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R.:W.: GEORGE A. STEAR
D.D.G.M. FIRST
MONROE DISTRICT



My Dear Brethren,

Which sounds longer to you, 569,400 hours or 65 years? They are exactly the same in length of time. The average man spends his first eighteen years - 157,000 hours - getting an education. That leaves him 412,000 hours from age 18 to 65. Eight hours of every day are spent sleeping; eight hours in eating and recreation. So there is left eight hours to work in each day. One third of 412,000 hours is 134,000 hours - the number of hours a man has in which to work between the age of 18 and 65. Expressed in hours it doesn't seem a very long time, does it? Now I am not recommending that you tick off the hours that you worked, 134,000, 133,999, 133,998, etc., or the time that you spend on Masonic activities, but I do suggest that whatever you do, you do it with all that you have in you. If you are sleeping, sleep well. If you are playing, play well. If you are working, give the best that is in you, remembering that in the last analysis the real satisfactions in life come not from money and things, but from the realization of a job well done. Therein lies the difference between the journeyman worker and a real craftsman.

Fraternally,

George A. Stear - D.D.G.M. 1st Monroe

District Dateline

- February 12-15, 1981 - Grand Master in Florida, 12-Ft. Lauderdale; 14 Tampa; 15 Orlando.
- February 22, 1981 - Wreath Laying and memorial observance, Washington Masonic Monument, Buffalo.
- April 4, 1981 - Sat. Monroe Districts, Grand Bicentennial Ball. Rochester.
- April 30, 1981 - Thurs. 12 noon, George Washington presidential inauguration anniversary, Federal Hall National Memorial, Broad and Wall Streets, Manhattan.
- May 3, 1981 - Sun. 4 p.m. - 200th Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving.
- May 4, 1981 - Mon. 2 p.m., Brotherhood Service, George Washington Masonic Monument, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens.
- May 5, 1981 - Tues. 9:00 a.m., 200th Annual Communication, New York City, 7:00 p.m. Grand Master Dinner, Distinguished Achievement Award.
- May 6, 1981 - Wed. 9:00 a.m. 200th Annual Communication continued. Grand Lodge Installation.
- August 8, 1981 - Sat. Bicentennial celebration and parade. Buffalo.

INTRODUCING NEW EDITOR

R.:W.: FRANK J. ARNOLD
D.D.G.M. SECOND
MONROE DISTRICT



Brethren,

I received a letter from the Grand Master's Office and there are three areas the Grand Master wants followed up, which was part of the Grand Master's Message that you all received earlier. I direct the first area to the Master-Elect. Of the number of men dropped for non payment of dues, as suggested by the Grand Master, did you as Senior Warden make personal contact? How many? What was the result of the personal contact?

I will also expect a report from your Lodge as to your plans for a Bicentennial celebration. The Grand Master feels that your lodge should have already made these plans and a report sent to the D.D.G.M. As a result, he is expecting a report from me as what each lodge is doing for the Bicentennial year.

The other concern of the Grand Master is the condition of the Widows of your Lodge. As I had stated in the Grand Master's message I want a report from your lodge as to this matter so I am able to report to the Grand Master that you are doing something about his matter.

To the Brethren of the Lodge. As you can see the Most Worshipful Grand Master is concerned of your Lodge and you should assist your Master whenever you can.

Fraternally,

Frank Arnold - D.D.G.M. - 2nd Monroe

I found an interesting little article that explains itself.

"The Member Who Never Came Back"

"It amuses me now to think that your organization spends so much time looking for new members—when I was there all the time. DO you remember me?"

I'm the fellow who came to every meeting, but nobody paid any attention to me, I tried several times to be friendly, but everyone seemed to have his own friends to talk to and sit with.

I sat down among some unfamiliar faces several times, but they didn't pay much attention to me.

I hoped somebody would ask me to join one of the committees or to somehow participate and contribute—but no one did.

Finally, because of illness, I missed a meeting. The next month no one asked me where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much whether I was there or not.

