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## Fidelity Triangle Girls Make Check Donations

The girls earned the money for these gifts by holding car washes, charity bazaars, waiting on tables, collecting old newspapers, and selling candy, cookies, fruitcakes & calendars. The retiring Queen presents the gifts, from the money earned during her term.



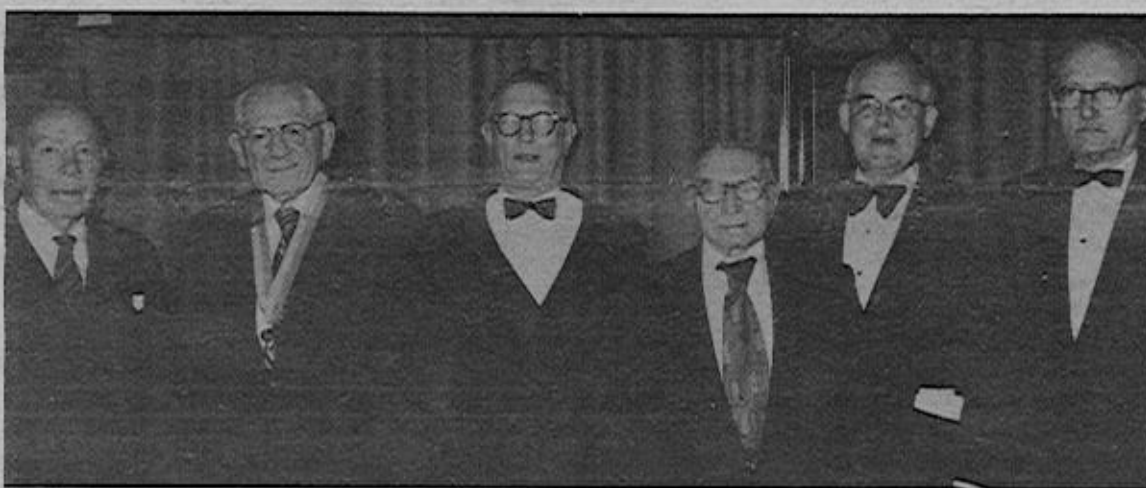
Senior Advisor Karen Leipold, accepts check for \$50.00 for the "Rose E. Scherer" (Triangle) Scholarship Fund, from Beloved Queen Mary Kay Jackson.



R.W. William Wood, D.D.G.M. for 1st Monroe District & R.W. Thomas Davis, D.D.G.M. for 2nd Monroe District accept check for \$200.00 for the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, from Beloved Queen Mary Kay Jackson.



R.W. William Zuffal accepts check for \$136.00 for the Masonic Service Bureau & \$50.00 for the Monroe Masonic News, from Beloved Queen Mary Kay Jackson.



R.W. Kenneth Crawford, Senior Grand Warden, flanked by R.W. Joseph Silverstein and R.W. Herman Sarachan, at the dinner held to honor both the latter retirees from Flower City Lodge.

Thanksgiving - an annual United States holiday, usually the fourth Thursday of November, instituted by the Pilgrims to give thanks to God for their survival; in full, Thanksgiving Day.

How many of us gave thanks for the many blessings bestowed upon us this past year? For the privilege of belonging to a Fraternal organization composed of men of goodwill, of good character, of good reputation, who believe in Almighty God and practice the spirit of the universal Brotherhood of Man. The mission of Masonry is to help build a better world through its particular process of building better men to live in it by urging the practice of Brotherly love for all, charitable relief for those who may be in need, and morality and good citizenship in every community.

Contributions to charitable projects are substantial and varied. None is organized for profit, and no income inures to the benefit of any individual (other than those for whom the charity is designated), but all is for the promotion of the physical and moral welfare and happiness, not only of its members, but all mankind.

The Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of New York maintains a home and hospital (The Masonic Home in Utica) to take care of members and their wives, widows and orphans who are in need.

In addition, this Grand Lodge maintains, through voluntary annual contributions, a medical research laboratory (The Masonic Foundation for Medical Research & Human Welfare), which, in recent years, has supported many projects that have proved, or will prove, of benefit to all mankind.

The above was taken from a booklet published for the Grand

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**WILLIAM R. WOOD**  
D.D.G.M.  
1ST MONROE DISTRICT



### JOINT INVESTITURE SERVICE

The Joint Investiture service of the Monroe Masonic Districts will be held on Thursday, December 30, 1976, in Gothic Hall, 875 Main Street East, at 7:30 p.m. All Master-Elect are strongly urged to be present for this most important event and each should bring his own bible, square and compasses, and be accompanied by his outgoing Master or a Past Master of his Lodge. Maurice Solomon, A.G.L. Secretary, Bureau of Masonic Education

### BLUE LODGE INSTALLATIONS IN DECEMBER:

Plan to support the officers of your own lodge at Installation, and if your lodge is not listed below, come out and see how it's done in other lodges. Your presence will be greatly appreciated, whether as a member or a visitor.  
Friday, December 17 - Warren C. Hubbard #964.  
Monday, December 20 - Valley #109.  
Tuesday, December 21 - Seneca #920.

## BROTHERHOOD FUND CAMPAIGN

### BROTHERHOOD FUND STARTS SLOW

Due to the UPS strike in New York the Brotherhood Fund Kits were sent by U.S. Mail and would you believe that they wound up in Des Moines, Iowa! Brethren, now is the time to send your contributions in. Mail them to your lodge chairman.

The following poem is very apropos of those 70% who did not contribute to the Brotherhood Fund last time. It is more for workers but think of it in terms of giving to the Brotherhood Fund.

### SOMEBODY ELSE

I know a fellow named somebody else,  
There's nothing this fellow can't do.  
He's busy from morning 'til late at night  
While he's substituting for you.  
You're asked to do this, or asked to do that  
And what is your ready reply?  
I think you'd better get somebody else,  
He'll do much better than I.  
So much to do in this weary old world,  
So much, and the workers so few.  
And Somebody Else is weary and worn  
From substituting for you.  
Next time you're asked to do something worthwhile  
Just give them this ready reply:  
"If Somebody Else can give time and self,  
Than for goodness sake, So Can I.

Anonymous

R.W. Bruce Brainerd  
R.W. Bertram Steene

### YOUTH YOUTH YOUTH

During my visitations to your Lodges, I have tried to emphasize the importance of our young people, not only in our schools and community. Recently, I have visited Fidelity Triangle No. 4 and Rochester Chapter Order of Demolay. It is unfortunate that all members of the Eastern Star and Masonic Lodges could not have seen the exceptionally and outstanding degree work which I witnessed at these two meetings.

I am sure that those who have attended their meetings have come away with the same esteem and admiration. The work that these young people did was sincere and from the heart. A great deal of credit should be given to the advisors, who give so much of their time and talent. If you can attend one of their meetings, I think you will find it very informative as well as inspiring.

We are now fast approaching the end of 1976. It could be that all the Masters will give a sigh of relief as well as regrets

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**THOMAS L. DAVIS**  
D.D.G.M.  
2ND MONROE DISTRICT



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**LET'S GO VISITING**

- 2-Webster - 3rd Degree, dinner at 6:30.
- 2 - Henrietta - 3rd Degree at Northfield.
- 2 - Northfield - 3rd Degree.
- 6 - John A. Robertson - 3rd Degree.
- 6 - Valley Lodge - 3rd Degree. Dinner at 6:30.
- 7 - Penfield - 3rd Degree.
- 7 - Charlotte - Official Visit D.D.G.M.
- 7 - Nola - Election of Officers.
- 7 - Clio - 3rd Degree.
- 7 - Yonnonadio - Service Awards.
- 8 - Oatka - Annual Communication dinner at 6:30.
- 8 - Churchville - Annual Communication and Election of Officers.
- 8 - Germania - 3rd Degree.
- 9 - Genesee Falls - Annual Meeting.
- 9 - Zetland - Annual Meeting.
- 9 - Hamilton Chapter, R.A.M. - Annual Convocation, Dinner at 6:30.
- 12 - Rochester - Annual Meeting.
- 13 - Ionic Chapter, R.A.M. - Annual Meeting.
- 13 - Wakan - Annual Meeting.
- 13 - Etolian - Regular Meeting and election of Officers.
- 13 - Faiport - Annual Meeting & Election of Officers.
- 14 - Fame - Annual Meeting.
- 14 - Henrietta - Election of Officers.
- 14 - Webster Chapter, R.A.M. - Annual Convocation.
- 14 - E. Rochester - Election of Officers.
- 14 - Flower City - Election of Officers.
- 14 - Frank L. Simes - Election of Officers and Budget.
- 15 - Union Star - 3rd Degree.
- 16 - Webster Lodge - Annual Meeting, Dinner 6:30.
- 16 - Charlotte - 3rd Degree.
- 17 - Monroe Commandery - Annual Toast Night.
- 17 - Warren C. Hubbard - Installation of Officers.
- 18 - Northfield - Annual Meeting and Election
- 18 - Masonic Service Bureau - Annual Trip to Utica.
- 20 - John A. Robertson - Annual Meeting.
- 20 - Valley - Annual Meeting & Installations of Officers.
- 20 - Corinthian - Annual Summons Meeting.
- 21 - Yonnonadio - Annual Communication.
- 21 - Seneca - Annual Summoned Meeting.
- 21 - Clio - Annual Summons & Election of Officers.
- 21 - Penfield - Election of Officers.
- 25 - Merry Christmas to All.
- 30 - Joint Investiture Service.

**D.D.G.M. 1st MONROE** *Continued from page 1*  
 Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of New York. This booklet, "What is Free Masonry", is an explanation for members of the Masonic Fraternity.  
 The Brotherhood Fund Report for 1975-1976, which ended in May, showed some startling figures. Thirty percent (30%) of the membership contributed last year. The seventy percent (70%) who did nothing are the members we are trying to reach by reminding them of the ladder which Jacob, in his vision, saw extended from earth to heaven, the principal rounds are denominated Faith, Hope and Charity. The greatest of these is Charity. For Faith may be lost in sight, Hope end in fruition, but Charity extends beyond the grave, through the boundless realms of eternity.  
 At hand - now - are two great spiritual seasons, Christmas and Hanukkah, when we should meet in thanksgiving and peace under the Love of God, the Great Architect of the Universe. May the lighted candles of Hanukkah and the renewed message of the Joy of Christmas give substance to a rebirth in each of us and through us in our Nation.  
 Fraternally,  
 William R. Wood, D.D.G.M. First Monroe District

**D.D.G.M. 2nd MONROE** *Continued from page 1*  
 that their year has passed so quickly. I would like to thank all the 1976 Masters for the courtesies which they have extended to me both at my official and unofficial visits. Unfortunately, I was unable to visit more Lodges in the First Monroe District, but time did not permit it. During 1977 I plan to attend meetings in both First and Second Monroe Districts.  
 The Masters' and Wardens' Association is an organization whereby the Masters and Wardens of the First and Second Monroe Districts meet to plan programs, discuss problems and meet socially. Officers' wives have dinner and join in a social evening with their husbands. In order for this organization to continue to be successful, Masters, Junior and Senior Wardens should make every effort to attend the monthly meetings. We would like to see more Junior Wardens participate in this association than they have in the past year. It will be helpful both to you and your Lodge.  
 I am looking forward to visiting Charlotte Lodge No. 1088 on Tuesday, December 7. Why not join us?  
 TO ALL MASONS AND THEIR FAMILIES, MY WIFE, SALLY AND I EXTEND VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY GREETINGS.  
 Fraternally,  
 Thomas L. Davis, D.D.G.M., Second Monroe District

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




At the time of this writing two of our members to my knowledge are under the weather. Past Commander Bob Belt has returned home from the hospital and Past Commander General Ray Ring is in the hospital. We wish them both a speedy recovery.  
 During November members of our Post assisted three lodges with their memorial services. The Post could have used your help! Where were you?  
 Our December meeting will be held at the home of Commander Bob Emmons at 14 Crest Rd. (off Lincoln Rd.), East Rochester at 7:30 p.m. Please make an effort to be there since future plans for the Post will be made at that time. Your input is important and necessary if the views of all members are to be discussed. You will also receive a letter or questionnaire prior to this meeting.  
 December is also the time that we should plan on helping with the ward Christmas Parties at the Canandaigua Veterans Hospital. The Date is December 19th, the time 12:30.  
**HAPPENINGS**  
 Dec. 8 - Post meeting, Bob Emmons house.  
 Dec. 19 - Canandaigua Hospital Christmas Party, 12:30 p.m.

