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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Brethren:

I sincerely hope you have all had Joyous Holidays and that everyone of the Brothers has a good New Year. I would like to congratulate all the newly elected and appointed Officers of each of the lodges in the Monroe Districts and wish for them a profitable and rewarding year. However for some it is going to be a very demanding year with the regular Lodge work and Degrees plus all the extra meetings.

Also I wish to thank all the out-going Masters for their cordial welcome on each of my visits and all of the help they gave me in the first half of my year. A good job well done by all.

I hope that all the Masters will put forth every effort to have their officers attend all Schools of the Ritual, Instruction, and Seminars, for this is where they will get valuable information for advancing through the chairs, the better to do the work in the Lodge and make it more interesting for the sideliners.

Masters and Secretaries, please remember to send me copies or information on reports due after the first of the year.

Each Lodge has to make a decision on the redistricting. Plans should be underway for our participation in programs for the Bi-Centennial year.

The Brotherhood Chairmen should be making a concerted effort for donations to the Fund. My last report showed that 88 out of 4,640 Masons have contributed so far. Let's step up your program.

I suggest that the Master take or have taken the newly raised Brothers to the Schools so that they understand the workings of the Craft to make it more meaningful and interesting for them as they attend meetings.

Again, I wish you all the best for the New Year and am looking forward to visit as many Lodges as possible in the next 4 months.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

R:W: Kenneth Dickinson, D.D.G.M., First Monroe District

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## The Masonic Service Bureau

The Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester, New York, Inc., is the successor of Masonic charities which have been carried on in an organized fashion by Masonic Lodges in Rochester and Monroe County for more than 150 years. It was known as the Masonic Employment Bureau in 1916 and adopted the name of Masonic Service Bureau in 1919. Its certificate of incorporation was filed July 7, 1927, establishing the Bureau as a legally recognized non-profit charitable corporation.

The Bureau acts as a clearing house for Masonic relief and information for all Masonic families, and assists in many community-wide projects, notably the loaning of sickroom equipment. A large supply of equipment of virtually every description which could be used in a home sickroom is maintained by the Bureau, and is available to anyone who needs it, regardless of fraternal affiliation, at absolutely no charge. A glance at the "Sickroom Equipment Box Score" elsewhere in this paper shows that almost 600 pieces of equipment are out on loan.

A partial list of the services and activities of the Masonic Service Bureau is given separately in this issue. Pocket-size cards containing this list are available in the Service Bureau office. In addition, the Bureau annually hosts a picnic during the summer months for underprivileged

children at the Salvation Army Camp, and in December, they arrange a Christmas trip to the Masonic Home in Utica, as well as participate in the Christmas activities of the Canandaigua Veterans Hospital. Also at Christmas, food baskets and toys are distributed to needy families throughout Monroe County. A highlight of each year is the Annual Masonic Breakfast and Dedication Services, usually held in late October.

The Masonic Service Bureau is supported entirely by voluntary contributions received from individuals and organizations such as lodges, square clubs, concordant bodies and ladies organizations. These contributions enable the Bureau to do countless works of brotherhood and charity which no single lodge could provide. Your cooperation by sharing in the work of the Bureau through financial help and through volunteer aid in scores of projects has made the Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester unsurpassed as a leader in worthwhile endeavors. The Bureau has proved to the world that Masonry as a way of life means devotion to the common cause of brotherhood. When your financial respond as generously as your circumstances permit, and remember, by including the Masonic Service Bureau in your Will, you create a living memorial to enable the Bureau to continue into the years ahead.

My Brothers:

I hope that all of you have made a resolution to be more active in your own Lodges in the New Year. This will take a little effort, but nothing worthwhile is ever accomplished by letting the other man do the work. Every Lodge member has something to contribute and it is his obligation to do so. If your Lodge is not going in the direction that you feel that it should, why not tell your officers your ideas. They may or may not accept every idea, but they will appreciate your interest. It is everyone's goal to make our activities more attractive. When we do this, our attendance will rise and many problems will disappear.

The new Masters are very much aware of the Boundary Commissions plans. Every member should be aware that within the next month every Lodge will be having a discussion about the composition of our two Masonic Districts. As most of you know, there are fifteen Lodges in the First Monroe District and Sixteen Lodges in the Second Monroe District. Each district has a district deputy and a staff officer. Obviously, there are other districts on each side of the Monroe Districts. There are Lodges which lie near the district boundary lines. Some of these Lodges identify more with a city or area in another district than they do with the district in which they have been placed by the artificial division line. Therefore, Grand Lodge is polling our Lodges to see what their feelings are. Are you satisfied with the present district arrangement? Would you prefer to have your Lodge in a different district for some reason? Would you like to see three Monroe Districts with approximately ten Lodges in each? Do you feel that three district deputies would be more effective than the present two? These are some of the questions being asked. Please check with your Lodge officer and find out when this matter will be discussed in your Lodge. Then, attend and present your views. Whether you participate or not, a decision will be made this year and you will be affected.

Are you a Mason? Do the people that you come in contact with every day know this? If not, why not? You are proud of your Craft. The wearing of our new Masonic pins and the usual rings and tie clasps identify you as a Brother. Promote our Craft by wearing our emblems every day and talking up Masonry. Let our Community in on a good thing.

Fraternaly,

Robert W. Avery, D.D.G.M., Second Monroe District

ROBERT W.  
AVERY  
D.D.G.M.  
2ND MONROE  
DISTRICT



BROTHERHOOD FUND

## Let's Click in Seventy-Six

The Masonic Brotherhood Fund, as you are aware, contributes to the support of the Masonic Home in Utica, the Masonic Research Foundation, the Military and Veterans Hospitals, the Masonic Youth Program, and now beginning with this Campaign, to the two Masonic Shrines--The National Shrine in Alexandria and the Masonic Shrine in Tappan, N.Y.

At this time our Campaign is slightly behind schedule and the Grand Master urges that every Brother remembers to contribute as liberally as possible. With the ever increasing cost of the operation of these projects it is imperative that we meet our goal, in this our Bicentennial Year. Mail your contribution to your Lodge Chairman now and confirm our slogan, "Let's Click in Seventy-Six."

Fraternaly,  
Walter Schattner, First Monroe District  
Robert Orne, Second Monroe District

## Let's Click in Seventy-Six

### FLOWER CITY ART AUCTION FOR BROTHERHOOD FUND

The Fellowcraft Club of Flower City Lodge #910 is sponsoring an art auction to be held on Saturday, February 7, 1976, in Congregation Beth Shalom, 1161 Monroe Avenue, at 9 p.m. and all proceeds accruing to Flower City Lodge will be donated to the Brotherhood Fund. It is hoped that a substantial sum be raised.

There will be a nominal admission charge of \$1.00, which will entitle the ticket holder to light refreshments.

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**LET'S GO VISITING**

- 2 - W.C. Hubbard - Open Meeting.
- 2 - Monroe Commandery - Annual Reports Meeting.
- 5 - J.A. Robertson - Installation of Officers.
- 5 - Hamilton Chapter - Past High Priest Dinner.
- 6 - Charlotte - Installation of Officers.
- 7 - Union Star - Installation of Officers - Dinner 7:00 p.m.
- 8 - J.A. Hard Post Masonic War Veterans - Post Meeting.
- 8 - Genesee Falls - Installation of Officers - Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- 9 - Cyrene Commandery - Annual Conclave.
- 10 - Masters & Wardens Annual Winter Party.
- 11 - Masonic War Vets - Canandaigua Visit.
- 12 - Rochester - Installation of Officers.
- 12 - Etolian - Installation of Officers.
- 13 - Flower City - Installation of Officers - Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- 13 - Henrietta - Installation of Officers.
- 13 - Webster Chapter - Installation of Officers.
- 13 - F.L. Simes - Installation of Officers.
- 13 - Fame - Installation of Officers - Dinner 7:30 p.m.
- 13 - East Rochester - Installation of Officers - Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- 14 - Germania - Installation of Officers - Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- 14 - Ancient Craft - Installation of Officers.
- 14 - Churchville - Installation of Officers - Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- 14 - Oatka - Installation of Officers - Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- 15 - Webster - Installation of Officers - Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- 15 - Northfield - Installation of Officers - Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- 16 - W.C. Hubbard - Open Meeting, Euchre tournament.
- 16 - Monroe Commandery - Inspection Rehearsal.
- 17 - Masonic War Vets at Charlotte Lodge - 7:30 p.m.
- 17 - Northfield - Public Installation of Officers.
- 17 - Charlotte - Public Installation of Officers.
- 20 - Yonnonadio - First Degree.
- 20 - Charlotte - First Degree.
- 20 - Seneca - Bicentennial Nite and Ladies Nite - Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- 22 - Zetland - First Degree.
- 23 - Cyrene Commandery - Rehearsal for Inspection.

**JAMES A. HARD POST #18**

**MASONIC WAR VETERANS**  
2nd Thursday



It's that time of year again when we start out with new Officers, new hopes and a desire that we will do better than in years past. It is with the same hopes that the Officers and members of this Post renew their pledge for the coming year. All that is required is your participation in Post activities.

Like always, January will be a busy month with scheduled activities on Jan. 8, 11, 17 and 31st. Our first meeting of the year will be on Jan. 8th when there will be an Election of Officers. On the 11th there will be the regular visitation to the Veterans Hospital in Canandaigua. We have been asked to have a Color Guard at the Public Installation of Officers for Charlotte Lodge and on Saturday, the 31st we will have a Public Installation of our own Officers. This will be held at East Rochester Lodge. Ray Ring will have the details in his special newsletter this month. But, in the meantime put the dates on your calendar. This will be a dinner meeting.

Our membership has been lax in its attendance at the monthly ward parties at Canandaigua. Without the help of the Triangle Girls we would not have sufficient help to conduct these parties. Please endeavor to attend in the coming months! They will be on January 11, February 8 and March 14.

**JANUARY EVENTS**

- Jan. 8 - Post meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 11 - Canandaigua - 1:30 p.m.
- Jan. 17 - Charlotte Lodge at 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 31 - Public Installation of Post officers.
- 26 - Rochester - Third Degree and dinner.
- 26 - Wakan - Open meeting - Degree work by Rochester Chapter of DeMolay.
- 26 - Fairport - Rededication Nite by Past Masters.
- 26 - Etolian - Regular Meeting - Pot Luck Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
- 27 - Ionic Chapter - Installation of Officers.
- 27 - Henrietta - Rededication Nite.
- 27 - Fame - Business meeting - Tureen dinner with wives.
- 28 - Germania - First Degree.
- 28 - Ancient Craft - Open Meeting.
- 28 - Churchville - Second Degree.
- 31 - Masonic War Vets - Public Installation of Officers.
- 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR.

**MASONIC SERVICE BUREAU**

The new year is bringing several changes to the Masonic Service Bureau. First, our efficient and charming secretary of the past six years, Mrs. Holdraker, has decided to resign in order to take a physically less strenuous job with the Rochester Scottish Rite office. We gratefully thank Mrs. Holdraker for her devoted service and loyalty to the Bureau, and wish her well in her new work.

As a result of Mrs. Holdraker's resignation, we now have a new secretary in the office, Mrs. Holly Petty. She is a very capable young lady, who is learning the office routine very quickly. Stop in and greet her and introduce yourself.

Effective the first of the year, we are going to implement a suggestion which comes to us from the Vancouver Masonic Service Bureau in Vancouver, British Columbia. Whenever a Mason, whether local or from a distant Lodge, or any relative of a Mason, makes a request of any kind for our service or assistance, we will make a notation of it on a small slip of paper indicating the type of request and the result of the request. Each month these slips of paper will be sent to the secretary of each of the Lodges given as references. The Brother, or his relative, will not be identified, and no action will be required by the Lodge, but it is hoped that in this way more Lodges, their Officers and their members, will become aware of the volume of requests we receive from their members.

In a further effort to publicize our work and make all of our friends more aware of the volume of our activities, starting with this issue of Monroe Masonic News we are publishing a monthly "box-score" of sick room equipment, showing how many pieces of equipment were loaned out and returned each month. We hope you will find this feature interesting, and we hope you will realize from reading it just how busy our "loan cupboard" is.

Within a few weeks each of you will be receiving a letter from the Service Bureau requesting your 1976 membership contribution. If you have already made a contribution for 1976 (any membership contribution received after Dec. 1 is applied to the following year), we are not asking for a second contribution, but of course we would be happy to accept as many contributions as you would like to make each year. We hope everyone will respond to this letter as generously as possible. Fraternally, William R. Zufall Executive Director

**CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**

by Rev. William H. McKee

**WHAT IS MAN?**

On the threshold of 1976, which we will celebrate as the 200th Anniversary of our Nation, we have need to pause, take a real inventory of what we have and are, and then seek to correct in whatever way we find ourselves lacking as well as continuing to work in those ways where we are achieving good works.

