use it as the basis for our activities. I expect the Officers of all Bodies within the Valley to understand and support this effort. It is the common ground that we will use as we move forward in the 21st Century. Understand that the Plan is a living document that is flexible enough to accommodate future needs, yet firm enough to provide a good basic foundation.

In the September article I discussed two key concepts that must be understood for the plan to be successful. The first concept was/is that of having a vision to be shared. The vision is that of how the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite fits into the grand scheme of things. To me that vision is clear. Let me try to share that vision with you now and in the months

to come in this column. Freemasonry has as its objective *making good men better*. As a Concordant Body, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry has a role which has sometimes been illustrated in the form of a pyramid with each Degree (or lesson) representing a step forward. Each Degree or step advances the candidate one step further in his search for light. Each step builds upon the base provided by the lessons that came before. Each step is a part of the path of the journey. It is not an end point or even a way station. In a certain sense, the journey is continuous. A station or rank or title does not make the end. We are measured by how we live our lives, not by the honors or awards that we win.

In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry we have the organization, the where-with-all, the lessons, and the Brothers to provide an opportunity for all Master Masons seeking "more light". For other Master Masons to take advantage of the opportunity we offer, we must invite them to take the next step in their quest. You have the opportunity to help a Brother in his journey by guiding him through the process of becoming a member of the Valley of Rochester.

When you are a first linesigner for a Master Mason candidate for the Degrees of the Scottish Rite, you have the responsibility to ensure that your candidate gains all that he possibly can from the experience of our Scottish Rite Reunion. You should be there with him through each and every Degree. You should help him gain a fuller understanding of the lessons taught by encouraging him to continue after the Reunion to participate in activities, programs and the fellowship of the Valley. Your concern for him will help exemplify the vision by showing him that good men can do better. When you demonstrate your caring he will then have an

example to pass on to the candidates he will bring. This vision can be contagious. Let's try it! Lead by example!

### Alaska!

On March 16th, at 7:30 p.m., we have a family interest program planned. Our Deputy for the State of New York, Ill. Harold L. Aldrich, 33° will share with us an adventurous trip to Alaska he and his wife, Phyllis, took in their van late last Summer. We invite you and your family to come out to Cathedral Hall for an interesting evening. Perhaps you have wanted to take a similar trip. Come out and see what it takes to have an experience of a lifetime. We can share this experience in an informal, yet informative, way.

### Random readings I share with you

General Douglas MacArthur, 33°, who also served as an Active Member of the SMJ for the Philippines, noted there was a moral code of Freemasonry that: "Embraces the highest moral laws and will bear the test of any system of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated for the uplifted man. Its requirements are the things that are right, and its restraints are from the things that are wrong."

Inculcating doctrines of patriotism and brotherly love, enjoying sentiments of exalted benevolence, encouraging all that is good, kind and charitable, reprobating all that is cruel and oppressive, its observance will uplift everyone under its influence...To do good to others, to forgive enemies, to love neighbors, to restrain passions, to honor parents, to respect authority, to return good for evil, not to cause anger, not to bear false witness, not to lie, not to steal—these are the essential elements of the moral law."

### Reunion

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The Scottish Rite Reunion will be held Thursday, April 27th with the conferral of the 5° and 14°. On Saturday, April 29th, the 16°, 18°, 29° and 32° will be conferred. The 32° will be a combined presentation by the Valleys of Buffalo, Corning, Rochester and Jamestown. The cost is \$100 and only involves one evening and one Saturday!

The Class Sponsor is M. W. and Ill. Bruce W. Widger, 33° Active Member of Supreme Council, Past Deputy for the State of New York.

### Special incentive

A \$400 donation will be made to the 32° Masonic Children's Learning Center in the name of any Lodge which sponsors 10 or more candidates.

### Shrine Ceremonial

The Spring 2000 Damascus Shrine Masons Ceremonial will be held on Wednesday, May 3rd at Damascus Shrine. The cost is \$75.00 and only involves one evening.

### Scottish Rite

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## Ill. Joseph W. Martin, 33°



(Photo courtesy "Brighton-Pittsford Post")

We in the Scottish Rite were saddened to hear of the death of Ill. Joseph W. Martin, 33° on January 28th.

Illustrious Brother Martin graduated from West High School and received a Bachelor of Laws Degree from Union University, Department of Law (Albany Law School) in 1927. He had a long and distinguished career as an attorney in Rochester and was Secretary of the Rochester Bar Association and Chairman of its Membership Committee. Other activities included membership on the Advisory Committee of the Rochester Y.M.C.A. and the Board of Directors of St. John's Home of which he was one of the founders. He was a member of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, where he was very actively involved with church affairs locally, as well as in the state.

Illustrious Brother Martin was raised in Craftsman (currently Craftsman/Robertson) Lodge No. 969 and served as Master in 1950 and served his District as Deputy Grand Master. He was also a member of Damascus Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

Ill. Joseph Martin joined the Valley of Rochester in 1943 and served as Most Wise Master of Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix

from 1948-1949. He was coronated an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council in 1960 in Buffalo, New York. He was a participant in many Scottish Rite Degrees, as well as taking part in many other activities of the Rite.

A Masonic Service was held January 31st. He was predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth.

### Scottish Rite Program

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## Feast of the Paschal Lamb

By John E. Zabel, 33°

The Officers of the Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix will be celebrating the Feast of the Paschal Lamb on Thursday, April 6th. The Feast is the only public ceremonial of the AASR for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb was instituted by the Scottish Rite as the proper Ceremony to be used to honor the memory of our Brethren who have departed this earthly existence during the last year. It was traditionally held on Maundy Thursday, but in deference to the Rites of Christian and other congregations it will be held two weeks before Maundy Thursday this year.

The Feast is neither the Feast of the Passover, celebrated by the people of the Jewish faith, nor is it the Last Supper, revered by the people of the Christian faith. It is, however, linked to these events as the blood of the paschal lamb, used to mark the lintels of the

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houses of the Israelites at the original Passover. The lamb's blood was a symbol of the redemption of the captives in Egypt. It was during the commemoration of Passover that Jesus of Nazareth instituted the sacrament of communion, revered by Christians.

Our Ceremony rehearses the history of the Feast of the Passover and its significance to the Jewish faith. It explains how Jesus used it to further his teachings, including the new commandment to love one another. This commandment is the center of the Degrees of the Chapter.

We honor our departed Brethren through the reading of the Mystic Roll and the presentation of a rose to the members of our departed Brother's family. This presentation is used to help us understand our hope in the immortality of the soul. The rose was, in ages past, a symbol of the immortality of the soul.

The Mystic Banquet is our way of teaching the duty of all mankind to those less fortunate. This is not the Christian Eucharist although the elements are similar. The sharing of the bread and wine teach us the basic concept of brotherly love through charity. Charity is not just the giving of alms, but the compassion for our fellow man and the help we can give to those in need. Masons are always taught to give aid as liberally as their ability permits.

The last part of the Ceremony, the extinguishing the lights demonstrates how the world is affected by the evil acts of man and the effects of bigotry, hatred, ignorance, and intolerance by man against man. However, by following the new law of love and charity, man can come back into the light. The life and teaching of Jesus of Nazareth are used to demonstrate the effects of evil and the promise of the immortality of the soul. We are shown that by following the commandment to love one another, we can build a better, more noble world of freedom and justice for humanity.

This is my interpretation of the Ceremony of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb. Your interpretation may differ, but that is the nature of Masonic teaching. We hope that every Brother will attend this Ceremony and bring friends, neighbors, and relatives to share in this impressive event.

The Feast will be held on Thursday, April 6th, at 8:00 p.m. in Cathedral Hall in the Downtown Masonic Temple. There will be a Roast Beef Dinner preceding the Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. for \$6.00 per person. The widows of our deceased Brothers will be the guests of the Valley of Rochester.

