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ELEVENTH GRAND BALL-APRIL 11, 1970

MASONIC BODY CELEBRATES 150 YEARS

Hamilton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, is celebrating its 150th anniversary with a banquet to be held on April 4th at the Rochester Club. Guest speakers will be Raymond C. Ellis, Past Grand Master of Masons in New York State and presently Commander-in-Chief of Scottish Rite Masonry in the state, and a noted authority. Also on the program will be William E. Carr, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York.

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Deputy Grand Master R. W. William R. Knapp

R. W. William R. Knapp to Bring Timely Message

The Eleventh Annual Masonic Grand Ball is practically here, and ticket sales are progressing very well. This will serve as a final reminder to those who have not yet purchased their tickets, to request them from the Master of their Lodge before April 4, 1970, which is the deadline for reservations at Logans.

As most know by now, the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. William R. Knapp, will be with us to address the gathering on a timely Masonic subject, and will be accompanied by several of the Grand Line Officers.

The meal is scheduled to start at 7:00 P.M. and will be a full course "Prime Rib of Beef" dinner, with all the trimmings. Entertainment will consist of Barber Shop Quartet and four hours of dancing to Art Treason's orchestra.

The Masters of the two Monroe Districts are planning for this to be "The Social Event of the Year" and each earnestly requests your support, with a fine time promised for all. Should you have any difficulty getting tickets, please contact the Ball Chairman, W: Charles Daycock at 293-2400.

Brethren:

Boy, how time flies. The Eastern Season is here already, which means Spring cannot be too far behind. It also means that it is once again time for the Annual Grand Ball and this year the event will be held on April 11 at Logan's Party House. If you have been to past Grand Ball Affairs you will know how Grand they really are and this year will naturally be even better. If you have not been to one of these events, then this is the year to start, because R.W: William R. Knapp, Deputy Grand Master is the guest speaker and I will personally guarantee that you will enjoy any words of wisdom from our future Grand Master.

April also brings us to the realization that the Brotherhood Fund is nearing its finish and therefore, may I remind you that if you have not contributed to this wonderful cause, please do so at your earliest convenience. Support your Lodge in the beneficent undertaking which benefits all of us.

I have been busy revisiting Lodges in both districts and I would like to thank you all for the courtesies extended to me on these occasions. Hope to see you in your Lodge real soon.

Fraternally yours,
Rodney R. Rittenhouse, DDGM, 2nd Monroe District

**RODNEY R.
RITTENHOUSE
D.D.G.M.
2nd MONROE
DISTRICT**



Dear Brethren:

One of the Masonic highlights in March was the Master Mason - DeMolay Night at Damascus Temple of the Shrine when the Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor Degree was conferred on WB Robert Orne and Hon. and Ill. Frank Horton. It was most gratifying to see such a large turn out for these much deserved honors. I'm sure everyone present enjoyed the fine work of the DeMolay and the fine hospitality of Damascus Temple.

How are we doing with the Brotherhood Fund Campaign? Don't forget we have a contest going between the First and Second Monroe Districts. The last report showed the First to have a slight lead but that may have changed by now. We should be doing all we can to make this Campaign a big success.

I hope to see many of you at the Masonic Grand Ball at Logan's on April 11. Come out and meet our Deputy Grand Master who will be the guest of honor and speaker of the evening. He is a most charming man and I'm sure he will have an excellent message for us. Add to that Logan's fine food and music for dancing and it looks like a most enjoyable evening.

Fraternally,
C. Lawrence Kilmer, DDGM, 1st Monroe District

**C. LAWRENCE
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1970 BROTHERHOOD CAMPAIGN PROGRESS REPORT AS OF 3/15/70

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A close study of this progress report of the Brotherhood Fund Campaign is convincing that "Much Work Remains To Be Done," if we are to achieve the goal of "Every Member Participation."

Let us March on through April and May to achieve this goal by May 31. We are very grateful to those "Early Starters" who made their gift.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

R.W: Ralph P. Young, Chairman 1st Monroe District.

R.W: Conrad O. May, Chairman 2nd Monroe District.

MASONIC SERVICE BUREAU BENEFIT SHOW

THE GIRL IN THE
FREUDIAN SLIP

Scheduled
May 8 & 9

at Auditorium

The play which the Union Star Lodge No. 320 is sponsoring for the benefit of the Masonic Service Bureau, will be held on Friday and Sat. evenings, May 8th and 9th, in the Auditorium Theater. It is given by a cast of Village Players. Two tickets will be mailed to you and it is hoped you will be able to use them and enjoy a fine show and a pleasant evening. If you will need more tickets you may get them through your lodge or at the Service Bureau office. Donations are \$1.50 per ticket.

"The Girl in the Freudian Slip" is two acts of comedy strictly for fun. Sex is the theme, but lighthearted good-taste is the rule! The time of the play is the present, and in the author's words, "If there is any resemblance to persons living or dead, it is because we're all in this thing together."

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LET'S GO VISITING

- 1 - Shrine Ladies Nite.
- 2 - Webster - Master Mason Degree.
- 2 - Northfield - Business Meeting.
- 2 - Genesee Falls - First Degree.
- 4 - Etolian - Stanley Visit.
- 4 - Hamilton Chapter - Sesquicentennial.
- 4 - F.L. Simes - Ladies Night.
- 6 - J.A. Robertson - First Degree.
- 6 - Corinthian Temple - Three For One Night.
- 7 - Charlotte - Second Degree.
- 7 - Penfield Union - Business Meeting.
- 7 - Yonnonadio - First Degree.
- 7 - Clio - Open.
- 8 - Churchville - Second Degree.
- 8 - Germania - Third Degree.
- 8 - Oatka - First Degree.
- 9 - Zetland - Open Meeting.
- 9 - Hamilton - M.M.M. Degree.
- 9 - J.A. Hard Post - Post Meeting.
- 10 - School of Instruction
- 11 - Grand Ball - Logan's
- 12 - Monroe Commandery - Annual Church Service.
- 12 - Cyrene Commandery - Regular Conclave.
- 12 - Charlotte - Fellowcraft Steak Roast.
- 12 - J.A. Hard Post - Canandaigua Hospital.
- 13 - Etolian - Open.
- 13 - Fairport - Third Degree.
- 13 - F.R. Lawrence - Third Degree.
- 13 - Rochester - Second Degree.
- 14 - Ionic Chapter - Royal Arch Mason.
- 14 - East Rochester - Scottish Nite.
- 14 - Flower City - First Degree.
- 14 - Henrietta - Third Degree.
- 14 - Fame - Move-Up Nite.
- 14 - F.L. Simes - Third Degree.
- 16 - Webster - Entered Apprentice Degree.
- 16 - Northfield - Third Degree.
- 16 - Genesee Falls - Tureen Dinner.
- 17 - Monroe Commandery - Move-Up-Night.
- 17 - Etolian - Ladies Night.
- 17 - Churchville - Tureen Dinner.

INTERLODGE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The Interlodge Fellowship Committee is in full swing now. After the formalities of elections at the first meeting, the second meeting, held on Feb. 26, 1970, was devoted to the organization of committees to handle the Fellowship activities for the coming year. On the basis of past interest we have set up committees to organize activities in the following areas.

- Golf: Al Otterman,
- Bowling: Fletcher Peck, Don Hampton, Vincent DiCessa,
- Trap and Skeet: Charles Jutsum, Ken Frearson, Glen Moray, Howard Garbutt,
- Archery: Richard Bock,
- camping: Ron Turney,
- Stuart Brickman,
- Fishing: Dick McConnell,
- Howard Garbutt,
- Stamp and Collectors Club: Stu Boyce.

If any Brother can think of an activity which may be of interest to others, please make it known to your Fellowship Representative and we will try to fit it into the schedule for the year.

If any Brother wishes to assist in the organization or work on any committees, please make your wishes known as we can always use help. In any case, we need the support of all Brothers to make these activities a success. Please keep in touch with your representative and watch this column for a schedules of coming events. **LETS MAKE THE YEAR 1970 A YEAR OF REAL FELLOWSHIP!**

- 18 - Oatka - Smorgasbord at Temple.
- 20 - School of Ritual.
- 20 - J.A. Robertson - R.G.&E. Atomic Power Plant.
- 20 - Corinthian - Open Meeting. Speaker on Atomic Power.
- 21 - Charlotte - Open Meeting.
- 21 - Seneca - Regular Communication.
- 21 - Penfield Union - Third Degree.
- 21 - Yonnonadio - Open Meeting.
- 21 - Clio - First Degree.
- 21 - Germania Lodge of Perfection - Business meeting and film.
- 22 - Germania - Business Meeting.
- 23 - Zetland - Second Degree.
- 23 - Hamilton Chapter - Past Master Degree.
- 24 - Cyrene Commandery - Order of the Temple Degree.
- 25 - Clio - Ox Roast.
- 26 - Henrietta - Communion Breakfast.
- 27 - Etolian - Third Degree.
- 27 - Wakan - Third Degree.
- 28 - East Rochester - First Degree.
- 28 - Fame Lodge - Second Degree.
- 30 - School of Lodge Administration.

MASONIC SERVICE BUREAU

Spring has at last arrived and winter is now behind us. We had a long cold winter, but I hope you escaped any serious illness and are now looking forward to a nice spring and summer.

Our sick room equipment continues to be in increased demand and it is wonderful to see the smiles of deep appreciation on the faces of those who are less fortunate and are in need of such equipment. This is a real saving, especially when expenses are so high. It also demonstrates that Masons do care.

So many of our older members have reached the time in their life when they do not enjoy their usual good health and vigor and are not able to fully care for themselves and have no family and few friends whom they can call. It is such a relief and comfort when a brother Masons calls and can do something to help or show in some way that brotherly love still exists. Do not pass up a chance to do something nice and make a heavy heart much lighter and happier. Tell the Master of your Lodge that you would like to do something for someone in the Lodge who is in need of kindness and understanding and see how quickly and happily he will cooperate. These are some of the things that will keep Masonry alive and live up to its teachings.

These are some of the reasons that the Masonic Service Bureau exists and endeavors to help you and Masonry fulfill these teachings.

May we all continue to work together and make all of this possible.



Just for Today . . .

"INTO THIS DAY WITH GOD."

By I. Vincent Lloyd

We will walk into this day with God; In his wisdom he understands us, With his love he shepherds us, By his strength he keeps us, Through his mercy he forgives us, In his patience he works for us. We will walk into this day with God.

We may go into this day alone. Upon leaving the home we may leave all thought of God behind us. All is forgotten save the business of the hours before us. Or, we may walk into this day with God. His presence we may have in the thick of life! Along with that presence will come other blessings.

Walking into this day with God, we will go into it with a wisdom that is greater than our own. Wisdom is simply knowledge and information that has been blessed of God toward the best use possible. Our jobs are too big for us to handle, with sheer knowledge and cold facts. We need the wisdom of God to play upon our understanding. So, would we share the wisdom that is from above.

Walking into this day with God, we will meet it with divine strength. Strength is a relative thing. We ask, "what is more important?" Physical strength, mental strength, or spiritual strength? We answer that most important is the strength of God, his Almightyness. His strength is on the side of love, hope, faith, truth, mercy.