On the next meeting date I decided to stay home and watch a good television program. When I attended the next meeting no one asked me where I was the month before.

You might say that I'm a good guy, a good family man, that I hold a responsible job and love my community.

You know who else I am? I'm the member who never came back!"



The Editorial Review Committee of the Masonic Service Bureau is pleased to announce the appointment of Worshipful Albert R. Johnson as Editor and Business Manager of the Monroe Masonic News. Wor. Bro. Johnson, whose responsibilities begin with this issue of the News, brings a wide range of experience and diverse background to the position, as well as a real flair for using the English language, as all of who read his lodge column in each issue of the 1979 News will remember. Wor. Bro. Johnson indicates that he does not anticipate any immediate changes in the style or format of the News, but he does not rule out the possibility of such changes in the future. He is a Past Master (1979) and present Senior Warden of Ancient Craft Lodge #943, and he and his wife Virginia are members of Sunshine Chapter #730.

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DETROIT MASONIC TEMPLE TO BE MOVIE SET

When shooting begins in the fall for the feature film, "Assignment Berlin," there will be a number of "firsts" involved. It's the first time Detroit is to be used as the locale of this 1920's period film which is to represent somewhere else, according to Hrayr Toukhanian, producer-director of the film, "Berlin as it was in 1921 no longer exists," Toukhanian said, "so why not Detroit? The vintage cars are available, some of the charming old houses are available in the Detroit area, and then there is the Masonic Temple. Everything in it is period. It's ideal!!! The furniture, rugs, carved and paneled walls, slate floor — everything! One of the Masonic lodge rooms is almost a duplicate of the actual room in which the trial depicted in the film was held in Berlin."

"Assignment Berlin" is what is termed a "docu-drama," that is to say that the story is factual, but dramatic license has been taken to develop the plot with all its romance, intrigue, greed and man's inhumanity to man.

Toukhanian, who is vice president of Video Films Inc. of Detroit, said this project is being largely financed in Detroit.

The world premiere will be held in Detroit in the Scottish Rite Cathedral of Masonic Temple, site of the 1980 Emmy Awards presentation. Proceeds from the premiere will be for the benefit of various charitable funds.

Toukhanian is a member of Birmingham Lodge No. 44 and is also affiliated with all other branches of the Masonic Craft.

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Masonic Tom Swifties

What kind of apron is that, the candidate asked innocently.
Our ancient brethren assembled on high hills, he said loftily.
There is none in the north, he said darkly.
Brotherly love and relief are among the tenets of Masonry, he said truthfully.
There were employed 71,000 Entered Apprentices, or bearers of burdens, he said tiredly.
Our lodge business meeting is tonight, he stated.
The square is my emblem, he said masterly.
And the compass is ours, they answered craftily.
There was not heard the sound of axe, hammer or any tool of iron while it was building, he said quietly.
This is a rough ashlar, he said stonily.
And this is the perfect ashlar, he nodded smoothly.
I now declare this lodge to be called from labor to refreshment, he said hungrily.
The pitcher is borken at the fountain, he said in a shattered voice.
Where's the tiler's sword, he asked pointedly.
Right here, the tiler replied cuttingly.
We should spread the cement of brotherly love, he said concretely.
This is our Master, he said worshipfully.
And this is our Senior Warden, he added levelly.
We study the science of geometry, he said nobly.
And also the arts and science, he added liberally.
Some of the materials for the Temple came from Lebanon, he said woodenly.
One of our ornaments is the Blazing Star, he said heatedly.
We are operative Masons also, the doctor said incisively.
Have you anything on your desk, Brother Secretary, he asked resignedly.
Did you hear about the raise in dues, he asked painfully.
Yes, replied the life member painlessly.

THE GOLDEN RULE

The simple injunction which if followed would solve all the problems of mankind is found in all ages and all faiths. The Golden Rule antedates Christianity and was ancient in the time of Confucius. The oldest religious writings, the Vedas which date back over 4000 years state the principle in a most practical manner.