Across the centuries we read the story of Isaiah who was given a vision of God in the Temple, where upon his coracient. troubled him and he said, "Woe is me! For I am locuica Home creature of unclean lips, for I have seen the Lord or Then follows the cleansing of this man when one of the angeal took a burning coal from the Altar and touched his lips and he was a new man.

It is not likely any of us will be cleansed in that very harsh manner. We do need to take a thorough inventory of our present condition at year's end, as we look forward and make plans to strengthen our economy, our government, our personal relations in Lodge and the Temple of Worship which we attend. There is no seraphim to take a tongs to carry a burning coal from our Altar to cleanse our evil or shortcoming-our Creator has given us the ability to think, plan, act, and work to separate good and evil. Long ago the Psalmist wrote (Psalm 8), "What is man that thou art mindful of him-and the son of man that thou dost care for him? Yet you have made him little less than God".

With that endowment, we need not - are indeed obliged to cease shirking in building a greater world of brotherhood and increased worship of our Creator in 1976.

At the beginning of the labor awakening and organized movement, several decades ago, one leader succeeded in gaining an excellent response with the slogan: "Workmen of the world unite! You have nought to lose but your chains. You have a world to gain!"

In 1976, Children of God's creation unite. You have nought to lose but your unnecessary doubts, and fears. You have a transformed world and eternity to gain. Selah.



**GROTTO**

The Board of Governors will hold their annual meeting on January 21, 1976 at a place to be announced. This will be a "Dutch Treat" dinner meeting.

Six members of Lalla Rookh Grotto attended the Christmas Party held at the Happiness House in Geneva on December 18th. Gifts and refreshments were provided by our Grotto.

The Annual Installation of Officers will be held on January 24th in Cathedral Hall with a party to follow in the Ballroom. This is open to the public, and the ceremony will be conducted by the Officers of the E.S.G.A. All Units are requested to turn out in full uniform.

Congratulations to the four new Prophets who were received into Lalla Rookh on December 9th. They are Richard Brewer, Alan Doud, Jelbert Geer and Pat Carleton.

The Legion of Honor held its annual Christmas Party at the home of Prophet Al Falk. There were 32 present and a good time was had by all.

It is understood that the incoming Monarch is going to donate 1/2 barrel of beer to the Unit buying the most Enchanted Lanterns during the year. Let's make this a real expensive project for our new Monarch.

Brethren, this is the end of my second year of trying to present news of interest to our Grotto. Each issue gets more difficult in trying to figure out what to write about. If you have any interesting news please contact the Monarch who will pass it on to me. I hope our column has been of interest to you. PLEASE let us know.

Happy New Year to you all.  
Fraternally,  
George W. Francis, Publicity

**PAST MASTER'S SUPPER CLUB**

4th Friday of each month  
The regular meeting of the Past Masters Supper Club will be held at the Moose Club on East Avenue on Friday, January 23rd. Cocktail hour at 6 p.m. with dinner promptly at 7 p.m. Election of Officers will be held.

Our speaker will be Bro. William R. Zufall, Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau. All Past Masters are invited to attend. For reservations, call me at 865-7666.  
Fraternally, Jack S. Thibaut

**MASTERS & WARDENS WINTER PARTY**

Be sure and remember the Masters and Wardens Winter Party, Jan. 10th at Logan's Party House on Scottsville Rd. Cocktails at 6:30, dinner at 7:30 sharp followed by entertainment and dancing until 9:50 per person.

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**Dear Brother Herman**

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

**LODGE** *news and views*

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

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

**ORPHEUS LODGE**  
No. 1082  
2nd and 4th Tuesdays

**FROM THE EAST**

Dear Brethren:  
This is the last article I will be writing as Master of this Lodge. I want to thank the Brethren for allowing me a seat in the East for the past year. I suppose as many Master's before me who have sat in the East and wanted to set the world on fire only to find that before you can get started the year is over as time slips through your fingers, so do many of the plans we had in our hands. I do hope that in some way or somehow done some good for the Lodge and the Brethren who belong to it.

I want to thank all the Brothers that I have asked to be committee chairmen and members for the work they have done. I also want to thank Bro. M. Rogers and S. Weeks for giving all their help. Many thanks to Brothers G. Hoag, P. Lane and A. Mundy for all of their help and guidance throughout the year. I thank you one and all.  
Fraternally,  
T. Formicola, Master

**FROM THE WEST**

It will soon be the beginning of a New Year, the Year of 1976 will probably receive more recognition and celebration than any year that we will have the privilege to witness.

Brethren, with your help and attendance we will make this year one to remember for East Rochester Lodge No. 1020. I have a program set-up that will be very entertaining and interesting to all Lodge members and their wives. Jan. 13th, will be our Installation Night, with a dinner prior to the meeting. R:W: Arnold Mundy will be the Installing Officer and W: Tom Formicola, Installing Marshal. All members will be notified.

Let's start this year off by attending meetings and showing your Officers you are supporting them. We have committed ourselves to serve the Thursday Night Rotary Dinners for 1976. This will give us a change to work together. Our first Rotary Dinner will be January 8, 6:15 p.m.

Brethren, if you are sick or hospitalized or know of a Brother that is, please inform Merle Rogers, 586-5564; John Weeks-334-6160; or David Williams, 385-3132.

Our Brotherhood Chairman, William Carpenter, will gladly take your contributions, so keep them coming. It has been most rewarding for me to have worked under the leadership of W: Tom Formicola.

We had our Election of Officers on December 9th, and the following Officers were elected: Merle Rogers, Master Elect; John Weeks, Senior Warden-Elect; David Williams, Junior Warden-Elect; W: Gordon Hoag, Secretary; Paul Lane, Treasurer; and W: Tom

Brethren:  
This will be my last message to you as Master of Orpheus Lodge.

Looking back, it has been a busy and meaningful year, with much accomplished, and much more remaining. In spite of deaths and unaffiliations, our Lodge shows a net gain in membership for the year; an encouraging sign. Also, we are informed, that several new petitions for membership will be coming in shortly. This too, is a step in the right direction. Our showing in the 1975 Brotherhood Fund Campaign was encouraging enough, to earn the plaque for First Place in the District for the largest percentage of members who gave. This plaque was presented to us by R:W: Walt Shattner at our meeting on Nov. 25th. Our membership attendance at meetings was up substantially throughout the year, with the various functions and Ladies Nights, very well attended. All this was made possible through the fine support of our Line Officers and Brothers. Without you, it just wouldn't have been done.

We will be looking forward to the evening of Jan. 13, when our new Master-elect, ~~SOI Greenstein~~, and his Line Officers are installed. It is my fervent hope that you give him the same fine support and cooperation that you gave me. If you wish to attend the dinner beforehand, be sure to call the Jr. Warden-elect, Chuck McDonald at 889-1830 for reservations. It will be my pleasure to act as Installing Marshall for that evening, assisting R:W: Howard Strobel, who will act as Installing Officer.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

By this time, Bro. (and Steward-Elect) Bob Brighton, should be home from the hospital. He had a rough time of it, but is now on that slow road to recovery. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Don't forget to send your Brotherhood Fund Donation to Vic Altamore, c/o Orpheus Lodge, Masonic Temple, 875 East Main Street, Rochester, N.Y. 14605.  
Fraternally,  
Bill Dworkin, Master

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Jan. 13 - Installation of Officers. Dinner at Eddie's preceeding at 6 p.m.  
Jan. 27 - Regular Business meeting. Refreshments. 8 p.m.



Formicola, Trustee.  
I want to wish all the Brethren and their family a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.  
Fraternally, Merle Rogers  
Master-Elect

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Jan. 13 - Installation of Officers, dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
Jan. 27 - Business Meeting and Duty Night.

Brethren:  
At the time this article was written, our Annual Meeting was still a few days away so it is not possible to tell you who our newly elected officers are. However, several activities have been scheduled for January and I would like to call your attention to them.

Our first meeting of the New Year will be on Thursday, Jan. 8th. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Installation of Officers at 7:30 p.m. I am sure that the new officers would like to see a large turn-out at this meeting in order to begin their year knowing that they have the support of their Brethren. Please remember to return your cards for dinner reservations so that we can have enough food for everyone. Let me again remind you that we will now be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

On Thursday, Jan. 15th is our Fellowcraft Club. We will hold its annual meeting at the home of W: Bill Zufall. Over the past few years interest in and attendance at our Fellowcraft meetings have been getting worse and worse. If this situation does not soon improve, I fear that our Fellowcraft Club will disband. As we begin this New Year I hope that some of you will make an effort to become more active in the Club, and that you will start by attending our first meeting. Please call either W: ~~Danny Gichard~~ or W: Bill Zufall at 271-0795 or 473-4351 for details and reservations.

At this time I do not know what our Jan. 22nd meeting will consist of but I am sure our new officers will have a program of interest ready by that time.

On Saturday, Jan. 31st our Lodge will have a Winter Party at the Moose Club on East Ave. Social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. and dancing to follow. Please save the date for this event. Those of you who have been to the Moose Club for some of our prior parties know what a good time we had. Further details and reservation cards will be in the mail soon.

Finally, let me say that I hope this New Year, that we are now beginning will also bring about a new beginning for our Lodge. Our current situation is somewhat like sitting on top of a fence and wondering which way we will go. I certainly hope that this year will be one in which we go forward. Your help, cooperation, support and attendance is needed if this is to happen. Let us all make a resolution to attempt to do all we can for our Lodge in 1976.  
Fraternally,  
Ron Mertens, Sr. Warden

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Jan. 8 - Installation of Officers, Dinner 6:30 p.m.  
Jan. 15 - Fellowcraft Club at Bill Zufall's home.  
Jan. 22 - Regular meeting.  
Jan. 31 - Winter Party at Moose Club. Social Hour 6:30, dinner 7:30 p.m.

Q. I joined my Lodge in 1943. In 1971 I retired from my job. When dues were raised to \$20.00, I felt that it would be a hardship and after 30 years of membership, I demitted from the Lodge in 1970.

A. Am I still considered a Mason, and do I have the right to wear my Masonic ring?

A. Yes, indeed, you are a Mason, and entitled to wear Masonic jewelry. Since you have demitted, you are classed as a non-affiliate which means that you are not affiliated with any particular Lodge, but you are still a member of the Masonic fraternity.

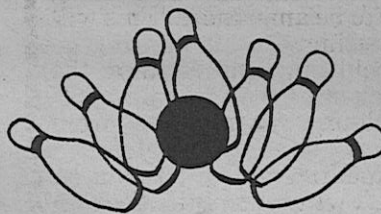
Q. I was informed by my Lodge that I am now a Life Member, but I also received a bill for dues. What advantage does my being a Life Member give me?

A. First, let us explain that the title "Life Member" is really a misleading one. A "Life Member" is not a member for life. In fact, Grand Lodge prefers the title, "Privileged Member," i.e. the member upon complying with certain provisions, as specified in the Lodge by-laws, is classified as a "Life" or "Privileged" member. The requirement usually is, "membership for a specified number of years." Such a "Life Member" may then be exempt from further payment of dues, except the Grand Lodge per capita, which must be paid by every member (Constitutions, Sect. 319; Handbook of Masonic Law, Sect. 674), or the by-laws may specify a reduction in dues for the "Life Member."

It should be noted that a "Life Member" who neglects to pay the Grand Lodge per capita tax, or the amount of dues specified in the by-laws, may be unaffiliated, like a regular member.

In practice, as Lodges grew older, and the relative number of "Life Members" increased, many Lodges discovered that they were financially in trouble, and eliminated the provision for the exemption from dues. Your Lodge was apparently one of them.

A Lodge, however, may remit the dues of a member who becomes a hardship case, financially. The Lodge, then, must pay the Grand Lodge per capita, and the other charges paid by the Lodge on a per capita basis. For our city Lodges this amounts to about \$18.00.



**Rochester's First MASONIC BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

To all Masons in the Greater Rochester area who are on Bowling teams - this is your first opportunity to join together and bowl in the first full fledged A.B.C. Bowling Tournament ever held in Rochester just for the Masons in this area. Many other parts of the State hold these tournaments every year very successfully, and the fellowship, funship, plus the competition between bowlers and their rooting sections lead to a great time for all. Just getting at least 250 Masonic bowlers together at one time can help let the Rochester area know that the Masons are a strong and energetic organization. Therefore may I urge all of you to talk up this tournament in your Lodge, or Masonic clubs you belong to. We would like to see at least one team from every Lodge in this area, bowl in this tournament.

For those who are planning to bowl in the New York State Bowling Tournament which is being held in Syracuse during March 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, and April 3-4th on weekends. This Rochester Tournament can be a great warm up so you can score better in Syracuse. If some of the teams that get together for the Rochester Area Tournament would like to also bowl in the State Tournament, just contact the following for entry blanks: W: Hal Miller, 334-2225; R:W: Don Rockcastle, 225-3646 or W: Milt Richardson, 663-1718.