**SARACHAN BOOK FUND ESTABLISHED**  
 As announced in this paper last month, the Masonic Service Bureau has announced a plan to obtain financial support for the pre-publication expenses of R.W. Herman Sarachan's latest book, to be entitled "Dear Brother Herman". It is anticipated that this paperback book will sell for \$5 (possible less), and it will be a collection of the best of the many columns of that title which have appeared in the Monroe Masonic News over the past 14 years. Contrary to a misleading typographical error in last month's article, the book is complete and ready to be published just as soon as the necessary capital is raised.  
 In order to obtain the cash necessary to cover the pre-publication expenses, the Masonic Service Bureau has announced a plan to sell "shares" in the amount of \$100 each. These "shares" or promissory notes will not bear interest, but will be redeemed for face value in a random sequence from the proceeds of the sale of the books.  
 This book should be of interest and value to Masons throughout New York State, but we need your help to bring it about. If you would like more information or details, please call the Masonic Service Bureau at 473-4351. Otherwise, please make your check payable to "Sarachan Book Fund" and mail or deliver it to the Masonic Service Bureau at 875 E. Main St.,

**CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**  
*by Rev. William H. McKee*

**FREEDOM**

1976 has marked the 200th anniversary of the founding of our nation with achievement of political freedom from England. Freedom is still a very timely question as we may note in several parts of Africa, much of South America, Asia and even Europe.  
 But are we free? Aside from the colossal national, state, county and local debts which are fast reaching the point of no return of ever being paid off, are we free?  
 Too many individuals are also deeply in debt thus falling prey to the appeal "Buy now, pay later." There are also too many in the bonds of slavery to alcohol, tobacco, drugs and gambling - altogether a great number who are not free to enjoy, and share the freedom that has been available since the being of time as promised by our Creator in Genesis 2.  
 The prophet Hosea 27 Centuries ago, promised freedom to all who seek it by returning to their Creator as they seek forgiveness. "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely" followed by a vision of what maybe accomplished thru that freedom. Hosea 14.  
 The New Testament also has many promises. John 8. "You shall know the truth and the truth will make you free."  
 Galateano 5 "Christ set us free."  
 Peter 2 writes that "we are to be free and not use that freedom for a cloak of wickedness, but rather as servants of God. Then he gives the meaning of freedom in a brief statement 217. "Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God, Honor the King."  
 Freedom then is to be outside the bondage of evil in any form and within the circle of brotherhood and worship of God.  
 Freedom in our age is too often expressed in licentiousness or personal gain. We need to remember this year and every year as we recall God's gift to the Temple, that time when the chosen, freed from Captivity, returned to worship, found oil of one day's supply which burned for eight. We shall also remember the Advent season also a part of God, giving freedom to the world.  
 That freedom so often recorded and promised is yours for a richer, more abundant life in the many years ahead. Claim it now if you are without it, and never, never wander away from it again world without end. Seha



# GROTTO

This letter is addressed to all Master Masons who are not members of the Grotto.  
 Do you really know what the Grotto is? Do you know what our goals are? Do you know what philanthropies we support, what our aims are, and what good times we have?  
 We are known as Lalla Rookh Grotto, MOVPER. This stands for Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm. Each lodge or chapter is called a Grotto. In Rochester and vicinity we are known as Lalla Rookh Grotto #3.  
 Our goals are to help the handicapped child, promote fraternalism and spread the gospel of Masonic Brotherhood.  
 There are many social affairs to which the ladies are invited. They include the Monarch's Ball, Installation of Officers and party that follows, the annual Ladies' Night and during the summer we hold our annual picnic.  
 The Grotto business is conducted by the Board of Governors (elected from the membership) and this enables us to hold short but very interesting meetings which are always followed by refreshments. Then within the Grotto we have different units, the Patrol, Greeters, Legion of Honor, Revels, Cast and the Band. Members are encouraged to join these units and participate in thier activities.  
 Where, brethren, can you get all these things for only a \$50 initiation fee and dues of only \$22 a year? nowhere but in the Grotto.  
 Our requirements are very simple: That you are a Master Mason in good standing in your Blue Lodge. If you are interested, why not contact any officer or member for more information. We would be pleased to tell you more about our fraternity and include you in membership in our Grotto. Let's build not only for today, but for the future.  
 May you and yours have a Happy Holiday and the best for the coming year.

Fraternally,  
 George Francis



**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 have been a Life Member for about 10 years, and have been paying Life Membership dues. I have just received a bill for 1977 dues, with a letter saying that the Lodge has abolished Life Membership, and is billing me for regular dues. Can the Lodge do that?

**A.** First let us clear up a possible misunderstanding. "Life Membership," so called, is not membership for life. Grand Lodge prefers to call it "Privilege Membership." A "Life Member" still has the obligation to pay dues as fixed by the by-laws. Minimum is Grand Lodge per capita. (Handbook Section 672). A "Life Member" who neglects to pay the dues specified in the by-laws, may be unaffiliated, same as a Regular Member. (H.B. Sect. 1098 supplement).

A Lodge may provide in its by-laws for the granting of "Life" or "Privilege" membership under certain specified conditions (length of membership years, dues to be paid, etc.). Every brother who fulfills the requirement must automatically be granted "Life Membership". No recommendation of a Committee, or vote of the Lodge is permitted, (H.B. Sect. 649 and 649A supp.).

A Lodge may, at any time by appropriate amendment to its by-laws, change the provisions or abolish Life Memberships altogether. Every brother who has not attained the status of "Life Member" comes under the new by-law, (H.B. Sect. 652).

However, once a brother has attained "Life Membership," he continues under the same provisions and pays the same dues as heretofore, and does not fall under the new specifications, (H.G. Sect. 649 supp.).

"Life" Members are subject to any assessment levied upon the members "for Masonic Purpose." It must be equal for all members of the Lodge, (H.B. Sect. 710). But a member may not be subjected to annual payment under the guise of a "continuing assessment", (H.B. Sect. 710 supp.).

The Lodge may request its Life Members voluntarily to accept the new requirements in increased dues. If accepted, it remains the dues for the future and cannot be reversed, (H.B. Sect. 1098).

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TRIP TO UTICA**

We are happy to report that the response to our previous announcements of the Annual Masonic Service Bureau trip to the Masonic Home and Trinkaus Manor on Dec. 18, has been so good that we already have both buses full and we have 10 names on the waiting list. However, we always seem to get a number of last minute cancellations, so if you are interested in going, do not hesitate to call the Service Bureau at 473-4351 and have your name put on the waiting list. Even more important, if you have a reservation and find you cannot go, please call us as early as possible so that we can call someone on the waiting list and give them your seat. We will be most happy if we can take two full buses with no empty seats.

**SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION**

The final meeting of the School of Instruction for 1976 will be on Friday, December 3 at the Temple at 7:30 p.m.

Subjects pertaining to the Third Degree and Masonry in general will be presented at this session and we invite all Master Masons to attend, particularly our newly raised Brethren. We also hope to see many of the Brethren who have attended a session of the School pertaining to the First Degree and a session pertaining to the Second Degree and need to attend this session in order to complete the requirements for an Attendance Certificate. Nineteen of these certificates have been earned so far this year

Ronald D. Mertens  
Executive Secretary

**LODGE news and views**

**ZETLAND LODGE NO. 951**  
2nd & 4th Thursdays



Brethren:

It seems only a short time ago that I agreed to accept the office of Jr. Warden again, and here it is three years later and I am writing my last message to you as Worshipful Master. Time surely flies by fast these days. I have enjoyed serving the Lodge again as an officer. It has been a very rewarding experience. One that I will never regret. I hope I have fulfilled the duties expected of me by the brethren of the Lodge.

I was very pleased at the turn out of Past Masters at the last meeting. But rather disappointed at the turn out of members for both the dinner and meeting. At the meeting all the officers chairs were filled by Past Masters except one. W. Brother Victor Anderson our oldest living Past Master filled the Sr. Warden's Station and was letter perfect in his work. It was the first time he had filled that station in over thirty years. The other Past Masters also did equally as well. R.W. John Braun was Jr. Warden. W. William Beldue was Jr. Deacon, W. Gilbert Hess and R.W. R. Kenneth Crawford as Masters of Ceremony, W. Kenneth Myers as Steward, W. David Francis as Marshall, W. Fred Ambeau as Chaplin, W. Harold Beldue as Treasurer and W. Joseph Savage as Secretary. My thanks and appreciation to all of them for a job well done.

A memorial service was conducted for the Thirty Four Past Masters who have been called to rest by the Supreme Architect of the Universe. May their Souls rest in Heavenly Peace.

W. Brothers Gordon Pratt and Bernard Hansen were unable to attend the meeting due to illness. We all hope they are feeling better by now and will be able to attend our annual meeting on Thursday December 9th.

Sympathy of the Lodge is extended to Brother Harold Neun, whose sister passed away on Thursday November 11th. Brother Fred Kummerow is coming along after having eye surgery.

Our next meeting on December 9th will be our annual meeting, which will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 P.M., 3rd floor dining room. Please let our Jr. Warden David Crawford know of your intention to attend the dinner, by calling him at either of these numbers- 482-2302, 288-3225 or 482-0400.

Our 1977 officers will be elected and installed at this meeting. I would like to see every member attend the dinner and meeting if at all possible.

Come out and show the new

**CLIO LODGE No. 779**

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Brethren:

My year as master is almost over, and this will be my last communication to you. I want to thank all my officers, and all the members who gave me their support throughout the year. I have been honored to have this opportunity to serve you. I would also like to express my appreciation to the Leah Chapter O.E.S. for all the splendid dinners they have put on throughout the year.

On Nov. 2nd we had an official visit from R.W. William R. Woods District Deputy Grand Master, and R.W. Bruce K. Brainerd Grand Director of Ceremonies. We had an unexpected visit from R.W. Thomas L. Davis District Deputy Grand Master of the 2nd Monroe District. That evening the 2nd degree was put on by Bro. Jim Wells. I wish to thank all the officers for a fine job done on the degree.

Dec. 7 - There will be a 3rd degree put on by the 1972 Past Masters Degree Team. I ask as many brothers to come out and get acquainted with our new brothers.

Dec. 21 - Annual Summons, and Election of Officers.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

W. Bro. Donald Everts is in the Rochester General Hospital with a serious heart condition, and in intensive care.

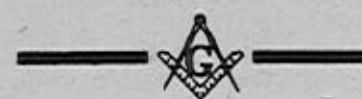
We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Bro. Eugene M. Miller who was called home by the Supreme Architect on October 30th, 1976.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of W. Bro. Gifford Jackling who was called home by the Supreme Architect on Nov. 12, 1976.