VEDA: "Men gifted with intelligence will always treat others as they themselves wish to be treated." Other versions through the ages:

BUDDHA: "One should seek for others the happiness one desires for oneself";

CONFUCIUS: "What you do not wish done to yourself do not unto others";

ZORASTER: "Do not do unto others that which is not well for oneself";

MOHAMMED: "No one of you is a believer until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself";

HINDU: "The true rule of life is to guard and do by things of others as they do by their own";

JUDAISM: "Whatever you do not wish your neighbor to do to you, do not unto him";

CHRISTIAN: "All things whatever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even unto them.".

SCHOOL OF RITUAL

Schedule for 1981

February 6. 1st Degree: Genesee Falls Lodge - Seneca Lodge. Location: Masonic Temple, Main St. East.

March 13. 2nd Degree: East Rochester Lodge - Henrietta Lodge. Location: Wakan Lodge, 4275 Culver Road.

April 24. 3rd Degree: Frank L. Simes Lodge - Union Star Lodge. Location: Charlotte Lodge, 4550 Lake Avenue.

November 6. Opening, Closing, Balloting. Clio Lodge - Zetland Lodge. Location: Fairport Lodge, 87 So. Main St., Fairport.

All meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. Prompt and will adjourn no later than 9:30 p.m. Masters of Lodges are kindly requested to bring the above dates to the attention of their Lodge Officers, and encourage their attendance. Maurice Solomon, A.G.L. Robert C. Pettit, A.G.L. Executive Secretaries

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

by Rev. William H. McKee

We live in a time of change, in a world divided. Although we have organizations binding us together there is division, distrust, and continual discussion. We are proud that this is the Twentieth Century and yet we often think we face impossible tasks, with very difficult solutions. Recently I reread some of the Book of the Profit Issiah. To be sure, he may not have gone through a national election which turned down his hopes for Israel but the leaders of Israel were repeatedly led astray and the nation defeated, despised and distressed. Isaiah recalls how the Creator again and again came to the rescue of His Chosen people and restored them to their former home and as we say "a Place in the Sun."

There is a need for every individual here on earth to read and reread the reports preserved for us by Isaiah and others of the eternal care of God from the very beginning of Creation. That care is still being granted us, is still available if we who care, commit ourselves and seek it - available in 1981 even as it was in the very beginning and all the centuries since.

The Psalmist reminds us:

God is our shield and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not be afraid even if the earth is shaken and mountains fall into the ocean depths.

The Lord almighty is with us.

The God of Jacob is our refuge. And those promises are just as certain of fulfillment as when given us centuries ago. Psalm 46.



GROTTO

With the Masonic Temple being closed the last two weeks in January, Grotto Installation of Officers was moved from January 31st to February 10th. Conflicts with installations of other Grottos were created and limited the participation of State officers. However, Lalla Rookh's Past Monarchs filled this void and did a terrific job of installing the officers. Past Monarch Ron Charron was installing officer and was assisted by Past Monarchs Burton Thompson, Ken Milner, Robert Smith, Jay Painton, William Yahn, Ernest Starr, Charles McClary, Ralph B. Gray, Ernest E. Wilson, Frank Smith, P.M. Robert Young was the installing marshal and Prophet Ralph Lunn assisted at the Fez table.

The following were installed: Daniel Geska Monarch, Merch Merritt Chief Justice, Ronald Bishop Master of Ceremonies, Harry Davis Ven Prophet, P.M. Raymond Morrison Treasurer, P.M. Ernest E. Wilson Secretary, Capt. of the Guard, Howard Bullis, Marshal Fred Ambeau, Orator, Ted Theodor, Steward Eugene Golding, Inside Sentinel Arthur Shaw, Outside Sentinel Gary Hargrave, Chaplain P.M. Kenneth Milner.

The Band, Greeters, Patrol and Legion of Honor Units participated at the installation. A reception was held after the installation in ballroom A with refreshments supplied by the new Monarch and the food prepared by his lovely wife Barbara.