Walking into this day with God, we will walk very patiently. There is a patience that waits and waits and waits until the right moment, the right event, and the right person work together for good. Within this day may be the right moment and the right event. Walking into this day with God assures us of having the right person with us so that the day will work together for good.

In the hurried and crowded hours of my day, I will set aside a time for reflection, for musing and mental brooding on the events which come to me. The obligations I have taken as a Mason aid me in these moments.

SCHOOL OF LODGE ADMINISTRATION

Our Masters of Lodges will soon be going to New York City to attend the Grand Lodge session for 1970. This is then an excellent time to review the functioning of a Grand Masonic Lodge. For this reason our meeting called for Wednesday, April 29, will be devoted to the following subjects: 1. Masonic Law - of what does it consist? 2. Membership of & the invested powers of Grand Lodge. 3. Grand Master - his power and prerogatives. 4. Annual communication of a Grand Lodge.

These topics should be of great interest, not only to those who will be attending the Grand Lodge Session the first week in May, but also to all members who may not be fully informed in this part of our fraternal organization. Again, R:W: Herman Sarachan will lead the discussion and we hope you will come prepared to ask questions on any subject that you may not clearly understand. Ralph A. Biggar, Exec. Sec.

150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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State of New York as a Masonic body. Its members, called "Companions" meet in Chapters, all in this state under the Grand Chapter of New York, with headquarters at Albany. Most Grand Chapters are united into the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the U.S.A. The officers take their titles from the heads of the Judean State who returned from the Babylonian Exile during the 6th century B.C. These principal officers are High Priest, King, and Scribe.

A number of present and past Grand Chapter officers will attend the celebration. The following members of Hamilton Chapter are among the Grand Chapter officers: Frank W. Allen, Grand Treasurer; Rev. William T. Plews, Grand Chaplain; Clarence Grabb, Grand Trustee; R. Bruce Dayton, and Willis J. Henry, Grand Representatives.



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Dear Brother Herman

Rt. Wor. Herman Sarachan will answer questions on Masonic ritual, symbolism, history and law. Address your questions to BROTHER HERMAN, % Masonic Service Bureau, 875 Main Street East, Rochester, New York 14605.

Q. I read in a Montana Masonic Paper that the Grand Master had "made a Mason at sight." I assume that the Grand Master declared an individual a Mason without going through any ritual or becoming a member of a Lodge. Does a Grand Master have the power to do this?

A. One of the great Masonic ritualist, and prolific Masonic writer, Albert G. Mackey (1807-1881) set down 25 basic principles, which he called the "landmarks of Freemasonry." The 8th of these was "the prerogative of the Grand Master to make Masons at sight." This implies that a Grand Master can declare a man a Mason by his mere statement to that effect.

Much controversy has resulted over the years in Grand Jurisdictions over this "landmark." It is now assumed in most Grand Jurisdictions that just as the Grand Master can issue dispensations to confer degrees on more than the maximum number of candidates at one time (5 in New York), or shorten the time between degrees, or even grant dispensation to confer all 3 degrees in one day (as was done during war), so he has the power to obligate a candidate in the 3 degrees, or have it done in his presence, and thus "make a Mason at sight."

There have been very few cases in this country (none that I have ever come across in New York). Those on record are: John Wanamaker, at Philadelphia (1898); Charles W. Fairbanks, Vice President, at Indianapolis, and Admiral Winfield Scott Schley at Washington, D.C. (1908); President-elect William Howard Taft (1909); General George C. Marshal and General Douglas MacArthur.

The particular case to which you refer occurred on Jan. 14, 1970. A man who received his Entered Apprentice Degree in April 1968, has since suffered eight heart attacks. His present hospitalization has lasted since Christmas.

Desiring to become a member of the craft, and realizing that the state of his health would not permit him to proceed further, he appealed to the Grand Master, to see if anything could be done.

The Grand Master came to Helena and accompanied by his Junior Grand Warden, by the Master of Morning Star Lodge No. 5, which had conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree upon him, and by the candidate's son, a member of that Lodge, made the brother "a Mason at Sight," and member of Morning Star Lodge.

This is the first time in Montana history that this prerogative of the Grand Master has been exercised.

Q. I was handed the enclosed card by a Mason, which is a satire on our EA Degree. Doesn't this show poor taste?

A. The card titled, "The Initiated Tramp," parodies the lectures of the first degree. It is much more than poor taste. It is in my judgement, unmasonic.

Our ritual is dignified and meaningful, and through its language we express the lofty principles which are the foundation of our Order. We might expect the enemies of Masonry to ridicule and parody its ritual, as was done during the Morgan period, and by some of its detractors since.

We say that Masonry is religious. Our ritual is the language by which we express our religiosity. Would the brother in question parody or ridicule a portion of the Bible? To the devoted Mason, next to the Bible, the Masonic ritual is also sacred.

Sever years ago, the attention of the Grand Master was called to a so-called degree, which was intended to amuse the brethren by parodying Masonry and its ritual. The Grand Master issued an edict prohibiting the practice. It is my opinion that the present Grand Master would likewise frown on the printing and the circulation of a card such as you enclosed.

MASONIC HOME NEWS

By Bro. Arthur Gabel

With the approach of spring, there are many things to look forward to, such as tours and good entertainment. We have our beautiful new blue and white Masonic Home bus to give us comfortable riding.

February 25th, the new bus took 35 guests to the Utica Municipal Auditorium for the Outdoor Exhibit and Spring Fair. The guests enjoyed seeing the new equipment available for recreation, which brought back memories

Special Services has a new game available that requires 2 to 4 players. It is called "Aggravation" and is played on a board with marbles and dice. The boards have been colored as a visual aid and easy instructions attached. Several of the guests know how to play, so check with your friends or come to Room 233 and get personal instructions. This game is interesting and can be enjoyed, regardless of poor eyesight and hearing. Let's give this game a try, to while away a few hours!

Jigsaw puzzles have been started in the first floor Ladies Lounge and the Reception Rooms as Vrooman Hall. They are a good past time on a stormy afternoon. Puzzles in a variety of shapes, sizes and subjects are available in Room 233 to all enthusiasts.

THE MASONIC STAMP AND COLLECTORS' CLUB

The Masonic Stamp and Collectors' Club of Rochester which meets at the Masonic Temple, the third Monday of every month with the exception of June, July and August, are looking forward to a special treat at their April meeting. The president of the club, Frank Fulreader, this month will be touring Switzerland and other European countries and will bring back a number of slides of these different places and they will be shown at the Apr. meeting.

Arlington Furner, who will be in Spain and the islands of the Mediterranean Sea, is also expected to have slides to offer for this showing.

However, along with this slide show will be the usual task of packing stamps for the Masonic Home at Utica and the Shriners' Hospital for Children in Mass. This has been a pleasant task brought about by the generous donations of stamps by the Masons of Monroe Districts 1 and 2.

This has been a rewarding experience on the part of the Stamp Club and any Mason can be a part of this effort.

PAST MASTERS SUPPER CLUB

"Christianity and American Frremasonry". This will be our speaker's subject when we meet on April 24th at the Moose Club on East Ave. W.B. Howard Strobel has developed this talk.

Plans for our Annual Ladies Night will be discussed and we ask that you save the date of either May 22 or May 23

Social hour at 6:00 P.m., Friday, April 24, Dinner at 6:30 prompt. For reservations call W.B. Larry Polley, at 671-1208.

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LODGE *news and views*

FLOWER CITY LODGE
No. 910
2nd Tuesday

Dear Brethren:

We are now in the second quarter of 1970. I'm very pleased with our program to date, and the reception its received.

Our March 10th meeting was fairly well attended. The work exemplified by Lodge Scotia No. 1 was superb. I wonder whether some of the group (Our Jr. Warden excepted of course) take lessons in Scottish just to impress the listeners. We are very thankful to Bro. Solomon for acting as interpreter.

Bouquets to our Jr. Warden for a Ladies' Night Dinner Dance that we'll long remember. The food, liquid refreshments, music and good fellowship were blended in just the proper amounts to please everyone.

Our next meeting, on April 14th, will be a First Degree conferred by our Sr. Warden, Stan Weingart. In addition to the line officers, the following will participate: R:W: Herman Sarachan, R:W: Sam Markus, W: Norman Friedman, W: Jack Reitkopp and Bro. Sandy Hoffman.

And lastly, to our Jewish Brethren-A Happy Passover. Fraternally,
Myron Kleinberg, Master

Congratulations to Bro. & Mrs. Burton Tanenbaum on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Robert.

Rt. Wor. Joseph E. Silverstein is again serving as Honorary Chairman of the Rochester Committee for State of Israel Bonds.

Wor. Myron D. Kleinberg conducted the Friday evening service with Bro. and Rabbi Aaron Solomon at Temple Beth David at the Annual Masonic Consecration Service. Speaker was Hon. and Bro. Frank J. Horton.

Bro. Lawrence Schulman has been elected Sr. Vice Commander of David J. Kauffman Post, Jewish War Veterans.

Brother Justin L. Vigdor served as Chairman and Toastmaster of a dinner commemorating the establishing of a chair in comparative religion at Dropsie University, Philadelphia in memory of the late Harry Z. Harris.

Re-elected to the National Council of the Joint Distribution Committee were the following: Rt. Wor. Joseph E. Silverstein, Wor. Joseph Goldstein, Bros. Morris Levinson and Samuel Poze.

We congratulate Mrs. Leonard Grossman, widow of our late brother on the engagement of Miss Eileen M. Brodsky to her son, Michael.

We extend our sympathy to the family of our late Bro. Abraham Plaksin; and to Bros. Arthur and Norman Abelson.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Bro. Harry Katz is home recovering from an operation. Bro. Lester Appelbaum is at home recovering from a pro-

ETOLIAN LODGE
No. 479

TRESTLEBOARD

April 4 - Stanley Visit - All day (starting at 1:30) or evening participation. John Mattern, Chairman.

April 13 - Open
April 17 - Ladies Night - notice to be mailed.

April 27 - Third Degree - Master presiding, 1st section, 5:30, followed by dinner. Please make reservations with Jr. Warden, John Mattern

Our last column was lost in an automobile accident. We are sorry if this caused anyone grief, but look what it did for the publicity chairman.

Two candidates were initiated Feb. 23, Frank J. Corino and Arnold Hughson. Their Masons friends are invited to help them the rest of the way.

The Annual Ski Party at Frost (slippery grass) Ridge was held Feb. 27. The Etolian turnout was good, but as usual conditions were not the best. By the visitor turnout, it would appear that there are a number of chicken Masters this year. Where were you fellows?

The Brotherhood Fund is still badly in need of contributors. Although money is important, the most important is participation. Even if you only give a buck, do so. This is your fund for your brothers in your home.

If the style of this column seems strange it's because it probably is.

George Lynch, Master

longed illness. Bro. Joseph Wolk is ill at Strong Memorial Hospital. Bro. Rueben Fisher is home recovering from an illness. Bro. Hyman Goldstein is home recovering from an illness. Bro. Sam Rosen is ill at the Jewish Home & Infirmary. Bro. Maxwell Snyder is still at the Monroe County Hospital. He is slowly progressing with therapy. Bro. Simon (Scotty) Caplan is home recovering from an illness.