The Rochester Area Tournament is at Clover Lanes on Monroe Avenue, Saturday, February 14th - Team Event 2:30 P.M.; Sunday, February 15 - Doubles and Singles - 10 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Please get your entries in to W: Chick Becker as soon as possible.

Fraternally,  
W: Hal Miller, Chairman

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



Brethren:  
Once again you have bestowed upon me the honor of serving you as your Worshipful Master, which I have most humbly accepted and wish to thank you for the confidence you have placed in me.

It was gratifying to see the large turnout for our annual dinner and meeting on December 11th. It sure was nice to see both sides of the Lodge room well occupied with members and visitors from other Lodges.

Many favorable comments were received on how well the meeting, election and installation of Officers was handled. The Installation of Officers was conducted by our very capable R:W: John D. Braund who was the Installing Officer and R:W: R. Kenneth Crawford who was our Installing Marshall. Everything went like clock work and the complete meeting with all reports, elections and Installation was completed before 10:15 p.m.

This year the Esten A. Fletcher Fellowcraft Club will hold its annual dinner meeting at the Maplewood Inn on Monday evening, January 19th. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Please call our Senior Warden Donald Joseph at either 467-9371 or 388-6245 for reservations. Why not do it now? This year the Fellowcraft Club will be working diligently to prepare for the conferral of the Third Degree. This of course can only be accomplished with your help, many hands make light work. Why not start the new year off right by making it a point to attend your Lodge at least once a month. This only amounts to ten nights out of the 366 nights that you have during the year to plan all your activities. Let's all resolve to set aside at least this much time for your Lodge. I am sure the enjoyment that you will receive from meeting with your Brothers will be well worth the little time spent. Give it a try.

On Tuesday evening, January 6th, the Officers will meet at my home, 278 Renouf Drive at 7:30 p.m. On Thursday, Jan. 8th will be an open meeting of the Lodge at 7:20 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22nd, will be a First Degree with Senior Warden Donald Joseph in the East. A rehearsal for this Degree will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 13th.

In the near future you will be receiving a Lodge Roster which will contain all of your Brother's names, addresses, and telephone numbers, so you may be able to contact them in case of need.

I wish to extend to all the following Brothers a Happy Birthday and many more: Gilbert J. Hess 1/2; Gunnar E. Johnson 1/2; John Jack 1/4; George V. Herbert 1/5; Harold J. Williamson 1/5; Henry Arva 1/7; William Lindsay 1/10; Henry R. Sill 1/10; Milo Thomas 1/11; Walter R. Feiock 1/13; Frank L. Knowles 1/14; Herman F. Thomas 1/15; Howard R. Wilson 1/18; Ernest E. Wilson 1/19; Dwight Nandevate 1/20; Donald M. Lewis 1/20; William Nicastle 1/20; Julius C. Voss 1/21; William Saunders 1/23; John

**NORTHFIELD LODGE**  
**No. 426**  
1st & 3rd  
Thursdays



Instituted March 1857  
Pittsford, New York

Brethren:  
I want to wish you a Happy New Year and I thank you for your support for electing me Master of Northfield Lodge for 1976.

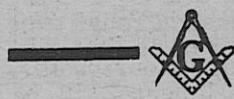
The Lodge is fortunate in having a full line of enthusiastic and capable officers. Bro. Willis Pierce is doing an outstanding job as Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund 1975-76. Help the Lodge to reach its goal by your participation.

On Dec. 4th Bro. James Gommel received the Third Degree with the aid of the Fellowcraft Degree Team. W: Thibaut, Director of Fellowcraft, said they did a great job and everyone who was there at the meeting agreed. At your earliest convenience, please welcome Bro. Gommel. Also that night the Fellowcraft Club reported they were purchasing new aprons and jewel cards. If any Brother wishes to contribute towards this effort, please contact Bro. Charles Wilson, Treasurer of the Fellowcraft Club.

Please note the installation of officers is January 15th. Reservations for the dinner that night should be made no later than Monday, Jan. 12th, with the Senior Warden-Elect, Bro. Bill Frost. Please call him at 244-0136. A public installation of officers will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 17th at the Lodge, which your friends and family are welcome. A get-together at both these dates will be held at my home at 170 Kimbark Road, Rochester, N.Y. after the meetings.  
Fraternally,  
Glenn A. Hedges,  
Master-Elect

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Jan. 15 - Installation of Officers with dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
Jan. 17 - Public Installation at the Lodge at 7:30 p.m.



A. Owellen 1/29.  
I hope to see you all in Lodge during January so I may personally wish you all a Happy Birthday.  
Fraternally,  
Ernest E. Wilson,  
Master

**HENRIETTA LODGE No. 526**  
1863 1975  
2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Brethren:  
I wish to thank everyone in Henrietta Lodge for electing me to serve in the East. I deem this a great honor to serve as your Master for the ensuing year.

Freemasonry is capable of bestowing many honors upon its members but none is so great as that of Master of the Lodge.

Our Past Masters are the foundation of our great fraternity and I will work diligently to uphold their fine record of leadership.

I have selected what I believe is the best line Officers and I'm sure you will appreciate the interests they have in making their presentations. I know that Henrietta Lodge is going to have a great year.

I am looking forward to seeing and meeting all members of the Lodge on the sidelines. I hope that every member will be able to make it to the communications during the year.

On Tuesday, Jan. 13th the Lodge will hold its annual Installation of Officers. This will be a great event for the Brothers in the line so let's pack the sidelines and show our Officers the support they need.

If any of our Brothers have forgotten how to enter the Lodge and what the signs are, I am sure you will want to attend our Jan. 27th meeting. We will present our Ceremony of Rededication to Masonry. This program will answer some of the questions you want answers for. So come on out Brethren and let's start the New Year right by attending Lodge.

If you have any knowledge of any Brother in sickness or distress feel free to call me at home so the Lodge will be able to offer comfort and assistance where needed.  
To Bro. and Mrs. William MacDonald, Happy 54th Anniversary on Jan. 8th.  
Fraternally,  
Larry Miller, Master-Elect

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Jan. 6 - Fellowcraft Meeting.  
Jan. 13 - Installation of Officers.  
Jan. 20 - Work night.  
Jan. 27 - Rededication night.

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

Dear Brethren:  
I wish at this time to congratulate the out-going Master, Willard Goodridge, and all the Officers and Brothers for making 1975 a very successful year at Etolian Lodge.

To be elected Master of a truly great Lodge is indeed a great honor. It seems just a short time ago that I started as a line officer with the hope of going through the chairs. Looking back now I have truly enjoyed the work and lessons learned by my association with the Past Masters, Officers and Brethren of this Lodge.

I hope and pray we can make 1976 a most successful year and thus by having served as Master help to make future years equally successful. I have no doubt it can be done with hard work and the continued cooperation of all the Brethren. I want to wish all the Masters-Elect of the First and Second Monroe District a very successful year. I also wish everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,  
Chalmers L. Dinger,  
Master-Elect

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Jan. 12 - Installation - Lunch to follow.  
Jan. 26 - Regular meeting - Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. - bring a dish to pass.

**SECRETARY'S CORNER**

December 8th was a full night of Brotherhood. Lodge opened at 5:30 p.m. and we were called from labor to refreshment at 6:00 p.m. to a roast beef dinner. Fifty-four attended. At 7:30 we resumed labor and the 1974 Past Masters of Monroe District put on both the first and second section of the Third Degree. It was a pleasure to witness. Five new Master Masons were raised - they are: Charles E. Davis, Martin T. Zillman, Durt R.

T. Zillman, Curt R. Vallentin, Donald F. Johnson and Alfans K. Waechter.

After the Degree we held our elections and: Bro. Chalmers L. Dinger was elected Master; Bro. Dale Rankin, Sr. Warden; Bro. Floyd (Russ) Holmes, Jr. Warden; W: Bro. Clark Kunes, Secretary; W: Bro. Sterling Peckham, Treasurer; W: Bro. Willard Goodridge, Trustee for 3 years.

The other appointed Officers will be announced after the Officers meeting which will be held some time before Jan. 12th - notice will be sent as to time and place.  
Fraternally,  
W: Wallace Lessord,  
Assistant Secretary

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

Brethren:  
I greet you as your returning Master for 1976. It is indeed a great pleasure to be chosen as your Master again during the birthyear of the country. You already have heard and read many words from me over the past year, so I think it is only proper to have a look at our newest members of our Lodge.

Meet these Brothers raised December 1, 1975:

**Bro. Tom Williams**

Bro. "Tom" comes to us from Pittsburgh, Penna. He attended college in South Carolina before moving north to Rochester. Bro. Tom has been a production foreman at General Dynamics, and now holds the position of Material Analyst at Xerox Corporation. He is married to a lovely wife, Alyce, and cares for a daughter, age 9, and a son, age 6. Bowling, basketball and working around two houses keeps Bro. Tom very busy most of the time. Tom's father was his guiding light into Masonry.

**Bro. William Minor, Jr.**

Bro. Bill was born in Rochester and new is married to his lovely wife, Wanda, who is a bookkeeper at the Y.M.C.A. Bill is in charge of the receiving department at Dollinger Corporation for the past 8 years. Previous to this position, he worked as an Assistant manager at an I.G.A. store on Goodman St. For his leisure time, Bill works with his hunting dog. Hunting and fishing also takes a great deal of his time. Wanda recently was elected Associate Conductress of Rochester Chapter No. 314, O.E.S. and Bill took his obligation as a visiting Master Mason. Drop by Lodge and wish Bro. Bill "Good Sailing" in Masonry.

**Bro. James Leffler**

Bro. Jim was born in Sunbury, Penna., and now lives near Buffalo, N.Y. He attended college in South Carolina and now is taking courses towards a business administration degree. Army service took 8 years of Bill's life, where he served in Vietnam and received the "Purple Heart". His wife, Susan, comes from Cassadage, N.Y. They have four lovely children, ages 9, 7, 5, and 4. Quite a household. Jim now works for the Disabled Veterans Administration in Buffalo, where he is a claims settler.

He is quite a painter and reader and spends a great deal of his spare time working for his church.  
Good luck Bro. Jim.

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**WAKAN LODGE**

No. 1054

2nd and 4th Mondays

Brethren:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for electing me to be Master of Wakan Lodge for 1976. I shall make every effort to insure that this Bi-Centennial Year of our Country and the 50th Anniversary of Wakan Lodge will be a banner year in our history. I urge that each and every Brother make a special effort to support your Lodge during the coming year. I am confident that I will receive the support of the Past Masters, Officers and members of the Lodge and as has been the tradition of Wakan Lodge, I shall welcome all suggestions.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Bro. Nelson Alderman who was called Home by the Supreme Architect on December 7th. At the request of the family, a masonic Service was performed.

The Brotherhood Fund Chairman for this year is Bro. Graham Smith who will be most happy to receive your donations to this most worthy cause.

The Installation of Officers for 1976 will take place on Jan. 12th and will be preceded by a dinner served by the Ladies of Irondequoit Chapter, O.E.S. The Officers will contact all the Brothers for reservations - if not contacted by Jan. 6th, please call me at 467-4619.

The regular meeting on Jan. 26th will be followed by the presentation of a Degree by the members of Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

In closing I would like to remind you that 'Dues are Due'. Your early remittance will help the operation of the Lodge.

It will be my pleasure to meet and greet every Brother who will make the effort and be able to attend our regular meetings during the year.

Fraternally,  
Frank Denton,  
Master-Elect

**MASTER'S MESSAGE**

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the Officers and members of Wakan Lodge for their support and assistance during my year as Master. It has been a most memorable year, one that I shall never forget.

My congratulations to Master-Elect Frank Denton and his Officers, and I wish them a most successful year. Fraternaly,  
John J. Rees, Master

**NEWS & VIEWS**

W: John Rees and the Master-Elect Frank Denton, together with Bro. John Lawrence visited Brothers Charles Himmler, Walter Teasdale and Charles Brooks before Christmas and extended the Seasons Greetings on behalf of the Lodge.

We were sorry to note that W: Ed Lange was unable to attend the annual Officers Dinner as his wife Ada was involved in an auto accident that evening, but fortunately suffered no severe injuries - get well soon Ada.

Bro. Art Bennet and Alice have left for Florida for their winter vacation.

Bro. Les Andrews is due



Winners of the Grand Lecturers Convention Attendance Banners for 1975: The 1st Monroe District W: Sy Kopen, Master of Flower City Lodge. For the 2nd Monroe District, W: John Rees, Master of Wakan Lodge.

**CLIO LODGE**

No. 779

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

**FROM THE WEST**

Dear Brethren:

As the New Year approaches, and if the Lodge so wishes, I will have the good fortune to preside in the East.

I have been a member of Clio Lodge for a much shorter time than most members of our Lodge. While proceeding through the stations in Lodge, I have met only a few of our total membership.