Please contact us if you know of any member who may be ill or shut in, or in need of our aid and sympathy. Call Bro. Edward Linaker 225-8385, or W. Bro. Jim Fallon 227-2847.

May the Holidays bring joy and happiness.

Fraternally,  
James J. Fallon, Master



master as his officers you are willing to support them. I am happy to report that Zetland Lodge will have a full line of officers again for 1977. These officers will appreciate your support, so come out to Lodge and greet them.

I would like to wish every member and their families a Very Merry Christmas & A Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Looking forward to seeing you on December 9th.

Fraternally yours,  
Ernest E. Wilson, Master

**ROCHESTER LODGE No. 660**  
2nd and 4th Mondays

Dear Brethren:

On Saturday, October 23, twenty-three Brethren and their Wives of Rochester Lodge visited Humber Lodge in Toronto, Canada. The Officers and Brethren did an outstanding job exemplifying the First Degree. The Brethren and their wives were later entertained Saturday night as guests of Humber Lodge at a Dinner-Dance.

Everyone had a very happy time in Canada due to the graciousness shown by Humber Lodge. Wor. Master John Scarr of Humber Lodge did an outstanding job of directing the day's activities. The Master is sure that all Rochester Lodge is looking forward to seeing our Canadian Brothers and their Wives again.

Please remember Rochester Lodge will be meeting but once a month, on the second Monday, beginning January, 1977. Also, the Annual Meeting is December 13 this year.

At this time I wish to thank Rochester Lodge for the privilege and the honor of serving as Master for 1976. I shall always remember with pleasure my year as Master. There are many people I wish to thank; but, space does not allow me to name them all. Therefore, at this time, I shall only say that my strong right arm, Sr. Warden Leo French has been a very great help this year and a Master could not have had a better or more conscientious Sr. Warden.

Thank you again, Rochester Lodge Brethren. After my term is ended I shall try to help the Lodge in any way I possibly can.

The Master wishes all of you Happy Holidays and is looking forward to seeing you at our Installation, January 10, 1977.

Fraternally and Sincerely,  
Edward J. Garrett, Master

**BROTHERHOOD FUND**

Once again the time has come for our Brotherhood Campaign Fund. Since I am the 1976-77 Brotherhood Chairman please send your contributions to my home or to the Lodge.

Alberto (Pete) Echevarria  
44 Citrus Drive  
Rochester, New York  
14606

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Dec. 3 - Past Master's Dinner - Maplewood Inn.  
Dec. 6 - Fellowcraft.  
Dec. 12 - Annual Meeting.  
Jan. 10 - Installation.

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R.W. Herman Sarachan with W. Sanford Hoffman, Master, after being presented with Testimonial on his retirement after 33 years as Secretary of Flower City Lodge.



M.W. Ray Ellis, P.G.M., R.W. Joseph Silverstein, P.D.D.G.M., M.W. Chas. Gosnell, P.G.M., R.W. Herman Sarachan, P.D.D.G.M., R.W. Kenneth Crawford, Senior Grand Warden, and R.R.W. Wendell K. Walker, Grand Secretary, are seen together at the dinner held in honor R.W. Joseph Silverstein and R.W. Herman Sarachan on their retirement from Office in Flower City Lodge.



R.W. Joseph Silverstein with W. Sanford Hoffman, Master, after being presented with Testimonial on his retirement after 50 years as Treasurer of Flower City Lodge.

**VALLEY LODGE  
No. 109  
1st and 3rd Mondays**

**Fraternal Greetings!**

It is with deep regret that I greet you through this media for the last time as the Master of your lodge. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve a two year term and further the work of Valley Lodge. With the fine support of a better than average line of officers, the work has pushed onward toward our fraternal goals. I must give a hearty hoorah for a job well done to three brothers who stood behind me with great moral, spiritual, and just downright support. Thanks to Past Masters W. Matt Gingold, Howie Belt, and Carl Pigage. Another special thanks to Senior Warden Jim Barrett, and Junior Warden Cliff Merritt, who gave me total support throughout my years. Without the help of our officers and past masters, Valley Lodge would have passed on to the yellowed pages of history. Now I turn the reins over to another Master and his fine line. May they strive and push upward to continue the drive towards the spiritual uplift of Valley Lodge. I hope you give all your support to them as you have given to me.

Over the past years the Lodge has come to realize that we have passed over troubled waters and now bear the fruit of:

1. Increased enrollment of young energetic officers.
2. Better lodge attendance.
3. Social get-togethers that cement our fraternal relationships.
4. Volunteers who come forth to support projects.

May this good work continue and Valley Lodge gain its place in the Masonic spotlight. You can help by continuing support of the new line and by coming to lodge! Last year as I finished my first year I heard it whispered that the lodge could look back and hear the words whispered, "You have run a good course - well done, good and faithful servant", but now I hear it has the loud

roar of a strong surf pounding on distant rocks upon the shore.

To all the officers - a strong thanks - without your support I would have lost the race. A special thanks to Bro. Ralph Lefler - my chief supporter and strong council.

To all a very tearful thank you, you have made a proud and humble Mason. Fraternally, Dave Clarke

**NEWS  
ABOUT THE  
LODGE**

A fine ladies' night was given on November 13th at the Moose Club under the direction of Junior Warden Cliff Merritt and his committee of stewards, Harry Coates and Tom Williams. I believe 65 people were in attendance to dine on roast beef with all the trimmings. The ladies were presented with candy and plants grown by our own W. Ralph Biggar, the green thumb of the lodge. Good going gang!

A change in plans had the Lodge presenting the 2nd degree on November 15th to two brothers. Under the direction of Bro. James Barrett, the degree was presented in grand style.

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Dec. 6 - Third Degree presentation by 1974 Past Masters Club - Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 13 - Fellowcraft dinner and annual election of officers - Copper Kettle on Chili Avenue - Call Ralph Lefler for reservations.

Dec. 20 - Annual meeting and installation.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS  
(Good news this month.)**

Bro. Ray Smith recovering from double hip surgery - this brother expects to walk into Lodge without crutches very soon!!

W. Bro. Bob Belt recovering from successful surgery - hurry back to lodge soon Bob!

W. Alton Frasch recovering from serious surgery - expects to be up and about soon.

R.W. Myron Dox looking good again after problems with a very bad back problem.

Bro. Vince DiCesso recovering from eye surgery - doing very well!

**UNION STAR LODGE  
No. 320  
1st Wednesday**

**Brethren:**

Well I guess it is that time of the year again to Pay your Dues, and also get ready for the Brother-Hood-Fund. By the way the slogan for this year is "Continuing the Pursuit of Excellence", the Brother Hood Fund needs our help even more this year, and expenses are getting greater each year. So open up your Hearts and Give Generously.

I just cannot believe that the year is almost over, here it is December and what a busy month, with Election for Lodge Officers for the new year, Committee Reports, a 3rd Degree, Christmas, and last but not least the Snow.

I was very pleased to see such a nice turn out at the Church services and at Lodge for the Communion Service and Breakfast November 21st and what a wonderful job Mr. Ralph Gray and her helpers did on putting on the Breakfast. To everyone **THANK YOU.**

It was a pleasure to sit on the side line for a change in November and watch the Past Masters put on the regular meeting. You all did a fine job.

I would like to Thank Bro. Ray Beetle and all the Brothers and Officers who helped put on the 2nd degree in November. They all did as usual a good job, and a fine performance. Speaking of degrees the 3rd degree will be put on December 15th. I plan on having Mrs. Ralph Gray put on another one of her fine Dinners, which will be at 7 O'clock. At the time of writing this column I'm trying to get some guests to come in and put on the 2nd Section of the 3rd Degree, but as of yet I have not got a different answer.

Looking forward to seeing you all in December.

Remember to contact W. Bro. Ken Buckland or Myself if you know of any Brother in sickness or distress. So at least we can send them a card to let them know that they are in thoughts. Sincerely, Jack McGirr-Master

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**FLOWER CITY LODGE  
No. 910  
2nd Tuesday**

**TESTIMONIAL DINNER**

The testimonial dinner in honor of R.W. Joseph Silverstein and R.W. Herman Sarachan proved to be an outstanding success, as was evident by the very large turnout, headed by R.W. Kenneth Crawford, Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Wendell Walker, Grand Secretary, M.W. Ray Ellis, M.W. Charles Gosnell and M.W. Lloyd Cochran, Past Grand Masters, R.W. Frank Horton, Grand Representative G.L. of Ohio, and incumbent District Grand Lodge Officers. Also present were the Vice-Mayor of Rochester, Midge Costanza, who introduced President-Elect Jimmy Carter's Aunt Cissie, who in turn presented R.W. Joseph Silverstein with the key to the City of Rochester; also city Manager Elisha Freedman and Mrs. Freedman.

Presentations were made on behalf of the Lodge by the Worshipful Master, W. Sanford Hoffman, and by R.W. Frank Horton, W. Bill Zufall on behalf of the Masonic Service Bureau, W. Maurice Solomon on behalf of the Jewish Community Center, W. Ray Whitley on behalf of Seneca Lodge #920, and personal presentation of beautiful tablets by Bro. A. David Berger of Flower City Lodge.

The honorees made suitable responses, and all present adjudged the evening to be a complete success.

**ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Our Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 14, when reports will be given, and the election of Officers for 1977 will take place.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

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Bro. and Mrs. Sam Ware, whose son, Gary W. has been appointed an Assistant Dean at the University of Rochester's Graduate School of Management.

**ANNUAL CHILDREN'S PARTY**

The Children's Party will be held at the Masonic Temple, Basement Dining Room, on Sunday, December 19, at 1 p.m. Full details will be in the mail.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

We mourn the passing of Bro. Leo Singer, and extend our sympathies to his family.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Irv Starr in the passing of his Mother; Bro. Ed Barrack and Bro. Mike Schulman are in the Hospital; we wish them well.

Maurice Solomon,  
Past Master

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Dec. 14 - Election of Officers: Annual Reports.

Dec. 19 - Annual Children's Party: 1 p.m.

Jan. 11 - Annual Installation of Officers: Banquet.

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**HENRIETTA LODGE No. 526**

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2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Brethren:

The Masonic Fraternity in Henrietta Lodge was saddened by the passing of W. Bro. Ralph Churchill's wife. Five Brothers acted as pallbearers at the funeral service on Saturday Nov. 6th. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Bro. Churchill.

Our Ladies night on Nov. 6th was a great success. Everyone I talked to said they had a great time.

On Tuesday, Nov. 9th our District Deputy R.W. Thomas Davis made his official visit to the Lodge. Its a shame too few were present to hear his message, and a talk by our Grand Steward R.W. Bertram Steen.

Thursday Dec. 2 we will travel to Northfield Lodge to put on the second section of the Third Degree. Any master mason in good standing is cordially and fraternally invited to attend with us. If you plan to attend the dinner get your reservation in to me immediately so you will be assured of a place at the table.

Dec. 14th is our night for Election of Officers. This is your Lodge Brothers so get out and make your wishes known. One or two Brothers can not do all the work.

On Wednesday Dec. 29 the Lodge will join with Henrietta Chapter of the Eastern Star for a Christmas Party. More information on the party will be available at the Dec. 14th meeting.

Our photographer, a Brother, has not yet delivered the pictures he took at our installation services last January. I have had promises but no pictures. What else can I say?