These brethren would appreciate hearing from you.

Please keep us informed.
Wm. R. Dunsky, Hospitaler

CALLED BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT

Brother Abraham Plaksin, Raised Feb. 26, 1924, Lodge Supreme, Feb. 26, 1970. Bro. Plaksin was 85 years old. Our sincerest regrets to the family.

CORRECTION - March's Monroe Masonic News erroneously included the name of Bro. Lou Herzog when reporting the death of the mother of Bro. Maurice Herzog. Bros. Lou and Morry are unrelated.

TRESLTEBOARD

Apr. 11 - Masonic Grand Ball, Logans

Apr. 14 - First Degree - Conferred by Sr. Warden
Conferred by Sr. Warden

OATKA LODGE

No. 759
2nd & 4th Wednesday

Brethren:

Now that our bad weather is starting to break, I hope that our attendance will start to increase. Perhaps with some better weather we will be able to throw off these bugs that have managed to take their toll on so many of us.

At our Second meeting in Feb., I conferred the first degree on three eager candidates. The degree was scheduled for the first meeting in Feb. but our meeting was cancelled because of bad weather. Our new brothers are Robert Ritz, Tim Tompkins, and Philip Hise.

The Second Degree was conferred on March 25th with S.W. Burton Brown in the East. Several of our brethren were on vacation and I want to thank those who filled these vacancies.

BROTHERHOOD FUND

Our Brotherhood Fund is still moving slow. Please get your donations in to Bro. Robert Trussell, 14 Chester Ave., Rochester 14623. At this writing we have less than 15% participation.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

WB Ray Maas has spent another 10 days in the hospital. He is home now and is feeling better. Bro. Clair Munson is in the hospital in Geneva. We do not have any details of Bro. Clair's illness but I am sure these brothers would be happy to hear from any of the brethren of Oatka.

On the 18th we will be holding a joint Star Lodge Smorgasborg. The purpose of this smorgasborg is to raise money for the repairs and upkeep of our Temple. We have many projects in mind but need support in financing these repairs. Each of our Sisters and Brethren will be hearing from the committee for support.

TRESTLEBOARD

Apr. 1 - Fellowcraft
Apr. 8 - First Degree
Apr. 11 - Grand Ball
Apr. 18 - Smorgasborg at Temple

Apr. 20 - School of Ritual
Apr. 22 - Third Degree
Apr. 30 - School of Lodge Administration

If any of the brethren want tickets for the Grand Ball, please call me at 889-1285.

Another Buffet and Dance will be held on May 2nd. There will be a limited amount of tickets on sale so get your reservations in early.

Fraternally,
Robert J. Murphy, Master

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NORTHFIELD LODGE No. 426
1st & 3rd Thursdays



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My Brothers;

Your officers and committee members had hoped for a "breather" sometime during the month of March, however, you fellows have been kind of tough on us so far and just won't let us slow down one little bit. Nevertheless, we don't mind just as long as you all keep coming out as you have been.

Our meeting of March 5th was very well attended with 37 brothers at the spaghetti buffet and later joined by 3 others for a total of 40 in attendance at our special program and business meeting.

Those who attended this meeting were treated to an extremely interesting and very well presented program by Brother Tom Jones of Yonondio Lodge No. 163. Although this Tom Jones is an Englishman too, he didn't sing or wiggle, but his history of Ancient Masonry held us all in close attention. Thank you again, Tom Jones, for such a delightful presentation.

Special committees were also appointed at this meeting. They were charged both verbally and in writing to accomplish their designated tasks by specific dates and report back to open lodge with written and oral reports.

Those committees appointed are:

1. **Dead Tree Removal & Replacement Committee;** Co-Chairmen, Frank S. McConnell, John H. Earls.

2. **Committee on Structural Soundness & General Repair of Building;** Chairman: Paul F. Fox.

3. **Hallway and Stairway Paneling Committee;** Chairman, Harry H. Kennedy.

4. **Music Committee;** Chairman, Harry H. Kennedy. This committee to serve jointly with the Music Committee of Northfield Chapter No. 378.

It was also suggested at this meeting that we begin thinking about summer care for our lawn and property. A committee will be appointed soon to seek out and hire a suitable caretaker.

Friday night, March 6th, our three Entered Apprentices, Franklin Gilmore, Charles Pembroke and Bill Watson attended the School of Instruction together with Bro. George Dennis, Frank S. McConnell, William Ramdale & myself. We were short by two from having the most members in attendance from any one Lodge. Do you fellows get the message??? Let us try harder to take the attendance banner on all future meetings of the three schools.

March 19th was our Second Degree, which was very capably presented by our Jr. Warden, R.W. Harry H. Kennedy. The girls of Northfield Chapter No. 378, under the chairmanship of Miss Linda Bowman, prepared and served another delicious dinner before the meeting. Thank you again, fair Ladies, for taking such good care of us.

Our Fish Fry on March 25th was more than a success. I never thought so much fish could be eaten. Our thanks

EAST ROCHESTER LODGE No. 1020
2nd & 4th Tuesday

Brethren:

At our communication on Tuesday, April 14th we will have a Scottish Night. Our guests of that evening will be a group of Scottish Masons who will exemplify parts of the degree work as it is performed in Scotland. These Brothers have formed this team for the purpose of showing the differences between the ritual as approved by the Grand Lodge of Scotland and that approved by our own Grand Lodge.

At our second communication, Tuesday, April 28th, we will have a First Degree with Bro. Walter Shafer in the East.

These two evenings promise to be very educational and entertaining, so I urge all of our Brothers to attend and show our guests and officers how much their efforts are appreciated. May I also remind all of our members that we all owe a debt to Masonry. There are many ways open to us to repay that debt, including our attendance at as many communications as possible, and the unselfishness in our giving to the Brotherhood Fund Campaign. Alexander Peters, Master

to all who attended and especially to those who worked so hard in preparing and serving. It is most gratifying to see so many people having so much fun.

On April 2nd, we will present a very special program after our regular business meeting. We invited Penfield Union Lodge No. 154 to attend a buffet dinner at 6:30 P.M., and later, Bro. Herb Holt will present a historical review of Penfield Lodge - their past and present. We also will test their Euchre ability.

Other dates of significant interest are:

Apr. 10 - School of Instruction, 7:30 at Masonic Temple

April 17 - School of Ritual, 7:30 at Masonic Temple

You are especially reminded of the Masonic Grand Ball to be held at Logan's Party House. Please contact George Dennis, Harry Kennedy or myself for tickets. They are \$6.50 per person and a most delightful evening is planned for all. Let's have a very good presentation from Northfield Lodge.

On Thurs., April 16, 1970, the Shrine Past Master's Degree Team will confer the third degree in its entirety. They do an outstanding job and I trust that many of you will come out for this performance. Prior to the meeting, the Ladies of the Eastern Star will prepare and serve dinner. Call Harry Kennedy or George Dennis with your reservations.

That's all for now. So, thank you again for your continued support. Fraternally yours, Henry A. McCurdy, Master



Father & Son pass the gavel. W. Bro. John Cromarty gives the gavel to his father, W. Bro. Frank Cromarty.

HENRIETTA LODGE No. 526

1863 1969

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

MASTER'S MESSAGE

As another month goes by, spring is upon us. We have a tight schedule to follow but as always we can only move forward. I only wish all the brothers could make Lodge and see the work that is being done by my fellow officers and the assistance I have enjoyed from the brothers on the side lines.

On Feb. 24th, we had our first card party with Union Star, Oatka and Northfield Lodges, along with our own sharpies, as always. Gil Gilbert and Lou Timm were first; Earl Chase and Jim Telloch were second, and third was Henry McCurdy and his partner from Northfield Lodge.

Next chance for revenge is on June 1st at Corinthian Lodge in the Masonic Temple starting at 7:30 p.m. Make reservations with W.M. Frank Cromarty NOW.

The night of March 10th was a night to remember in Henrietta Lodge. The Second Degree was done with Jr. Warden, Lloyd Weston, in the East. He have the obligation, the Long Charge, and working tools, and did a job that we can all be proud of. He was assisted by Sr. Deacon, Marty Reitz, who gave us one of the most memorable Middle Chamber Lectures ever done in Henrietta Lodge. The questions and answers were passed by Allen Yeager and Larry Millerd, who will give anyone the most pleasurable enjoyment to hear them pass the Lecture between them.

On April 14th we have a Third degree at 6 p.m., first section; 7 p.m., eat; 8 p.m. second section. The Eastern Star will serve us our usual fine meal (roast beef). You must make reservations by calling 271-6343 or 334-4196, or contact any officer in the Lodge. All reservations must be honored. I hope all the brothers will make an effort to see a splendid degree by your own officers. Fraternally, Frank Cromarty, W. Master

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Communion Breakfast is April 26th at United Church of Christ, Lehigh Station Rd. Tickets are available now

from any officers. Rev. Wm. Plews is guest speaker. Wives are welcome also. Get your tickets today or call 271-6343 or 334-4196.

DUES

Dues are past due for 1970 and 1969 and 1968. What year's do you owe? Your secretary awaits your check in the mail, or even better come out and pay them in person.

BROTHERHOOD FUND

Brotherhood Fund is due now. If you haven't sent yours in, do so now. Only 25 brothers have sent in their contributions. Have you?

PAST MASTER'S NIGHT

Past Master's Night will be held April 28th. There will be no degree only an open meeting with recognition of the Past Masters. Will you attend and enjoy reminiscing bygone days.

LADIES' NIGHT

Ladies' Night will be held on May 16th. Tickets which are \$3 per person are now available from any officer.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

W. Bro. Howard Wilde is going back to work after his heart attack.

CALLED BY SUPREME ARCHITECT

Brother Robert Sleight - Raised Nov. 30, 1966. Passed Feb. 21, 1970. The Lodge extends its sympathy to Bro. Sleight's family and his loved ones.

TRESLTEBOARD

- Apr. 7 - Fellowcraft Business Meeting
 - Apr. 11 - Grand Ball
 - Apr. 14 - Third Degree
 - Apr. 21 - Fellowcraft Work Night
 - Apr. 26 - Communion Breakfast
 - Apr. 28 - Past Master's Night
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Bro. Clare Deuel of Churchville Lodge #667, receives 50 Year Pin at home. Taking part in the presentation, l to r: W. Charles Daycock, Master; Bro. Deuel, R:W: Conrad O. May, and R:W: Rodney Rittenhouse.



Bro. Mert Richards (center) receives congratulations from W: James Brodie (l) and Bro. John Brodie (r) upon receipt of his 50 Year Pin on Feb. 25, 1970. Bro. Richards and the Brodies brothers have been together in Churchville Lodge for nearly all of the 50 years.

YONNONDIO LODGE
No. 163
1st and 3rd Tuesdays



MASTER'S MESSAGE

When installed as Master of Yonnondio Lodge I felt I had attained the highest privilege possible in Masonic Labor. This has only been surpassed by the recent raising of the first class of brothers in 1970. I want to thank all those who were in attendance as you shared my joy at raising two sons, Bradley Smith and David Smith, two brothers-in-law, Richard Kessler and Russell Wickes, and Bro. Raymond Crisler. The evening of March 3, 1970 will always be one of my most treasured memories.