I ask all the members that I have yet to meet to come join in fellowship of the Lodge, and bring your ideas with you for a better Lodge.

The honor, which I hope will be mine, would indeed be greater if you were a part of it.

Let me know how the Lodge can better serve you. Be a part of the action. Take part in the fellowship and Brotherhood.

Our Lodge will only be as strong as you and I can make it.

I wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. Fraternaly,  
Jim Fallon, Sr. Warden



back from England with his new wife, and we look forward to greeting them both soon.

Your writer is sporting a new century old pocket watch obtained from collector Bro. Don Brugger. Don has a fine collection of old watches.

Bro. Graham Smith who is an avid Hockey fan, is suffering from a broken toe acquired while attending a hockey game. Have you ever heard of a fan having a broken toe in two places. Graham, you're not supposed to kick the opposing team.

W: John Rees is the proud possessor of a trophy from the Masonic Trap & Skeet Shoot presented by W: Ed Lange. It is the south end of a horse going north. I'm sure John keeps that in a prominent place in the house.

**SPECIAL:** It was really great to see Bro. Bill Willden and his guest during a surprise visit to the Lodge last month. They came all the way from Toronto just to attend the Lodge. Take note Brothers all - that is fellowship indeed. Fraternaly,

W: A. John Tijou

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**UNION STAR LODGE**

No. 320

1st Wednesday

Dear Brethren:

Well it is that time of the year again where your new officers are going to be installed. How about coming to Lodge and give them your support.

Come to Dinner -- we will eat at 7 o'clock promptly -- put on by Mrs. Milocent Gray and her helpers, with one of my favorite dishes-Swiss Steak. As you know they always do such a fine job. Call Bro. Richard Dye at 624-1120 or W: Bro. Ken Buckland at 624-1308 for reservations by Jan. 5th., so they have some idea how many will attend.

Remember your Lodge is only as good as your line officers and the support you give them. This year being the 200th anniversary of our country, the Bicentennial Year.

Your newly elected Master and Officers would like not just your support but a good turn out at the meetings to show them you really care about Union Star No. 320.

I myself have been in line of different offices for 8 years and have seen attendance keep dropping off with no apparent reason that I can think of. It is because there is so much going on or perhaps Wednesday night is a bad night to hold Lodge - or is it because some Brothers don't want to get involved. What is your opinion? Let us know how you feel--call--write, or please attend meetings, they only last approximately 2 to 2 1/2 hours, is this too much to ask?

Now to the brighter side, I hope you and your families have a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

If any Brother knows of another Brother who is in sickness or distress, please let W: Bro. Ken Buckland know at 6923 Egan Rd., Honeoye Falls, N.Y. 14472, or myself, Jack McGirr, 62 West main St., LeRoy, N.Y. 14482, so we can stop, call or send a card. Fraternaly,  
Jack McGirr,  
Master-Elect

Dear Brethren:

There will be a Swiss Steak Dinner served at 7:00 p.m. at our Annual Installation of Officers. For reservations call Mrs. Ralph Gray at 624-3186 or Raymond Sipple 265-0291. Let's have a good turnout for the Master-Elect Jack McGirr and the Officers.

Reservations must be in by January 5th. Fraternaly,  
Raymond A. Sipple,  
master

**FLOWER CITY LODGE**

No. 910

2nd Tuesday

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Jan. 13 - Annual Installation of Officers, preceded by Dinner.

Jan. 20 - Fellowcraft Club.

**ANNUAL INSTALLATION AND DINNER**

At our Annual meeting in December, Bro. Sanford G. Hoffman was elected Master of Flower City Lodge for 1976, and on Tuesday, Jan. 13, he will be officially installed by his Father-in-Law, W: Abe Meltzer, assisted by W: Maurice Solomon as Marshal and W: A. John Tijou as Guest Chaplain. Bro. Erwin Newell and W: Gerald J. Glaser were elected respectively Senior and Jr. Wardens, with R:W: Joseph Silverstein and R:W: Herman Sarachan as Treasurer and Secretary.

The Installation will be preceded by a Sherry Hour at 6 p.m. followed by a Kosher dinner at 6:30 p.m. catered by Bardy's. Tickets are in the hands of the officers at \$7.50 each, and may be obtained with the understanding that all reservations are firm. Arrangements are in the hands of our Jr. Warden-Elect, W: Gerald Glaser, who can be reached at 442-5825.

**BROTHERHOOD FUND**

R:W: Samuel Markus and R:W: Phil Averbach have been appointed Joint Chairmen of the Brotherhood Fund for the forthcoming Campaign, and you will be hearing from them shortly. We need hardly remind you of the need - we do it every year - but, PLEASE BRETHREN, a contribution at this time would be deeply appreciated. This leads us to our Art Auction.

**ART AUCTION**

On Saturday, Feb. 7th, the Fellowcraft Club is sponsoring an Art Auction at Congregation Beth Shalom, 1161 Monroe Ave., at 9 p.m.

A prominent Dealer from New York City, who specializes in paintings and other works by many of the World's leading artists, will be here to conduct the Auction. All available items will be on display prior to the Auction for inspection, and the Brotherhood Fund will benefit from all our profits. Light refreshments will be served for the nominal admission price of \$1.00.

**TRAVELING GAVEL**

The Traveling Gavel is in the possession of Flower City for the moment, so we can expect an "attack" at the Installation on Jan. 13th.

**WE CONGRATULATE**

Bro. Sanford J. Liebschutz who has been elected President of the Jewish Community Center.

Bro. Samuel Poze who has been elected to the Board of Governors of the Jewish Community Center.

Bro. Herbert J. Schwartz and Bro. Alan S. Weinberg who have been elected to the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Center. Cantor Samuel Rosenbaum

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**FAIRPORT LODGE**

No. 476


2nd and 4th Mondays

Dear Brethren:

I would like to thank all those who attended the Annual Communication on Dec. 8th, your support of the newly elected officers and the 1976 budget was gratefully appreciated. For those of you who were unable to attend your, your elected officers for 1976 are: W: Master, Nelson J. Venette; S:W: Steward Pederson; Jr. Warden, David Taber; Secretary, W: Roger Scott; Treasurer, William Lewis; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, W: James Comstock; Three-year Trustee, Carl Cassell. The list of appointed officers and committees will be listed in the Tressel Board.

I wish to thank all those brothers who worked hard in 1975 to make it a successful year for Fairport Lodge and its officers. I am sure W: Jim Comstock will look back on 1975 as a rewarding year in the East.

A new year has arrived and the W: Master and the Officers of Fairport Lodge ask you to join with us in stretching forth our hands in 1976 to bring TRUE MASONIC LIGHT to the members of our craft, those in search of Masonic Light and the Community in which we live. I cordially invite all of the members and our Masonic friends to join with Fairport Lodge on Jan. 26th in REDEDICATING ourselves to Masonry. This program is being put on by the Past Masters of Fairport Lodge. Lodge will convene at 7:30 p.m. PLEASE JOIN US.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**   
ALL  
Fraternaly,  
N.J. Venette,  
Master-Elect

and Bro. Hyman J. Mandell, and W: Joseph Goldstein, who were honored at the Festival held by the Rochester Committee for Israel Bond.

Bro. & Mrs. Hyman Ralph Graver on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Michael Arthur.

Bro. Morris Levinson on the Bat Mitzvah of his grand daughter Donna Levinson.

Bro. Herbert J. Schwartz, president of the Ill. Fred Nielsen Class, Rochester Consistory, extended the greetings on behalf of the class at the Annual Banquet.

Bro. & Mrs. Seymour Bayles on the marriage of Miss Susan Arlene Benway to their son, Marvin.

Bro. Dr. & Mrs. Paul Garfinkel on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Todd.

Bro. Dr. & Mrs. Alpert on the Birth of a grandson.

**WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY**

To the family of Bro. Harry Leffert.

To Bro. Irving Starr in the passing of his father.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Seymour Margolis in the passing of his Mother, who was also the Mother-in-Law of Bro. Morris Silver.

Bro. Max Shuman and Bro. Phil Weintraub are home recuperating and Bro. Less Applebaum remains in Highland Hospital making progress. Wm. R. Dunsky, Hospitaler.



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



Dear Brethren:

As this will be my last message as your Master, I must take time to thank all of you who supported me and the programs in 1975. This has been a great experience for me and one I will never forget, especially all of the wonderful people I've met while representing your Lodge. To all of my friends from Masters and Wardens, thanks, to my line Officers, thanks and to those who did not make it to Lodge for one reason or another I know you'll do better in 1976.

One of my highlights this year was our trip to Connecticut to Corinthian Lodge No. 103. What a fabulous weekend it was, and what a remarkable welcome we received from a Lodge of Masons.

Our Brotherhood Campaign was very successful, thanks to the chairmanship of Bro. Elmer Keller. Much thanks Bro. Keller.

We raised one Brother, Charlie Stubenrod whom I know will do his very best to be a great Mason everyday of his life. And let me not forget those sideliners and Past Masters, a special thanks to all of you.

I have always been very proud to be a member of Corinthian Temple Lodge No. 805, so now you can understand how I feel being a Past Master of the Lodge.

Much success to our new Officers in the OJW Year.

From my family and myself, we wish you all a very Happy New Year, with many blessings in the New Year. Fraternally, Dan Nesbitt, Master

**SECRETARY'S CORNER**

Brethren:

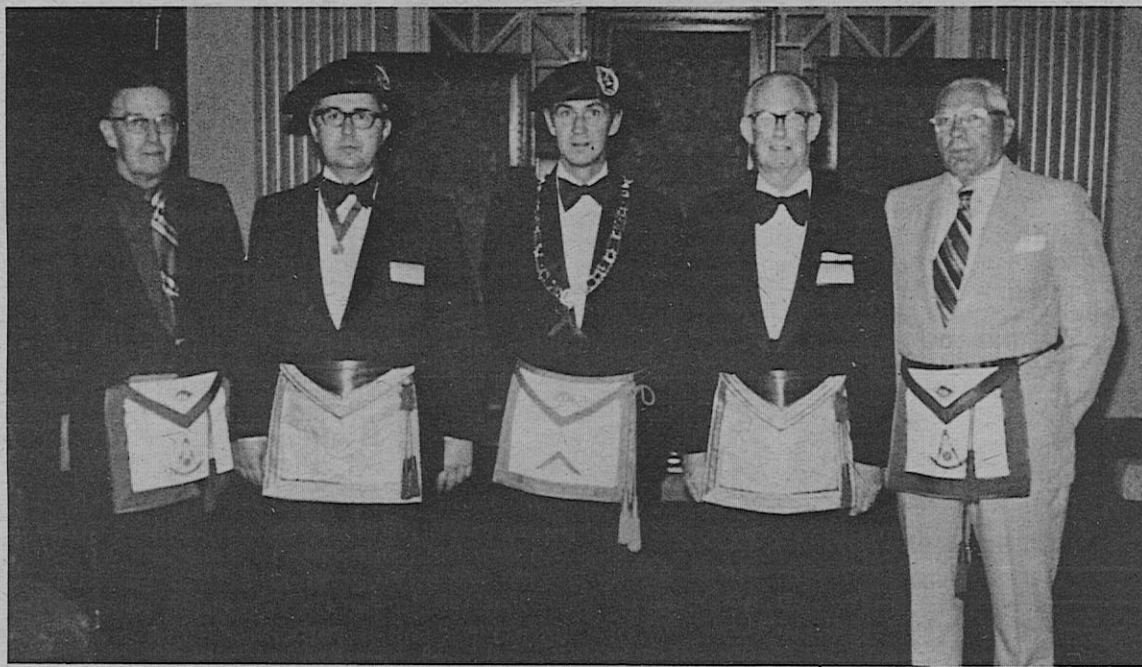
For those members who still owe 1974 Dues and received a summons, there is still time to forestall the natural course of events that will take place. The Annual Return is due in New York by January 15th. If your check is in the Secretary's hands by the first week of January you will be in good standing. Please make an effort.

Many Happy returns to the following Brothers on their Birthday: Walter Falen, George Reiner 1/1; Edward Huck 1/2; Charles Lynch, Jr. 1/3; Robert Allen, Jr. 1/4; William Lewis, Charles Stubenrod 1/7; Harold Arlidge, Sr., David Cordy, W. Stuart Evans (Master 1946), Carl Hjertsrom, Thomas Robertson 1/8; Alois Mauser, Walter Shields (81), Robert Van As 1/12; Karl Janson 1/13; Kenneth Butters 1/14; W. Paul Kopp (Master 1965), Roger Van Wuyckhuysen 1/16; Paul Missal 1/17; Howard Briggs (81) 1/18; Leonard Schmeer, Jr. 1/19; William Borate, Bernard Meyer 1/21; Arthur Argyries, Irving Kressman 1/22; Elmer Carroll 1/24; Donald Judd

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Corinthian Temple Lodge No. 805 Official Visit - November 17, 1975: W: Bro. Edward Shaw escorted R:W: Robert W. Avery, District Deputy of the Second Monroe District; W: Dan Nesbitt, Master; R:W: Robert K. Orne, Grand Sword Bearer; Escorted by W: Bro. James Gisleson.