The guest speaker for the Ceremony will be R. W. and Ill. Carl Smith, 33°, Honorary Member of Supreme Council, and Deputy Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York. □

## Library

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may have some fine reference materials as "seekers of truth" (as the Fingerlakes Chapter of the Philaethes January Program named the over 100 who attended).

### We are still searching

We have notices out to Schools of Library Studies at the State University of New York at Buffalo and Syracuse University for a student from our area who needs some community volunteer time in a library setting to continue work on their Librarian Degrees. Such a person could help with an inventory of materi-

als, card cataloging, setting up self-service check-out for the times that Mason or Eastern Star volunteers can't be present, and loading the computer database.

### Masonic encyclopedias and other books

We have one two-volume Mackey and McClanahan encyclopedia set remaining. Individuals or Lodges may wish it for their own. For a small donation to the Herman Sarachan Library, you can claim it. Call the Service Bureau Office if you wish to do so. We also have copies of a couple of Allen E. Roberts' books which are being sold by the Philaethes Chapter for a nominal fee.

### Masonic light

We have sought light, further light and more light to become educated in this Craft of ours. One of the best source areas for continuation of that noble adventure is unfolding before our eyes as the Sarachan Library continues to take shape and develops before our eyes. Stop and browse when you are at the Downtown Rochester Temple. We also welcome volunteers to get on the name list to help us complete the initial phases of development. We believe founder and first Librarian, Ten Honea, would be proud of the progress to date. □

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### Congratulations

We have a new worker in our quarries. Brother Leslie A. Lobo was raised on the evening of February 15th. Everyone present pitched in to help confer a fine Degree. All the participants should be commended for their hard work and the time they took to learn the Ritual. Again, congratulations to Brother Leslie, and welcome!

### The Morgan Affair

On February 1st our guest speaker for the evening was R. W. William Zufall speaking on the Morgan Affair. My cable-

tow, unfortunately, prevented me from attending. It is my understanding that he gave an excellent speech, one that I regret missing. I hope to be able to hear this presentation sometime in the future. Thank you, Bill, for sharing your knowledge about this piece of our Masonic history.

### Sickness and distress

Our Senior Deacon, Eric Betteridge, is still in traction at home and awaits surgery to correct a ruptured disc in his neck. Eric is missed by all in Lodge and we are eager to see him return.

You are in all our prayers, Eric.  
March Birthday

Happy birthday to Brother Allen Mercer.

### Upcoming events

On March 7th Charles Tucker, DSA, will speak on Masonic Etiquette, and W. David Upham will present the Historical Lecture.

The Spaghetti Dinners will be March 15th and 29th.

We will have a 1st Degree rehearsal on March 19th.

The 1st Degree will be conferred on March 21st with W. Sean Noonan in the East. □

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# York Rite NEWS

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## District Deputy Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons  
29th Capitular District



R. E. Stephen Licht

### Dear Companions

We will be heading for Albany in a few short days for the Annual Convocation of our Grand Chapter once again. I wonder how the travel will compare to that of 1999? To be on the safe side, I would advise an extra blanket or two and some emergency supplies in the trunk. That precaution should result in blue skies and dry roads for us.

### Best wishes

Congratulations and best wishes are in order for E. Garry Hutcherson, the Officers and members of LeRoy Chapter No. 183. The District and I look forward to a renewed capitular activity from this Chapter. I have been advised that they will be meeting of the 4th Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. in the LeRoy Masonic Temple.

As was pointed out to me by our Grand King, R. E. Dale Tynan, when a Chapter confronts difficulties and implements solutions, the results can be amazing. Such is the example of Arcade Chapter, that he refers to with pride. The initial steps may not always be a simple or pleasant task, but the alternatives are less desirable.

### Support appreciated

I thank the Companions who supported me and the District's programs in the past year and congratulate those who participated in the Ritual, be it in the Degrees or as officers. I have come to understand more of the realities of leadership and administration, and I appreciate those who have worked with me, especially our AGL, V. E. Richard Anderson.

### Reduce confusion

The Constitution of our Grand Chapter and the directives of our Grand High Priest control the actions of every District Deputy Grand High Priest. I direct and encourage every High Priest and Secretary to establish some familiarization with this document. This will eliminate or reduce misunderstandings and confusion. Royal Arch Masonry is bound together by unique uniformity. It is the responsibility of the District Deputy to identify and correct variations within his District and to work with the Chapters to overcome these impediments.

### Information needed

I thank our Grand King for the confidence he has placed in me through his reappointing me as his District Deputy Grand High Priest for the ensuing year. Through discussion we have agreed that a more meaningful report by the DDGHP on the condition of the Chapters is needed. Annual reporting on the physical condition of properties does not accurately evaluate a Chapter. The activities your Chapter has been involved in during the preceding 12 months better characterizes your Chapter. Please be prepared to supply this information at my Official Visit.

Finally, I encourage each Royal Arch Mason to support the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund, either through a direct donation and/or the Annual Scholarship Dinner on May 20th. Each Chapter will have a supply of tickets for this annual event. This District has been a staunch supporter of Royal Arch Charities for many years and our children and grandchildren have been recipients of this generosity.

## 3x3 Chapter NO. 333 Royal Arch Masons (Chartered in 1990)



E. Edward Gillott  
High Priest - 594-8247  
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Secretary - 426-6836

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Spencerport, N.Y. 14559

2nd Tue.  
7:30 p.m.

### A new beginning

I am pleased to state that our first meeting of the new year went very well. It was nice to see a good turnout and I hope that it continues in the future. The basis of the meeting was to practice the Ritual of Opening and Closing of the Chapter. Many of our members are new to Royal Arch Masonry and becoming more proficient in

the Ritual should be of importance to us all.

### Sickness

George Simon, Ray Hager and Earl Steffen were reported to be on the mend. I look forward to greeting them in Chapter soon.

### Order of the High Priesthood

By the time this issue is printed, the Order of the High Priesthood will have been conferred on all new High Priests. This was held at the Downtown Masonic Temple by Hiram Chapter No. 62.

### New member

On February 17th Brother Richard Kessler attained the title of Companion. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred at Western Star Chapter No. 35 in Attica.

### Special convocation

I attended a special convocation of LeRoy Chapter No. 183 on January 25th. This special meeting was the Election of Officers and a motion was made to change the By-Laws. The change is to move the meeting nights from the 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m. to the 4th Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. It is expected that an increase in attendance would result as many of the members have conflicts with the scheduled meetings of other Concordant Bodies. It appeared that some of the Chapter's problems have been resolved and harmony once again prevailed.

### A great honor

The 16 members present were honored to have in attendance M. E. Arnold E. Palmer, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, in the State of New York. He was escorted to the East by R. E. Karl Reich, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Belgium. M. E. Palmer, acting as Installing Officer, proceeded to install E. Garry Hutcherson as High Priest and the other newly elected Officers who were in attendance.

### Thank you

The retiring High Priest, E. Keith Denton, and retiring Secretary, E. Robert Forbes were thanked for their many years of dedicated service to the Craft. My congratulations and best wishes

go to E. Garry Hutcherson and I appeal to all Royal Arch members in the area to support him and the Chapter.

### Reminder

Don't forget your dues and the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund.

### Something to ponder

Nothing low or useless is, each thing in its place is best. What seems but idle show, strengthens and supports the rest. For the structures that we raise, time is with material filled.

Our todays and yesterdays, are the blocks with which we build. Truly shape and fashion these, leave no yawning gaps between.

Think not because no man sees, such things will remain unseen.

(Author unknown) □

### Special thank you

Special thanks to V. E. William Zufall, AGL, for putting us through our paces and assisting us with our Opening and Closing on January 27th. He directs with a firm, but gentle hand. Thanks, Companion Zufall.

### Get well

Please send get-well cards to E. Paul Josephson who injured his back and Companion Glenwood Ide who has been hospitalized with pneumonia.