Our meeting of March 17th was also an exciting one. The Lodge expresses its gratitude to R:W: Barton Horner for the arrangements made with Bernard Held, Inc., and the outstanding show featuring the epitome of fur fashions. My personal thanks to the wives of our Past Masters and Senior Officers of the Lodge who served as models. They gave so graciously of their time to make this a successful evening.

In closing I ask each brother to mark his calendar with the dates set forth on our Trestleboard. Particularly, I direct your attention to the School of Instruction on April 10th and School of Ritual on April 17th. Let us all endeavor to attend these worthwhile educational programs and learn more of our time honored Institution and its ritualistic work.

Ralph E. Smith, Master

COMING EVENTS

At the March Officers meeting preliminary arrangements were made for the annual Lodge picnic which had been discontinued for a few years. Although plans have not as yet been finalized you should circle June 6th on your calendar. Watch this column and your mail for more details.

Our First Degree on April 7th will be conferred by Sr. Warden, E. Hoak. Make that evening's attendance a good one.

FELLOWCRAFT CLUB

On March 24, 1970 the regular meeting was held at the Temple. President Uttrup discussed the program for the coming month. W: Bro. Paul E. Thone pointed out that final arrangements have been made for the spring dinner at the Party House. It is not too early to make reservations with any of the Fellowcraft Officers. The date is Tuesday, May 26th.

BROTHERHOOD FUND

As the time approaches for the termination of the Brotherhood Fund Drive for 1969-1970, our Lodge percentage of participation has slowed considerably. Although off to a rapid start our momentum has stalled. Send your contributions today.

Robert L. Breakwell, Chairman

TRESTLEBOARD

- Apr. 7 - First Degree
- Apr. 10 - School of Instr.
- Apr. 17 - School of Ritual
- Apr. 21 - Open Meeting
- Apr. 28 - Fellowcraft Club

PENFIELD UNION LODGE
No. 154
1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Brethren:

Prior to our meeting on March 3rd, we were visited by a delegation of young ladies from Lilac Triangle. They made an impressive presentation of the Lord's Prayer Degree. Beloved Queen Connie Schultz introduced her officers and told of the activities and qualifications for membership in the Triangle. We have been invited to attend the installation of their new officers at Fairport Masonic Temple, April 11th. The new Beloved Queen will be Marilyn Speers, and our best wishes are extended to her and her associates.

April 2nd, we will keep our date with the Brethren of Northfield Lodge, No. 426, in Pittsford. A buffet dinner will be served at 6:30. Please contact me with your reservations so that I may inform our hosts how many to prepare for -- 586-1732. An interesting program is scheduled to follow their business meeting, which will start at 7:30.

Our Communication, April 7th, will open at 8 and we expect, will be brief. The rest of the evening will be devoted to socializing, lunch and cards. We are developing some very good Euchre players, and would welcome competition. Come and bring a neighbor with you, either one of our members or a visiting brother. The recent increase in attendance is very encouraging to your officers. Help fill the side lines.

April 11th is the date of our Annual Grand Ball which will be held again at Logan's. Social hour at 6:30 will be delivered by R:W: Wm. R. Knapp, Deputy Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York. Entertainment will be provided and a good orchestra will play for dancing 9 to 1. Your Master has tickets for sales, and will gladly supply them to you and your friends.

April 14th at 7:30. Fellowcraft meeting and drill in preparation for our Third Degree the following week.

April 21 - Third Degree at 7:30 preceded by dinner at 6:30, which will be served by the ladies of Constellation Chapter, O.E.S. Please make early reservations by calling Bro. Harold Dobson, Jr. Warden, 381-4373.

Our Brotherhood Fund Co-Chairmen have enlisted the aid of a number of the Bre-

UNION STAR LODGE
No. 320
1st Wednesday

Brethren:

Our regular meeting on April 1 will be highlighted by a talk on the "Morgan Incident" by Brother Floyd Johnson from Canandaigua.

A reminder of our Spaghetti Dinner on March 20, serving 5:30 - 7:30. Tickets are available at the door or from any lodge officer.

Any brother who wishes tickets for the Grand Ball, which will be at Logan's on April 11 at 7:00 p.m., please remit to me by April 4. Let us make an effort to attend the School of Ritual on March 20, at 7:00 p.m.

The annual Shrine Ladies' Night will be April 1 at 8:00 p.m. This is always an outstanding professional variety show. Your current dues card will admit you.

My sincere thanks go out to the officers and Brethren and their wives who worked on the Master and Warden Dinner.

Support the Brotherhood fund. The Second Monroe District Master and Wardens have challenged our counterparts of the "other" district to a steak dinner. The winner will be decided by highest percentage of donations.

Fraternally,
Thomas Southern, Master

thren to make personal solicitation for this necessary Masonic Charity. If you have not already contributed, or signified your inability to do so, we ask you to show your sympathy for the cause when a soliciting brothers calls on you in the near future. He is giving his time and providing his own transportation.

Our W: Bro. Ivan Forslin is now a patient at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Canandaigua. He appreciates the fine care he is receiving there, but the hours are long and he would enjoy short visits and cheering cards.

Fraternally,
Fred S. Radcliff, Master

TRESTLEBOARD

- Apr. 2 - Visit to Northfield Lodge No. 426 - Dinner 6:30
- Apr. 7 - Business Meeting- 8:00
- Apr. 11 - Grand Ball
- Apr. 14 - Fellowcraft meeting and drill
- Apr. 21 - Dinner 6:30 - Third Degree - 7:30.

CHURCHVILLE LODGE
No. 667

2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Brethren:

The Feb. 25, 1970 communication was a most satisfying experience, wherein two brothers received their 50 year pins. Prior to the Lodge meeting, two carloads of brethren traveled to the Willard Pengally home at Stone Church to present Clare Deuel with his pin. We were assisted in a short ceremony by R:W: Rodney R. Rittenhouse and R:W: Conrad O. May. Suffice to say that Bro. Clare was most appreciative and very thrilled by the presentation. I am very sorry to report that two later he had a serious fall and has broken a hip. He had been looking forward to his garden this Spring, which, at 90 years old has been his favorite past time.

Later the same evening, and during the regular meeting, R:W: Rittenhouse and R:W: May again assisted in making the 50 year pin presentation to Brother Merton Richards. This too was a very thrilling experience for Bro. Mert, and he made comment how he entered Masonry shortly after he became 21 years old, and accounts for his very youthful attainment of 50 years in the Lodge. Our sincere congratulations to both brothers.

The March 11, 1970 communication was devoted to the conferring of the First Degree on Mr. George Simon of Hilton, N.Y., and Mr. Charles Diem of Chili, N.Y. Congratulations to these men upon their first steps in Masonry.

This will be a final reminder that the Grand Ball will be held on April 11, 1970, and if you would like to purchase tickets, they are \$6.50 each and a phone call to me will take care of it.

The Second Degree will be conferred on April 8, 1970, under the direction of Bro. Stanton Schmalz in the East. On April 17, 1970, A Fri.

nite, we are planning an old fashioned family Tureen Dinner for Churchville Lodge member and their families (any relatives you want to include). We will be asking each family to bring a dish to pass along with their table setting, and following the meal, we will be entertained by C. Kelly Woodward, a member of Fairport Lodge and a professional hypnotist for many years. It should be a fine evening of fellowship and fun for young and old alike.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

During the past month, W: Harvey Way fell at his home and broke his hip. He is now home following hospital confinement and getting along very well with his "walker". The doctor says he'll be as good as new in just a few weeks. As was noted above Bro. Clare Deuel has also broken a hip and is presently confined to Lakeside Memorial Hospital in Brokeport. Also confined at Strong Memorial Hospital is Bro. Denzil Carr following back surgery to remove two discs. This has been the prime source of his battle all this past winter to get back on his feet and looks like he may be up and around before long. Bro. Lewis Anderson is also home following recent surgery at Park Avenue Hospital and is now recovering real well.

Our best to each of these brothers for a full and speedy recovery in the very near future.

Fraternally,
Charles Daycock, Master

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**GENESEE FALLS LODGE
No. 507
1st and 3rd Thursdays**

FROM THE EAST

My Brethren:

The month of March is gone, and with it the first quarter of the year. Spring and warmer weather will soon be here. Time passes us by so very quickly that we must be always alert to seize upon any opportunity that presents itself, and use it for constructive Masonic endeavors. It is so easy to sit in front of the "boob boob" night after night and be pleasantly entertained while thinking the Lodge will "get along without me."

While I certainly can't deny that television provides us many pleasant hours of needed relaxation, we must not forget we have a duty to perform; that it is "your duty to make the most and the best of yourself." An evening at home watching TV may be very pleasant and relaxing, and on occasion this relaxation may be just what we need, but it has not served the cause of brotherhood in any way. In the First Degree we are told that we are taught to divide the day into three equal parts "whereby are found 8 hours for the service of God and a distressed worthy brothers, 8 for our usual vocations, and 8 for refreshment and sleep." My Brethren, the point I am trying to make is this; the Lodge can Not get along without YOU. There are many beautiful, important and thought-provoking lessons to be learned in your Blue Lodge, and no one learns them all by simply taking the three degrees as a candidate. Our beautiful ritual has survived virtually unchanged for centuries simply because of a great depth of meaning wherein we learn more every time we hear it. And finally, Brethren, our Lodges cannot survive without members. "But I am a member, I have my dues card", you say. My Brethren, the Handbook of Masonic Law of New York, Chap. 11, Sec. 417 states that "a lodge ... consists of a Master, a Senior Warden, a Junior Warden ... and as many members as may be convenient. CONGREGATING and WORKING ... in accordance with a charter or dispensation held under the authority of Grand Lodge, but when a Lodge has been duly opened, IT IS THOSE PRESENT WHO CONSTITUTE THE LODGE"

The day after our recent Second degree, I was asked by a Masonic friend at work how the degree had gone. The answer which sprang to my lips was "Both sidelines said they enjoyed it." That night we heard an outstanding presentation of the Middle Chamber Lecture, but our Senior Deacon, who has worked hard for many months to properly prepare for this degree, had an "audience" of the regular officers and TWO sideliners. Is it any wonder we have difficulty finding men willing to take a line office or follow through to the Master's chair? My Brethren, you are supporting Your Lodge and Masonry as a whole simply by attending your Lodge, and con-

**FRANK L. SIMES LODGE
No. 990
2nd Tuesday**

Brethren:

A continuing reminder, the Brotherhood Fund is still in progress. Returns have been coming in but rather slowly. Please take a moment, if you have not already done so, and send your contribution. The amount is not nearly as important as the fact that as Masons of New York State we should all feel obligated to do our part according to our ability. Brotherhood Fund Chairman is Norm Farnham, 705 Summit Drive, Webster, New York 14580.

TRESTLEBOARD

Apr. 4 - Spring Ladies Night Party, Wishing Well Restaurant.

Apr. 7 - Officers Meeting and rehearsal for Fellowcraft Degree Team for the Third Degree at Temple - 7:30 p.m. Refreshments to follow.