An open house was held at the Colony East after midnight with sandwiches being supplied by P.M. Charles McClary and his wife Dorothy.

The following Prophets were reported sick: Bayless Bartlett had a heart attack and is in intensive care at Genesee Hospital, Gilly Hess had a hip replacement and is at home and on the road to recovery, Boyd Curtis is now home after a stay in the hospital.

The annual Grotto dinner meeting will be held on the SECOND Wednesday February 11th. The dinner is \$3 to all members with their 1981 dues card. Plan to attend and support your Grotto.

Yours in Goodfellowship,
Theodore Z. Theodor

A PERFECT LODGE

by W. B. Henry Tuebel,
Tulia Lodge No. 733

I think that I shall never see
A Lodge that's all it ought to be;
A Lodge whose Members never stray
Beyond the straight and narrow way.
A Lodge that has no empty chair,
Whose Master never need despair;
A Lodge whose Members always pay
Their dues on time without delay.
Whose gossips never peddle lies
Or make complaints or criticize;
Where all are always sweet and kind
And to all others' faults are blind.
Such perfect Lodges there may be
But none of them are known to me;
But still we'll work and pray and plan
To make our Lodge the best we can.

The Texas Freemason

MASONIC SERVICE BUREAU SICKROOM EQUIPMENT BOX SCORE December 1, 1980 - December 31, 1980

	Loaned Out	Returned	In Use 12/31/80
Walkers	13	5	190
Beds, etc.	4	1	91
Wheelchairs	9	8	136
Commodos	7	3	173
Canes & Crutches	6	5	229
Others	1	-	147
TOTALS	40	33	966



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.

During the years, I have often come across unusual Masonic episodes. The following are examples:

1. "Little Orphan Annie," was a popular cartoon for many years. One of the most important characters in the comic strip was a multi-millionaire, Daddy Warbucks, her foster father. In one of the strips Little Orphan Annie says: "With all his mines and oilwells in the Orient, Daddy has traveled there hundreds of times, but he says, one time he traveled to the East but didn't make a dime yet it meant more to him than all the other trips he'll ever make. I don't get it. Do you?"

2. On a Sunday in July 1863, Confederate General John H. Morgan and his soldiers entered the town of Verailles, Indiana and captured a company of 100 militia men.

They then entered the county office building and confiscated \$5000 of public funds. The Masonic Lodge occupied the second story of the building. A soldier entered the lodge room, and carried away the officers silver jewels. When General Morgan learned of this, he ordered the jewels returned to the lodge room.

3. President McKinley (who was assassinated in 1901 while in office) was asked by a friend how he happened to be a Mason. He told the following story, "Toward the end of the war in 1865, as a young soldier, I was attached to the surgeon of an Ohio regiment. After a battle in which a large number of Confederates were taken prisoners. I accompanied the surgeon to a field where about 5000 prisoners were under guard. After we passed the guards, to my amazement I saw the surgeon stop before a number of prisoners, shake their hands and give them money from a roll of bills he had taken from his pocket.

On the way back to camp full of curiosity I asked, "Did you know these men, have you met them before? I never saw them before," he answered. "Then why did you give them all that money?" His answer was simple and direct. "They are brother Masons in trouble and it was my duty to help them." I decided that if that is Masonry, I want to be a part of it.

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MASONIC SERVICE BUREAU

The Masonic Service Bureau is pleased to announce the election of R.W. Harold E. Weiser as President for 1981. As R.W. Bro. Weiser is presently a patient at Monroe Community Hospital where he is making a good recovery from a recent illness, the leadership of the Board of Directors will fall to the new Vice-President, R.W. Ronald D. Mertens. It is expected that Pres. Weiser will be able to assume his duties in a short time. In other action taken at the Annual Meeting, R.W. Marion Nevert and R.W. Anthony Schatzlein have been reelected as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. This will be the 43rd term as Treasurer for R.W. Bro. Schatzlein, who first held that office in 1938. The Board of Directors accepted with regret the resignation of R.W. Ruth Beatty as a Director, and elected W. Jessie Scott to fill the remainder of Sister Ruth's term. W. Philip King was elected to the Board, replacing R.W. John Braund, who moves to the Advisory Council of the Bureau.