**MASONRY-WHERE ARE YOU?**

I was at the Lodge tonight, where were you? Yes I had a lot of things that should have been done, but tonight was a Second Degree and I WANTED to be there. I finished my work at 5:30, picked up my wife and returned home about six o'clock, had supper and sat down with my paper for 10 minutes. You bet I could have sat there all evening - reading my paper, watching television, stretched out in my easy chair and spent the whole evening just like you - RIGHT. But I felt a DESIRE to go to Lodge. As I looked around the Lodge at a half group of Line Officers and very few on the side lines, I wondered what I would have thought had it been that way the night I took my Second Degree. WHERE WERE YOU?

Did you join Masonry for a purpose or a personal benefit? The most personal benefit you will ever receive will be what you can do for others. WHERE WERE YOU? To the Line Officers just let me say you will never know what you are missing by not being there and doing what you can. You will

**CHURCHVILLE LODGE**

No. 667  
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Happy Turkey Month. I hope this month of thanksgiving has found everyone with something to be truly thankful for. This is the opening of the most joyful of Seasons. The Birth of Christ and the Birth of a New Year.

It is also that time of the year when the Hunter in us comes to the fore - while everyone can't get all the game they go after, I hope you do.

This being close to the end of the year also reminds us of two rather important items to Churchville Lodge.

It is time to start thinking about and paying yearly dues.

It is likewise to think of the Brotherhood Fund. I will be Brotherhood Chairman for 1976/77 Fund Drive. Please send contributions to Mr. William Baxter, 50 Standish Rd., Rochester, N.Y. 14626. If you should send a check please make it payable to "Masonic Brotherhood Fund."

Happy Birthday to all the Brothers born in this happy month. Also Happy Anniversary to all celebrating this event this month.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Bro. Steve Jenkins is back at Genesee at this writing. I'm sure he would enjoy cards.

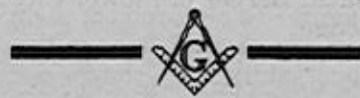
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec. 4 - Ladies Nite; Community Players - Harvey School; 7:00 p.m. Performance \$4.00 per ticket; Late Supper - Gitsis After Theater.

Dec. 5 - Communion Service & Breakfast; Service - Methodist Church 8:00 A.M.; Breakfast - Lodge Room 9:30 A.M.

Dec. 8 - Annual Communication; Election of Officers.

Fraternally,  
Bill Baxter, Master



receive more than you will ever give. Believe me I've been there too.

In closing just let me say - ask yourself - "Do I want to be a mason? Or DO I WANT TO BE A MASON? WHERE WERE YOU?"

A. Mason

Happy Anniversary to W. Bro. & Mrs. Frank Cromarty Dec. 16th (52 Years) Bro. & Mrs. Timothy Healey Dec. 27 (7 years) Bro. & Mrs. David G. Miller Dec. 15 (53 years).

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Dec. 2 - 3rd Degree at Northfield Lodge.

Dec. 7 - Fellowcraft & Trustees Meeting.

Dec. 14 - Election of Officers.

Dec. 29 - Christmas Party with Star.

Fraternally,  
Larry Millerd, Master

**PENFIELD UNION LODGE**

No. 154  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Since this is my last message in the Masonic news as Master of your Lodge, I want to express my gratitude to all the members for their help and co-operation. I also want to thank my Officers and Past Masters for going all out in their efforts in my behalf.

As we near the coming Holidays, it is unfortunate that others in the weeks ahead will not share in the good fortune bestowed upon many of us by The Supreme Architect. Penfield's Brotherhood Chairman this year is: Jessie Mattson, 1769 Penfield Road, Penfield, N.Y. 14526. He has the necessary forms and will be happy to see that your Gift to the Brotherhood Fund gets to Grand Lodge. By sending in your contribution early you can save Brother Mattson the extra work of contacting you a second or third time by phone or in person which we will be doing as the campaign nears the close, so Brothers mail back your envelope with something in them to the Lodge, better yet why not come to Lodge and deliver it in person, we would be happy to see you, try us.

A few of our Brothers have been reported as being in poor health or hospitalized. This information is getting back to your Lodge brothers sometimes too late for us to offer our help or sympathy when it is needed (the most important time for you). Please Brothers, have a member of your family drop a note or call some one in the lodge so we may have this information to act upon in your behalf. It may not seem important to you to let us know but sometimes we might be able to help your loved one when they need it most. If you don't know the name of a Brother to call, remember we meet the First and Third Tuesdays at 8:00 o'clock. Phone the Lodge and surprise the Tyler, the number is (716) 381-6530.

Several Brothers have not paid their Dues this year. THINK! The amount of dues that the Lodge retains hardly covers the expenses such as the cost of The Masonic News, postage and supplies, contributions for the memory of deceased brothers, donations to community ambulance service, fire department, heart fund, little league, master to Grand Lodge, boy scouts, salvation army, taxes and insurance on building and a small budgeted amount for social expense.

The answer to the above is not to Demit or Drop Out but think of the advantages of being a Mason, to help, aid and assist your Lodge in these times. Think also of the possibility, in later years of the Masonic Home in Utica, if the need should be for a place to live, you know the cost of Nursing Homes and only a few can afford this service.

December the 7th will be a third degree.

Our December 21st meeting will be a summoned

**W.C. HUBBARD LODGE**

No. 964  
1st and 3rd Fridays

Dear Brothers,

This is the last letter I will be writing you. This year for me has been a good year, I have not been sorry once for ever being your Master, nothing could ever replace or top the feeling of pride that I have felt as your Master.

I wish to Thank all my officers and the brothers on the sides line that have come to my aid when ever I have asked and a particular thank you to the Past Masters, they never let me down once.

On December 17 you will have a new master, Bro. Bob Helems, and I hope that you my brothers give Bob all the help he will need, because in this time all masters need the help of the Lodge.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

I am sorry to report that W. Bro. Fran Nunnold had to go back in the Hospital to have a little more corrective surgery on his bladder and Bro. Walter Sanders after about a year and 4 operations is back to normal and also back to work. Call These Brothers and ask them if they are all right, they would love to hear the voice of an old friend. Let me or your new Master know if you hear of a brother in need of our aid.

Bro. Arnold Frear's father passed away on November 14. We are sorry to hear of this.

Don't forget the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, for the year 1976 and 1977. Bro. Bob Lauzon is chairman.

My Brothers I did the best I could for you & Warren C. Hubbard. Thank You for the trust you put in me. Fraternally,  
Michael A. Rapson Master



one for the purpose of electing new Officers for 1977. What a distinct pleasure it would be for me to greet a delegation of Penfield Union Brothers at this meeting, so that by our presence in Lodge we may, as one, pledge our undeniable support to our newly elected Officers.

It has been a very busy and enjoyable year, thanks again for your support. As we approach the Holiday Season my family and myself wish each and every one of you a Happy Christmas and a Wonderful New Year.

Fraternally,  
Clarence Woodley, Master

**NORTHFIELD LODGE**

No. 426  
1st & 3rd Thursdays



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On our first communication Nov. 4, 1976, J.W. Ray Beardsley was in The East for the Second Degree. I was very proud of Bro. Ray. The officers and other brothers also, for doing a fine job.

Miss Linda Gurney, whose father Frank is a member of this lodge, was installed as Beloved Queen of Lilac Triangle on Nov. 6, 1976, and Miss Karen Midgley was installed Beloved Queen of Fidelity Triangle on Nov. 13, 1976. My heartiest congratulations to the young ladies and their officers.

First meeting - December 2, 1976, the Third Degree will be put on by the Past Masters of this lodge and members of Henrietta Lodge. Dinner will be at 6:30. Please make your reservations for the dinner by calling the J.W. at 586-3675.

Dec. 10 - Annual Christmas Party at the lodge for members and wives.

Dec. 18 - The annual meeting and Election of Officers.

I would like to thank the members and visitors who have been filling the sidelines at each meeting.

It has been a very wonderful year.

Looking forward to seeing you at Lodge.


Fraternally,  
Glenn A. Hedges, Master

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Dec. 2 - Third Degree; Dinner at 6:30.

Dec. 10 - Christmas Party at the Lodge.


Dec. 18 - Annual meeting.

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**GENESEE FALLS LODGE**

**No. 507**  
**2nd and 4th Thursdays**

Brethren:

As I indicated in last month's column, this article will present some opinions of what the future seems like for our Lodge. Based upon the lack of interest of all but a few members, the future is certainly not bright. I personally envision the next few years as ones of trying to "hold on" and endeavoring to rebuild. This is a deplorable situation to be in, especially in an organization with the high ideals of the Masonic fraternity. However, it is the situation that we are in, and I for one do not have the answers on how to correct it.

During the past year I have attempted to perform my duties as Master and represent the Lodge as necessary. I fully well realize that in many respects I have not done all that I should have or could have. It is extremely difficult to maintain a very high degree of enthusiasm when only a few seem to care. However, I still admit that it has been a privilege to serve the Lodge and I have enjoyed a great many moments in Masonry this year. I particularly want to thank those of you who have supported the Lodge through your participation and attendance. There aren't many of you, but without you we would cease to exist so please keep coming. There have been many times during the year when I was discouraged and disgusted, but there were always a few who by their words and actions were able to lift my spirits. I would also like to express my deepest appreciation and thanks to my wife and children. Without their help, aid and assistance I never could have managed.

As a parting comment, I would ask that you endeavor to support the new officers of the Lodge that you will elect. We are desperately in need of officers to fill several places. An indication of your willingness to serve would be most welcome and give them the greatest pleasure. There are some interesting programs being planned for next year, but they need your support to be truly worthwhile. To be perfectly candid, none of us have any right to complain about the way things are being done unless we are willing to become active.

Your chance to be heard and seen will next occur at our Annual Meeting on Thursday, December 9. Your obligation indicates quite clearly your duty to attend this meeting.

Many brethren claim that the Annual Meeting is all "cut and dried" and not worth attending. I feel that there is much to be learned at an Annual Meeting and there are always a few surprises.

At this time I would like to express the sympathy of the Lodge to the families of the following departed Brethren: Corden B. Searle, Carl F. Aver, Chester E. Scott and Thomas McGregor. I feel a sense of personal loss each

**WAKAN LODGE**

**No. 1054**  
**2nd and 4th Mondays**

Brethren:

I would like to thank all who attended the Master's Ball. I hope everyone had an enjoyable dinner and a pleasant evening of conversation and dancing. Gene Brown did an excellent job as Chairman of this event. Our thanks to Gene for all his efforts toward making this annual party a success.

October 25th a very fine Second Degree has put on by our Jr. Warden, Don Brugger, with the able assistance of several Brothers from our Spring Class. On November 22nd I was in the East to confer the first section of the Third Degree. W. Bro. John Rees and W. Bro. John Tijou had charge of the second section. A dinner, prepared and served by Irondequoit Chapter, O.E.S. preceded the Degree. Our newest Brother is Reginald Doescher. Glad to have you with us Reggie.

Our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will be held on December 13th. Let us have a good turn-out and show the newly elected officers that we are behind them and have an interest in our Lodge.

At our Official Visit, RW: Tom Davis presented the 25 year pins to five of our Lodge Brothers. He also gave a short talk on the Grand Master's message. RW: Bert Steene gave a talk about the Brotherhood fund along with some ideas on increasing membership participation. RW: Bill Wood also visited us for the evening.

Congratulations to Fame Lodge on their victory at our Annual Euchre Tournament. Next year Wakan Lodge might be the victor if more of our members take part.

**CALLED BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT**

Joseph E. Vinton, on October 15th. Masonic Services were held. The sympathy of the Lodge was extended to his family.

The sympathy of the Lodge was also extended to the following Brothers and their families: Brother Elmer Verdun upon the passing of his Mother, October 14th. Brother Fred Hild upon the passing of his Father, October 17th. Brother Norm Leppla upon the death of his Mother, November 10th. Norm's Mother was also the sister of our Tiler W. Henry Leiske.