Apr. 13 - 7:30 p.m. Temple Fellowcraft rehearsal.

Apr. 14 - Third Degree conferral. Opening of lodge 5:00 p.m., first section at 5:30 p.m. Dinner, call reservations to Bernie Lind, 392-9034.

Apr. 21 - Fellowcraft Meeting. Home of Bernie Lind, 487 East Manitou Rd., Hilton. Out the Hamlin Beach Pkwy. to East Manitou Rd., then south.

IN MEMORY

I am sorry to report the passing of Bro. Tom Berry on Feb. 21, 1970, after an extended illness. Our thoughts are with the Berry family.

If you hear of a brother in sickness or distress, please let any of your officers know. Fraternaly,
Dick VanZandt, Master

versely, you are actually harming Masonry by your non-attendance. This column has been rather long, and you may suspect I am a little upset, but I will leave you with this question; when your life on this earth is over, will you face the Supreme Grand Master of us all knowing that you have contributed to the growth and advancement of Masonry and Brotherhood, or will you have to admit that you have helped sound the death knell of a one great and influential force for good in the world? My Brethren, your own conscience must give you the answer.

Fraternaly,
William R. Zufall, Master

TRESTLEBOARD

Apr. 2 - First Degree, Jr. Warden in East

Apr. 16 - Annual Tureen Dinner; reserve the date, you will get a card on this.

Apr. 23 - Fellowcraft Club meeting - ALL members welcome

Apr. 30 - Rehearsal for Second Degree

May 7 - Second Degree - Sr. Warden in East

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

A Get Well card to the following brothers will be appreciated by them, so let's all get one off to them this

**CLIO LODGE
No. 779
1st & 3rd Tuesdays**

Dear Brethren:

The Brotherhood Fund is in full swing. Please make your contribution to the Chairman. Every dollar is very much needed for this worthy cause.

Brothers, let's make an effort to come out to your new Lodge. You have a very beautiful building, a very devoted line of officers who always do a fine job.

COMING EVENTS

Apr. 7 - Open Meeting - something special to follow.

Apr. 21 - First Degree

Apr. 25 - Ox Roast Dinner - Tickets are now on sale. Any one wishing to obtain tickets may write to: Harry Hopkins, 113 Duxbury Rd., Rochester, N.Y. 14626. Dinners will be served at 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, and 8:00 P.M. The Masters and Wardens will be eating at 7:00 P.M. This will limit the tickets for this serving. Adults are \$3.75 and children under 12, \$1.50. Please make check payable to Clio Lodge. When writing for Tickets please include a 2nd choice.

May 16 - Annual Ladies Night will be held at your new Temple.

May 24 - Communion Breakfast; Service: Hilton Baptist Church, 8 A.M.; Breakfast, Masonic Temple, 287 East Ave., 9:00 A.M.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Bro. Herbert L. VanGraafeiland is now in Batavia Veterans' Hospital.

Bro. Albert E. Leggett has been in Strong Memorial Hospital for an operation and is now home recuperating.

A card or a visit would be most welcome to these brothers.

If any member does know of a brother in sickness or distress, please let us know about it so we can call on them.

Fraternaly,
Harlan Morse, Master

month!: Leslie Barham, Roch. State Hospital, 1600 South Ave., 14620; Raymond Brink, 8301 Ridge Rd. W., Brockport 14420; Lawrence B. Conger, 121 Dalkeith Rd.; Eugene Hicks, 62 Antlers Dr. 14618; Glen L. Huling, 2439 Beyer Lane, Stockton, Cal. 95205; Emanuel Kahn, 665 Ocean Pkwy., % Hochberg, Brooklyn New York 11250; Clarence Miller, General Hospital, 1425 Portland Ave. 14621; John Miller, 95 Troup St., Apt. 109, 14608; Edward L. Repp, Hill Haven Home, 1550 Empire Blvd., Webster, N.Y. 14580; Arthur Riggs, 863 S. Calatina St., Los Angeles, Cal. 90005; Sydney Rosenberg, 30 Jackson St. 14621; G. Allan Smith, 127 Pontiac Dr., 14617; Leonard Turner, 2630 N.W. 63rd Ter., Margate, Florida 33063; Fred Way, 514 Kingston St. S., St. Petersburg, Florida 33711; John Wishart, 31 Rand St. 14615; George Glickert, 38 Marlborough Rd. 14619; Roswell Wolfe, 183 Raeburn Ave. 14619; Lawrence O. Richens, 246 Barrington St. 14607; William McLean, 974 Clinton Ave., % Ralph McLean, 14620; Charles E. Cassard, 1423 Sandpiper, Lantana, Florida 33460.



Fame Lodge 1970 Officers. First Row - 1 to r: John W. Dense, Sr. Deacon; John J. Zauner, Sr. Warden; Wor. Robert H. Hebner, Master; Frederick J. Prince, Jr. Warden; Cyril Walker, Secretary. Second row - 1 to r: W. Robert W. Avery, Trustee; Floyd Cutler, Tiler; W. John C. Ferraro, Chaplain and Trustee; Charles F. Anderson, Marshal. Third Row - 1 to r: Dan Lockwood, M.C.; Thomas L. Jones, Steward.

**FAME LODGE
No. 945
2nd and 4th Tuesdays**

FROM THE EAST

Brethren:

I wish to thank all who participated in our activities so far this year. You are all helping my year get off to a good start.

There is one thing bothering me. Many of you belong to other organizations supported by your Blue Lodge. Have you ever noticed the turn-out they get? Fame is fortunate that we get an average of 10% attendance at our meetings. Many lodges cannot say that. How unfortunate, or should I say, how inconsiderate. Your Blue Lodge, my brothers, makes it possible for you to enjoy the fun groups. I am so sick of hearing it said that ritual should be changed, or meetings shortened, or that meetings are dull and uninteresting. In answer, I say this: "It only takes ten minutes to open a meeting, and seven to close it." If a meeting is dull, it is because you let it be. Take part in it and suddenly you see the difference. If you have plans you think would increase interest, come out and air them. Just remember, if your Lodge becomes endangered, so does your other activities of Masonry. Therefore, I am looking for your hand in support. Please, won't you help make Fame Lodge - Fame-Us. Robert H. Hebner, Master

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information regarding Bro. Gordon Fitch. His wife underwent an operation and is recovering nicely. The Lodge wishes her many years of good health.

Bro. Chet Wilson will be 95 years young come July, and it was reported he is enjoying excellent health.

R:T:W: Bro. O.B. Keemer threw his back out last month. Hope he is feeling better now. I wonder if it was the deep bows he made to the East?

April 21st is the first Fame-Wakan Euchre tournament. Bro. Charlie Krakehl has put much effort into making this a success. He informs me that there have been many donations. Also, there will be a trophy awarded to the winning Lodge. The rest is up to you. I know you can do it. Come on out and teach Wakan how to play.

Bro. Krakehl also has accepted an invitation from Webster Lodge for a Fall challenge. More about that later.

Our April schedule is:
Apr. 7 - Officers Meeting
Apr. 11 - Masonic Grand Ball
Apr. 14 - Move-Up Nite
Apr. 21 - Euchre Tournament
Apr. 28 - Second Degree - Bro. Fred Prince in the East.

How many will be at the Grand Ball? Don't forget this is our Springtime Ladies Nite. It will be a good time for all.

Remember - make Fame Lodge - Fame-Us.
Your fraternal reporter,
Bob Hebner

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CHARLOTTE LODGE
No. 1088
1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Brethren:

I am very sorry the announcement of our Fellowcraft Pot Luck Supper did not reach many of you in time for you to make plans to attend Mrs. Naylor from the Rochester Gas & Electric's Home Economics Dept. made a very interesting presentation of helpful hints and new products.

Due to the success and acceptance of this affair, another is being planned for this year. Thanks to Bro. Wilbur and Bro. Lockhurst for a job well done.

Due to the placement of our news last month being broken up in several locations, perhaps you did not note that all members of Charlotte Lodge are members of Charlotte Fellowcraft Club, no extra dues or fees are required. For fun and fellowship attend their meetings which are held on the second Tues. of most every month.

April 12th is the date of the Fellowcraft Steak Roast at Oak Tree Cabin, Powder Mill Park. For further information and tickets contact Jerry Luckhurst, 865-1942 or Bill Nurse, 254-3858 before Friday, April 10.

A Second Degree will be conferred on our second class on April 7 and I will be in the East -- Please won't you show our new Fellowcraft they are welcome by attending.

Last but not least again, our plea for your help in our Brotherhood Fund Drive. The cause certainly is a needy and worthy one and it seems a shame that less than a third of our membership has responded to date. Your contribution regardless of the amount will help our friends and Brothers. Bro. Carl Birr, Chairman, 126 Midland Ave., 14621 needs your contribution badly.

Fraternally,
Thomas Van Lare, Master

**SECRETARY'S
NOTEBOOK**

IN MEMORIAM

Brother Elwyn M. Jordan - Raised March 5, 1946 - Deceased, February 16, 1970.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Bros. Glen Kenyon, Clay Benson, Mark Dreisbach, W. Jim McKellar and Linc Osborne have been in the hospital for surgery or otherwise and are now at home. Bro. Sid Brierley is still hospitalized. W: Floyd Quiett is home with rib and other injuries following an auto accident. W: Larry Alman is back to work but anticipated April vascular surgery. Bros. Walter Neusche and Wesley Grace are confined to home and welcome visitors as do some of the above mentioned. Please contact Bro. Arnold, 436-5983 or any member of his committee if you know of any Brother in need of our aid or sympathy.

Your secretary would like to cover a long delayed thank you for Lodge and personal good wishes expressed in Holiday Greetings and notes, cards and letters, included with dues sent by Brothers locally, in-state and out of state, many miles from their Lodge. The so-called Mother

WEBSTER LODGE
No. 538
1st and 3rd Thursdays

On Thursday, March 19th, the following candidates, Angus McEachorn, Richard D. Frankhouse, Robert V. Pearson, Edward S. Wood and Edward F.B. Wright, received the degree of Fellowcraft.

On Thursday, April 2, the above mentioned candidates will receive the degree of Master Mason. There will be a dinner before the meeting. Time for the dinner is 6:30 P.M., all who wish to attend please notify the secretary that you want reservations. Let's all come out and welcome these new brothers!

During the month of April we will be starting our third class of the year. The Entered Apprentice Degree will be conferred on April 16. The Fellowcraft Degree will be conferred on May 21. After a summer recess, the candidates will be raised on Sept. 17, 1970.

On Tuesday, March 17, Webster Chapter No. 171, Order of Eastern Star celebrated its 71st birthday with a dinner served by the Fellowcraft Club of 538.

On Saturday, April 18, our Lodge is invited to attend the Ladies Night celebration of our sister Lodge of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Anyone wishing to attend this social function should contact the Master.

AN EARLY NOTICE --

on May 7, the Lodge will be having a Father-Son & Daughter Pancake Supper followed by a short meeting. During the meeting the Sons & Daughters present will be entertained so that "Father" can attend the meeting.