We extend our congratulations to all these newly elected directors and officers, and also our sincere thanks to those who have served us so well in the past, particularly outgoing President Roger Lowry and retiring director John Braund and Ruth Beatty.

We have just a few of the Dinner/Theatre Club Books left - we have withdrawn the ad from this issue of the news, but if you write or call the office at 473-4351, we'll be glad to fill your order as long as our supply lasts.

Don't forget Canandaigua VA Hospital on Feb. 8 - we need volunteers, which means we need YOU.

Fraternally,
 Bill Zufall
 Executive Director

LODGE news and views

YONNONDIO LODGE No. 163 1st and 3rd Tuesdays



Brethren,

When you talk to your wives and children, please remind them that we are not mind-readers and cannot tell when you are sick or in distress. We must receive a message from someone telling us. Report all to the Master, W.: Carl M. Cropo, 247-1689, S.W. Norm Mundt, 247-3782 or J.W. Warren Elston, 657-6469 as soon as possible. We are all interested in you so please come to Lodge or call us.

By the time you get this article, five new brothers will have started on the path to Master Mason. The Degree of Fellowcraft will be their next step on March 3, 1981. I hope you will make an extra effort to be present at this time to show them we care about the Fraternity we love so much and the Brotherhood it means.

Send your Brotherhood donations to our Brotherhood Chairman, Larry MacDonald, 155 Drake Drive, Rochester, New York 14617 or to our Co-Chairman, Brion I. Phelps, 361 Wellington Avenue, Rochester, New York 14619 and a tax deductible receipt will be returned to you. Remember we don't want to be the lowest contributors to the Brotherhood Fund in this Bicentennial Year of Masonry

in New York State. Your help is needed.

Our Secretary, W.: Gordon C. Mosher is a fantastic secretary but there is only so much work that one man can do. I am therefore asking for one of our brethren to step forward and offer your assistance to this very important job. I am sure W.: Mosher will appreciate any help he receives.

We are looking for someone who will be our Lodge Representation to the Masonic Service Bureau. This person will act as a liaison between the lodge and the Service Bureau, attending one meeting a month (usually brief) and reporting at our meetings on the current activities and needs of the Service Bureau. If we don't get a volunteer we will appoint one, but of course we'd be much happier if someone interested in this assignment would speak up and let us know.

Sickness & Distress

W.: Alrbert Abbazia is at home, 1338 Jay Street. W.: W.: Harold Weiser is at the Monroe Community Rehabilitation Center, Rochester, New York. Brother Ryal DeVoist is at home, 195 Lake Road.

These brethren deserve visits, phone calls and cards. All will feel much better if we paid them a little attention.

Our Fellowcraft will meet Feb. 24, 1981. Call the Master for the time and place.

Fraternally,
 W.: Carl M. Cropo

We're glad you asked!



David P. Crawford



R. Kenneth Crawford

Funeral Directors

FAMILY OUT OF TOWN? A GOOD REASON TO PRE-PLAN

We have, on occasion, suggested some of the most important reasons for pre-planning a funeral. These include alleviating the burden which falls on your family and insuring that your wishes will be followed exactly. However, there is another very important reason for pre-planning a funeral -- one which affects a great many people.

Not everyone has "family" living in town. We are a nation of travelers. Although long-distance, out-of-town funeral arrangements are not uncommon, they tend to be more costly.

If you do not have family members close by or if you are planning an extended trip out of town, it may be a practical idea to consider pre-planning at this time.

We are thoroughly familiar with what is involved in pre-planning and, should you be interested, in the strict New York State laws concerning pre-paid funeral services as well. Please call us with your questions and concerns.