As the Christmas and New Year holidays draw near, I would like to extend to all our members and their families, a very joyous Holiday Season. Frank Denton  
Master



time a brother is called to his Final Home, and this was particularly true regarding Brother McGregor. May they all enjoy their everlasting peace.

Fraternally,  
Ron Mertens, Master



Hon. and Rt. Wor. Frank J. Horton (left), U.S. Representative, 34th Congressional District present a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol on July 4, 1976 to Seneca Lodge No. 920 at its October meeting. Wor. J. Rayford Whitley (right), Master of Seneca accepted on behalf of the lodge. Rt. Wor. Horton was master of Seneca in 1962.

**WEBSTER LODGE**

**No. 538**  
**1st and 3rd Thursdays**

Brethren:

December is upon us and, across Monroe County, the Masters are wondering how it got here so fast (and the Senior Wardens - what took it so long!!).

At any rate, it is here and it is a busy one for Webster. December 2 is the date of our Third Degree. December 16 will be our annual meeting, preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. by the OES. Be sure to get your reservation cards back to our Junior Warden.

We believe we can safely speak for all the Brothers present on November 4 when we say "Thank You" again to the Tartan Square Club for a memorable evening. It was a real joy to see the Work as done in Scotland, to note the similarities and differences and realize, that, one way or another, when the Work is complete, all the elements are there, be it in New York or in Scotland. (We understand that Exemplar Ed Wood's response "Holy Mackerel" is not part of the standard work!)

November 18 saw the Second Degree (hopefully).

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Dec. 2 - Third Degree, open at 6:00, dinner at 6:30.

Dec. 16 - Annual meeting, dinner at 6:30.

Since this will be the last transmission from your correspondent, may we take this opportunity to say "Thank you, Brethren" for the privilege of serving as Master in 1976, for your support and help. Continue to support your Lodge and the officers in the coming year. And best wishes for success, Bob, in your year in the East. Fraternally,  
Horace F. Denton

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**SENECA LODGE**

**No. 920**  
**3rd Tuesday**

**MASTER'S MESSAGE**

Brethren:

The moving finger writes; and, having writ, moves on... Shortly after this is published, my year as Master of Seneca Lodge will be history for on December 21 we will hold our Annual Meeting, election and installation of 1977 officers. I am pleased with what has been accomplished this year and not at all remorseful about relinquishing this responsibility. We have a strong lodge, with capable and dedicated officers ready to take up the cudgel and carry on the tradition of excellence which exists in Seneca Lodge.

Two of Seneca's honorary members, Rt. Wor. Herman A. Sarachan and Bro. Wark L. Ekas, M.D. will be guests of honor at the Fellowcraft Tea on December 5 in the Oasis Room. These two men have had, during their long and illustrious Masonic careers, a profound influence on Masonry in Monroe County, New York and the nation. We are proud of them and are pleased to have this opportunity to show our appreciation for their devotion to Seneca Lodge. The tea begins at 4:00 p.m.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Masters and Wardens of the two Monroe Districts for permitting me to serve as Vice President of that august body. I have made many friends there and have many fond memories which I shall long cherish.

Fraternally,  
J. Rayford Whitley, Master

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**ETOLIAN LODGE**

**No. 479**  
**2nd and 4th Mondays**

Dear Brethren:

It looks like Winter is now upon us, and I hope everyone had a most enjoyable summer.

For you who failed to attend the October 25th meeting. The second degree was conferred on five Bros. by our Sr. Warden Bro. Dale Rankin, and the Middle Chamber lecture was given by W. Bro. John Mattern, the degree was perfect, as can be attested by the 1st Monroe District Deputy R. Wor. Bro. William Wood and the Grand Director of Ceremonies R. Wor. Bro. Bruce Brainerd, along with the Grand Lodge officers from the Niagara Orleans District. A tip of the hat to all the Brothers who participated in the degree for a job very well done.

Mark this date on your calendar - Dec. 20th at 6:30 p.m. Why? It is the annual Christmas Party with the Eastern Star and Etolian Lodge joining together to celebrate the birth of Our Lord. There will be entertainment and even a Santa to pass out the presents to the children. This will be a tureen supper so bring a dish to pass along with your own table setting. Parents also please bring a present for each of your children. Hope to see you Dec. 20th.

As this will be my last attempt at writing the news, I want to thank each and everyone for making this one of the best and very short years of my life. It has been by & Mrs. Dinger's pleasure to have associated with so many wonderful men and women of the Masters and Wardens Association of the 1st and 2nd Monroe District for the past three years. It has been a pleasure to have met so many Grand Lodge officers and their ladies. It has been most gratifying to have had the honor of serving as Master of Etolian Lodge #479. And to the Brothers go my thanks for making Etolian Lodge #479 the best in the country.

As one last remark from one Pennsylvania Dutchman to hopefully another Pennsylvania Dutchman as Master for the year 1977 - very good luck and much success.

To the Brothers who have been so willing to attend the School of Instruction, Friday Dec. 3rd will be your last chance to obtain the certificate for attending the three different schools.

Fraternally yours,  
Chalmers L. Dinger, Master

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Dec. 13 - Regular meeting; Election of Officers.

Don't forget the joint investiture will be Dec. 30th. And last of all please don't forget the Brotherhood Fund.

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Brethren:

The Holiday Spirit is amongst us this time of the year. We have just finished giving Thanks for all our Blessings and now look forward to the Joys of the Christmas Season and the excitement of planning for the New Year. I am thankful for the excellent support provided me by the Officers and Past Masters during this year, which I believe has been highly successful . . . all the goals I had established were met. Maybe I should have set my sights a little higher. Not to be forgotten are a few (very few) members who sat on the sidelines very often and encouraged all of us in our efforts. I wish more of you would make the effort to come out and join in the fellowship. We are realistic. We don't expect you to attend every meeting. But, it would be nice to see some faces in Lodge that have been absent far too long. Why not start with our Third Degree on December 6. There is a dinner at 6:30 p.m. with the Lodge opening at 7:45 p.m. Reservations are already closed, but check with me if you would like to attend.

Your last chance to join us will be on the Twentieth at our Annual Meeting. Again there is a dinner at 6:30. Reservations are due by December 13. Please call Brother Frank Zaffino, 352-1551, or Brother Malcolm Pollock, 392-6787, if you would like to attend. With all the other holidays, the following Brothers have an additional reason to celebrate. Happy December birthdays to: 1 - Francis Montbach; 4 - Edward Drojarski; 5 - Walter Swail; 6 - Stewart LeBarron, James Passarella; 8 - John Willis; 11 - Urban Knigh; 13 - Newell Ferris; 15 - Robert MacAdam; 16 - William Hnatiw; 17 - Leslie Leaty, Kenneth Thompson; 18 - Frank Barons; 19 - James Gilzow; 20 - Gordon Watts; 25 - Arthur Gundry; 26 - William Greenwood, Jr.; 27 - Edwin Smith, Elwin Smith; 30 - John Auer, Jr., Clifford Hayner, Donald Kohler, Russell Rankin; 31 - Arthur Daughton.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Bro. George Parker is hospitalized in the intensive care unit with no visitors permitted as I write this column. Get well quickly, George. Mrs. George Pasch, Sr. is still convalescing at home. Brother Robert McIntyre is progressing from his recent illness.

The Sympathy of the Lodge was extended to Brother Earl Kraft on the recent passing of his Father-in-law.

W.B. Ed Walker has called an Officers' meeting for December 10 at his home, 162 Campbell Park. All Past Masters and interested Brethren are invited to attend.

May each of you, my Brothers, enjoy the holidays with family and friends . . . Merry Christmas!  
 Skip Waterstreet, Master

**CHARLOTTE LODGE**  
**No. 1088**  
 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Brethren:

This issue of the News marks the last opportunity for me to greet each of you personally as master of your lodge. I thank you all for the privilege of serving as master of Charlotte Lodge. It has been a tremendous experience for me and left me with a store of memories that will last forever. Memories of places and events and good brothers from the Monroe districts, other neighboring districts, other states and even other countries, for there is always good fellowship when brothers assemble.

The news is good concerning our secretary, R.W. Everett Van Putte, the doctor has ok'd him to get out and around and we may soon see him back at lodge. Bro. Merle Evoy has his new pacemaker installed and is doing well. Bro. Dave Peggs is in Monroe Community Hospital, improving. He is getting therapy which we hope will speed his return to health.

Brother Harold Siebert is in Northside Hospital for open heart surgery and unfortunately had a heart attack there the day before his operation. The wife of Bro. Glen Pancoast had open heart surgery at Northside and is improving. She will be home by the time the News comes out.

Bro. John Swanton is at home recovering from a stroke. Bro. Conrad May is at home and would like visitors or a card as would all the other sick and shut in's.

If you or a brother you know are sick and in need of aid or sympathy and have not received it, it is undoubtedly because we at lodge do not know of it. I try to visit all I can personally as well as having our Hospitaler and others visit too. Please keep us informed so we can do our duty to our sick brothers.

Our Bro. Harold L. Coogan was called by the Supreme Architect in November. The Lodge extends it's sympathy to his wife and family and to his son, Bro. Paul Coogan. Bro. "Doc" Coogan's Passing has been noted and he will be missed.

Our SW Robert Straton did an excellent job of conferring the third degree on Nov. 16, congratulations Bro. Bob. Dec. 7th will be the official visit of our DDGM R.W. Thomas L. Davis who will bring us the Grand Master's message. Come join us and bring a Bro. with you. It will be an interesting evening. Dec. 12 Annual Christmas Party (Sunday 2:30 p.m.) Dec. 19 Spaghetti Dinner at Lodge, open to all. Check Trestleboard.

Dec. 4th Social Lodge in Kendall will have their annual Goose Dinner at the Jr. Sr. High School in Kendall. Serving 5 pm till. Contact me for tickets. Happy Birthday to all born in Dec. May you enjoy your day.

See you in lodge.

Fraternally,  
 Wor. Verne Halter

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

Oct. 26 The Shrine Degree Team put on the Third Degree from start to finish, raising four brothers. They did an excellent job. I want to thank all the Nobles for participating. A fine Turkey dinner was served by the Order of the Eastern star. We served lightly four brothers.

Nov. 9 We had a memorial service for our departed brothers. The Masonic War Veterans did the Service. I want to thank Commander W. Robert Emmons and his officers for a very touching degree. I had never seen it before and was very much impressed.

Brother Alex Arthur Sr. was presented with his honorary dues card.

Let's remember our brotherhood drive is on. Bro. Alex Arthur Jr. is our chairman.

Nov. 23 We are having a business meeting, we have a lot of things to discuss, please come out and be a part in it.

Dec. 14 I would like to see all our local members out for election of officers.

Dec. 17 We are going to have a Christmas party for ourselves and our children, you will be notified about it.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Bro. Harry McBride was called away by our Maker Oct. 31.

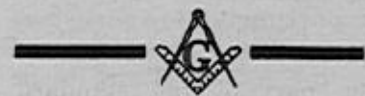
Bro. Roderick Neven had a heart attack and is doing fine.

W. Bro. Walter Shafer had a heart attack and is doing good.

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Nov. 23 - Business Meeting  
 Dec. 14 - Election of Officers.

Dec. 17 - Christmas Party. Fraternally,  
 Merle H. Rogers, Master



**CHARLOTTE LODGE**  
**TRESTLEBOARD**

Dec. 7 - Official Visit, D.D.G.M.

Dec. 12 - Annual Christmas Party - 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Sunday) at Lodge.