### A big day

On February 11th our King, Companion Bill Lindsay, and I traveled to Dansville to watch the Installation of Dansville Chapter No. 91 Officers by the Grand Line led by M. E. Arnold E. Palmer, Grand High Priest. After the Installation, the Grand Line performed the Ceremony of Dedication-Re-dedication and Consecration of the Tabernacle in exemplary fashion. R. E. Thomas Paglia, Grand Sentinel, assisted during the program as Grand Master of the Second Veil.

### Summer event

This year's Summer event is still in the planning stages. It will be organized by E. Gerald Jones.

### E-mail anyone?

If you have an e-mail address please send it to: JohnAlanDudley@aol.com. □

## Hiram Chapter



No. 62



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### Remember the Bureau

I congratulate very hard working Companions, R. E. Vernon Goodrich, R. E. F. Jay McCullough and E. Robert Pettit on being elected Officers of the Masonic Service Bureau. Remember the Masonic Service Bureau when making your United Way Fund contributions. Call the Service Bureau at 473-4351 if you have any questions.

### "Seekers of Truth"

The Philaethes Society "Seekers of Truth" was an excellent program and dispensed true Masonic Light. We look for Companion Rich Friedman to build on this Concordant Body cooperation and develop a similar program next year.

## Nundawaga Council No. 92

4th Monday  
West Main Street  
LeRoy, NY 14482

Ill. Daniel N. Evans

Master

492-2807

Ill. Vernon Rupert

Recorder

343-8429

Well, it is getting closer to Spring, all the time hoping that the weather will improve so that we may once more repair to our several stations and resume our labors.

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### Committee

R. E. Thomas M. Paglia, E. Paul Josephson  
and E. John Dudley



## Official Visit

On January 24th Mr. Ill. Douglas J. Swan made his Official Visit to Nundawaga Council. His Message was to make Masonry enjoyable and fun. The following were also present: Rt. Ill. Harold Hoser, Rt. Ill. Rev. Charles Roberts, Rt. Ill. Douglas Poole, Rt. Ill. Horace Wilder, Rt. Ill. Merle Robinson and Rt. Ill. Laton Vogel.

## Degrees

The Royal Master Degree will be held at Nundawaga Council, LeRoy Temple, at 8:00 p.m. on March 27th.

Rt. Ill. Steven Wing will be establishing his Degree teams shortly and the dates and times will be announced.

## By-Laws change

There was a discussion about changing the dues structure. There were two proposals and these will be mailed to you. At our next meeting one of these changes will be selected. Please, if you wish to have input into this change, plan to be there.

## Summoned meeting

The April 24th meeting will be a summoned meeting of all Nundawaga Council members who are in good standing. The purpose is to change the By-Laws. □

### Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons (Chartered in 1861)



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I had the opportunity to hear R. W. Thomas Jackson speak at the "Seekers of Truth" forum at the end of January and found his remarks particularly relevant to Cryptic Masonry. A major theme was the need to restore Freemasonry to its original status as an "elite" fraternal organization. His argument suggested that a key element in the notion of "making good men better" was the need to focus on the question of what constitutes a "good" man.

Jackson was not arguing for the financially favored, the naturally gifted, nor the highly skilled performer. Rather, he emphasized that one must look for the internal virtues of tolerance, decency, and being of good report. Given this baseline of character, Freemasonry was particularly well poised to provide opportunities to extend personal beneficence to the Craft and to the community.

Speaking from the unique perspective as Executive Secretary of the World Conference of Grand Masters, Jackson reported that around the world, Grand Lodges are not experiencing the kinds of problems that are regularly reported throughout American jurisdictions: declining membership, lack of initiations, NPD's. He supposes that these other jurisdictions lack these problems because they have upheld the original high standards of Masonic membership. These include petition fees that are 10 to 20 times what is typical of American jurisdictions.

In the Town Meeting during lunch, one Brother raised the question of reconciling the "elite" perspective with that of the American "egalitarian" outlook. I don't think the question got a decided response, but did in fact reflect the dilemma that American Freemasonry has faced since the days of the Revolution, and maybe a root cause of those problems today which cause so much concern throughout the American Craft.

It stands to reason that a fraternity cannot lose 200,000 members in a generation if it only has 25,000 total to start with. Either fraternal model will have problems unique to its size and mission. Problems associated with the larger fraternal group may have a lot to do with cycles of expansion and shrinking. Smaller groups may have difficulty with arena of impact. It is possible that either group can learn from the other's lived experience.

Most importantly, Jackson pointed out that flailing at problems with ill conceived solutions can do as much damage to the Craft as completely ignoring the problems at hand. As usual, determining the problem is always the key to an effective solution, and characterizes much of the discussion we have today about "what is needed to improve the Craft".

As a member of a Masonic "elite" organization (Doric Council), I do understand the thinking and value of Jackson's comments. But I also know that American Freemasonry has made, and continues to make, a substantive contribution to the lives of all citizens as it has done since the early days of the Republic. So here we are.

## Future dates

Dinner reservations to Ed Walker at 647-2382 for each meeting: March is the Select Master Degree and April is a Table Lodge. □



### Zone 11 News

SK Ronald Bertie, PGC  
Zone Advisor

SK Howard C. Colegrove,  
Zone Commander

## To all Sir Knights

Inspections are coming up in March. Your support along the sidelines would be greatly appreciated by all the officers doing the work. See you on Inspection night for Cyrene/Monroe No. 12 and on Saturday morning for Sagoyewatha No. 17.

The Inspection of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12 will be Monday evening, March 6th at 7:30 p.m. The Inspecting Officer will be SK George S. Knorr, Grand Junior Warden.

The Inspection for Sagoyewatha No. 17 will be March 18th, Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. Let it be known that the Officers will be meeting for breakfast at approximately 8:30 a.m. at the Blue Ridge Restaurant, West Main Street, Phelps. We will then go to the meeting place for the Inspection by Sir Knight Paul Barrera, Jr., Eminent Grand Senior Warden.

## Easter Weekend

Easter Sunrise Weekend will be April 22-23rd in Washington, D.C.

The New York headquarters for the Easter Weekend will be the Holiday Inn Hotel, 625 First Street, Alexandria, VA. The cut-off date for reservations is March 21st. Their phone number is 703-548-6300, and the cost for double occupancy is \$84.00, plus 10% tax and \$1.00 occupancy tax per night. Please, early reservations are advised.

The New York State Banquet will be Saturday night, April 22nd at the Holiday Inn Hotel at a cost of \$29.00 per person, which includes tax and gratuity. Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. Hotel reservations are to be made by you and for meal reservations, please call Sir Knight George Knorr by March 31st.

## Spring Festival

Be it known that a Spring Festival on Saturday, May 6th at the Downtown Temple, Rochester, is being planned. Registration, coffee and donuts at 8:00 a.m. The Order of the Red Cross and full form Order of Malta will be conferred in the morning. The Order of the Temple will be conferred after lunch. More information to follow. This is now in the planning stage. □

### Batavia Commandery No. 34 Knights Templar

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## Donations appreciated

Thanks to all who supported our Christmas Donation to the New York State School of the Blind. We raised \$230 and sent it to the School to be used at the discretion of the Superintendent, Jennifer Ervin, as she thinks worthy. She was very surprised and was more than willing to address our group about all the exciting things going on at the School and expressed her appreciation for the gift.

## Looking ahead

The New Year started with very little interruptions from Y2K glitches. The Commandery is off and running with the Millennium Party and St. Valentine's dinner behind us, we are looking ahead to the Dedication of Attica Temple to Templar Masonry on March 25th at high noon. Thorpe Chapter of the OES will be providing lunch at \$8.00 per person and the Re-dedication will follow. The Re-dedication will be under the direction of the Grand Commander, SK David Goodwin, and the Grand Line. It will be a public event and I hope everyone will put this date on their calendars.

## 175th Anniversary

Friday evening, March 24th, will be a 175th Anniversary Recognition at Genesee Commandery No. 10 in Lockport with a dinner and a program. The Grand Commander, SK David Goodwin, will be present. My wife and I will be representing Batavia and if anyone is interested in a ride, please call me at 494-1815.