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

Brethren:

Your presence is requested at the installation of your Master and his Officers January 14, 1976. Why not mark your calendar and be there to welcome Charles Pflaum and all his Officers. Your attendance will be inspiring for a most successful year.

A delicious dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Please make your reservations by calling me - Day-458-4810, Nights-381-7411. Make a New Year resolution to support your Lodge by more attendance.

I want to thank Bro. Wayne Cowell and all those who helped him for the very nice Christmas Party for the children. It was well organized as usual. The Children enjoyed the clowns and then the visit from Santa. Also to spread a little Christmas cheer fruit baskets were delivered to nine Brothers this year.

I want to take the opportunity at this time to thank all who helped all year from the past Masters in the East and all the officers, those on Committees, Picnic and Fellowcraft, Bless all of you. Fraternally, Frank J. Arnold

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Jan. 14 - Installation of Officers. 6:30 dinner in Ballroom B.  
Jan. 28 - First Degree. P.S. Don't forget the Brotherhood Fund this year. Our Chairman is Bro. John Lynch, 293 Lynn Drive, Rochester, N.Y. 14622.



1/25; Leonard Treman III, 1/26; Norman Shapiro, Raymond White 1/28; Stanley Hoke and R:W: Edward Lamb (Master 1927), Earl La Force 1/30.

**WHAT SAYING IS THIS?**

A turbulent disturbance of the atmosphere is preceeded by a period of tranquility. Answer to last months saying: Strike while the iron is hot.

**DUES BOX SCORE**

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Fraternally, Bertram M. Steene, Secretary

**ANCIENT  
CRAFT  
LODGE  
No. 943  
2nd and 4th  
Wednesdays**



Brethren:

This, my first letter to you as Master of the Lodge, I thank you for the trust and honor. As I look around the Lodge my sincere wishes will be that I will see many new and old Brethren.

From the East I will look to the wiser and more experienced Past Masters. I will look to the sidelines for help in carrying out my program for the coming year. Brethren, the Officers cannot run a Lodge by themselves. Your support is greatly needed. The strength and life of the Lodge is in your hands. I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I also hope the Year 1976 will be rewarding for all Brethren and their families.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

W: Bro. Delmar Miles and I visited our Brethren who are not able to get out.

W: Bro. John Holt who is at home but not doing too well.

Bro. Andrew Mutch is in Beachwood Nursing Home and in good spirits.

Bro. Walter Schmid is in Latta Road Nursing Home and is up and a round.

Bro. Fred Lennox and his wife were found to be doing well.

Bro. Dan Abendroth is slowly recovering from a Kidney and Blood infection.

All of these Brothers would be happy to see a visitor or receive a card.

Fraternally, Robert L. Curtis, Master

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Jan. 14 - Installation of Officers.  
Jan. 28 - Open meeting.

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**W.C. HUBBARD LODGE  
No. 964  
1st and 3rd Fridays**

Dear Brethren:

When you receive this edition of the Masonic News, I will have been installed as Master of Warren C. Hubbard Lodge No. 964. May I express my gratitude to you, my Brethren, for the privilege and the honor of serving as Master of this Lodge. One of my great concerns for this Lodge is our Brotherhood Fund Campaign. How much each of us gives is not as important as whether or not we have given. Let's all try to fulfill our obligation. Please send your contribution to our Brotherhood Chairman, Bro. Robert G. Helmes, 64 Beverly Heights, Rochester, N.Y. 14618.

The need for you to support your Lodge, by attending meetings, is more often greater than the financial need, because the Lodge is alive and effective only when everyone participates. Much time and effort is devoted to planning and arranging programs for Lodge meetings. Why not contact a Brother whom we have not seen lately and ask him to join us at our next meeting? If you haven't been to Lodge recently, let me, or another Officer, know how we can make Lodge meetings more interesting for you. A Lodge should reflect the thought and desires of its entire membership. It won't unless every possible member is present to make his personal (not financial) contribution. I hope that we can count on you.

Fraternally, Michael A. Rapson, Master

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Jan. 2 - Open meeting.  
Jan. 9 - Fellowcraft  
Jan. 16 - Open meeting, Euchre Tournament.  
Jan. 30 - First Degree rehearsal. 7:00 p.m. Bro. Bob Helms.

**CHURCHVILLE LODGE  
No. 667  
2nd and 4th Wednesdays**

Thank you for the trust and confidence placed in me by the members that showed up at the annual communication. It seems that this is the culmination of the obligation I took when I was first brought to Masonic Light. And what is Masonic Light - it takes a different brilliance for us all. For some a guiding light, for others, barely an ember or so, it seems. It seems to burn its brightest for those that take part in all the fellowship offered by the Craft.

Those of us that see all our part of ideas we put forward come to life in the Lodge. When the Lodge has the benefit of all these ideas or part of them, how can brothers not be attracted back to Lodge and new candidates come forward to become a part of action? To take part in the Ritual of Degrees, to make them as meaningful as possible. To get the enjoyment of doing a great job and see another Brother brought to Masonic Light.

To make the commitment to see the Craft grow through the contribution of Time, Talent, and Talons. The Time that we all seem to find for TV, a drive in the country, an extra stop for refreshment after work. The Talent that all of us have to communicate and let our thoughts be known. Who likes to cook, who likes to sing, who likes to play an instrument? And the third that no one likes to hear about the Talons, without which, unfortunately, nothing can really happen. This Year '76, let's have another revolution take place. All the Brothers that have put these 3 T's to the rear. Bring them out. There are dues to be paid, and Brotherhood Fund to support. A few dinners to attend, a Ladies Nite. If all the Brothers could think back to the time they joined, to the spirit of the hour, the reason for joining, the obligation we all took. The Lodge needs the 3 T's, that only you can provide. So gentlemen, come forward and be counted. Together we will rekindle that ember that burns somewhere in all of us and turn it into a huge beacon of True Masonic Light.

To all Brothers celebrating a Birthday this month, HAPPY BIRTHDAY and many happy returns of the day. To all, may the New Year bring the 3 H's - Happiness, Health, Harmony. Fraternally, William Baxter, Master-Elect

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Jan. 14 - Installation of Officers, Dinner 6:30 p.m. Call 225-5284 or 293-2686 for reservations.  
Jan. 28 - Second Degree.

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**JOHN A. ROBERTSON**  
**LODGE No. 1032**  
 1st and 3rd Mondays

Dear Brethren:

It is hard to realize that this is my last message to you as Master of this Lodge, time flies by so swiftly.

I want to thank all of the Officers and Brothers who have supported me and the Lodge during the past year.

As we are rapidly approaching 1976, let us all resolve to support our Lodge and the new Master to the best of our abilities so that the Bi-Centennial year will be a banner year, not only for our Country but for our Lodge.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

I am happy to report that I am recovering rapidly from my recent heart attack and wish to thank all of the Brothers for their kind cards, letters and phone messages.

I have not heard of any other Brother who is ill, but if there are some, the Lodge wishes you a speedy recovery.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Happy Birthday greetings from the Lodge to the following Brothers whose Birthdays fall in January: Charles W. Thomas, 1/4; Russell H. Ferrey, Norman P. Millard, Frederick W. Sullivan 1/6; Lloyd E. Walker, Ned T. Wylam, 1/8; Randall J. Salzer, 1/11; Donald F. Rogers, 1/15; Joseph A. Mosar, Adren R. Sutliff, 1/17; Frederick H. Harris, 1/18; J. Edwin Olsson, 1/20; Rudolph W. Elliot, 1/21; Ernest G. Burkhardt, Samuel Eleoff, Kenneth J. Skidmore, 1/24; Carl Silvio, 1/25; Oran Kissinger, 1/26; Albert E. Connon, William F. Miller, 1/27; Irwin R. Delinsky, 1/30. I realize that there are some Brothers who have not had a Birthday Greeting from me in 1975, the reason being that we were unable to find the date of your Birthdays...so, a belated Greeting to each of you.

On behalf of myself as Master and the Officers and Brothers of the Lodge, I wish to extend Holiday Greetings to each of you, and hope that the ensuing year will be a prosperous year for each of you.

Fraternally,  
 Ed Walker, Master

**BROTHERHOOD FUND**

Brethren:

I am pleased to report that I am beginning to receive donations on behalf of the Brotherhood Fund. If possible, make your checks out to the Brotherhood Fund, not to me or the Lodge.

At our last communication, I reported that \$105. had been donated by our members as of December 1st, so keep up the good work. The Sands of Time are running out of the hour-glass much faster than we all realize, so don't put off sending me your donations. Get inspired with the Masonic Light, which we were all taught throughout our Degrees-help a distressed worthy Master Mason, their widows and orphans. When you see the Utica Home and the great work which is being done there to help our Brothers and Sisters, you will enjoy one of the greatest emotional experiences of your life; that you are a member of this great organization, and by your efforts and support you are

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

Dear Brethren:

This being my last message as Master of Rochester Lodge, I would like to take just a moment of your time to thank you all for the support that you have given me during this past year. My special thanks to the Officers and Committees who have worked so hard to make all of the functions a success. May I wish the incoming Master, W: Bro. Edward Garrett, the finest year and urge you to give him your support. Remember that we need each and every Brother to be a part of all our plans.

The Rochester Lodge will have a bowling team in the



helping all mankind. The research work which is carried on in the Research Laboratories is not limited to our own Home. Any new discovery is passed out for the benefit of all mankind. The war against disease knows no boundaries as far as our Masonic Research Laboratories are concerned. But, we do need your help. Send your contributions to Arch Barbour, 40 Lori Lane, Rochester, N.Y. 14624  
 Fraternally,  
 Arch Barbour

**FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN**

Brethren:

I must write this column before I am installed or even elected master of the Lodge due to publication deadlines. Thinking positively, however, I expect everything to go smoothly and hope to see many of your faces from the East. Much time and effort has already been expended to devise programs and social events that will be interesting, entertaining and informative. Suggestions are welcome; but your support, especially by your attendance, is earnestly solicited. If transportation is a problem, please call W: Bro. Bill Gersley. He has agreed to act as our Transportation Committee Chairman and will have drivers available. If anyone would like to be a driver, please call W: Bro. Bill at 436-1723 or me at 381-8028.

May I remind you that the Installation of Officers is scheduled for January 5 to be preceded by a dinner. Reservations are a must. Please call W: Bro. Merl Nulton at 436-3311; Chuck Thomas at 377-7209; Frank Zaffino at 352-1551; or me. On January 19th our business meeting will be followed by short talks on Concordant Bodies. If any of you have wondered about this aspect of Masonry, I urge you to attend.

Our Spring Degree Class expects to start with the February 2nd meeting. We can use candidates. Now is the time to approach your friends and neighbors. Obtain petitions from our Secretary, Merl Nulton. See YOU in Lodge!  
 Fraternally,  
 Skip Waterstreet,  
 Master-elect

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Jan. 5 - Installation of Officers.  
 Jan. 19 - Concordant Bodies.

Genesee Valley Regional Masonic Tournament on Feb. 14th. Team members are as follows: W: C. Dan Jameson, W: Kenneth Moore, W: George Adams, Bro. John Smelts and Bro. George Bradshaw.

I would like to close with a suggestion for a New Year's Resolution - "I resolve that I will stay away from my TV set on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month and venture to Masonic Temple for the Rochester Lodge Meetings."

Fraternally,  
 George M. Adams, Master

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

To the following Brothers celebrating January Birthdays: Bros. Robert Brethen, Milton Davis, Donald Gates, Cederic Hardy, Batavia Hospital; Roy Jensen, John Johnson of West Palm Beach, Fla., Raymond Keyes of Tucson, Arizona, Lester Kuech, W: James Lickers, Thomas Lima of Dalton, N.Y., Robert MacDonald, Nelson Nelius of Clearwater, Florida, Stanley Otto, Jack Sharp of Lebanon, Oregon and William Wilder of Lake Worth, Florida.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Ray Keyes is home from the hospital. His address is P.O. Box 17316, Tucson, Arizona 85731. Cedric Hardy is a patient at St. Jerome's Hospital in Batavia, N.Y. Wor. Bro. Thomas Baird is home from the hospital. His address is 106 South View Terrace, Rochester, N.Y. 14620.

Dear Brethren:

As Master-elect I wish at this time to extend to all of you a wish for a fruitful, harmonious and progressive 1976.

The year 1976 is an important one for our country and our Lodge. Rochester Lodge will try to bring to its activities the spirit of the Bicentennial whenever possible. We shall have a special Bicentennial Night also.