This is one of a series of articles which we hope will be helpful. Your questions and comments on this and other subjects are welcome -- in private, or publically through this column.

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PENFIELD UNION LODGE
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Brethren,
I am providing my first contribution to the Monroe Masonic News for Penfield Union Lodge #154. Please notify me if you desire a different format.

The year 1981 has gotten off to a great start for Penfield Union Lodge. The turnout for both the Tiled and Public Installations was excellent. The 1981 officers express our appreciation to those who attended and our special gratitude to R.W. Fred Wolfe for his work as Installing Master.

Our congratulations to Brother Douglas Morgan, who was raised to Master Mason this month, and immediately accepted a place in line.

February 17, 1981 will be the night for our Past Masters to demonstrate their proficiency. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. by the Ladies of the Eastern Star. Please contact our Junior Warden, Brother Gary Langdon, with your reservation.

Our best wishes for a great year to all Masons in the area, especially to Grand Lodge of New York on its 200th anniversary.

Fraternally,
Robert W. Shrader, Master

FLOWER CITY LODGE
No. 910
2nd Tuesday

I wish to express my sincere thanks for your confidence in electing me to serve YOU as Master of Flower City in 1981. With your help, and attendance at Lodge meetings, I am sure that 1981 will be a banner year. At our next meeting, Feb. 10, we will be balloting on petitions from two gentlemen who desire to become Master Masons. This will give us a class of three for degrees in Mar., Apr., and May. Come to Lodge, ballot, and let R.W. Phil Averbach know you want to help out on the third degree which will be in May and in costume.

W: Seymour Kopen had a successful known operation,

but is still using a cane. Bro. Art Blumenthal's wife, Helen, passed away in January and the Lodge's prayers go out to Bro. Art in his sorrow.

It is with sorrow, I also report the passing to the Supreme Lodge above of Bros. H. Kiminz, H. Warren, M. Gordon, J. Rumaner and A. Rosenstein. Our sympathy is extended to the families of these Brothers.

Please read the brochure on the Brotherhood Fund that you will receive in the mail with my monthly letter. Our guests at the Home in Utica count on us for their well being. Examine the length of your cabletow my Brothers. In this Bicentennial year we shall strive to achieve 100% participation in the Brotherhood Fund to reflect the principles of Freemasonry which we were taught upon our entrance into the Fraternity.

Feb. 10 will be an open meeting with the work on the Trestleboard a discussion of 200 years of Masonry in the State of New York. A short meeting to be followed by fellowship among the Brothers.

Fraternally,
Gordon Dodge, Master

TRESTLEBOARD

Feb. 3 - Fellowcraft (Date change due to Temple closing)
Feb. 10 - Lodge Mtg.

NORTHFIELD LODGE
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Brethren,

I wish to thank all of you who attended the Installation of the 1981 officers. It would be nice to see the sideline just as full for all of our meetings this year. Just a thank you is not enough to say to W. Frank S. McConnel, W. Don Phelps and W. Jack Thibout, for their excellent work as Installing Officers. Many thanks to my wife Linda, and her faithful helpers for the excellent dinner and Raymond Beardsley Jr. and The DeMolay for their help in serving it.

The Sickness and Visiting Committee consisting of R.W. Harry Kennedy 586-

1873, W. Frank McConnell 586-2750 and W. Bob Zahn 381-3032 wish to be informed if any brother needs our aid. We cannot do our job if we are not notified.

Brother John Williams is our Brotherhood Chairman. Let's get our checks to him. His address is 34 Kurt Rd., Pittsford, N.Y. 14534.

Sickness & Distress

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Bro. John Earls and family on the passing of their son Daniel G. who was stricken with leukemia.

Thought for the month. There's so much good in the worst of us. So much bad in the best of us. That it's hard to tell which one of us ought to reform the rest of us.