## 15 Go to Church Sunday at No. Bergen Presbyterian



10 Sir Knights in uniform and their Ladies attended this Annual Event. (Photos courtesy of Jim MacConnell)

### Millennium Dinner at Batavia Commandery



B. Capwell, S. Holmes, A. Steinbaugh and C. Fisher

### Cannibal Night at Batavia Commandery



Jim MacConnell, Marsha MacConnell, Vern Rupert, Anne Rupert, Ann Steinbaugh, Norm Steinbaugh and 27 others enjoyed their meal without the aid of utensils!

## Rehearsals

At our next couple of meetings we will be practicing for the visit of the Grand Commander and our Inspection on April 13th.

## Orders

The Orders will be conferred on April 8th at Tancred Commandery starting at 9:00 a.m. Batavia Commandery will be respon-

sible for the Order of the Temple and SK Steven Wing will be leading the conferring team.

## March

March 9th will be a practice for the Annual Inspection and we will be discussing the Grand Commander's Visit. The final practice will be on March 23rd. □

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO

## News

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Ron Morthorst, Monarch

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



Leon VanHuben

#### Monarch's Message

I hope this article finds all who were under the weather feeling better. I made all my thank-you's in the February report when I was Monarch-elect.

At this time our Master of Ceremonies, Prophet Al Pulcino, is working hard to have entertainment for our Grotto meetings, with the able assistance of Captain of the Guard, General Knierim and the Entertainment Committee. Until next month, remember to have sympathy and good fellowship.

#### Upcoming events

On Saturday, May 13th, we are having a bus trip to Turning Stone Casino. If you are interested in joining us, please call me at 697-1391 soon. I have to know if you want the Bingo Package or the Slot Package. The bus will leave at 7:30 a.m. and return at approximately 6:30 p.m. Sweet rolls and juice will be provided. The place of departure and cost per person to be determined soon. There will be more in the April issue. Reser-

vations are needed by April 30th. Hurry and call me as spaces are already filling up.

#### Condolences

We were saddened to learn of the death of Prophet Jay Painton on February 12th. Our sympathy to his wife, Millie, and family. □

#### Master of Ceremonies

By Alfred Pulcino, III

Our regular meeting of March 15th will be a combination of our Social Hour at 5:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Day Dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The Euchre Tournament will follow refreshments.

#### Thanks

A big thank you to Trooper Gary Grey for his talk on Road Rage at our February meeting. It was enjoyed by all who attended.

Reservations are a must by March 11th to be made with Al Pulcino at 225-8471 for the next meeting. □

#### Grotto News

By Ron Morthorst, PM

#### Euchre Tournament

Come out on Wednesday, March 15th at 8:30 p.m.

Bring a Brother Mason or a friend. Come as a group, refreshments will be served.

A dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. and you are more than welcome to join us. All we ask is that you make a reservation when you sign up for Euchre and March 7th is the deadline.

Yes! Non-Grotto members can warm up while we have a short meeting. Make your reservations today. Call Prophet Don McDill at 225-5718. □

#### In Honor

By Ken Hutchinson

To our immediate Past Monarch, Ronald J. Morthorst, well done. The honor which comes to the Monarch of a Grotto does not terminate when his term ends.

The Past Monarch's Fez represents the completion of a task, the passing from activity to a time to give counsel when needed.

May we always have a warm place in your affections and may you have a lasting influence on our Grotto for good. □

**Attend Grotto Meetings  
Enjoy the Fellowship**

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**Dates to Remember**

Mon., Mar. 6th-Board of Governor's Meeting  
Grotto Office 7:00 p.m.

Thurs., Mar. 9th-Caldron Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Mar. 15th-Grotto Meeting Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner and Euchre Tournament

Mon., Mar. 20th-Legion of Honor Dinner Dutch Mill 6:30 p.m.

Sat., Mar. 25th-Caldron Smorgasbord

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**Attend Grotto Meetings  
Enjoy the Fellowship**

#### Chief Justice

By Ken Hutchinson

On February 5th the Milners, Morthorsts and Hutchinsons journeyed to Toronto to represent Lalla Rookh at Rani Ghar Grotto's Past Monarch's Ball. They scored a knockout by doing a remarkable job! We dined with the Prophets and ladies of Orak Grotto, and we certainly had a fun-filled weekend. The Pennsylvania Grottoes traveled up by bus from Warren, PA.

Our next trip is to Farrah Grotto's Past Monarch's Ball in Warren, PA on March 11th. Here's your opportunity to have an enjoyable weekend in PA! This is always a well attended affair, with top entertainment. We hope more Prophets and their ladies can join us. Call our Monarch or me for more information. □

#### Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

Prophets, plans have been formalized for our Master Mason Night. It will be held on April 12th, at the Henrietta Town Park. This event is an important part of our membership activities. Each Prophet bringing a guest will be treated to a Steak Dinner with all of the trimmings. Please make a special effort to invite a Brother Mason to attend. For those Prophets attending without a guest, there will be a \$4.00 charge for dinner.

Reservations are required. Call 334-4753, 334-4753, or 647-1391 by April 5th.

See this and April's issues of the *Masonic Times* for special details regarding this event. □

#### Legion of Honor

By Alfred Pulcino, III, Comm.

Oh boy, another new job! I thank all officers, Legion members and family who came to the Installation.

The new officers are as follows:

Executive Officer Ernie Swan  
Personnel Officer Kenneth Hutchinson

Chaplain Michael Bell  
Quarter Master Howard Topel

Our regular meetings are on the third Monday of the month at the Dutch Mill on Dewey Avenue, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting is March 20th and reservations are requested by March 16th. Please call Ernie Swan at 621-7162. We have gone to all you can eat buffet dinners, but will take special orders.

This group has a great fellowship and we are looking for new members. □

#### Caldron News

February was cold and snowy and we were busy planning for things to come.

#### Future dates

Our Annual Smorgasbord will be March 25th. Prophet's Night will be April 13th.

#### Good time!

Our Birthday Banquet was held at the Dutch Mill and a good time was had by all.

Happy birthday to Jean Wood, Doris Bell and Pearl Smith.

#### Sickness

Chris Eeckhout has a brace on her leg. Hopefully, she will be back with us next month.

Take care and stay well. □

### York Rite

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### Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

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#### Inspection

Our main event for the year is approaching. The meeting on

Monday, March 6th, is our Inspection. SK George Knorr, Grand Standard Bearer, is our Inspecting Officer.

For those interested, we will go to The Brighton Restaurant for dinner. We will meet at the Downtown Masonic Temple at 5:00 p.m. If you plan to go to dinner, please contact me.

We would appreciate the attendance of as many Sir Knights as possible that evening. Pray for good weather! Refreshments will be served after the Inspection is completed.

#### 2nd meeting

Our 2nd meeting, on March 20th, will be with the Shicker Club. One of the proud accomplishments of this Commandery is sending members of the clergy to the Holy Land. This evening

we will have a special treat, one of these ministers is going to tell us about his experiences on the Pilgrimage. Uniforms will not be required this evening.

#### Visitor

At our last meeting in January we had a visitor from Canada. He was Rt. Em. Kt. F. Doug Draker, Past Grand Marshal of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. Doug wore his Cap and Mantle with full Regalia. It was unfortunate that I forgot to bring my camera that night. □

### Rochester Forest No. 133 Tall Cedars of Lebanon

4th Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.  
1822 Penfield Road  
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Ted Snyder  
Grand Tall Cedar



By Thomas Hueston, PGTC

January's meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. I guess the weather decided that since the new GTC couldn't be present then no one was going to be. Ted sure picked a good time to be in Florida. Once again, the groundhog saw his shadow and so Winter will continue for six more weeks.

We assisted Wakan/Hubbard Lodge at the Have-a-Heart Cam-

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Henrietta Town Park

4 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Steak Dinner

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Reservations Required

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by: April 5, 2000

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

Annual

#### Euchre Tournament

Wednesday, March 15, 2000

8:30 p.m.