The Brotherhood Fund Campaign is in progress and I'm sure Senior Warden Leo French will be glad to receive your contributions.

If any Brother needs transportation please call me or any Officer of the Lodge. Also, if any Brother has forgotten, or is not sure of the Passwords or Signs please feel free to come to Lodge and the Officers and Brethren will be glad to assist you.

Again, I hope that all Brethren will join us to celebrate the Bicentennial of our nation.

I am looking forward with much pleasure to working with the fine Officers and members of our Lodge.  
 Fraternally,  
 Edward J. Garrett,  
 Master-elect

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Jan. 5 - Fellowcraft.  
 Jan. 12 - Installation of 1976 Officers.  
 Jan. 26 - Third Degree and Dinner.  
 Feb. 9 - Open Meeting.

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1st and 3rd Tuesdays



Brethren:  
It is with a great deal of pride and yet, a humble heart, that I thank my fellow brethren of Yonnondio Lodge No. 163, for bestowing upon me the honor of electing me your Master for 1976. I shall make every effort to do the Lodge credit, and with the help of all my Brethren, I feel a good deal of confidence for a banner year.

Since no organization, fraternity or Lodge can properly function and grow without active participation, I sincerely hope that you will attend and take part in the meetings on a regular basis. So that you can have some idea of our plans for early in the year, please keep the following agenda handy and plan to attend these meetings as an "opener".

On Jan. 20, we will have a First Degree with a full class, be on hand to welcome these new Brothers into our Lodge and to give them a good feeling about joining in an active and purposeful Masonic Lodge.

The first meeting in February will be an important informational meeting on the possible redistricting of the Monroe County Lodge area. This redistricting may include some of the Lodges in outlying areas, to become part of the Monroe Districts. On February 17, we will be conferring the Second Degree on our new Brethren.

A special communication will be held Saturday evening, March 20th. We will have a dinner, followed by the conferring of the Third Degree. We hope to see all of you at this very special meeting and at the dinner preceding it. Keep this date in reserve and invite your Masonic acquaintances to join with us on this occasion. Tickets will be required for the dinner and more information will be given in the February issue of the Monroe Masonic News.

The Annual Fellowcraft Club dinner meeting for the election of officers, will be held at the German Club on Gregory St. on Tuesday, Jan. 27th at 6:30 p.m. Call the Club President, Bro. Donald Hage, at 271-4441 or the Secretary, Bro. Ray Cooper, 964-3588 for your reservation. Let's have a large turnout.

I shall make every effort to keep the Brethren informed in advance through this column, of coming events regarding meetings, Degrees and social events. Your other Officers, both elected and appointed, join me in urging your active participation in the Lodge to build its attendance and rejuvenate interest.

Again, I look forward to the ensuing year and will do my best to prove the confidence you have placed in me by electing me to this important office.

Fraternally,  
W: Don Carlile, Master

**FROM THE WEST**

As the Holiday Season is behind us and the New Year ahead of us, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the Officers on their advancement to their new stations and places.

In talking to the Officers, I find a very enthusiastic line

and I too share their enthusiasm and zeal for the Craft. Our Master has assured us that we will be conferring several Degrees this year, both in our Lodge and in other Lodges. This will give our Officers and Fellowcraft Club several opportunities to dramatize the Third Degree in their efficient manner, so that the Worshipful Master may receive honor and the pleasure and profit be shared by all. Thus we are assured that all who attend will have a very enjoyable evening. To see the new Brothers and give them the feeling of being a Mason and Brother, is the duty of everyone, making sure that we have shared with him all the light in Masonry that we can.

If we join as a team and share with others what others have shared with us, I am sure that 1976 will be a great year and one that will long be remembered.

May I at this time, thank the Brethren for their confidence placed in me by electing me to the office of Senior Warden. I shall perform my duties to the best of my ability.  
Bro. Larry Wiler,  
Senior Warden

**SECRETARY'S CORNER**



Enthusiasm prevails!! As you read the Master's Message, there is no doubt that he promises a full and rewarding year. ACES will be the winner in 1976.

As Secretary, I wish to thank the Brethren for the confidence placed in me by re-electing me Secretary for the ensuing year. I will continue to serve the Brothers and the Lodge to the best of my ability.

The Annual Communication has come and gone, the reports were read and placed on file. It is interesting to note that our Membership is now 470 and over one-half are Life Members, which reflects the lack of new and young members. As requested before, ask a friend or neighbor, "why he isn't a Mason?" If you receive a favorable reply, use the petition you have or ask for another.

Many Communications have been received from the Brothers and it is gratifying to know that many out-of-town members keep in touch.

E and C are working, now let's Attend your Lodge and Support your officers - ACES win.

To those who have sent in their dues for 1976, many thanks and I am hopeful that none will be unaffiliated for non-payment of old dues, 1974 - 1975.

It is also hoped that you have enjoyed the Holidays and we all will look forward to a banner year - 1976.

Fraternally,  
R:W: Barton S. Horner,  
Secretary

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

Brethren:  
By the time you read this, 1975 will be all but a memory, and we will stand on the threshold of 1976, a year of celebration and challenge.

Celebration of our nation's 200th birthday and all the things that have it the best country in the world. And the challenge to do those things that will right the wrongs and keep it great for another 200 years.

Now, don't be thinking: "What can we do now to make the nation last another 200 years?" A relatively small group of determined men (and among them quite a few Masons) started it all two centuries ago. There's no reason why starting with a few Masons and men in Webster and Monroe County can't be just as effective. Think about it a little bit!!

Since Kenny (Who?) last reported to you, we have enjoyed the Hard Post's very impressive Memorial Night and the Gleason Square Club's excellent Rededication Ceremony. The "candidate" of the evening said it all very well for all of us later in the evening. Seeing all three Degrees and their inter-relationships made each Degree more meaningful.

Jr. Warden Bob Wyble did his usual unsurpassable job with the Lodge's Children's Party on Dec. 7--and we're sure the 28 or 30 children who were our guests were more than excited with the magician, Santa's visit, and the gifts received. Well done, Robert!

On December 10, the Fellowcraft Club Stag Party was a resounding success. Al Ribis was elected President, with Ron Turney as Secretary and Dave Walker as Treasurer. The Vice President's post went to a Worshipful Brother whose name can't be mentioned--so his wife won't fine out. It is sad to report that Edna Hutchinson was defeated as a candidate for V.P. The only thing that marred the evening was the precipitous departure of Linda.

Unfortunately, since the copy for the Monroe Masonic News is due on the 15th, we can't report on the results of our Annual Communication, December 18th. However, the 1976 Master, whoever he may be, can predict with certainty the first Tuesday in January 1976 would be an inauspicious date. Therefore, Installation night will be on January 15, 1976, with Lodge opening at 6:00 p.m. (Kenny, take note!), dinner at 6:30 and resumption of labor at 7:30 sharp. Mark your calendars now, Brothers, and come on out on the 15th.

To all Brothers of Webster Lodge, sincere and cordial good wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,  
Horace F. Denton,  
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No. 920  
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**OATKA LODGE**  
No. 759  
2nd & 4th Wednesday

**COMMUNICATE**

**FROM THE MASTER**

Tim Grey, Master, Home 544-0264, Work 458-2940; Henry Masseur, Sr. Warden, Home 872-5727, Work 544-2020; Robert Anderson II, Jr. Warden, Home 671-6581, Work 266-5000; Ralph Smith, Secretary, Home 334-3285, Work 473-8080.

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.

**MASTER-ELECT MESSAGE**

Brethren:

In anticipation of writing this first message for the Monroe Masonic News many thoughts have passed through my mind. However, now that the time has arrived, I find it difficult to set them down on paper.

I am very pleased and honored to have been elected W: Master of F.L. Simes Lodge and am also very conscious of the trust placed in me by the Brethren. Please be assured that I will do my utmost to deserve that trust. We have a fine line of officers who are also dedicated to this purpose.

The Officers for the ensuing year are: Sr. Warden, Robert L. Anderson II; Jr. Warden, W: Richard VanZandt; Secretary, Ralph E. Smith; Treasurer, Edward Willis; Chaplain, W: Bernard Lind; Sr. Deacon, Glenn Stahl; Jr. Deacon, Glenn Bishop; Sr. M.C., Ronald McAnley; Jr. M.C., Joseph Bishop; Stewards, Phillip Goodwin, Raymond Seward; Marshal, Charles E. Heydt; Tiler, Arthur Tierson.

I will have the honor of being Installed by W: George Stear and R:W: Fred A. Stahl who will act as Installing Marshal.

**BROTHERHOOD FUND**

Bro. Glenn Stahl has been appointed Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund again, after the fine job he did last year. It is not necessary for me to reiterate the great need for funds in these trying times. Please send a contribution, no matter how large or small, for this great cause.

**TRESTLEBOARD**

- Jan. 6 - Officers meeting, 7:30 p.m. Temple.
- Jan. 10 - Winter Party, 6:00 p.m., Logans.
- Jan. 13 - Installation of Officers, 7:30 p.m. Temple. Tux.
- Jan. 20 - Fellowcraft Club.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Bro. Robert Walker has been down with a touch of Pneumonia. Hope everything is OK now Bob.

**CALLED HOME BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT**

Bro. Merton W. Herbst, Sr., November 20, 1975. Initiated 10-10-61; Passed 10-24-61; Raised 11-28-61. Fraternally, Henry Masseur, Master-Elect

Dear Brethren:

As the old year is rapidly coming to an end, so is my year as Master of Charlotte Lodge. May I, at this time, express to all of you my most sincere appreciation for the honor and privilege of serving this Lodge as Master. It has been very gratifying. To each of the Officers, it is with great pleasure that I express my thanks for your cooperation and your good work which you have given to me this year.

On Jan. 17th, W: Verne Halter is having an Open Installation at Charlotte Lodge. Everybody is invited - Masons, families and friends. Let's make this a big night for W: Verne. Time is 7:00 p.m.

Another evening to keep open is Jan. 20th, which is a First Degree - the first of the new year. Bring a Brother along and show our new Master and Officers that you are behind them 100%.

Once again, thanks to everyone for a most wonderful year and I wish each of you a good year in 1976.

Fraternally,  
Len Mack, Master

**MASTER-ELECT MESSAGE**

Greetings my Brothers and welcome to a new year of good fellowship in your Lodge.

I would like at this time to thank the Officers and Brothers of Charlotte Lodge for the confidence they have shown in me by electing me Master for 1976. I will do my best to be worthy of this great honor.

Your Wardens and I have planned what we hope will be an active and interesting year. All that is needed to make it work is your presence at our communications and activities which is earnestly requested.

There are many new faces on our Lodge committees this year which I am sure will benefit the Lodge. My congratulations to them.

My able assistant, Senior Warden, this year is Robert Straton.

The entertainment and refreshments will be in the competent hands of Robert Forest, Junior Warden. Your new officers in line this year will be Thomas Paglia, Steward and Jalbert (Stan) Geer, Marshal. My congratulations to all officers on your elections and appointments, especially the two new men who are just beginning the long trip through the chairs, Best Wishes.

This past year has set some targets for us to aim for, the excellent degree work displayed by our W: Bro. Len Mack and the truly outstanding job done on the Brotherhood Fund by Bro. Albert Padget, to name a few.

Let's help celebrate this Bicentennial year by displaying true Masonic charity thru donations to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund to help those in need.

Our organist, Bro. Dave Peggs is in Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City for a back operation, our best wishes Dave, Come back soon. In the meantime, the Lodge is in need of an organist. In a membership of almost 600, it seems we should be able to

find someone to lend the beauty of music to our meetings. Please notify me if you know of any Brother who can help us out.

January 6th will be the Installation of Officers and January 17th will be the Public Installation of Officers. At 7 p.m. Wives and friends are welcome. See you there.

Fraternally,  
Verne Halter  
Master-Elect 1976.

**SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK**

A Happy New Year to all of you my Brethren. New Years is a time for resolutions. Get your date book out and mark your calendar for the First and Third Tuesdays of the month to attend Lodge except July and August. Your Lodge needs you.

A Happy Birthday to all of you my Brothers of No. 1088, who have a Birthday in January. May it be a most happy occasion for you.

We have our first class of five candidates starting their Degrees in Masonry on January 20. Your presence is needed to give our new officers the support and encouragement they need.

As I write these notes I am happy to report that our Treasurer, W: Thomas Vanlare is progressing nicely. Bro. Roland Vink is at home and his condition is O.K. Brother David Peggs our Organist, is still not feeling well. Send him a card. He lives at 2547 Mt. Read Blvd. 14615.

W: Gordon Davision reported that the Organ Fund now totals \$2,297. and we would still like to reach \$2,500. If you haven't contributed as yet, send your check to Charlotte Lodge No. 1088, 4550 Lake Avenue, Rochester, N.Y. 14612. It's too late to get your name on the plaque but we could sure use your help.