Fraternally,
W. Bob Zahn
Master

TRESTLEBOARD

Feb. 5 - Regular Meeting, Special Guests
Feb. 15 - Communion Service 8 a.m. at United Church, Pittsford. 9 a.m. Breakfast at Lodge Guest Speaker - Rev. Canon William F. Kirkpatrick, Asst. to the Bishops of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester
Feb. 19 - Regular Mtg.

OATKA LODGE
No. 759
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Greetings from the 1981 Officers. The theme for this year is "Education" and "Friendship."

In the name of the Lodge I extend sympathy to W.: James Morrow and family who have experienced the death of a six year old grandson on December 31, 1980. Bro. Walter Yahn is ill at home and our concerns is also directed to him. Cards would be welcomed. Bro. Yahn's address is: 31 Main St., Scottsville, N.Y. 14546.

The "Installation of Officers" on Jan. 14 was very ably conducted by W.: John Pascussi with the assistance of W.: C. Robert Moore as Marshal. Handsome program booklets were provided which will be mailed to all who did not attend the ceremony.

Coming Events

Fellowcraft Club Meeting and Dinner on Jan. 22 at 6:30. "Buffalo Meat" Stew is planned.

Feb. 14 at 8:00, Regular Communication. "Masonic Etiquette" will be reviewed.

Feb. 28 at 8:00, Regular Communication "Masonic Etiquette" continued.

Special Date: May 27, 1981. "Patriarchs Night" with a talk on "Masonic Presidents" by Bro. Ward Ekas.

Special Date: Saturday, July 11, 1981. The 200 Anniversary of Grand Lodge Party. More details in another mailing. Save the Date.

Fraternally,
R.G. Wright,
Master

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

Brethren,

Sorry I missed out on last months Newsletter. You know I received so many remarks made to me, I realize now what this newspaper means to many people, not only men, women also read this News and believe me they are just as much if not more interested than men, they were the ones who gave me a hard time! I loved it!

By now most of you know we are only meeting the first Monday of February and March. February meeting is Inventory Nite. I hope to have a complete inventory made of all our robes etc. which are in our cupboards & wardrobes. The March meeting on the 2nd will be a dinner meeting, with a speaker. Please make reservations to our secretary W. Merle Nulton 436-3311 by the 26th of February. This should be a good meeting. I'm hoping to have a P.M. in the East. Many of our members were of the option one meeting a month would help bring out the members, well now is your opportunity to prove that idea. So let's try and fill the Lodge room. The Sr. Deacon would love it, he never gets anybody talking to him!

So far I have to thank each and everyone for the way they have responded to their dues payment, as of this date we only have a few members who haven't paid 1980 and I'm sure they will too when they realize that they should have a new dues card stamped 1981. Some states don't allow their lodges to admit a member with an old card, they figure a Mason pays his bills when due, which is a good concept for man and country!!

Reports on sick: Bro. Earle French who has been quite ill is improving slowly, our best wishes go out to him. Bro. Robert Allen has been very ill and our hopes are that he makes a speedy recovery, we miss you! Called home by the Supreme Architect: Bro. Sydney Clarke passed away on December 8, 1980. Bro. Clarke was a 53 year member.

Bro. Beecher Jeffrey by special dispensation of the Grand Royal Arch Masons

received the obligation of M.E.M. and R.A.M. Degrees on Dec. 28th at my home: Companion Beecher Jeffrey is now considered a full member of Ionic Chapter #210 of R.A.M. Due to Beecher's disability he was unable to complete the degrees in full at the last Royal Arch Festival 1980. I wish Companion Beecher a full and enjoyable Sojourn in Ionic #210.

In closing I would just like to say that some Masons can't come to lodge, they do pay their dues to the Lodge and they live their lives as Masons, they help to spread the word or Freemasonry, so brothers, I raise my "HAT" to you.

Fraternally,
Archie Barbour, Master

CHURCHVILLE LODGE
No. 667
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Brethren,

I wish to thank all the brethren of Churchville Lodge for electing me as Master of 1981. I shall work to the best of my ability to earn the trust you have placed in me.