Dec. 14 - Fellowcraft Club - 7:30 p.m., Basement of Lodge.

Dec. 19 - Spaghetti dinner in basement of Lodge from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Sunday). Reservations are a must, and the deadline is Dec. 12th. Adults - \$2.50, children under 12 - \$1.25. All officers have tickets, or phone Bob Forest, Junior Warden, 467-1699; Stan Gears, 436-1845; or Tom Paglia, 254-1589, for reservations.

Dec. 21 - Annual Summoned Meeting and election of officers for 1977 - 7:30 p.m. at Lodge.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Saturday, February 12th - 1st Annual Bowling Party at the Redmen's Club on Lexington Ave. \$12.00 per couple - includes buffet dinner and bowling. More details later.

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

**SUMMONS**

Brethren:  
You are hereby summoned to attend the Stated Communication of Fame Lodge #945 F. & A.M., to be held in its Lodge Room, 4275 Culver Road, Tuesday December 14th, 1976 at 8 PM for the purpose of electing Officers for the ensuing year and to act upon other such business as may come before the Lodge.  
By Order of  
Thomas O. Huttemann  
Master

Attest:  
Cyril Walker  
Secretary

Brethren:  
On December 14 prior to our annual meeting we will have our Ladies Appreciation Dinner. Lodge will open at 6:00 PM, at 6:30 Chef Joe Kovacs will be serving his famous homemade beef stroganof dinner with all the trimmings. The telephone committee will be contacting you for your reservations.

Hopefully the Brotherhood Kits will be arriving shortly. Our Chairman Bro. Stu Woodard will be happy to accept your contributions at any time.

As I load the "Old Smith-Corona" for the last salvo I must confess that it is with mixed emotions. I feel sad knowing that this will in all probability be my last journalistic effort as Master of the Lodge. At the same time I feel a great amount of satisfaction for the year 1976 and an even greater amount of pride in my Brothers at FAME Lodge #945. Without you and your efforts we could not have enjoyed the outstanding year that is nearly history. If Providence were to ever smile down on me again and offer me the opportunity to serve as Worshipful Master it would be my fervent desire to be surrounded by the same devoted Officers and Brethren that I served with during 1976.

**TIP-OF-THE-TRICORN**

During the year I have featured a TIP-OF-THE-TRICORN and in this my SWAN SONG I tip the Master's TRICORN to you, My Brothers and your Ladies for your enthusiastic support.

To my wife Sach for her support and understanding during the process of going thru the chairs.

To my daughters Debbie and Cathy who I'm sure did without old Dad many times.

To my Father, W. John Huttemann for his support, encouragement and built in ritual guidance, thanks for the many trips thru the book.

To FAME Lodge #945, Thank you for the privilege of serving as Worshipful Master during 1976. Thank you for the many fond memories that I will cherish the rest of my life.

On the verge of becoming "Old What's His Name"?  
Fraternally,  
W. Thomas O. Huttemann,  
Master

**YONNONDIO LODGE**  
No. 163  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays

**Brethren:**

Once again December is upon us, once again it is time to elect new officers, and once again it is time for a Master to say farewell, then to look forward and upward to new tasks, challenges and opportunities.

It has been a very good year for the Lodge. We have accomplished many things; we have traveled, worked industriously, socialized, and all have been a success. Sadly for us, some of our members were called away by the Supreme Architect, but we know that their work is being carried on according to His plan.

I hope and pray the new master will be guided in carrying on with the unfinished work in a strong and forthright manner. I wish to thank all the officers of the Lodge for a difficult job very well done, for without good support a master can accomplish very little; to all the members, a very humble thank you for electing me master for 1976, the Bicentennial year. It has been a very rewarding educational experience for me personally. I have had the best cooperation from Grand Lodge and its officers, from our own Lodge and its officers, and most of all from the members. I have every confidence our Lodge will go on to greater heights under the leadership of our present Senior Warden Larry Wiler. To you, Larry, much success in all your endeavors. I will assist you most any way that I am able.

But, alas, there are always the people who are just too busy to participate, pay dues, or help the Brotherhood Fund. To you, I can only say how sorry I am for you not to know the good feeling of participation or of being proud to carry a current year's dues card, or helping to make the Brotherhood Fund a success. For as you well know, some day each of us just might need it. Let the Supreme Architect be your guide.

Last but not least, I wish to thank my good wife, Jo, for her support in making this one of the best years of my life.

To all, have a pleasant holiday season and a successful New Year. See you in Lodge. Thank you all.  
W. Don Carlile

**FROM-THE WEST**

This bicentennial year has been a year of expectation, anticipation, and change. As Sr. Warden I have had the privilege of conferring no less than four degrees; I have been involved with a special communication conferring the third degree on a Saturday night which brought many new faces to our lodge and was an unusual departure from our usual Tuesday meeting night; and as the year has reached its climax I have been pleased to notice that many of our newly raised brothers have found

**GERMANIA LODGE**  
No. 722  
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

**FROM THE EAST**

I never cease to marvel at the wonderful cooperation of Masons as they fulfill their duties and responsibilities in relation to the work of the lodge. You are a wonderful group of Brothers and your cooperation is deeply appreciated.

Germania Lodge #722 F & A.M. Xmas party will be held in the Masonic Ballroom on Saturday night, December 11 starting at 7:00 P.M. Please bring a gift for your children or grand children plainly marked with his or her name so that Santa will be able to call them.

Please remember that the Xmas party is financed through voluntary contributions from our members. Please send contribution to Wayne Cowell, 115 Hinchey Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624.

The Third Degree will occur Wednesday, December 8, put on by our Senior Warden, Heinz Gunkel. The First Section will take place at 6:00 P.M. followed by a dinner in the Third Floor Dining Room. After that the second section of the Degree will follow. We will then have our annual meeting and election of officers. Our Fellowcraft Degree Team has worked hard for this degree, and you are earnestly requested to attend.

We extend best wishes for a speedy recovery to Otto Bruhns who has had to have some of his toes amputated. Our prayers are with him.  
Charles W. Pflaum, Master



interest in the work of the blue lodge and I anticipate their continuation in the activities of the lodge.

The brotherhood fund, which is headed by Larry McDonald one of our newly raised brothers, is behind last year's contributions but I anticipate a more enthusiastic appeal in the following months by this energetic brother and a greater pledge by the craft as a result.  
Larry Wiler

"From the Secretary: - Dues notices and SUMMONS to the annual meeting on December 21 are in the mail and you should have received them. With the duties of Secretary still new to me, I would appreciate comments and also written notice of errors or omission which any member feels is occurring or may occur. The financial obligations of the members of this month of great importance to each one of us. The explanation on the dues notice was intended to explain some of the reasons for changes. Once again: I work for you, but I need your help.  
Gordon C. Mosher, Secretary

**MEETING NIGHTS**  
Dec. 7 - Service Awards.  
Dec. 21 - Annual Communication.



**CORINTHIAN  
TEMPLE  
LODGE  
No. 805  
1st and 3rd  
Mondays**



Dear Brethren:

The year is going by fast and we need your help. We are still short of officers and our finances are getting low. We will have to eliminate some of our spending.

One suggestion is to help reduce the cost of \$1 per member subscription to the Monroe Masonic News by selling your supplier an advertisement. (A 15% commission is given for any ads sold by a subscribing organization.)

Our lodge will go through 1976 without any new members. This is the first time in many years that this has happened. Let's get some for 1977.

On Dec. 6th we will have an open meeting; John Robertson Lodge is having a 3rd Degree with dinner at 6:30. We have been invited to join them for dinner. Those wishing to please phone me for reservations - 244-7421.

On Dec. 20th we will have our Annual Summons Meeting and election of officers with a Roast Beef Dinner at 6:30 p.m. with Apple Pie & Cheese for \$3.75. Please phone your reservations early to J.W. or to me.

Brethren remember the length of your cable tow, you should be there.

January 3rd will be the Installation of officers.

Again I wish to thank W. Warren Trimble Jr. and the brothers for the parts they had in our Bicentennial program.

Fraternally,  
W. Stanley C. Allen, Master

**SECRETARY'S CORNER**

The 1977 Dues Notices are in the process of being readied for mailing and there are still 10 Brothers who have not sent in their 1975 dues. Being this far behind subjects one to unaffiliation. Calls are being made to these Brothers to see if any help can be given if it is needed.

Birthday congratulations to the following: Isaac Scheerens - 12/1; Harry Kipp, Donald Scheerens - 12/5; Jon Alexander, W. Ralph Jenkinson - 12/8; John Joseph - 12/10; Milton Klick, Gerald Kressman - 12/14; Walter Herman, Wor. Frederick Newman (Master 1937) - 12/18; Wor. Bertram Steene (Master 1966) - 12/21; Charles Vaughn - 12/25; and Frederick Walker - 12/26.

**WHAT SAYING IS THIS?**

A hard mass that progresses by turning over upon its surface without slipping does not successfully gather a delicate cryptogamous plant.

Answer to last month's saying - A fair exchange is not stealing.

Thanks to Wor. O. Dean Erwood for his addition to our lodge memorabilia. It is really shaping up and any Brother who has pictures of lodge events and would donate it to this worthwhile

**OATKA LODGE**

**No. 759  
2nd & 4th Wednesday**

Brethren: October 10th was our Official Visit. R.W. Thomas L. Davis, D.D.G.M. 2nd Monroe District brought us a message from the Grand Master, which was very informative and to the point. R.W. Bertram M. Steene talked about the Brotherhood Fund Drive. I wish every Brother of our lodge could have heard these messages. We did have a good turn out and I want to thank the ladies of Oatka Chapter 320 O.E.S. for another of their delicious dinners.

Secretary W. Bro. Dennis Livingstone has mailed each of you a Summons to attend the Annual Communication of Oatka Lodge on December 8th at 8:00 p.m. Election of Officers for the ensuing year and other important business demands your presence. There will be a Pancake and Sausage Supper at 6:30 served by the Fellowcraft Club. Call Bro. Gordon Bell at 889-2531 or R. Moore at 889-2478 for reservations.

As this is the last time I will be writing this column I want to express my gratitude for giving me the opportunity of serving you as Master of Oatka Lodge. My sincere thanks to the Right Worshipful Brothers of our Lodge who gave me the advice and assistance I needed to carry out my duties. Thanks to the Past Masters, the Officers, The Fellowcraft Club, The Officers and Members of Oatka Chapter 320 O.E.S. and to the Brothers who gave so much of their time, hard work, wisdom and support to all the projects and problems that came before the Lodge this year.

This has been a most rewarding and exciting year and one I will always remember.

**FELLOWCRAFT CLUB**

The Fellowcraft Club will meet Dec. 1st. There will be Election of officers and plans will be discussed for coming events and projects. Please come and join this active group.

**BROTHERHOOD FUND**

Bro. Tom Charboneau will be contacting you in the near future either by letter, phone, or a visit. Please live up to your obligation as a Mason and contribute to the Brotherhood Fund.

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Dec. 1 - Fellowcraft Club, Election of Officers.

Dec. 8 - Annual Communication, 8:00 p.m., Dinner 6:30.

Dec. 18 - Children's Christmas Party, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Bring a small gift for Santa to pass to your child.

Fraternally,  
Robert Moore, Master



project it would greatly be appreciated.  
Fraternally,  
Bertram M. Steene, Secretary

**FRANK L. SIMES LODGE**

**No. 990  
2nd Tuesday**

**COMMUNICATE**  
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Sr. Warden - Robert L. Anderson II, Home 872-1488; Work 266-5000.

Jr. Warden - Glenn Stahl, Home 223-8209; Work 473-8080.