Your Secretary and Treasurer are most gratified for your wonderful response to the "Dues Reminders" sent with the Summons notice. We have a 1976 Dues Card awaiting your check.

We have 569 members on our books at the end of 1975 and yet our average attendance per meeting in 1975 was only 51. Come on out and be with us in 1976.

As you read this, Mrs. Van Putte and I will be visiting with our son and his family in Florida. R:W: Ken Kingston will be in my place during January. So long until February. Fraternally,  
Everett Van Putte,  
Secretary

**TRESTLEBOARD**

- Jan. 6 - Installation of Officers.
- Jan. 17 - Public Installation of Officers (wives and friends invited).
- Jan. 20 - First Degree, First Class.
- Feb. 3 - Open, Gleason Square Club Rededication Ceremony.

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**MASTER'S MESSAGE**

The Bicentennial Year began officially in Seneca Lodge on Dec. 16th. with the Annual Communication, Election of Officers, Investiture Service and 63rd Installation of Officers ceremony. W: Bruce E. Hansen concluded his year as Master in the efficient manner in which he began and was greeted by more than 70 Brothers and friends at dinner. Bro. John B. Phillips presided at the eggnog bowl prior to dinner with the aplomb we have come to appreciate in years past. Bro. Loren Snodgrass and Bro. James Scobell did a splendid job in attending to other details associated with the dinner.

Many Seneca Past Masters and several visiting Past Masters attended the Investiture Service conducted by R:W: Norman Selke. It was a beautiful service conducted in a warm and dignified manner by one of Seneca's most outstanding ritualists.

W: Allen M. Brewer was Installing Master and W: Edwin M. Wilkinson was Installing Marshal at the Installation of Officers ceremony. Their work was superior in every way. No doubt their reputation for masterful ritual was responsible for the attendance which exceeded 100. It was especially nice and I was pleased by the large number of visitors. W: Gordon L. Hoag, Advisor, lead a large delegation of 1975 Masters clothed in red, white and blue Bicentennial blazers. This is a very active group and promises to give Masonry in the two Monroe Districts a big boost in 1976. R:W: Robert Avery brought special greetings as did others representing the Masters and Wardens Association, and Immanuel Baptist Church. It was good to have R:W: Herman A. Sarachan and Bro. Ward L. Ekas, honorary members, in attendance. Refreshments hosted by the Class of 1966 followed in the Oasis Room.

Jan. 20th will be our Ladies Night and Bicentennial recognition meeting. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by a program for the ladies of the revolutionary period music and a performance by the winner of the 1975 Bicentennial drummer competition sponsored by the (Western) Monroe County Bicentennial Commission. Afterwards, we shall invite the ladies to join us in Doric Hall for a talk by Dr. Ward L. Ekas on the Masonic Presidents of the United States. Bro. Scobell is working hard on the details. I am very excited over the

Brethren:

I am very pleased and proud to have been elected to serve you as Master for 1976. I will do my best to see that Oatka Lodge starts into its second century with continued growth. We have a fine line of officers who are eager to serve you.

Several projects were started last year and these will be continued. Our goals for this year are: More Community involvement and recognition, continued Building improvement, Better Lodge attendance and participation by all the Brethren and continued efforts to increase our Membership.

To the Brethren who, for one reason or another, have drifted away from Lodge: What better time than Now - The Bicentennial Year 1976 to come back to Lodge. We need your support and ideas.

Our Annual meeting was held on Dec. 10th. A fine dinner was prepared by the Ladies of Oatka Chapter No. 320. The following officers were elected: Master, C. Robert Moore; Sr. Warden, Phillip Hise; Jr. Warden, Wayne Abbott; Secretary, W: Bro. Dennis Livingstone; Treasurer, W: Bro. Burton Brown; Trustee for 3 Years, W: Bro. Ed Laydon, W: Bro. Charles Webb has been appointed Assistant Secretary.

Installation Night will be Jan. 14th. Our Oatka Chapter No. 320 of O.E.S. will again serve a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to attend. Call Bob Moore at 889-2478 or Phil Hise at 247-2625 for Dinner Reservations before Jan. 11th.

The Brotherhood Fund is off to a good start. Send your contributions to Chairman Bro. Dick Henderson at 85 Walbert Drive, Rochester 14624.

Fraternally,  
C. Robert Moore  
Master-Elect

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

If you know of anyone who is in need of our aid or assistance, please call me at 889-2478.

**TRESTLEBOARD**

- Jan. 14 - Installation of Officers - Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 28 - Open meeting.



opportunities which lie ahead in 1976. I shall speak in more detail about them here and in future issues of the Trestleboard. My primary objective for 1976 is to perpetuate the Seneca Lodge tradition of excellence. Fraternally,  
J. Rayford Whitley, Master

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Brethren:  
Thank you all for the vote of confidence and the opportunity to serve as Master of Fame Lodge during 1976.

My journalistic shortcomings will be evident and making a syndicated column with my efforts is the least of my concerns. But I am concerned about you, the Brethren, making sure that you are informed of all our upcoming events. The success of our various activities both in and out of Lodge is a result of your efforts, you the individual Brothers. My personal thanks to each of you for the splendid cooperation you have shown during 1975. I hope this same enthusiasm will flourish during 1976 and continue on in years to come. We as a Lodge WANT YOU AND NEED YOU! Stand up and be counted, be part of the action!

Jan. 13th will be Installation of Officers. Lodge will open at 6:00 p.m. At 6:30 the Ladies of Culver Chapter O.E.S. will be serving a roast chicken dinner with all the trimmings. You will be contacted for reservations. What better way to start the new year than by coming to Lodge, enjoying a delightful dinner and the Installation of your 1976 Officers. Our first social event of 1976 will be the "Sno-Ball Open", dinner and bowling party at the Lyon's Den on Jan. 17th. A choice of Prime Ribs or Veal Parmesan, salad bar and 3 games of bowling for \$6.50 per person. There will be a cocktail party at my home, 233 Cravenwood Ave. from 6:00 to 7:30 and then off to the Lyon's Den for an evening of good food and fellowship. Reservations are a must. If you have not been contacted and would like to attend please call me at 663-7320.

By the time this reaches you the Holidays will be a pleasant memory, please accept my belated Best Wishes to you and yours. Fraternally,  
Thomas O. Huttemann,  
Master-Elect

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

If you know of any Brother who is in need of our aid or sympathy, please contact any of the officers.

BROTHERHOOD FUND

I thought it would be appropriate at this time to add a short report on the Brotherhood Fund and to thank all those who have so far participated, especially those Brothers who now live out of town and those unable to attend Lodge as they once did but still think highly of our Lodge with their continued support over the years.

To date we have credited Fame Lodge with \$467. representing 15.3% of our membership. I think this is a fine start to a noble cause.

Please continue the good work and help make the Spirit of '76 a reality with Fame Lodge standing tall with it's efforts. Fraternally,  
C.K. Bailey,  
Chairman

TRESTLEBOARD

Jan. 13 - 6:00 p.m. - open lodge. 6:30 p.m. dinner. 7:30 p.m. Business meeting and



Mr. & Mrs. Harry Kennedy, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Yorks with Lilac Triangle Beloved Queen.

LILAC TRIANGLE

December 8th Lilac Triangle became the proud recipients of the American Flag formerly belonging to the Northfield Chapter of the O.E.S. of Pittsford. This flag was given by Mr. & Mrs. Harry Kennedy and Mr. & Mrs. Donald Yorks and stands proudly in the East at Lilac.

December 13th the line officers of Lilac met at the home of the Beloved Queen to prepare and discuss plans for her Winter-Spring term. It appears we shall be busy beavers and not hibernating bears this winter season.

December 14th our girls met and made holiday favors for the Rochester Friendly Home to enhance their tables and rooms this Yuletide.

December 21st we travelled to the Canandaigua Veteran's Hospital full of bubbly spirits and good cheer.

Monday, Dec. 22nd we held our Christmas party after the regular meeting and the exchange of tree decorations makes one wonder what others' trees must look like. From simplicity to garnished extras, our trees are bound to be a conversation piece for a long time, added with the determination of topping exchanges next year.

The Senior Advisor of the Monroe, Ontario, Steuben and Niagara Districts; Miss Karen Leipold the Junior Advisor of the Monroe, Ontario, and Steuben District; Miss Debbie Leipold spent Christmas Day at the Canandaigua Veteran's Hospital spreading festive cheer.

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Installation of Officers.  
Jan. 17 - The Sno-Ball Open dinner and Bowling Party at the Lyon's Den. Cocktails at Master's home 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 8:00 followed by bowling.  
Jan. 27 - Tureen Dinner with wives. Business meeting.

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FIDELITY TRIANGLE

Nov. 1 - A delegation from Fidelity attended the Installation of Beloved Queen Cheryl Miller and her staff of Officers at Lockport Triangle.

Nov. 15 - Miss Karen Leipold, resigned as Jr. Deputy of Lilac Triangle, to become Sr. Advisor of our District. She was installed as Sr. Advisor by our new State Director, Mrs. Irene Mann. A delegation from Fidelity attended the installation ceremonies at the East Rochester Masonic Temple.

Nov. 17 - A reception was held at Germania Chapter O.E.S. to honor R:W: Erna D. Taylor who was appointed, "Grand Ruth". She is Past Matron and Past Secretary of Germania Chapter and Past Jr. Deputy of Fidelity Triangle. Delegations from Fidelity and Lilac Triangles, honored her with a special Degree.

Nov. 14 - Beloved Queen Patricia Hutchinson attended the reception for R:W: Willard Goodridge, D.G.L. at Etolian Chapter and she was introduced from the East.

Nov. 19 - The semi-annual Line Officers Dinner was held at the home of Beloved Queen Patricia Hutchinson and plans for the ensuing term were discussed.

Nov. 22 - Fidelity girls helped to serve at the lunch for the "Western Region Wardens Leadership Semin-



Fidelity Triangle new members: Wanda Watson, Diane Schofield, Beloved Queen Patricia Hutchinson, Eileen Schimmel, Karolanne Midgley.

ar" at the Masonic Temple. Beloved Queen Patricia Hutchinson was introduced and she thanked R:W: George Dietel, State Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund, for the certificate of "Honor Award" that Grand Lodge had presented to Fidelity Triangle. She also thanked the members of Monroe District for the Bronze Plaque of "Grateful Appreciation" that they had presented to Fidelity Triangle.

Nov. 22 - Formal meeting. The new Queen presented her term plans for approval and four new members were initiated. A social hour and refreshments followed.

TERM PLANS

- Jan. 10 - Regular meeting. Formal. Parents Degree.
- Jan. 11 - Roller skating party at Olympic Park.
- Jan. 16 - Craft party at the home of Mary Kay Jackson.
- Jan. 24 - Regular meeting. Formal. Initiation of new members.

TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON



Listed below are the new Officers who were elected at the December meeting to govern the Forest in 1976: Grand Tall Cedar, Robert C. Johnson; Senior Deputy, Frederick J. Kittelberger; Junior Deputy, William B. Filled.

Installation of the new officers will take place on Thursday, January 22nd at Fame Lodge. There will be a social hour and supper prior to the 8 p.m. meeting. All who plan to attend contact Norm Fedrau at 359-1255.

The Fall party was a great success. Forty-eight members and friends attended. An excellent time was had by all. We again express our appreciation to John and Lillian Rees for the wonderful hospitality they extended us.

Save Saturday night, Feb. 14th. This will be our annual Valentine Party. Ruth Meyer's has offered the use of her home for this event.

The Rochester Forest of Tall Cedars is open for new members. Any Mason who would be interested in joining or seeking further information pertaining to Tall Cedarism contact Norm Fedrau or any member of the Forest.

Fraternally, Eugene Brown,  
Grand Tall Cedar

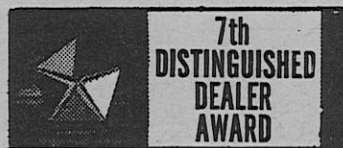
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# York Rite News

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

Companions:  
I would like to thank each of you for the pleasure and privilege to serve as your High Priest for the past year. The year has past, as fast as it came.

The elected Officers for 1975 are as follows: High Priest, Jerome Pulver; King, James Hughes; Scribe, Donald Evans; Secretary, Howard Hornick; and Treasurer, William Fuchs. Let's all help Jerry to make his year a great one for Webster Chapter and York Rite Masonry.

The culinary competition held on Nov. 26th was won by Master Chef, Meritorious Companion Wilfred Wright, who presented his own "Green Tomatoe Mince Meat Pie." Bill, it was fantastic.

I would like to thank our Chapter Secretary for all his help this year. It is usually a thankless job, that is easily overlooked by many people who do not know what the duties of this man are. Without a good man in that position, so goes the organization, so thanks Howard Hornick, for a job well done.