Third Floor  
Dining Room

DINNER - 6:15 W/Reservation

For more information call:  
Ron Morthorst 334-4196



paign in February. Many thanks to all who volunteered their time.

We thank Jerry Glaser for giving his report on the Putnam Fund. It is always good to have him keep us abreast of the changing market. Thanks again, Jerry.

Get well wishes are sent out to Carl Busak as he recovers from foot surgery.

The next meeting will be March 22nd. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. at the Penfield Tavern. I hope to see everyone there. □



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# Damascus Temple No. 2 Shrine News

Potentate - George Simon



Tel. (716) 671-7701  
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## FROM THE POTENTATE



**GEORGE SIMON**  
392-4276  
Shrine Office  
671-7701

## Thanks

My thanks to Ill. Rodney Rittenhouse for installing the Officers of the various Clubs and Units. A great job! I congratulate the Officers of the Clubs and Units on their election. I know that you have the support of the Divan and your Clubs, and we know that you will do a great job.

## Circus

Nobles, the Circus is almost here and your help is urgently needed. As most of you know the monies derived from the Circus is for the benefit of Damascus Shrine to keep us in operation so that we may continue to be the greatest philanthropy on Earth. To our Nobles, we would like you to be able to spare a few hours of your time to help us out. If you are so inclined, please call Don Rose at 671-7701. Thank you.

## Pull together

Membership is of great importance for the Masonic Family. We must all pull together to bring more upstanding men into our Fraternity. The Shrine is working together with the Scottish Rite on a joint venture to stimulate our Brothers to recruit new members and we all know this is no easy task. Your Membership Committees cannot do it alone. They can only give us the tools, but we must use them. If we are to grow and prosper, we must be together in unity.

## March events

The Shrine meeting is March 1st.

The Shrine Circus is March 23rd to the 26th.

March 29th is the trip to the Pancake House and March 31st is Brother Bring-a-Brother Night.

If there is a deed you've left undone

Before the setting of the sun,  
Do it now.

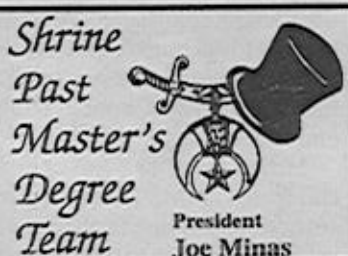
If there are words you did not speak

To soothe a hurt or boost the weak  
Do it now.

If you can make a sick friend well  
Or just a happy story tell  
Do it now.

Time is precious every day  
Make it count in a selfless way.

*Catherine Janssen Irwin*



President  
Joe Minas

We thank all the Nobles that participated in portraying the 3rd Degree in the different Lodges this past year. We had a dinner for the ones attending the Degree this past January. They are: Gordon Bell, George Burke, Harry Dainty, Don Darrohn, Don Freeman, Rich Friedman, Frank Ghysel, Vern Goodrich, Jim Gostley, Glenn Hedges, Bill Hook, Norm Johnston, David Jones, Tom Kendig, Joe Kahn, Don Kreck, Howard Lord, Jan Lughart, Pat McNenny, Roy Merritt, Craig Mollon, Erwin Newell, Earl Pearce, Jim Powell, Joe Privitera, Jack Rodney, Don Rose, Bill Russell, George Simon, Earl Steffen, Keith Stambach, Jim Slocum, Paul Soltzick, Charles Strickland, Russ Vandergriff, Charles Walker, Bob Zabel and John Zabel.

The Degrees we had in February were held in Lima Lodge on

the 19th and Churchville on the 23rd. Without your help, Nobles, we could not have put on the 3rd Degree. All together we were at nine Lodges. We thank you all. Give a helping hand to your new officers in Damascus Shrine. Give a helping hand at the Circus. Damascus needs your help. □

## Shrine Circus is Almost Here

By Erwin Newell, Chairman

Close your eyes and smell the popcorn, hot dogs, and cotton candy. Of course we can't forget all the other wonderful aromas of the circus. Nobles and Ladies, this gets the circus blood flowing in my veins. It tells me that March 23rd - 26th is almost here. There is a lot of work to be done. This year, more than ever, we need your help in making the Circus a success. The War Memorial is now 100% completed and it will now be a joy to work in.

Don Rose is our Man/Woman Power Chairman. He is trying to contact one and all. However, do not be angry if he has not contacted you as yet. Help him by calling the Shrine Office and leaving a message to let him know that you would like to join the Circus Team. This goes not only for you the Nobles, but also for our Ladies. We certainly have a job for everyone. The Office number is 716-671-7701.

I have been working with the War Memorial, TV, Radio Stations, Newspapers, and Val-Pak getting our advertising in place for our all new Circus presented by George Cardin.

We have mailed 100,000 coupons via Val-Pak. As you know, they are direct mailers for advertising coupons. Once again, we will have banners over the expressways.

Novelties will be under the direction of Assistant Rabban, Dayne Tharrett. He will be assisted by the new Battery Chairman, Noble Don McDill.

The Commissary will be under the direction of Executive Aide, Dick Lippincott, and Chief Aide,

Bill Hook. Chief Steward, Earl Pearce, will be in charge of boxing popcorn for our stands, as well as for the vendors. They will be selling snow cones, cotton candy, and popcorn in the arena area only.

The Ad Book has been put together by Noble Phil Trautman. Thank you, Phil, in advance for a job well done. Nobles, we can't let him off the hook so easy. He will need help to sell the Program Book. This year we will be giving away a box of popcorn with every book sold. The clowns promise to support this project, however they cannot handle money because of their costumes, so your support is needed. For those who enjoyed the delicious meals that we have had the last few years, they will again be prepared by our own Kathi Tharrett and her very capable committee.

Finances will be under the direction of Robert Anderson II and Glenn Stahl.

The Provost will be under the direction of Noble Bud Dox. Guess who is coming back from Florida? You're right, Ed Bastian. He tells me his life would not be complete if he missed a circus and couldn't bug the boys.

Circus Daddies and Mommies are headed up by High Priest and Prophet, Harry Dainty, and Oriental Guide, Ken Buckland. Nobles and Ladies, if you have not sent your check in for this important program, please do it soon. Your support is important. Don't forget we invite and host over 20,000 children and guests at the Circus. This money helps underwrite this endeavor.

March 1st will be the last time you can purchase discounted tickets for the Circus. If you would like to buy yours and be assured of good seats, bring your checkbook.

Before I forget, the times for the performances are:

Thursday, March 23rd - 1 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 24th - 1:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 25th -  
11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. and  
7:30 p.m.



Sunday, March 26th - 1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

We need you in the building at least 1 1/2 hours before the performances begin. The times listed are starting times for the shows.

Thank you for your support in advance. □

## Director's Staff

By Joe Minas

Time does not stand still. If you wait for the time, it would pass you right by. I think that has been happening in the Shrine. It seems that everyone is waiting for someone else to do something and nothing is getting done. It gets left along the wayside for another day. Take for instance, a number of years ago the fathers made sure, one way or another, one of his sons or nephews when they came of age, would join the Masonic Order and advance into the Shrine. That suggestion has gone by the wayside. Isn't it a shame that such a good tradition is gone? Just think, if seven out of ten Nobles would take this into account every year, the Shrine would be stable for many years to come.

At the February meeting we held the Election of Officers:

President - Carl Mason.  
Vice President - Ron Edwards  
Secretary - Charlie Walker  
Treasurer - Derek VanHouten

Don't forget the Circus. We have two sections to attend to the refreshment stands and we need all the help we can get. Please let your officers know which stand you will be working at.

Give your new officers a hand, they need your support and can't do everything themselves. □



## The All New Damascus Temple



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March  
23 - 26



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266-2384

By Dean F. Marsaw, 1st Lt. Commander

This is a short message to let you know that there will be no meeting in the month of March due to the Shrine Circus. Many of our members are involved with it.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 27th. Dinner will

be served at 6:30 p.m. sharp, with the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Election of Officers will take place that night for the year 2000, and we have a full slate to elect.