Sect. - Ralph Smith, Home 344-3285; Work 463-8080.

Please contact us if you know of any member who may be ill, shut-in or in need of our aid or sympathy. We also would like to know of other bits of information or honors bestowed upon our members. We want to hear from you and your family.

Dear Brethren:

This is the last opportunity I will have as your Worshipful Master to thank you for your support during my term in office. The assistance of the Past Masters, Officers and Brethren has been excellent and I assure you that this year has been a most rewarding and enjoyable experience for me. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Master of Frank L. Simes Lodge.

On December 14th at 7:30 p.m. is the only meeting for the month. This night is for the Annual Summons of the Lodge for the purpose of electing officers and discussing our annual Budget. For the good of your lodge it is necessary to attend and I look forward to seeing you.

On January 15th, 1977 there will be a Public Installation of officers and Awards Dinner. Please set this date aside and more information will be coming in the next issue of the Masonic News.

I would like to again thank all the Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren for conferring the Third Degree on Bros. Robert Bishop and George Kien and we welcome these two Brothers into Frank L. Simes Lodge.

**FELLOWCRAFT CLUB**

The Fellowcraft club will be held the third Tuesday in December at W. Bob Anderson's home, 1204 Wall Rd., Webster, N.Y. There will be discussion at that time concerning a party to be held for our members and wives in January. Please come out and support our club, we need some fresh ideas.

Anyone needing a ride please contact Glenn Bishop 288-7364 or Joe Bishop 1-315-524-7084.

**BROTHERHOOD FUND**

With the state of inflation existing in our economy today, the budget for our guests at the Masonic Home

in Utica can be met just by Per Capita Tax and other funds at the disposal of the Trustees. Your Brotherhood Fund must assist in making up the difference. So, make sure your mind and conscience are clear -- send in your contribution TODAY... and you may earmark a portion for the Home... to Bro. Glenn Stahl, Chairman.

**MESSAGE FROM THE EAST  
(Youth and Community Service)**

"Large-scale success today is spelled 'Teamwork'. The successful teamworker doesn't wear a chip on his shoulder; he doesn't look for slights; he is not constantly on his alert lest his 'dignity' be insulted. He puts the good of the house, the firm, the institution, the company first. To him it is the big machine, and business of each and all is to gear up efficiently, to leave nothing undone, to bring about the fullest and best results. And if the whole prospers, he, as an active, effective, progressive part of it will prosper with it." -- B.C. Forbes

To prosper -- when we think in terms of our Fraternity -- we mean those non-financial rewards that we derive from our Masonic activity.

This work may be as a member of a committee, or time spent helping educate a Brother seeking more Masonic understanding, or as a DeMolay Dad or Advisor, or working on a Masonic community project, or any of the many ways in which we contribute to the present and future of the Craft.

"Teamwork" may sound trite. Yet, it is the best word to describe the unity, esprit de corpa, cooperation, action, etc. that every group needs in order to succeed.

How do we do it?  
It doesn't take a high-priced organizational consultant to tell us that first we must get our house in order... remove the negative thoughts... accentuate the positive.  
In other words, let's see what we're doing right and then do a lot more of it... **TOGETHER.**

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Dec. 4 - 7:00 p.m. Officers Dinner Meeting at the Master's Home, 1190 Scandia Dr., Webster, N.Y.

Dec. 14 - Election of Officers & Budget; 7:30, Tux.

Dec. 21 - Fellowcraft - W. Bro. Bob Anderson's.

Dec. 25th - "Merry Christmas To All"

See you in lodge.

Fraternally,  
W. Henry A. Masecar, Master

**FAIRPORT LODGE**

**No. 476  
2nd and 4th Mondays**

Brethren: 1976 is very quickly drawing to a close and there are many people I wish to thank for a fine year.

I first want to thank my line officers for the great job they have done on the degree work and the organizing of the various Lodge functions. I also wish to thank my 1976 advisors and the Lodge membership for all the support that they have given me this year.

It has been an honor this year to belong to one of the greatest groups of men that has led the Monroe Masons in many years, the 1976 Masters. This has been the Bicentennial year for America and this group has surely arose to the occasion. The Red, White and Blue jackets were seen and heard throughout New York State and Monroe County.

Fairport Lodge hosted the Lilac Triangle and the Genesee Valley Order of DeMolay on November 8th. This group did a fine job of presenting a degree to honor parents.

On November 22 the Third Degree was presented to four brothers. Fairport Lodge presented the first section and Yonondio Lodge #163 presented the second section.

A fine roast beef dinner was prepared by O.E.S. Chapter #444 before the meeting.

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Dec. 13 - Annual meeting and Election of 1977 officers.

Jan. 10 - Installation and Dinner.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.  
Fraternally,  
N.J. Venette, Master

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# Ladies NEWS

**NOLA CHAPTER  
NO. 368**

Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Members:

The December 7th meeting is election of officers and the annual reports. A Christmas party to follow with \$1.00 exchange gifts.

We are sorry to report R.W. Sister Lois Vail has been on the sick list, but it is good news to hear she is feeling better.

The end of the year is very near and it seems words fail me to thank my officers, members, and R.W. Sister Lucile Mason enough for a memorable experience. I just can't leave out the loyal proteems, sideliners, committees, and Past Grands for their support. To the Lucile Mason Club my sincere gratitude for your kindness and friendship.

Nola Chapter was very honored in 1976 to have a member and a lovely lady to be Monroe District's District Deputy Grand Matron Lucile Mason. We are very proud of you R.W. Sister Lucile.

To my Worthy Patron, Bill Baxter, thank you so much for all your help. I have enjoyed having you in the East. I was very proud of your sincere ritual work. It goes without saying we all enjoyed your good sense of humor and cleaning up your plate at every occasion. Thanks too, to your wife and family for their interest and support in our Order.

Last but not least, my love and gratitude to my Mother Sister Kathleen Skelton and Aunt W. Sister Avis Theis and my family for all they did to make my year such a nice one.

I would be amiss to close my Matron's year not to mention the person I respected as a most beautiful member of the Eastern Star and my friend, who encouraged me to experience the joys she had so enjoyed. She was R.W. Sister Demaris Girven.

In closing this memorable year of 1976 I wish each member and their family a Holy Holiday Season. "Look up and not down, Look out and not in, Look forward and not back, and

Lend a hand." God Bless. Fraternally, Susan Skelton, W.M.



## LILAC TRIANGLE

On Monday October 25 we had our bi-annual tureen dinner followed by election of officers.

October 27 was the high point of the month. All decked out in our goblins best, we sang Halloween carols for the residents of the Rochester Friendly Home. As usual we had as much fun performing as our fans had watching us.

Saturday November 6 was our Installation of officers. The slate for November 1976 to April 1977 is as follows:

Beloved Queen - Linda Gurney; Senior Lady - Kathy Doyle; Junior Lady - Laurie Arthur; Guardian - Pat McCullough; Chaplain - Sandy Arthur; Trustee - P.B.Q. Heidi Pulver; Marshal - Kathy McCullough; Assistant Marshal - Bar Kester; Treasurer - Lori Smith; Corresponding Secretary - P.B.Q. Debbie Arthur; Recording Secretary - P.B.Q. Debbie Leipold; Financial Secretary - Debbie Peets; Flag Bearer - Denise Hedges; Standard Bearer - Mary Lou Cornell; Historian - Cindy Goodrich; Guide - Amy Cooper; Honorary Musician - Mrs. Ormsbee; Supervisors - Mrs. Leipold (Chairman), Mrs. O'Hara, Mrs. Arthur, Mrs. Pulver; Daddies - Mr. Gurney (Daddy of the West), Mr. Arthur, Mr. McCullough, Mr. Pulver, Mr. Hedges.

Many honored guests were on hand to witness the installation. Jr. Past Beloved Queen Heidi Pulver conducted the opening of the meeting and retired from the east with a blessing from the Farmer Jean Fairy.

Mrs. Gurney our Jr. Deputy then installed the elected and appointed officers for the new term.

Our new Beloved Queen Linda Gurney was then installed and made her address. She was then presented with her mascot, a pink daisy elephant by Senior Lady Kathy Doyle. Remarks were made by the honored guests. Beloved Queen Linda closed the meeting and a reception was held in the dining room.

On Monday, November 8 we put on the tribute to parents for Fairport Lodge along with Genesee Valley Chapter DeMolay.

Our most recent excursion to the Veterans Hospital was Sunday November 14. Afterwards we met to rake leaves.

Be on the look-out for us at the East Rochester Village Mall Bazaar.



Lilac Group at Rochester Friendly Home.



Officers of Lilac Triangle.

## FIDELITY TRIANGLE

Nov. 13 - The new Beloved Queen, Karen Midgley, and her staff of officers were installed in Cathedral Hall, by Jr. Deputy, Mrs. Helen Paget.

The installing Marshalls were Karen Metzler and retiring Queen Mary Kay Jackson. The installing Chaplain was past Queen, Patty Hutchinson.

The Organist was Daddy Martin Reitz & The Soloist was Laurie Ladrach.

The ushers were Donald Jackson & Patti Lee Jackson.

The color guard of the James A. Hard Post, of the Masonic War Veterans, presented & retired the flag.

Members of Cyrene Commandery, formed a special Honor Guard, for the new Beloved Queen.

Guests in the East were; R. W. William Wood, D.D.G.M., 1st Monroe District; R.W. Thomas Davis D.D.G.M. 2nd Monroe District; R.W. Winifred Chivers, Masonic Service Bureau; R.W. Bertram Steene, Grand Steward; R.W. Bruce Brainerd, Grand Director of Ceremonies; Commander Ellis Hormatz of the Order of Judas Maccabeus; Commander Donald Evans of Cyrene Commandery; Reverend Edward Halldorson; Ramona & Joseph Dimino, Matron & Patron of Irondequoit Chapter; W. Clyde Wilson, Patron of Culver Chapter; W. Glenn Hedges, Master of Northfield Lodge; Scott Valenti, Master Councilor of Rochester DeMolay; Edward Doud, Regional Master Councilor; Mrs. Gurney, Jr. Deputy & Linda Gurney, Beloved Queen, both of Lilac Triangle.

Daddy John Borlans was Director of the Lights.

### TERM PLANS

Dec. 11 - Regular Meeting.  
Dec. 19 - Xmas caroling at Canandaigua Veterans Hospital.



Fidelity Triangle New Line Officers Chaplain, Diane Rhodes; Jr. Lady, Eileen Dimino; Beloved Queen, Karen Midgley; Sr. Lady, Diane Reitz; Guardian, Wendy Rhodes.

### JENNIE M. LORD CONSTELLATION No. 5

The dinner we served on October 30th, for York Rite was very successful. The men kept us busy on our feet during the dinner and for our efforts we profited \$355.00

On November 6th we held our annual birthday banquet and Initiation. We had four initiates: Carrie Staples, Barbara Baker, Robin Perry, and Barbara Smetsinger.

On November 20th we will be serving another dinner for the Grand Commandery of New York State.

Hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving.

Karen Brethen  
Star of Devotion

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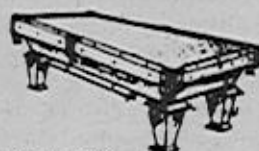
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# York Rite News

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Sir Knights:

Time just seems to fly by and everything moves at a faster pace this time of year and we all seem to be busier than ever. I hope that everyone had a nice Thanksgiving.

As I look back there is now better time than now to thank all the Sir Knights from Monroe Commandery and also those in the district that turned out for the "Go To Church Sunday" on Nov. 14th and also Henry Projanski for the invitation to his church.