The Lodge had a Euchre Tournament following the meeting on March 5. The results of that Tournament were as follows: First Place - W. Schlegal and R. Tierney, Second Place - I. Short and R. King, Third Place - R. Wyble and W. Schattner. Fraternaly,
George E. Gerken

Lodge carries a loyalty unexplained except thru Masonry.

Bros. Frank A. Moseley, Robert J. Birr, Andrew E. Schlaffer, Gary B. Wood and James F. Sharp received their First Degree on Feb. 21, 1970, with succeeding degrees on Apr. 7, and May 5, if proficient. The Third Degree will be conferred May 5th by the Past Masters of this Lodge.

The Secretary's Report and the Treasurer's Report as submitted to Grand Lodge was a little garbled in the last issue of the Masonic News. It should have read: Membership for 1968 - 577. During 1969, Raised 19, Affiliated 12, Demit 1, Unaffiliated 6, Deaths 10. Total membership - 591. This represents a net gain of 14 members. According to Grand Lodge records, this places our Lodge 3rd in membership in the two Monroe Districts consisting of 31 Lodges.

Treasurer Report: Balance year ending, \$2,518.85. Receipts for 1969, \$9,333.00 and expenditures \$10,314.40,

GERMANIA LODGE
No. 722
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Brethren:

Germania Chapter No. 72 will have a Master Mason Night on April 6th. I hope we have a good turnout, to support this annual affair. We will confer the Third Degree on Wed, the 8th, preceded by a dinner. Call Bro. Frank Arnold, 663-5398 or myself, 271-7259 for reservations.

School of Instruction on the Second Degree will be on Fri., the 10th, and the Grand Ball at Logan's will be held on Sat., the 11th. I still have a few tickets left. The Brotherhood Fund Chairman, Bro. Heinz Gunkle reports that contributions are not coming in, and time is running out in this campaign. Call him at 377-5208 or send it to his home, 606 Jefferson Ave., Fairport, N.Y. 14450.

Our Fellowcraft Ladies Night was a fine success with 70 in attendance. It was a pleasure to see so many of our old faithfuls there, along with our new members.

Do not forget the Ox Roast that Clio Lodge puts on, the 25th of April, to be held at their new Temple in Hilton. Fraternaly,
Norman H. Routly, Master

TRESTLEBOARD

- Apr. 2 - Officers and Fellowcraft Rehearsal
- Apr. 6 - Master Mason's Night, Germania Chapter
- Apr. 8 - Third Degree and Dinner
- Apr. 10 - School of Instr.-Second Degree
- Apr. 11 - Grand Ball
- Apr. 16 - Fellowcraft Rehearsal
- Apr. 22 - Business Mtg.
- Apr. 25 - Ox Roast - Clio Lodge No. 779, Hilton

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Wor. Bro. Emil Dormeyer and Bro. William Kurzrock are at Hill Haven Nursing Home. Wor. Bro. Reinhold Leitzau, Bro. Walter Lang, Bro. Ernest Conrad and Bro. Ted Aronstam are all at home. Bro. Oscar E. Loeser 4849 55th St., Sand Diego, Calif. 92115 is home recuperating.

leaving a balance on hand as of December 2, 1969 of \$1,537.45

Bills will be in the mail by April 10th for dues, a few 1969 at \$12.00 and many 1970 at \$15.00. Please Note Change to \$15.00! I have delayed sending bills awaiting response from this notice. This will save postage, etc., and will find out if you read the Monroe Masonic News. Your subscription costs the Lodge 50 cents and they do a wonderful job to cover Masonry in every facet. Read it. See you in Lodge, I hope. "Doc"

TRESTLEBOARD

- Apr. 7 - Second Degree - Second Class
- Apr. 12 - Fellowcraft Club-Steak Roast
- Apr. 21 - Open
- May 2 - Ladies Night and Dinner Dance

For further information or reservations contact Guy Reid Jr. Warden at 225-1403 or the Stewards, Pat Long, 663-8629 or Al Rabjohns, 544-6202.

ROCHESTER LODGE
No. 660
2nd and 4th Mondays

TRESTLEBOARD

- Apr. 4 - Fellowcraft
- Apr. 11 - Masonic Grand Ball
- Apr. 13 - Second Degree
- Apr. 27 - Glider Pilot
- May 4 - Fellowcraft
- May - Dinner & Show

On March 9 the First Degree was conferred on Murray S. Taylor, Wayne W. Moore, Dale B. Francis, and Walter R. Jeffers by our Jr. Warden Merritt E. Sweet who did an excellent job in the East and in the East again on Mar. 23 to confer the degree on John J. Metzger. The Officers wish to thank the Brethren for that extra effort in fulfilling their desire of a full class of candidates. Let us not relax but renew our engery again with the knowledge that it can be done and we will do it again. Get your petitions in now. A very delicious roast beef dinner was served by our Past Master W.B. Gordon E. Wilson with the talented assistance of Mrs. Gwen Wilson and her daughter, Sr. Warden, Donald F. Leisten, Mrs. Pat Leisten and her daughter. The two girls were the cutest waitresses yet.

On April 11 the Annual Masonic Grand Ball will be held at Logan's, \$6.50 per person. If you are planning to attend call 544-4140 for tickets and reservations. Day-time.

On April 13 the Second Degree will be conferred on a full class of Entered Apprentices with our Sr. Warden, Donald Leisten in the East.

For April 27 we have been fortunate in getting Mr. Ed Seymour former member of the American Two Man Bob-sled Team and Glider Expert who will take us on a motor-less trip in the skies on film. Reserve this date now, May 9th. A Chicken dinner for \$2.00 per person at 6:30 P.M. in dining room B and after dinner we will attend a comedy, "The Freudian Slip," in the Auditorium, sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau at \$1.50 each. After the show back to the dining room for refreshments. Bro. David Wishart, Chairman of the Decoration Committee promises you an unusual evening of food and fun. Bring the ladies, your friends and prospective candidates and their wives.

Send a card or visit our brothers who have been recently added to our sickness and distress list. Bro. Cosmo Ange, 606 Campbell Street, Rochester 14611, Augustine Lanasa, 552 Clay Ave., Roch. 14613; Donald McDill, 231 Culver Pkwy. Roch. 14609; Andrew Tomalaris, 168 Sondoria Circle 14622 and Harrison M. Springer, P.O. Box 26, Presque Isle, Michigan 49777. The officers and brethren wish you a speedy recovery. Fraternaly,
Louis J. Fonte, Master

**TRUESDALE
— SIGNS —**

288-3685

NEON PLASTIC

FAIRPORT LODGE
No. 476
2nd and 4th Mondays

Brethren:

Our Fellowcraft Club certainly had a busy March and the members who planned and worked so diligently deserve your thanks. The Communion Service attracted a larger than usual attendance of Masons and visitors and the excellent breakfast served to us by the O.E.S. was greatly appreciated. Thos of you who could not attend the Ladies Night presented by the club missed an entertaining and informative evening. John and Alpha Moll, Paul and Thelma Cairns, Al and Betty Steffen and Lee and Mona Moll (Candaigua Lodge) were with us to present slides and comments about the first Fairport attended Masonic Cruise. Martinique, St. Thomas, Aruba, and Puerto Rico were a few of the places so vividly pictured and the delights of the floating hotel made us realize what a great vacation one of these cruises could be. The culinary art displayed by the refreshment committee can only be described as amazing.

By the time you read this, our Past Masters Night will have gone by. The next issue will carry the names and information about the forty and fifty-year members honored at that meeting.

Your attendance is requested at the April 13th meeting for dinner at 6:30 and the presentation of the Third Degree by the Shrine Degree Team. Our candidates are ready and willing, eagerly awaiting our acceptance of them into the full knowledge of Masonry. I can assure you that as Master Masons they will be a credit to the Craft and they deserve your personal welcome.

If you have not done so, please remember the Brotherhood Fund this month. Your gift, be it large or small in your eyes, will be large indeed in the eyes of the receiver, the residents of our Masonic Home.

The Fish Fry dinners are completed for this year. On behalf of the Lodge, my thanks to all the hardworking men, women and DeMolay boys who once again provided good food to the public and a profit to the treasury.

Fraternaly,
Carl H. Trowbridge, Master

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WAKAN LODGE

No. 1054

2nd and 4th Mondays

Brethren:

The meeting on Feb. 23rd saw the First Degree of Masonry conferred on a class of five candidates by S.W. Glenn Goodno. Our new Bros. are Richard Miles, Charles S. Dimino, Charles A. Tijou, Derek Wiseman, and David Dickinson.

We welcomed Bro. Charles Kohlmetz as our new Marshall on March 9th. Our regular meeting was followed by an address by Mr. Robert Stocks of the Rochester Gas & Electric Corp. on the new Atomic Reactor at the Ginna Station. This most interesting talk was accompanied by a series of colorful slides by W. Richard Van Zandt.

The second degree was conferred upon four Entered Apprentices by our Jr. Warden, Henry Kascher on Mar. 23rd. Bro. Charles Tijou was passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on March 17th in Penfield Union Lodge prior to leaving for University in Florida on the following day.

Our next meeting on April 13th will be a short open meeting followed by Open Lodge Room for wives and friends. The officers will expound their duties and we will have the honor of hearing from R.W. Rodney R. Rittenhouse DDGM and W. Geo Stear. The meeting will be followed by a speaker from Great Western Wines on "The Story of Wine Making and Use."

The Third Degree will be conferred on April 27th. The meeting to be preceded by a dinner in the Dining Hall. Officers will call for reservations.

The Brotherhood Fund is lagging. I thank those of you who have contributed, for the brothers who have yet to donate I would like to remind you that this charity supports our Utica Home among other very worthwhile projects, your contribution however big or small, is urgently needed and greatly appreciated.

We are most proud to number amongst our Brethren W. Robert Orne the recipient of the Honorary title of DeMolay Legion of Honor. Congratulations W. Robert. W. Joseph J. Dimino

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

We understand that Bro. Walt Teasdale is confined to the house with a sore leg. Bro. Walt is a member of our visitation committee and we sadly missed his face at the Lodge the last couple of meetings.

We hear that Bro. G. Arthur Bennett's wife is home following surgery - we trust that by the times this goes to print Mrs. Bennett is fit and well again.

Bro. Roy Grundke was involved in an auto accident and suffered some nasty bruises.

We are sad to hear of the passing of W. Vern Bishop's brother and Bro. Willis Bradstreet's brother, our sympathy goes out to these two brothers in their time of loss.

The Secretary received a letter from Bro. Joseph Vinton's daughter saying that Bro. Joe was confined to a nursing home and could not at this time have visitors.

Bro. Russell Wheeler was confined to the house with a

F. R. LAWRENCE LODGE

No. 797

2nd Monday

Brethren:

On Mon. evening at 7:30 P.M., April 13th, in Ionic Hall, the Third Degree will be conferred by the Past Masters of Frank R. Lawrence Lodge, on Bros. Phillip A. Clark, Robert F. DeVisser, Louis DiJames and Thomas N. Hendrickson.

All Past Masters and Officers are requested to attend the rehearsal to be held in Gothic Hall on Wed. night, April 8th at 7:30 p.m.