I would urge all you members to make it an effort to attend if it is within your cabletow. It is your Post and you should want to take part in the election.

The Calling Tree will be contacting you for reservations, and a reservation made is a reservation paid.

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### St. John's Weekend

Masons, bring your family, make plans now, join us on St. John's Weekend, the biggest Masonic event held on the Campus of the Masonic Home!

In just a few months, the Campus of the Masonic Home will transform into a carnival-like atmosphere. Plans are now underway to expand the weekend to make it the most memorable Masonic event that takes place on our Campus.

Although the primary purpose for this weekend is the Investiture Service of the newly appointed District Deputies and Staff Officers, it also is an opportunity for the Brethren to visit with residents and other Fraternity Brothers.

The carnival-like atmosphere is a way of bringing families together to enjoy not only a tradition that Masons participate in, but also provides entertainment for the entire family. The air will be filled with musical sounds, kiddie rides and the aroma of great food.

Tour guides will be available to give you a tour of Wiley Hall and our Nursing Facility. If you would like to sit back and relax and see our entire Campus, join us for our popular "Wagon Campus Tour". The Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Museum will also be open so you can see the Masonic Home memorabilia and the various items highlighting the Masonic Fraternity. The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory will offer a slide show, research updates and tours of the laboratory every 45 minutes.

While Mom is strolling through the 40 Arts and Craft booths, Dad will have an opportunity to check out the Antique Car Show, located in front of the Chapel. The children will have a great time on the free kiddie rides and will enjoy the games, clowns and musical entertainment. This year we have added Scotty's Train Ride where the children can hop on the train to the Child Care Center where free Child ID video taping will take place.

The highlight of Saturday will be the parade at 3:00 p.m., lead by a marching band. The parade will bring the Grand Lodge Officers to the Chapel where they will be invested in their office for the next year.

On Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m., we invite the Brethren to bond spiritually in a Chapel Service in the Tompkins Memorial Chapel.

Take the family out for a day of fun, food and relaxation. If your family travels in a motor home, we will be happy to make arrangements for parking your "home" on the Masonic Home's Campus. Make no mistake, we want to do everything we can to make you a part of this great Masonic event. Now it's up to you to do your part. Rain or shine—make plans now to attend this Masonic event—an event that takes place on your Campus each year. If you come, we guarantee you will have a great time!

## Supreme Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America



**Barry D. Stocker**  
Supreme Tall Cedar  
Albert Hensinger, DSTC  
Public Relations

### New Officers

By Albert H. Hensinger, PSTC

At a Midwinter Conference held at Trump Plaza in Atlantic City, New Jersey, January 10-12th, Brother Barry R. Stocker was Installed as Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America by M. W. Edgar N. Pepler, Past Grand Master of the State of New Jersey, and President of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

Brother Stocker is a member of Warren Lodge No. 13, Belvedere, N.J., where he was raised in December of 1977. He is a member of Warren County Forest No. 14, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, where he served as Grand Tall Cedar in 1991, and is a member of its Red Hat Association, and a life member of the Tall Cedar Foundation. Brother Stocker served as District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar of District No. 8, in 1992, 1993 and 1994, and was "District Deputy of the Year" in 1994. He was also elected to the Board of Directors of the Supreme Forest and served on the Board from Region No. 5 for the years 1995-1997. He is a member

of District No. 8 Officers and Past Officers Association, as well as District No. 10; a member of the Valley of Trenton, AASR, Trenton, N.J.; Northwest New Jersey Scottish Rite Club, Phillipsburg, N.J., where he was President in 1995-1996; Rajah Temple, AAONMS in Reading, PA, Forks of the Delaware Hi-Twelve, Easton, PA, and the Bethlehem Cedar Club, Bethlehem, PA.

He is also affiliated with the BPO Elks, Huntington Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1, where he served as President from 1971-73, and various civic organizations in and around the Phillipsburg, New Jersey, area.



Brother Stocker and his wife, Jane, have been married for 45 years. They have a daughter, Karen, sons, Michael, Kevin and Kurt, and five grandchildren. He retired after 30 years as a bus driver with Greyhound, New York City Division, and is currently employed by the State of New Jersey, Department of Corrections. He and his wife are members of St. James Lutheran Church.

### Tall Cedar Goodwill Ambassador for 2000

The Tall Cedar Goodwill Ambassador for the year 2000, Shane R. Burcaw, was born on May 28, 1992, and was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy in 1993. Bethlehem, PA, is home to Shane, his parents, Susan and Jonathon, and his younger brother, Andrew.



Shane is in the second grade of "Pegasus Gifted Program". He enjoys computers and video games, and chocolate peanut butter ice cream. He loves to sing, play army, and driving his wheelchair really fast! A typical boy, he loves bugs, especially the praying mantis, and has tropical fish, and two cats named Winger and Murdoch.

He is a member of his church's children's choir, and is a great story teller. Shane is also the local Muscular Dystrophy Association Ambassador.

The Tall Cedars of Lebanon is a Masonic affiliated organization with over 18,000 members in 110 Forests throughout the United States and Canada.

### Traditional St. Patrick's Day

#### Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner and More

Friday, March 17th

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## HiLights

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Rt. Wthy. L. JANET LEE  
DDGM

Rt. Wthy. TIMOTHY L. BUCKNAM  
DGL

The furry little groundhog, Puxatawney Phil, may have seen his shadow on that sunny day of February 2nd, and has gone back into his hole for six more weeks of Winter hibernation, but we in Genesee/Wyoming District are keeping busy these snowy and cold days.

### New Representative

On January 1st Tim and I welcomed Rt. Wthy. Margaret Nugent to the Grand Chapter family. Rt. Wthy. Margaret has been appointed Grand Representative of North Carolina, near the Grand Chapter, New York. Our wish for her is that she has a most successful two years as a Grand Rep.

### School of Instruction

On January 29th about 30 of our members traveled to Sweethome Chapter in Erie District to attend the Erie District School of Instruction, under the leadership of Rt. Wthy. Ken Bigelow, DGL, and M. Wthy. Alan Lewis, Past Grand Patron. Members of the visiting Districts were invited to be officers during the afternoon session and six of our members sat in various stations. We were pleased and honored to be invited. Much was learned by all.

### Upcoming events

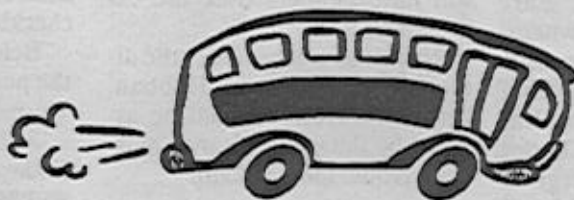
Chapters in Genesee/Wyoming District announce the following events:

1. Hesperus Chapter No. 823 is holding Card Parties at their Chapter in Bergen on the 4th Saturday of each month. The doors open at 7:00 p.m. and card playing begins at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$2.50 at the door and it includes refreshments.

2. Perry Chapter No. 497 will be having an Open Meeting on April 4th and a program on Butterflies will be presented by Sally Browning of Amherst Chapter No. 555 of Erie District. All are welcome. On May 16th they are having a Master Mason Night. The entertainment planned for

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that evening will be on the Civil War, presented by Rt. Wthy. Timothy and Diana Bucknam in period costume. Both meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

3. Vernon Chapter No. 611 will be selling pies at Mt. Vernon Lodge Masonic Breakfast on the 1st Sunday of each month at the Masonic Hall in Java Village. From all reports the pies are m-m-m-good.

#### Study Club

The next Y2K Study Club will be held March 18th at the Masonic Temple in Attica, and Thorpe Chapter No. 462 will be our host. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and lunch will be served after the meeting for a small fee. All officers and members of G/W District are welcomed at the Study Club meetings.