On Nov. 20th we found ourselves with a lot of work at our Commandery Festival. Monroe Commandery can be proud, both of the work that was done, by the cast, in the Order of the Red Cross and the number of new members that we now have.

Looking at our activities in December we will have a speaker at our Dec. 3rd meeting and on Dec. 17 we will have our annual Toast night. This promises to be an evening to be remembered. We plan to enjoy this evening with our ladies, first, by having dinner together and then retiring to Cathedral Hall for our annual toast.

As the Masonic body that is the closest tied to Christianity, this is the time of year when we should pause and take inventory of ourselves and ask, what are we doing, in our Saviours name, to better this world we live in?

The Morgan family would like, at this time, to extend to each of you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

A very special prayer goes out for all our sick and shut-ins.

Mark your calendar now for Jan. 7th when we are planning a big night. This will be our Past Commanders and Awards Night. A dinner is planned with the ladies at 6:30 p.m. at which time awards will be given out. After this we will be honored with the opening of Commandery by our Past Commanders. A program is planned for the ladies while we are in the meeting. Why not call Ray Beardsley and make your reservations for Dec. 17th and also Jan. 7th. Call 586-3675.

Commander Ray Morgan

Sir Knights. **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.** The Christian branch of Masonry wishes that you join with us in celebration of the Holiday Season. May you all have a Happy One.

Friday Dec. 10th will be our only conclave in December. On that night the Sir Knights and ladies of the Schicker Club will join in celebrating the **CHRISTMAS TOAST.** A short business conclave will be held before this event. A lunch will follow.

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th the Sir Knights will not have a conclave at the Temple but we will be thinking of you all at that time.

Past events of importance. On Fri. Nov. 12th Sir Knight Lennarth Anderson received his 50 year certificate with Sir Knight C. Leslie Brown, Zone Officer, and Sir Knight Ward L. Ekas making the presentation. Sir Knight Anderson was received in the East thru the lines of all uniformed Sir Knights present. He was very impressed with being recognized for serving 50 years in Cyrene Commandery. May he have many more years of service.

Sir Knight Vincent E. Blodgett, (the one who I would not tell who it was last month) was recognized for his loyalty and meritorious services to the Commandery, was awarded the Meritorious Service Award from the Grand Commandery, K.T. of the State of N.Y. Sir Knight Blodgett was received in the East with an escort and present Swords. Sir Knight Blodgett was unaware he had been singled out for recognition until he arrived in the East. You see we can keep some secrets. He appreciated it very much. Good work Vincent.

We have a **SUMMONED** Communication on Jan. 14th 1977 which is our Annual Conclave. More next month.

The dues notices from our Recorder have been placed in the Mail and you should have received them by now. Let's make him happy again just for fun.

Everyone have a Happy and see you all later.  
Fraternally yours,  
Em. Comm. Donald Evans  
S.K. Roy E. Huff,  
Reporter, P.C.

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Here is that month of December again. One thing good about it is that it is a month of holidays, Christmas, Hanukah and New Years Eve. What a lot to rejoice about and to enjoy. May your joy not be marred by misfortune or disappointments. We can all rejoice that so many of our companions, who have been sick, are well on the way to full recovery.

December being the end of the year, it is the time to rejoice over our successes and to forget our failures. For we did have successes, not the least is the fact that for this year, we have an increase in our membership. This probably will be some place between 10 to 15. Can this be a new trend in our Rite?

Just like the gardening year has ended for 1976, so is the chapter year ending with our meeting on Dec. 9 meeting. Here is a copy of the Summons sent to our members for this meeting.

In compliance with Section 33 of the Constitutions of the Grand Chapter of the State of N.Y. Royal Arch Masons, You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Stated Convocation of Hamilton Chapter No. 62 Royal Arch Masons, to be held in Cathedral Hall, Masonic Temple, 875 Main Street, E. Rochester, N.Y. on Thursday evening Dec. 9, 1976 at 7:30 P.M. At which time officers will be elected for the ensuing year and such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

To that I add "Come to the dinner before the meeting" at 6:30 P.M. Also we will be honoring our 25 and 50 year members.

Also, this month, the catalogs of seeds and plants will be coming in, thus starting the gardening year of 1977. As we elect our officers for 1977 and the new high Priest makes his appointments of the other officers, we are starting the new activities of our chapter for 1977. We should all pitch in to assist him in making 1977 an even better year for our chapter and the entire Rite.

Have a better than ever, good 1977.

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Dear Companions;

I would like to wish all the Companions and their families, the best of Holiday greeting. I pray this bicentennial year has been good to you and your family and hope that 1977 will even be better.

I want to thank all the Companions of Webster for their part in the most excellent Master Degree at our Annual Fall Festival. At this time I would like to thank all the other chapters in the 27th District for their support of our Degree Team. We have a new companion, named Ed Wood, a stranger to no one in Webster. May his numbers increase, let's get those signed petitions in.

Don't forget our Annual Meeting on Dec. 13, 1976 at 8:00 PM. We will have our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers at that time. There will be no meeting on Dec. 27.

Jerome Pulver  
High Priest

**TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON**



**ROCHESTER FOREST 133**

The next scheduled meeting of the Forest will be Thursday, December 16th at Fame Lodge. At this meeting there will be an election of officers for the coming year. It is requested that all members, who can, attend this important meeting. A fellowship hour and dinner will proceed the 8 PM meeting. Contact Norm Fedrau for Dinner Reservations.

I wish to thank all members for your help and support during my year as Grand Tall. May you and your families have the happiest of Holidays and the very best in the coming New Year.

Fraternally,  
Robert Johnson  
Grand Tall Cedar

**CEDARETTES**

The Cedarettes Christmas Party will be held December 14th at the Cartwright Inn, 5691 West Henrietta Road at 7 PM. Please bring a Two (2) dollar "Grab-bag" gift. All guests are welcome so bring a friend. Please call me at 359-1255 for reservations.

Fraternally,  
Betty Fedrau

**WEBSTER CHAPTER  
No. 296  
Royal Arch Masons**

Dear Companions:

As promised in the November issue of the Masonic News this month's column would have a detailed report covering the 27th Capitular Districts Fall Festival. So read on. Over 50 candidates were exalted in the Royal Arch Degree. In addition to our own candidates from our district, we exalted candidates from several outlying districts. There were many visitors in attendance. The Festival opened at 12:30 PM with Hamilton Chapter conferring the M.M. Degree, following by the P.M. put on by Dansville and Livonia Chapters, next was the M.E. by Webster Chapter. We broke for a social hour which was followed by an excellent dinner put on by the Constellation. At 7:30 PM Ionic Chapter conferred the beautiful Holy Royal Arch Degree. For Companions who missed this event all I can say is that you missed one real exceptional performance. Our Degree Director Bill Baldwin did as usual an excellent job. Dean Airy as Principal Sojourner was outstanding; George Lynch as High Priest, Gordon Mosher as Captain of Host, Nick Michaels as Royal Arch Chaplain, and all the other Companions many thanks from the whole District for making the Festival such a success. Most important of all we were honored not only by having M.E. Osco Peterson Grand High Priest of New York attend but he delivered the Charge to the Candidates in the R.A. Degree, also M.E. Bill Carr Grand Lecturer for his Key Lecture. And finally all our thanks to V.E. Stan Peterson of Ionic who as Assistant Lecturer for our district was responsible for the overall running of the Festival.

On November 15th your High Priest and 10 Companions travelled to Livonia Chapter to once again put on the Holy Royal Arch Degree for several Candidates who missed our Festival.

Companions our final meeting for 1976 will be on Tuesday, December 14th. This will be our Annual Convocation for the election of officers for 1977. Let's all plan to be there. Don't forget the Council Officers meeting at my home on December 4th at 7:30 PM.

In closing, I wish all Companions and their families a most happy and safe holiday season.

James Nersinger  
High Priest

**1977 2ND ANNUAL GREATER ROCHESTER BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

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# DAMASCUS NEWS

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## MASONIC UNITY COMMITTEE

Damascus Temple is pleased to report that this new venture of a Masonic Unity Committee to benefit all of our great Masonic Fraternity it off to a flying start. On this page you will find the complete Committee with all the Representatives.

Its purpose is to bring to every Masonic Body what is going on in all other Bodies. Also to supply information or Petitions when needed, to everyone asking for the same. To get started a Calendar of Events to prevent numerous large Masonic Functions being held on the same date. We are asking every Masonic body to give their representative or call W. Bill Zufall of the Masonic Service Bureau every important date in 1977 of their group, and even more important before they schedule a event to check with Bro. Bill how open it is. Also these Representatives can offer the services of the Past Masters Shrine Degree Team for 3rd Degrees, the Royal Arch Degree Teams for 2nd Degrees, or the availability of Shrine, York and Scottish Rite Programs for open nights at Symbolic Lodges.

As you see, every venture is to create more Unity among all Masons.

This Committee will be also getting behind the Second Annual Genesee Valley Regional Masonic Bowling Tournament. It is being held on Jan 15th and 16th, Saturday and Sunday, at Clover Lanes, 2750 Monroe Avenue. Last year there were 32 teams participating, and this year the goal is for at least 50 teams. Imagine, that would be at least 250 local Masons and Shriners all bowling at the same time. That is what we call Unity. Get your entry blanks from your Lodge or call W. Chick Becker - 223-7636.

Last, the Ill. Potentate, the Divan, and all the Monte Carlo Night Committee would like to thank every Brother who not only bought tickets, or came the night of Monte Carlo, but all those who helped before and during the night. Their efforts were greatly appreciated and helped achieve the outstanding success of this new venture.

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Note: Save For Future Reference.

## MASONIC SERVICE BUREAU

The Christmas season is upon us, and again I would like to ask your help in recommending names of suitable recipients of our Christmas baskets. Please call us at the Bureau 473-4351, to recommend those individuals or families whom you personally know are in need, and who would not be able to have Christmas dinner without our help. If there are children in the family, we need to know their ages and sex so that we can include a suitable present for each one. At the same time, we are of course soliciting contributions of food (e.g., canned goods) and cash (with which to buy food and presents). At this point, we anticipate distributing the Christmas baskets on Thursday, Dec. 23 or Friday, Dec. 24, so all contributions should be in by then.

Also in preparation for a festive Christmas, we are looking for volunteers to

assist in wrapping about 3000 presents at the Canandaigua VA Hospital on Tuesday, Dec. 7. This effort takes from about 9 A.M. to 1 P.M., and this year we particularly need someone who can drive to Canandaigua that morning. If you are able to assist, please call

Sunday, Dec. 19 we will be putting on Christmas parties for the patients at Canandaigua VA Hospital. We need volunteers for this date, also, and we are especially looking for piano players or people with musical instruments to help us with our Caroling. We report at bldg. 5 at the Hospital, at 12:30.

To wind up the Service Bureau Christmas Activities, on Christmas Day, beginning at 10 A.M. from Bldg. 7, we will be distributing presents to the patients. This effort only takes about an hour, and you can be back home in plenty of time for Christmas dinner with your families.

### FLOWER CITY LODGE TO SPONSOR ANOTHER ART AUCTION FOR BROTHERHOOD FUND.

Following their highly successful Art Auction last year, Flower City Lodge is once again preparing to hold what may well become an annual affair in the interests of the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. The date is Saturday, February 19, 1977, and the same location as last time, Beth Sholom, 1161 Monroe Avenue, where ample parking is available.

Full details will be announced in the January issue.

but the time spent will make your Christmas much richer and meaningful.

May the blessings of the season be with each of you, and may you find it in your hearts to give of your time and talents to brighten the season for others.

Fraternally,  
William R. Zufall,  
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