On Jan. 13th Ionic Chapter will join Webster for its closed installation of officers, and on Jan. 27th Webster Chapter will travel to Ionic, for their own open installation.

As of this writing, our sympathies go out to our Grand Chaplain, Rev. William T. Plews for the loss of his beloved wife, Bertha B. Plews on the 15th of December. We all know that she is in God's care.

I trust all those that attended the annual convocation and business meeting, survived the treat of Venison Stew provided by your High Priest. I have not heard of anyone in sickness or distress, so I guess all did so.

At that last meeting, we were glad to see our Chaplain, Walter L. Campbell back and in good health. We missed you and your Bible readings Walt, welcome back. Fraternaly, James O. Hughes, Jr. High Priest

**CYRENE  
COMMANDERY  
No. 39  
KNIGHTS  
TEMPLAR**



**SUMMONS...** You are hereby summoned to attend the annual meeting of Cyrene Commandery No. 39 to be held on January 9th, 1976 at 8:00 P.M. in Cathedral Hall, Masonic Temple, Rochester, N.Y. for the purpose of receiving the annual reports and other committee reports. Gordon C. Mosher, Recorder, PC.

Here it is, the first part of the New Year 1976. We hope that each of you had a wonderful Christmas and also going to have a very good year. The New Year always presents a challenge to each of us and also to help in strengthening our Commandery. We can do it. With this in mind we will have to bear down for our most important event, the Inspection of our Commandery on March 26th.

At the Christmas Party and Toast held on December 12th, we had 17 ladies present, 21 of our members plus 1 visitor. Everyone had a grand time and the lunch was delicious and thanks goes to the ladies as well as the men. Wonderful. It was nice to see some of our newly created members present and their ladies, with us that evening. Good evening well spent.

The Schicker Club ladies worked very hard all year to raise funds for our Jewel account, and we sure appreciate this very much for their loyal support.

Our Generalissimo Donald Evans and his wife Jane are back from a nice vacation in Mexico where they had a grand time. Glad to have them back.

Here is a list of the Sir Knights who were called home during 1975: Eldred W. Kennedy, Feb. 19; Ellis DeWitt, Apr. 7; Herman L. Steffen, May 14; Weldon D. Smith, May 20; Edward W. Gearing, P.C., May 23; and Lloyd Bradfield, P.C., Sept. 20. May they now rest in peace after their earthly labors.

We have no deaths or sickness to report at this time. The annual dues and assessment notices have been sent to all members. If you have not received yours, please contact your Recorder, Gordon C. Mosher. This is important.

Believe that is all for now, so have a happy. Em. Comm. Howard Hornick SK Roy E. Huff, Recorder, PC

### COMING EVENTS

Jan. 9 - Full form opening and it is our Annual Conclave. Lots of business to attend to that night.

Jan. 23 - We will also have a full form opening and rehearsal for our Inspection coming soon. Let's all attend this Conclave.

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Sir Knights:

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We, as Templars, are truly fortunate in our teachings from the "Great Light" in Masonry-We, especially, as a Knight Templar and Christians who have received more light through Chapter and Commandery. We all need to review our obligations and educate ourselves, and keep educating in the process to that destination of that eternal foundation, "that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

The Commandery Festival on Nov. 15th was a huge success with 44 Knightings, of which 12 were for Monroe Commandery. Our Grand Commander, Harold J. Sandwich knighted his son personally.

Commandery was opened at 1:30 p.m. followed by the Order of the Red Cross by Zenobia and Red Jacket Commanderies. The Order of Malta was put on by Cyrene and Geneva Commanderies. F. William Young, P.G.C. sat in the East for the Order of the Temple and as usual did an excellent job, as did all who participated.

Plans are under way now for the show-case to be installed in the lobby of the Temple, similar to that of the Shrine and Consistory, for the York Rite bodies. The plans must be presented to the Temple Civic Center before they can be finalized. This should be a great asset to York Rite.

At the Nov. 21st meeting the General Order No. 1 from Grand Commandery was read. It covers the Templar Plan for 1975-76. It speaks of the Triennial in August 14-19, 1976 in Kansas City. They also remind us of our Country's Bi-centennial, the Easter Sunrise Service in Washington, D.C., April 18, 1976 for which the Zone Commanders are responsible and are taking reservations now. We expect a large turnout and expect to register by Zones, so don't wait to reserve your room with us. General Order No. 1 also elaborates on Inspections with changes. Our Inspection will be Feb. 20, 1976, by S.K: Herbert A. Beldon, Grand Generalissimo.

Our Recorder Walt Fotch is feeling much better and able to attend meetings even though his eye is still not out of danger. Rev. Ed Stokesbeery has been very ill and still is. His address is 519 Cresap St., Lakeland, Florida 33801. Our Prelate Rev. Wm. T. Plews wife has had an operation at Highland Hospital on her hip. She has been in a Nursing Home for

I consider it a distinct pleasure to be able to address you as Excellent High Priest-Elect. I thank all my Companions for elevating me to this high rank and honor. This brings us to the Installation scheduled for Thursday, January 8th. You are invited, by Mildred and myself, to join us at a social hour with libations and dinner to follow. It will be held at the Temple starting at 6:00 p.m. The Installation Ceremonies will start at about 8:00 p.m. There will be a charge for the dinner. Bring your family and friends. Please make your dinner reservations with Mildred or myself - our phone number is 482-6366.

We are fortunate to have such excellent officers. Mel Simmons for King; Ivan Ball as Scribe; Ray Beardsley for Captain of the Host and Don Cook as Principal Sojourner. We hope to have all the other chairs full. Frederick Holderle Jr. and Frank E. Johnson have excepted assignments. The two more required will be found.

A complete list of Officers will be ready for you by January 5th. at the Past High Priests Dinner meeting. Also a schedule of meetings and other events will also be prepared.

We are starting our Degree Work on February 12 by presenting the M.M.M. Degree. The following Degrees will be held at Lavonia, Webster and at Rochester with Ionic Chapter presenting the H.R.A. Please contact those whom are or should be candidates and bring their applications in during January.

Other meetings scheduled for January are Past High Priests Dinner on Monday, Jan. 5; Dansville and Webster Installations, Tuesday, Jan. 13; Ionic Installation on Tuesday, Jan. 27; and the M.E. Club annual meeting on January 30th. Our January 22 meeting will be devoted to getting to know our new Officers and helping them to know their duties.

Be active in your Blue Lodge and all the York Rite Bodies.

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the past few months and is not well. May your prayers go out to her and our Brothers. Fraternaly, Mel Simmons, Commander

### TRESTLEBOARD

Jan. 2 - Full Form Opening, Annual Reports.  
Jan. 16 - Full Form Opening, Rehearsal for Inspection.

### NOTES FROM THE RECORDER

I am certain that all of us had a pleasant Holiday, and are now ready to begin our preparations for our coming Inspection, and for the work necessary to finish the Templar year.

We are anticipating a good class of candidates in the Spring, and will need the

help of everyone to complete the work. The members of the November 15th class are already taking part in the work. We congratulate them on their interest, and wish them much pleasure in their membership.

My thanks to those of who who donated so generously to the Christmas and Charity Fund. Your dollars make this work possible. I have received many letters of thanks from our members. Keep up the good work.

The 1976 Dues Cards are available, and I would be very happy to hear from everyone who has not contacted me.

Have a good year, and may His Blessings enrich the lives of all of us. Fraternaly, Walter G. Fotch Recorder & Editor

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

Companions:  
The year is almost at an end. It seems like only last month the 1975 Officers were installed and behold, the 1976 Officers have been elected and appointed already.

As this is the last opportunity available, your High Priest wishes to thank all the Companions who worked so hard to make this a successful year. We have accomplished much for the good of Ionic Chapter and if you support your High Priest-Elect as well we can expect great things in 1976.

The installation of the 1976 officers will take place on January 27, 1976 at 8:00 p.m. in Cathedral Hall. Come out and support your High Priest-Elect and 1976 Officers. The more you help them the better they will do and the better they do the better Ionic Chapter will prosper. It's amazing how much Masonry will do for you if you work at it.

Mrs. Airy and I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

### CALLED HOME BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT

**HAROLD A. KREIGER**  
Entered into rest on October 14, 1975. May Harold receive that blessed immortality He has promised us.

### TRESTLEBOARD

Jan. 27 - Installation of Officers.



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College No. 25**

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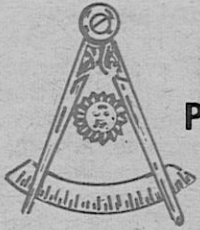
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# DAMASCUS NEWS

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## DAMASCUS PAST MASTER'S DEGREE TEAM

The Annual Dinner meeting of the Damascus Temple Past Masters Degree Team will be held at Rick's Prime Rib House on Friday, January 23, 1976 at 6:30 p.m. Besides enjoying a fine dinner and the Fellowship of fellow members and the Officers of the Divan, the election of Officers for 1976 will be held. All 1975 Masters who are Shriners are being invited to attend. We hope they will consider joining with us. Notices of the meeting will be sent to all active members of the Team as well as Divan Members and Past Potentates who are in town.

To date we have confirmed requests for the Third Degree conferrals in 1976 from three area Blue Lodges.

To all Lodges in the Monroe District and surrounding area encompassed by Damascus Temple, if you would like the Degree Team to visit your Lodge, your call to the Shrine Office at 473-3644 will be given proper attention.

On behalf of our Illustrious Potentate, O. Deane Erwood, we wish to thank those Lodges who made donations to the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospitals in appreciation of the work performed by the Past Masters Degree Team in 1975.

Fraternally,  
Everett Van Putte,  
Secretary-Treasurer



### MEETS EVERY MONDAY 12 NOON

In January the Program Chairman has arranged for an outstanding array of speakers with a special treat for Jan. 12th.

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The symbolism of the Holy Sts. John makes Freemasonry join in all rites, all religions, of all ages in the veneration and reverence for, as well as the celebration of, midwinter and midsummer. Midwinter celebrates the day when the sun again turns northward; midsummer, the golden day of harvest. St. John Days — June 25, St. John the Baptist, and December 27, St. John the Evangelist — are but approximations of the midsummer and midwinter solstices, usually June and December 21. St. John the Baptist was first in Masonic adoption, St. John the Evangelist coming into the Fraternity much later. In 1717, the Grand Lodge of England (Mother Grand Lodge) was formed on St. John the Baptist's Day.

No satisfactory explanation has yet been advanced to explain why operative Masons adopted these two Christian saints, when St. Thomas, the very patron of architecture and building, was available as patron of our Order.

Few symbols of Freemasonry have puzzles initiates more than the "Lodge of the Holy Sts. John at Jerusalem." Freemasonry, having adopted the two Saints John as its patron saints, early conceived the idea that they must have belonged to a Lodge; and, of course, to one in that city in which they lived. There never was any such actual Lodge, just as there never was any Santa Claus, yet the Christmas Saint is a truth, though not a fact. So is the Lodge of the Holy Sts. John a truth, though not a fact; a dream Lodge, a Lodge of the inner vision, an ideal Lodge. Like all good dreams, visions and ideals, it gilds that upon which it shines; without it, life is drab. The Lodge of the Holy Sts. John at Jerusalem is an ideal, as are the saints who were supposed to belong to it; he who truly "comes from the Lodge of the Holy Sts. John at Jerusalem" has with him the ideals for which Freemasonry stands and from which she is born.

- Masonic Tidings-

### PARTIAL LIST OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES OF YOUR SERVICE BUREAU

Acts as a clearing house for Masonic Relief and information for the benefit of every Masonic organization in Monroe County.

Renders counsel and assistance to widows, orphans, the elderly and shut-ins. It conducts investigations for Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters located in other parts of the country whose members now reside in Rochester and vicinity.

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Is affiliated with the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada which enables it to give nation-wide and international service in matters of relief and employment.

Assists applicants to gain admission into the Utica Home and the Eastern Star Home at Oriskany.

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Publishes a directory of officers of Blue Lodges and Concordant Bodies each year. Assists with newspaper publicity of notices of meetings, dinners, etc. of the Lodges and Bodies.

Acts as a place where information can be obtained on various questions regarding meeting dates, activities, names of members, etc.

This is your Bureau and you are welcome to attend the monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at the Temple. Join with us, hear a review of what the Bureau is doing, a preview of what it plans ahead, then join us as we need your support, both personal and financial.

Please contact the Bureau or your Lodge Representative, let us know how you would like to participate, and we will help Masonry and the community greater than ever before.

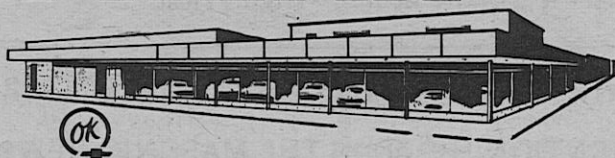
William R. Zufall  
Executive Director

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