This should be a memorable evening as well as an enjoyable one for all of us. Some of the Past Masters are making a very special effort to be present and participate in the work of this degree. To many of the brethren it will bring back nostalgic memories of their raising under some particular Master

There will be a dinner at 6:30 preceding the meeting in the Third Floor dining room. It will be necessary to make a dinner reservation by calling Bro. Bill Mason, 225-1180.

We have received a delayed report that Wor. Bro. Ray Harley and Wor. Bro. George Francis, Jr. were in the Strong earlier this winter for surgery. Wor. Bro. Francis has returned to his home in Florida, and Wor. Bro. Harley is planning a foreign vacation.

I would again like to remind all the Brethren that our next social activity will be to join our brothers and their ladies from other Lodges at the Masonic Grand Ball to be held April 11 at Logans. Call Bill Mason or myself for reservations at \$6.50 each. Fraternally, Adrian DeVisser, Master

blood clot, but is now back at work.

It is understood that a challenge has been issued by Fame Lodge to contest the ability of our members at Euchre. While we are agast at the thought that our misinformed Brothers have seen fit to be led to so rashly throw down this glove. W. Eugene Waddington is currently arranging for a team of Wakan Brothers to meet this uprising on April 21st at the Lodge Rooms. Euchre players please contact W. Eugene at this number, 266-5122 and avail your services to him. This is to be a yearly event with a Trophy. Let us proceed to place this Trophy where it rightfully belongs. Fame Lodge may be famous but definitely not as Euchre players. **FAME LODGE PLEASE TAKE NOTE.**

Bro. Charles Dunlap has turned into auto mechanic and is restoring an M.G.T.D. in his spare time. Any Bro. with auto trouble will now know where to turn for proficient help. Charles, we are sure will be most willing.

It should be noted by Bro. Don Grundke that Tilers are known to be upset when not saved Limburger sandwiches. Bro. Frank Denton, having passed from Marshall to Jr. Steward please take note.

Congratulations - are in order for W. Robert Pettit who's son was just commissioned in the Marines. We do not know what part of the congratulations W. Bro. Bob will keep, but we do hope he passes on some to his son. A. John Tijou, Secretary



On January 21, 1970, Bro. Max H. Krause was called to the East and presented with a copper Plaque of the Masonic Emblem wrought by Bro. Dod Rowe. This Plaque was in testimony of the appreciation of Max's fine pre-Lodge dinners over the past 27 years. Picture shows Bro. Max with Wor. Bro. Warren R. Lewis, Master of Seneca who made the presentation.

SENECA LODGE

No. 920

3rd Tuesday

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren:

For the past several months we have been reading of the decline in church attendance, of the disenchantment of many of the clergy who are leaving the church, of the "God is Dead" theory and, in general, uncertainty and confusion about the place of the church in contemporary society. One fellow expressed his feelings by saying, "When I go to church, I don't want to be told why I shouldn't buy grapes." Okay, so where do we go from here?

Consider, if you will, the basic tenets of Freemasonry. Accepting God as the Supreme Architect of the Universe, admonishing every Mason to study and practice the principles contained in the Great Light in Masonry yet, adopting no particular creed, Freemasonry opens its doors to all men of good will who profess a faith in God. Perhaps in Masonry the confused, the disenchanting and the unenlightened foundation upon which to build a righteous life.

As evidence, I particularly invite your attendance at our meeting on April 21st. At that time our work will be in the second degree and we will have an opportunity to witness this most meaningful part of our ritual. I hope to be able to welcome you there. Fraternally,

Warren R. Lewis, Master

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Bro. Bernard W. Lodewick Raised November 6, 1945 Died February 27, 1970 The sympathy of the Lodge is extended to the families of the bereaved.

FELLOWCRAFT CLUB

Brother Friedrich and his Fellowcraft committee are planning an "Evening at the Strassenburgh Planetarium" on Sat. night, April 25th. Following the Planetarium performance, we will enjoy a light Buffet and Dancing at Locust Hill Country Club.. Look for further details in the Trestleboard.

CALENDAR

Apr. 21 - Regular Communication at 5:30 with dinner at 6:15 p.m. Second degree, First Section, Dinner, Business and Second Section.

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Greetings, Sir Knights:

I wish to thank Sir Knight Fred Radcliff, Master of Penfield Union Lodge No. 154, for inviting us to work the Fellocraft Degree on two of his candidates, March 17th. Sir Knight Ralph Biggar and his cast did an excellent job and he is to be congratulated.

I hope that many of our Sir Knights will plan to attend the 150th celebration of Hamilton Chapter No. 62 on Saturday, April 4. We have been asked to have an Honor Guard for the American Flag, as the present High Priest is a Past Commander of Monroe No. 12, at the banquet Saturday night to be held at the Rochester Club.

I know that those who attended the March 20th conclave, are now better acquainted with the work of the Eye Foundation, because of the excellent way in which Eminent Sir Knight, Hiram Neun explained this project of which he is chairman.

Plans are well under way for our annual Church Service to be held at South Presbyterian Church, corner of East Henrietta Road and Fort Hill Ter., opposite Crittenden Blvd., on Sun., Apr. 12th at 10:30 A.M. Please assemble between 10 & 10:15, so that we may all march in as a body. No sidearms for the uniformed Sir Knights. Your Commander will look forward to having you present at his Church. Don't forget the date, April 12th.

Move up Night is scheduled for April 17th.

The last Officer Club meeting for the present officers will be held at the home of Sir Knight Ralph Biggar, 524 Landing Rd. N., Friday, April 24th at 8 p.m.

Be sure and mark your calendar for Election of Officers, May 1st.

Our incoming Commander has made tentative arrangement for a bus to the Grand Conclave to be held at Garden City Long Island, New York on Sept. 18-19-20. The bus seats 38 passengers and if all seats are taken, the cost per person will be approximately \$15. If interested, let Sir Knight Stephen Allen know.

Remember our shut-ins, Howard Morgan, William Paulus and Dr. Earle Maynard. If there are any others, please contact your Commander, 442-2871.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of the following who have been summoned by the Supreme Commander:

S. K. Frank D. Bertch, Knighted, December 1, 1950, died February 12, 1970.

Em. S.K. Grover C. Bradstreet, Knighted, June 6, 1919, installed Commander, 1938, died February 12, 1970.

S.K. Thomas Berry, Knighted December 1, 1944, died February 21, 1970.

S.K. Bernard W. Lodewick, Knighted April 14, 1946, died February 27, 1970.

Fraternally,
C. Clark Place, Commander

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Easter has just passed and I hope and trust that we all had a wonderful & grand time. What ever we did I am sure that God was very near to us. To those who went to Washington, D.C. for the Annual Easter Sunrise Service, many thanks, and it was a wonderful experience, was it not? I am sure it was.

Many thanks from our Em. Commander and Officers for the wonderful degree work done in The Order of Malta on March 13th. As it was the first time for some to be in the degree, now that you have your feet wet, don't ever give it up. We need all of you.

Now for events coming up in April. April 4th, Saturday, we are all requested to be in our Commandery Uniform for the Installation of Officers in the DeMolay, Cathedral Hall at 8 P.M. We have received permission to attend this event in our Commandery uniform from Grand Commandery. This is one thing that we can all do for the support of the DeMolay. Being one myself at one time, I hope that all can be present that night. Let's try.

On our regular conclave night, April 12th, we will have rehearsal for the Order of the Temple. Please all come prepared to take your part. Time is 8 P.M. with lunch afterwards.

On April 24th we will confer the Order of The Temple on a class of candidates. Must have your attendance to make it a success. Also we will present 50 year certificates on those eligible. Let's make this a very enjoyable evening for all.

Our Recorder is just waiting to receive your dues for this year. Let's make him happy and do it now while we think of it.

The 10% Eye Foundation Certificate for our Commandery has been received from the Grand Commandery of the State of New York. Many thanks to all who participated so far. If you would like to have your name on the list, get details from our Em. Commander or our Recorder. Hurry.

A few events coming up in May. May 8th - we will have our Annual Conclave and Election of Officers. May 22nd - will be our Public Installation of our new Officers. More about this in the May issue. Just to let you know of coming events.

Believe that this is all for now.

Fraternally yours,
Gordon Mosher, Em. Com.
Em. Sir Roy E. Huff,
Reporter

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**IONIC CHAPTER
No. 210
Royal Arch Masons**

A study of annual reports, covering total membership in all Masonic Bodies, shows that over 50% of all Grand Bodies report losses. This decline has been continuing for several years. The pattern is clear and unmistakable. We are in trouble. The York Rite Bodies are hardest hit.

This decline of Masonry can be stopped and interest renewed only by re-kindling the desire in the minds and hearts of men to belong to our Great Masonic Craft. This job is urgent and must be done at once if we are to preserve and expand our Masonic Homes, Crippled Children's Hospitals, Mental Illness Research, Educational Scholarship Foundation, Eye Foundation and the many other vitally necessary works of the Craft. Operational costs are increasing; revenues are decreasing. This is a problem common to all Masonry.

A strong Masonic Order demands that both branches of Masonry be vital, growing and prosperous. Unfortunately, this is not the case. Reports show a total Scottish Rite membership of over 900,000 as compared with a Templar membership of over 300,000.

The Lodge, with a total membership of over 4,000,000, is the Body from which all other Masonic Bodies draw their members. Even here we find that over 50% of the Grand Lodges reported losses.

The Chapter, closest to the Lodge, historically and cost-wise, reports a membership of over 300,000 and over 50% of the Grand Councils report losses.

The Council, historically close to both Lodge and Chapter, reports a membership of over 700,000. Here again almost 75% of the Grand Chapters report losses.

The Council, historically close to both Lodge and Chapter, reports a membership of over 300,000 and over 50% of the Grand Councils report losses.

The Commandery, historically close to the Council and Chapter, reports a membership of over 400,000 and over 50% of the Grand Commanderies report losses.

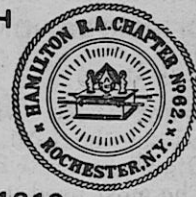
Are we hiding our light under a bushel? Are we failing to meet the challenge of the times? Are we pricing ourselves out of the picture? Have we lost contact with the principles that made Masonry a dominant force in the early history of our country? Are there too many York Rite Bodies? Are some Bodies too large, thereby withholding leaders who should be active in smaller Bodies. Most of these questions are controversial, but the fact remains that we must have the answers. More next times.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 14 - Royal Arch Mason 7:30 P.M.

Fraternally yours,
Kenneth R. Snyder, Corres.

**HAMILTON CHAPTER NO. 62
ROYAL ARCH
MASONS**



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HIGH PRIEST MESSAGE

By the time this message reaches you, our Sesquicentennial celebration will be only a few short days away. There, fore, this will be my last opportunity to appeal to you for its support. As of the writing time of this message, reservations are far below expectations. The committee have been going all out to make this a real big success, so get your reservations in TODAY. Remember, April 4th at 3 P.M. at the Masonic Temple for the Chapter Service for all members, and 6:30 P.M. at the Rochester Club for members, guests, and friends.