#### Reception

There will be a Reception for Rt. Wthy. Margaret Nugent, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina near the Grand Chapter of New York on March 11, 2000. The event will be hosted by Batavia Chapter No. 267, but held at the LeRoy Masonic Hall. Time 8:00 p.m. Reservations should be in by March 8 to L. Janet Lee, 8517 Stringham Drive, Batavia NY, (716) 343-6285.

### Order of the Eastern Star Highlights

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The March winds will blow, we will have snow, and what will poor robin do then? Let's hope that prediction will not come true. I think we are all ready for some sunshine and the greening of nature. The Winter of 2000 has been harsh.

#### Sadness

We were stunned by the death of Wthy. Norman Barrett, Patron of Lea Court Chapter. Our sympathy goes out to his family and friends. If anyone knows of sickness, distress, or better yet, some good news, please let us know.

#### School of Instruction

The School of Instruction on February 19th went well. I hope all who attended came away with some new information that you have taken back to your Chapter.

#### Officer Meetings

Line Officer Clubs are meeting each month. If you are a Line Officer, and have not yet attended, please do so. We try to make them fun for all. Let's keep those stamps, Campbells labels, and coupons coming. The coupon project has been a rousing success. As a matter of fact, please bring a pair of scissors with you to your next club meeting. Rt. Wthy. Michael is getting carpal tunnel syndrome from the trimming and clipping he has done.

#### Official Visits

Official Visit season is now underway. I invite any and all OES members to come out and support the Chapters in the District. It is interesting to visit other Chapters and discover that each has a distinct personality. You may get some new ideas. M. Wthy. Sally A. Clarke, Grand Matron and M. Wthy. William A. Morse, Grand Patron, have begun their round of Official Visits to the Districts in New York. Check with Rt. Wthy. Michael or me. We would love to have company when we visit the neighboring Districts.

#### Membership

I hope you are all working on our challenge to increase membership. Remember, I have petitions whenever you need one, or contact your Secretary.

In this season of St. Patrick, mind to be wary of leprechauns, keep the wind at your back and may the good Lord keep you in the palm of his hand.

#### Answers

Here are my answers to the initial "Dearie" trivia contest. I hope you all enjoyed it. The winner will be announced in the next edition of the paper:

1. Kato in the "Green Hornet".
  2. Don McNeil...remember Aunt Fanny?
  3. Amos in "Amos 'n Andy", Holy mackerel, Saphire's gonna kill me".
  4. Robespierre, Fanny Brice played Snooks.
  5. Jack Armstrong-brought to you by Wheaties-"Breakfast of Champions."
  6. The Shadow-Lamont Cranston, Margot Lane was his lady friend.
  7. Osgood Conklin, played by Gale Gordon.
  8. The sidewalk salesman on Texaco Star Theater-"You say you're not satisfied. You say you want more for your money. Tell you what I'm gonna do."
  9. Gene Autry-"Where the stars come out at night, and the only law is right."
  10. Senator Claghorn, Mrs. Nussbaum, Ajax Cassidy, Titus Moody.
  11. Peg-The kids were Babs and Junior - "What a revolting development this is!"
  12. Kenny Baker.
  13. The Royal Canadians-Doo, Doo, Doo Da Doo!
  14. Tracer of Lost Persons.
  15. Storyteller on "Let's Pretend", "Cream of Wheat is so good to eat..."
  16. Kate Smith
  17. You're the one and only girl that I adore. When the moon shines over the cow shed, I'll be waiting at the k-k-k-kitchen door.
  18. J. Scott Smart-Fortune "Danger".
  19. A Maxwell.
  20. Third Base.
- Here are the questions for Dearie No. 2:
1. Who rode Topper?
  2. Who sponsored the Friday Night Fights?
  3. Who rode Macaroni?
  4. What band did Ginny Sims sing with?
  5. Identify Derwood Kirby.
  6. What "Does everything?"
  7. Who hosted "Toast of the Town"?
  8. What comes after, "Raised in the woods so he knew every tree..."?
  13. Who sponsored Blondie on radio?
  14. Who rode the MTA?
  15. Identify Dagmar.
  16. Who initially sponsored "Your Hit Parade"?

17. Who initially sponsored "Arthur Godfrey and his Talent Scouts"?

18. What comes after "And the big baboon one night in June..."?

19. Who were Hans and Fritz?

20. What was Mammie Yokum's first name?

Again, I urge you to sit down and think about the questions, and send your answers to me, Michael Bell, 915 Harvard Street, Rochester, NY 14610. Marvelous prizes will be given.

### Rochester Chapter

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Rochester, N. Y. 14605

#### Thanks

I had to submit the last article before we had our Installation and the evening was every bit as nice as I expected. I did not know at that time that the girls from Fidelity Triangle would be at the Installation and would do a motion choir. I, therefore, extend to Beloved Queen, Krystle Alley, and her girls, thanks for the beautiful job they did on the song, "One Moment in Time". I know it meant a great deal to the Worthy Patron as the Beloved Queen is his granddaughter. The girls did a beautiful job and I was very happy to have them there. I think it would be nice if more Chapters had the Triangle girls do Degrees or motion choirs for them. I hope to support the girls as much as I can with my busy schedule.

#### Official Visit

Our next meeting is our Official Visit. Please wear white gowns and gloves. Ours is the first Official Visit. I hope we have a good number of members out for support. I am sure it will be a nice meeting.

#### Spring projects

We have several projects coming up this Spring. The first is a Garage Sale April 27, 28, and 29th. If you have anything you would like to donate, please contact either Rt. Wthy. Audrey Zufall or me.

The second project is a Hat Show and Dessert Buffet. 100 years of hats! The show will be put on by my friend, Lorrie Jones (daughter of Geraldine and Claude Wright). She and her business partner, Trudy Durand, have over 2,000 hats. They go from the late 1800's to now, the 2000's.

Rochester Chapter will have to supply several models. If you want to be a model, let me know. There will be a mailing with further Hat Show information.

#### Sickness and distress

Please keep Sister Georgia Coates in your thoughts and prayers. The brother of Rt. Wthy. Barbara Spano's husband, Tony, died February 2nd. I am sure both she and Tony would appreciate cards. I know of no other sickness or distress. If you know of any, please contact either the Secretary or me.

I am looking forward to a good year. I hope that we can reach all the goals we have set for ourselves.

### NOLA Chapter

No. 368

Order of the Eastern Star

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

Wthy. Antoinette Jeerings  
Matron, 385-5605  
Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings  
Secretary, 594-4692

20 South Main Street  
Churchville, N. Y. 14428

By Sister Alice Hassett

#### Dues

Time to check your membership card. Is it blue? Does it indicate that your dues are paid to December 31, 2000? If not, please phone Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings and forward your dues, or bring them to the next meeting.

#### Meetings

On February 15th, Nola Chapter celebrated Past Matrons and Patrons Night and balloted on new members. To support the various altruistic projects of our District Officers, Worthy Matron, Antoinette Jeerings, has established two teams to compete for points. Wthy. Antoinette will head Team #1 and Wthy. Alan Jeerings will head Team #2. Nola Chapter members will earn points for their teams when they turn in used postage stamps, labels from all Campbell's products and coupons for the Navy Personal Service Center.

Beyond that, points will also be earned for attendance, for bringing in new members, for visiting other Star Chapters, and for other designated activities. The race is on! Will the winner be Team #1 or Team #2?

#### March

The Committee for March is Rt. Wthy. Wilda Robinson, Wthy. Avis Theis, and Rt. Wthy. Susan Huff.

The March 7th meeting will be devoted to a full rehearsal for Official Visit, which will take place on March 21st. A second rehearsal is scheduled for Sunday, March 12th at 2:00 p.m. Please note these important dates on your calendar.

#### Caring thoughts

Wthy. Berneda Riley is home from the hospital. Sister Irene Maurer is at home. Due to a stroke around Christmas time, Wthy. Jessie Johnson is residing at Woodside Manor, 2425 Clinton Ave. S, Rochester, NY 14618.

