

THE COBBLESTONE SOCIETY

DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION OF COBBLESTONE ARCHITECTURE IN AMERICA

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April 14, 1964

The annual meeting of the Cobblestone Society will be held at 12:30 P. M. on Saturday, April 25 at the Apple Grove Inn, Medina, N. Y. for the following purposes:

1. to supplement Article V, Section 1 of the By-Laws of the Constitution. It now reads, "Number. The officers of this society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer." It is proposed to add "and such other assistants to each of these as may be deemed necessary by the Board." Specifically, it is proposed to have a recording and corresponding secretary and an assistant to the treasurer without changing the duties as stated in the By-Laws;
2. to elect new officers for a term of one year;
3. to elect four directors for three-year terms to replace John Brush, Mrs. Richard Canuteson, Cary Lattin and Carl Schmidt whose terms of office expire, and one to complete the unexpired term of James Hunt, resigned;
4. to be brought up to date on the work of our organization;
5. to hear a talk on "Interpreting Our Heritage" by Mr. Frederick L. Rath, Jr., of the Museum at Cooperstown.

The fourth annual cobblestone tour will be Saturday, June 6 in the Wayne County area east of Rochester along the Lake Road and Old 104 and cross roads between these two. Seven houses will be open from 1 to 5 P. M. but we suggest you come in the morning and inspect other cobblestone houses not open but described in the tour booklet. Since there are 26 in all, one cannot possibly cover the entire tour and visit the seven houses in four hours. Luncheon may be had at Normandy Inn near Sodus or at a number of other eating places along the route. A picnic lunch could be enjoyed at Forman Park in Pultneyville or Webster Park north of Webster on the lake. Would you be interested in a conducted round trip bus ride for the Cobblestone Tour for \$5.00 for transportation leaving the Albion High School at 11:45? Just speak to Homer Brown for details.

Please mail the slip below to Homer Brown, R. D. #1, Albion before April 22.

Please reserve _____ luncheons at \$1.75 each for Saturday, April 25, at 12:30 P. M. at the Apple Grove Inn, Medina, N. Y.

() Enclosed is \$ _____ in check or money order.

() I will pay at the luncheon.

Signed _____

Address _____

Annual Report of the President -- April 1964

Members can take pride in the efforts of our officers, directors and committees this year. With our expanded committee system we have progressed rapidly on many fronts.

Restoration efforts are the most visible signs of our progress. The year 1963 marked the final acquisition of the 1834 cobblestone Universalist Church in Childs by the Society. Almost immediately the entire roof and cornice trim were strengthened and restored. At the same time Olaf William Shulgren, Jr., member and architect from Buffalo, contributed his measured drawings of the building and, from an old photograph, drew plans for the restoration of the twenty-five foot high wooden tower that once graced the church roof. Details will be announced later but it is now assured that the tower will be rebuilt within the next few months.

Other plans for the church include replastering the ceiling in addition to repairs and repainting of windows, doors, and the like that our members can do. Volunteers will be greatly appreciated by Howard Pratt, R. F. D., Albion, our repairs committee chairman.

This winter I have organized the museum committee to make a detailed study for creating the Cobblestone Museum in the church basement. We intend to have the highest calibre museum at the most reasonable price.

Continued progress in restorations and in establishing a museum is only possible through the support of our members and the profits derived from our annual Cobblestone Tour and from the Country Auction each fall. The 1963 auction headed by Vice President Maurice Wilson almost doubled the profits of 1962. The Cobblestone Tour on June 6, 1964 from Webster to Sodus Point will be longer than ever. Take the Tour and get others to join you.

Publication and research have expanded. The Society published More Cobblestone Entrances, a folio of drawings by Carl F. Schmidt who is rewriting his book Cobblestone Architecture for a second printing. I am gathering data and photographs on the cobblestone buildings of Onondaga, Cortland and Seneca Counties. I hope this may be added to our library's permanent file of cobblestone architecture this summer. Any member wishing to join in this fascinating hobby, to record his area, may contact me for information.

Publicizing cobblestone buildings is another of our purposes fulfilled better than ever this year thanks to Mrs. Richard Canuteson, our publicity chairman. Our portable cobblestone exhibit has been seen in libraries in Albion, Holley, Medina, and Rochester; in museums in Rochester and Canandaigua and most recently I carried it to the Society of Architectural Historians meeting in Philadelphia. Articles on cobblestone written by Cary Lattin and me have appeared in Yester-years Magazine and Museum Service. The Society of Architectural Historians' Newsletter described our activities. The Cortland County Historical Society's February 1964 Bulletin carried a two page summary of my talk on cobblestone architecture given at their annual meeting.

Best of all was the special cobblestone edition of the Medina Daily Journal on February 21, 1964. Two full pages of photos and articles told our story to Orleans County readers. For this we owe a debt of thanks to Mrs. Harry P. Wilder,

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Mrs. Canuteson and Robert E. Waters, editor of the Journal. Other area newspapers have already expressed an interest in similar articles.

Extra copies of the Journal's cobblestone edition can be obtained at the luncheon for 10¢ or at the school museum this summer.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Society during this, its third year.

Robert W. Frasch
President

Treasurer's Report

April 27, 1963 to April 25, 1964

Balance of checking account, April 27, 1963.....	\$1,213.56
Total Deposits.....	<u>4,304.45</u>
Total.....	5,518.01
Total Disbursement by check.....	<u>5,312.98</u>
	205.03
Service Charge.....	<u>8.04</u>
Balance February 28, 1964.....	\$ 196.99

Income January 1, 1963--December 31, 1963

Memberships.....	\$ 731.50
Sale of Schmidt Folios.....	108.90
Sale of Preservation Folios.....	122.00
Sale of Tour Booklets.....	40.00
Sale of Post Cards.....	13.80
Tour of June 1, 1963.....	236.75
Auction on September 14, 1963.....	<u>746.50</u>
Total.....	\$1,999.45

Savings Account April 3, 1963--April 1, 1964

Balance on April 3, 1963.....	\$1,658.99
Deposits.....	<u>52.00</u>
Total.....	1,710.99
Withdrawals.....	<u>900.00</u>
Balance.....	810.99
Interest June 30, Sept. 30, Dec. 31, 1963, Mar. 31, 1964.	<u>44.07</u>
Balance on April 1, 1964.....	\$ 855.06

Disbursements April 27, 1963--April 25, 1964

N. Y. S. Convention of Universalists (Church).....	\$ 500.00
Roof on Church.....	2,438.44
Legal Expenses.....	209.05
Tax on Water Line (Church, Gaines and Childs Schools)....	18.20
Insurance:	
Liability (Church, Gaines and Childs Schools) \$72.54	
Fire (Childs School).....	30.52
Fire (Gaines School).....	38.60
Fire (Church).....	<u>17.25</u>
Total Ins.....	158.91
Postage, Repairs, etc.....	<u>242.20</u>
Total.....	\$3,566.80