Now that our labors have just about ceased on the sesquicentennial, it is time to devote our full time to our up-coming degrees in April and May. I know your officers will be doing fine jobs on their parts, so why not do your part by attending these communications and give them your support on the side lines? So far we only have one petition, and as you know, it is a great deal of work for just one candidate, so why not get busy and try for a petition or two? We still have plenty of time to receive and ballot on them for our spring class.

In closing this message, I would like to say that it takes strength to make any organization a success, and strength can only be obtained through active support. So therefore, your active support is earnestly solicited at our regular communications to make Hamilton Chapter the strong and successful Chapter it has been in the past. I always look forward to greeting you at any communication, and I assure you, that a hearty welcome awaits you and your Capitular friends. Richard J. Oliver, High Priest

SECRETARY'S NOTES

The Sesquicentennial Celebration, April 4th, is here, with the rededication service by the Grand Chapter officers at 3:00 P.M. in Cathedral Hall. All Royal Arch Masons are encouraged to attend. At 6:30 P.M. the dinner at



Grand Chapter Officers: 1 to r - Rt. Ex. Frank W. Allen, Grand Treasurer; Rt. Ex. William T. Plews, Grand Chaplain; M. Ex. Clarence F. Grabb, Past High Priest.

the Rochester Club with the ladies and guests invited. If you have not made your reservations yet, call me today, at 334-9726, you will be most welcome.

The following Companions have been called by the Supreme Architect: Fred G. Cheetham in Dalas, Texas - Exalted June 11, 1925, died January 29, 1970; Frank D. Bertch, Exalted June 23, 1943, died Feb. 12, 1970; Thomas F. Berry, Exalted June 8, 1944, died Feb. 21, 1970; Bernard W. Lodswick, Exalted Feb. 28, 1946, deid Feb. 27, 1970. The sympathy of the Chapter is extended to the families of our departed Companions.

We welcome Companion Paul E. Gamble as a member of our Chapter. He was a member of Keystone Chapter No. 25, Somerville, New Jersey.

Our appreciation and gratitude to Companion Hiram J. Neun for donation custom made boxes for our new officers' aprons. Your generous gift will preserve them for many years. Thank you, Hi, from your Chapter.

Official visits in April to Chapters nearby: April 7 - Salem Town No. 173, Seneca Falls, M.E. Clarence Grabb, April 14 - Dansville No. 91, R.E. Keith Colburn; April 20 - Palmyra Eagle No. 79, M.E. George S. Mason. Let's support our Grand Officers.

April also starts our degree work. Bring in a petition and have your candidate join our spring class.

Fraternally,
Frank F. Gordnier

TRESTLEBOARD

Apr. 4 - Sesquicentennial Celebration

Apr. 9 - MMM Degree

Apr. 23 - PM Degree

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DAMASCUS NEWS

WITHIN THE BLUE LODGES

Damascus Degree Team

The degree team will confer the 3° at the following Lodges during April:
 Apr. 4 - (Sat.) Social Lodge Kendall, New York
 Apr. 13 - (Mon.) Fairport Lodge, Fairport, New York
 Apr. 16 - (Thurs.) - Northfield Lodge, Pittsford, N.Y.

SHRINE LADIES NIGHT - A MEMORABLE EVENING

On Wednesday, April 1, the Nobles of Damascus Temple will be hosts to their lovely ladies at the annual all star T.V. Review. The doors of the Auditorium Theater will be opened at 7 P.M. There will be an organ concert starting at 7:15 with Don Scott at the console of the beautiful R.K.O. Palace Theater organ that we old timers recall so well.

Curtain time is at 8P.M., so be sure to get there early if you want a good seat. M.C. and comedian extraordinary, Nip Nelson, will host the show and introduce the acts. These are all superb and range from beautiful sing stars of T.V. and radio to comedy and acrobatic acts that will entertain and thrill old and young alike.

In as much as there are always some empty seats at the Ladies Night show, our Ill. Potentate, Robert L. Anderson, wishes to extend an invitation to any and all Master Masons who might like to attend, to bring your lady and enjoy Ladies Night with us. You can obtain your ticket for two merely by stopping by at the Shrine office in the Masonic Temple and asking for it. Tickets will be issued to the estimated capacity of the theater, so it will be first come, first served. All those who do attend can be assured of a wonderful evening of music, fun and Masonic fellowship.

MASONIC AND DEMOLAY NIGHT AT DAMASCUS TEMPLE

On Wed., March 4, the Shrine donated their entire meeting honoring the Blue Lodges and DeMolay Chapters.

The presence of many Grand Lodge officers headed by the Most Worshipful Clarence J. Henry, Past Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

The Highest Honorary Degree of DeMolay - that of the Legion of Honor was conferred upon Brothers Orne and Horton, given to those worthy of consideration through their great effort for DeMolay and the youth of our cities and for outstanding leadership in some field of endeavor. Over 700 Masons and Shriners were in attendance.

The degree was conferred by Bro. Robert M. Walker, of Buffalo, who is an active member of the International Supreme Council of DeMolay and Executive Officer in the State of New York. Brother

Walker was most outstanding. Acknowledgements by Brothers Orne and Horton were directed to the building of DeMolay and the youth of today who will guide and direct us in later years.

Illustrious Potentate Robert Anderson spoke of the great need for leadership of our youth of today and asked that those Masons and Shriners in attendance to actively take part in the endeavors of DeMolay.

He also spoke of the work Shriners do for our Crippled Childrens Hospitals and the three Burns Institutes

Ill. Potentate Anderson congratulated the recipients of the Honorary Degree and personally thanked his Asst. Rabban Robert J. Corbett and Noble and Dad, George A. Stear for their most able planning and guidance, as chairman, for this very inspiring evening.

The Illustrious Potentate also announced the formation of the DeMolay Unit, with Charter members, Nobles George Stear, Robert Orne and Charles Stauffer. Purpose of this Unit and its main objective, "To further Shrine interest in DeMolay and to support the formation of new DeMolay Chapters in the areas under the jurisdiction of Damascus Temple."

Members are to promote and support DeMolay, visitations, attendance at meetings, encourage new members, act as advisors and to guide and assure that our youth will be better qualified to be men and Masons in their later years.

SHRINE HAS PIPE BAND

Response to Noble Joe Deklerow's appeal for bagpipers met with a sizeable turnout for the meeting on March 9, assuring the Shrine of its own Pipe Band.

Pratice sessions got under way 7:30 Monday evening, March 16, on the sixth floor of the Temple.

The band will be known as the Damascus Shrine Pipe Band and will participate actively in shrine events.

Those signing up for the band were Brothers Howard Park, Datka 759, Raymond Vaisey, Ancient Craft 943; Dick Rintoul, Genesee Falls 507; Robert Borsching Sr., Monroe 173; Bernard G. Strevens; Soug Badger; and George J. Dennis, Northfield 426. Any others who wish to participate should get in touch with Joe Deklerow at 244-7250 or 442-9501, or show up at any of the Monday evening pratice sessions.



Ladies NEWS

UNIVERSITY STAR CHAPTER No. 797

Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Sisters and Brothers: Here it is April already and time is certainly passing by fast. This is going to be a very busy month.

Our calendar of upcoming events lists April 2 as our official visit which we have all been looking forward to. Let's make it a great success by learning and knowing our parts well. Would all officers please wear gloves.

April 9 is our Birthday Dinner. Let's have a big turnout. It is being held at the "Four Season Restaurant" at 6:30 p.m. There will be entertainment also.

Then comes our Card Party. We will have an early 7:00 meeting. Bring yourself and three friends to make a table and I know that we shall have an enjoyable evening. We shall also have candy on sale that night.

Our rummage sale has been changed to May 1 and 2 instead of April 25 as originally planned.

Our April Birthdays are: Katherine Brown and Florence Martin - April 3. Eleanor M. Fonda April 5, Ada Whitcomb and Jean Guenther, April 8, Mary Williams, April 19, Frances Brouwer, April 27, and Evelyn DeLorn April 29. Sincerely and Fraternally, Ivan Ball W.P.



Fidelity Triangle Line Officers: Chaplain, Elaine Watson; Junior Lady, Doreen Farley; Beloved Queen, Patricia Roffe; Senior, Lady, Katherine Weimer, Guardian, Mary Walker.

FIDELITY TRIANGLE

Feb. 14 - 160 attended Queen's Term Dinner followed by an open meeting with special programs to honor 22 Master Masons and 11 DeMolays who honored us with their presence. Profit \$56.00.

Feb. 21 - Fidelity operated a booth in the Giant Charity Bazaar held in the Greece Town Mall. Fidelity raised \$317.00

Feb. 28 - Regular meeting and Fidelity girls checked hats and coats for the Foreign Students Dinner

Mar. 1-50 attended bowling party at North Park Lanes.

Mar. 3 - Fidelity served at a dinner for Yonondio Lodge.

Mar. 5 - Fidelity served the dinner that was put on by Germania Chapter for Rochester Consistory.

Mar. 7 - A paper party at the home of Doreen Farley netted \$60.00.

Mar. 28 - Regular meeting and election of new officers.

TERM PLANS

Apr. 11 - Installation rehearsal, 9-12 A.M. Gothic Hall.

Apr. 18 - Formal Installation of Officers, Cathedral Hall, 8:00 P.M.

Apr. 25 - Regular meeting and presentation of new Queen's Term Plans.

JAMES A. HARD POST #18 MASONIC WAR VETERANS 2nd Thursday



It's been a long hard winter, but, spring is starting to emerge and so are the activities of your Masonic War Veterans Post. There are enough activities coming up in the next two months to interest each of our members.

On two occasions we have been asked to participate in installation ceremonies of Triangle Chapters. On Sunday afternoon, Apr. 12, after our Canandaigua Hospital visit we will attend the installation of Kanadaque Chapter. And, on April 18th, we will attend Fidelity Triangle's installation. These young ladies are deserving of our support.

Our Grand Post's annual convention will be coming up during the first week in May immediately after Grand Lodge. To assist in the expenses of the annual meeting we have made available booster lists. Please get yours in to Ray Ring by the 1st or 2nd of April. Mail directly to Ray's home at 182 Parsells Ave., 14609.

The Post is also planning on traveling to Hornell on Monday evening, May 4th to present the colors for the Order of the Amaranth and also to conduct a Memorial Service.

And, of course, during the month of May along with our regular activities we will be flagging the graves at Mt. Hope Cemetery as well as march in the Memorial Day parade.

Please write the following dates in your calendar:

- Apr. 9 - Post meeting
- Apr. 12 - Canandaigua Hos. and Kanadaque Triangle
- Apr. 18 - Triangle Installation

JENNIE M. LORD CONSTELLATION NO. 5

At our regular meeting, March 7, we were happy to have so many members of the Order of the Eastern Star and Master Masons visit the Constellation.

The next Saturday, five cars of girls and sponsors travelled to Caledonia for the official visit of our Grand Exalted Star of Light and Love to the Third Constellation District.

April 4th will be the official visit of our District Deputy to our Constellation to witness our initiatory work. Plans and preparations are underway for this special night.

It will be strikes and spars on April 19 when the Constellation members and sponsors meet for a bowling party at Eastside Lanes.

Plans were announced for the annual Convocation at Painted Post May 1, 2, 3.

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