Wthy. Doug Varley, Past Patron, is in a nursing home in North Carolina. Since his hearing is failing, he really enjoys receiving cards and notes from his friends. His address is: 205 Kings Bridge House, 10 Sugarloaf Rd., Brevard, NC 28712.

Please keep our Sisters and Brothers in your prayers.

#### Updates

Sister Betty Oakley has moved from Brockport to Hamlin and North Carolina. Members of Nola Chapter wish her happiness in her two new homes.

Wthy. Anita Drake is currently spending the Winter with her daughter, Wthy. Sheila McDonald.

#### Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays in March: Wthy. Florence Thayer, Wthy. Eleanora Dick, and Sister Betty Oakley.

### In Memoriam

January, 2000

#### Barrett, Norman C.

Norman was called Home by the Lord on January 26th at the age of 59. He was a Past Master of ERAC Lodge No. 943 and a member of Lea Court Chapter No. 539, OES. Survivors include his wife, Sara, 2 children and one granddaughter.

#### Schuster, Arthur W., Sr.

Death claimed Arthur on January 27th. He was a Past Master of Seneca Lodge No. 797, member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Irene, 2 sons and 2 grandchildren.

#### Martin, Joseph W.

Joseph was a Past Master of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969, Past District Deputy Grand Master and a 33° Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R. He entered Eternal Rest on January 28th.

#### February

#### Embrey, William J.

William was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154 when he passed away on February 8th. He is survived by his wife, Marian, 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

#### Hopson, Robert D.

Churchville Lodge No. 667 lost a member with the passing of Robert on February 9th. He is survived by 3 children and 9 grandchildren.

#### Chesterman, Charles D.

Charles was 99 years old when he died on February 12th. He was a member of Northfield Lodge No. 426 and leaves several family members.

#### Hutteman, John H.

The Great Architect of the Universe claimed John on February 12th. He was an Honorary Member of Fame Lodge No. 945 and is survived by his wife, Florence, 1 son and 4 grandchildren.

#### Painton, Jay S.

Jay was a dual member of Craftsman/Robertson Lodge No. 969, where he was a Past Master, and Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154. He was a member of Rochester Consistory, Past Monarch of Lalla Rookh Grotto and Past Patron of Monroe Chapter No. 57 when he was called Home on February 12th. He is survived by his wife, Mildred, 2 sons, 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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

#### Ertel, Daniel L.

Daniel was a member of Webster Lodge No. 538 and passed away on February 1st in Plano, Texas.

Politeness and consideration for others is like investing pennies and getting dollars back.

Thomas Sowell



## Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

To make additions, call the Service Bureau at 473-4351  
2000

Apr. 6	Scottish Rite Feast of the Paschal Lamb
Apr. 27, 29	Scottish Rite Reunion, Downtown Temple
May 1, 2	Grand Lodge, NYC
May 13	District Spring Party, Mapledale Party House
May 20	PHP Annual Scholarship Dinner, Fredrick's Manor Rte. 20 & Bowen Road
Oct. 22	Interfaith Service and Breakfast, Logans

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<b>Northfield Lodge, 17 Church St., Pittsford - Cap. 80</b> Dan Walker - 429-6572, Bill Spillane - 436-0264, John Dudley - 586-6426
<b>Webster Lodge, 30 Orchard St., Webster - Cap. 200</b> Frederick Cornell, Sr. 671-3102

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**Harold August**  
"The Morgan Affair", Expense reimbursement requested.  
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**Donald Brugger**  
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**William Schencke**  
"55 Alive Program"  
254-0729

**William Zufall**  
"The Morgan Affair"  
271-0795

### EMESSAY NOTES

Reenactment of  
George Washington Funeral

George Washington "was an icon...admired for his intelli-

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Mon., Mar. 13  
**Susan Tedeschi**

Wed., Mar. 15  
**Irish Rovers**  
8:00 p.m.

Thur., Mar. 16  
**Statler Brothers**  
8:00 p.m.

Sat., Mar. 18  
**RTOS**  
8:00 p.m.

Tues. Mar 21- Sun. Mar. 26

**Les Miserables**

Tues. 8:00 p.m.

Wed. 8:00 p.m.

Thur. 8:00 p.m.

Fri. 8:00 p.m.

Sat. 2:00 & 8:00 p.m.

Sun. 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

(Doors open at 7:00 p.m.)

Thur., Mar. 30  
**Tom Jones**  
8:00 p.m.

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If you see your Lodge name here, call your Master; whatever you like!




The Deadline for the April issue is:  
**March 10, 2000**

The entire Ceremony was videotaped by C-Span and is available by calling: 1-877-662-7726, ask for tape #154157, Reenactment of George Washington Funeral. The tape is 3 hours in length and costs \$19.95 + \$7.50 s/h.

## Calendar March 2000

March Flower - Jonquil  
March Gem - Aquamarine

Deadline for the April *Masonic Times*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>Erin-Go-Bragh!</b></p>			<p>1</p> <p>Attica</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5 - 7 p.m. 30 Orchard St. Webster Adults-\$6, child \$3</p> <p>Grand Chapter Albany</p>	<p>4</p> <p>OES - Rochester Chapter</p> <p>O.E.S. Grand Officers</p> <p>Grand Chapter Albany</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Pancake Breakfast Attica Lodge</p>	<p>6</p> <p>West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe</p> <p>OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson Germania Oakland - Castile Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw</p> <p>OES - Fairport, Monroe, Nola, Perry, Webster</p> <p>Shrove Tuesday</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Churchville - BAF Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike</p> <p>Service Bureau Luncheon</p> <p>OES - Batavia, Henrietta, Corinthian/Fellowship</p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Eagle Valley - Bliss Flower City</p> <p>RAM - Hiram</p> <p>KT - Batavia</p> <p>Lalla Rookh Caldron</p> <p>Lent Begins</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Masters &amp; Wardens Churchville - 10 a.m.</p> <p>DeMolay DTT - 2 p.m.</p> <p>York Rite College DTT - 3 p.m.</p> <p>G/W O.E.S. Reception, LeRoy 8:00 p.m.</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Pancake Breakfast Java Village</p>	<p>13</p> <p>ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport Mt. Vernon Union Star - Hon. Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield</p> <p>OES - Charlotte, Mary Jane Holmes</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p> <p>Orthodox Lent Begins</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Batavia Craftsman/Robertson-F Fame - Irondequoit Monroe - Brockport Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes</p> <p>RAM - 3X3, Dansville, Wyoming</p> <p>OES - Leah</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Attica Olive Branch - LeRoy</p> <p>Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-7:00 p.m. East Ave., Hilton</p> <p>Grotto</p> <p>RSM - Doric Council</p> <p>Have a Caesar Salad</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster</p> <p>Scottish Rite Meeting and Program with the ladies and friends</p> <p>RAM - Western Star</p> <p>Oes - Lea Court, Oatka</p>	<p>17</p> <p></p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Widows Luncheon Logan's</p> <p>Oatka - 3°</p>
<p>19</p> <p></p>	<p>20</p> <p>West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe</p> <p>OES - Etolian, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p> <p>1st Day of Spring</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Craftsman/Robertson Clio - Hilton Germania Towpath - E. Rochester Warsaw</p> <p>OES - Fairport, Nola, Perry, Webster</p> <p>Purim</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike</p> <p>Tall Cedars of Lebanon</p> <p>OES - Batavia, Corinthian/ Fellowship</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Eagle Valley - Bliss</p> <p>RAM - Hiram</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Caldron Smorgasboard DTT</p>
<p>26</p> <p>ERAC - E. Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Mt. Vernon Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield</p> <p>RSM - Nundawaga</p> <p>OES - Charlotte Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit</p> <p>OES - Leah</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-7:00 p.m. East Ave., Hilton</p>	<p>30</p> <p>School of Ritual Union Star Lodge Honeoye Falls</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Scottish Rite Bring-A-Brother Night</p>	