Installation night was a real success. A fine dinner was prepared by Bro. Robert Simons and Bro. Charles Markham. W. Norman Morgan, as Installing Master and R.W. Evert Vail as Installing Marshal both did a nice job.

Congratulations to W. Dave Morris for the fine job he did as Master of Churchville Lodge in 1980.

There was a good turnout of R.W., W. and Brethren on the sideline, but to all other brethren who did not get to lodge that night, you were missed and I would be happy to see you at our next meeting.

On January 28th, we raised two new bros.; Bro. Andrew Baxter and Bro. Donald Smith. A nice job was done by W. William Baxter in the East and our Past Masters doing the Second Section. All this was preceded by another delicious dinner prepared by Nola Chapter of the Eastern Star.

The Brotherhood Fund Chairman is Bro. Steve Gascon. We hope to have 100% representation in contributions this year.

Fraternally,
Leon Morgan, Master

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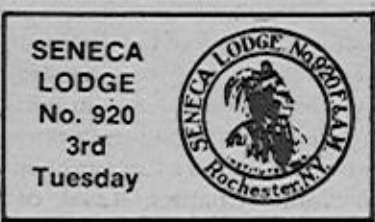
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For dinner on Monday, February 9th we are planning a spaghetti entree with a special wine tasting experience.

Continuing a tradition started many years ago, Craftsman Lodge will join us for the evening. Following the meeting we will enjoy refreshments, card playing, and old fashioned socializing with our former neighbors.

Reserve Saturday, May 16th for the highlight of our 1981 social season - THE SENECA LODGE DINNER DANCE. St. Andrew's Lodge from Toronto will be paying us a return visit that weekend to help us celebrate our Bicentennial (Grand Lodge of N.Y.).

If you wish to stay overnight at the Marriott Inn (Route 15 & Thruway) along with our Canadian guests it is imperative that you call me NOW to assure a room. Reservations are going quickly because the annual Lilac Festival will be held the same weekend.

Master's Message

The attendance at the annual meeting was most gratifying. At dinner alone we had more than 75 brothers. It was a tribute to the outgoing Master and Secretary, Wor. Bill Bare and Wor. Bill Staples for the outstanding and sometimes arduous, work in guiding our lodge thru the difficult channels of laws, rules and regulations of the final consolidation with the Frank R. Lawrence Lodge brothers. Many other brothers, too numerous to include in this publication, also worked long hours to create the unity of a new and stronger Seneca Lodge.

The full sidelines were not lost on the newly elected and appointed officers; they were also very pleased with the turnout. I tried to thank each of the attending brothers personally, but with the

excitement and the many new details to cover I was unable to spend the time I should have in greeting and talking with so many of our friends.

Thanks to Bro. Jack Phillips for preparing and serving his traditional egg nog. It helped launch a memorable evening.

A special thanks to Rt. Wor. Norm Selke and the Past Masters for their participation in the Investiture ceremonies; also to Wor. Hal Miller, Installing Master, Wor. Larry Snodgrass, Installing Marshal, and Bro. Ward Wright, Installing Chaplain.

1981 is the Bicentennial year of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. What thrust can we make to propel Masonry thru the ages for another one or two centuries? The power comes from each one of us, by spending just a little more effort and showing a little more concern for one another. Let us resolve to be better men and Masons by giving a little more of ourselves - in time and talent - which provides the fuel to keep our Ancient Craft strong & vibrant.

What are some of the goals this year?

1. Concern for the less fortunate. To date we have received \$1,508 from 73 brothers (over \$20 each) which is a great start for the Brotherhood Fund. Chairman Bob Green is looking for your donation.

2. Better Lodge attendance. Thru the Telecommunications Committee we plan on contacting most of our members residing in the local area. This communication is important not only to convey invitations to lodge and other functions, but also to find out if any brother is in need of our help. Chairman Jim Muirhead is looking to you for assistance in making the calls. Offer your services, call him at 352-0477.

3. New Social and Recreational Activities. Contact Chairman Ward Wright of the Fellowcraft Club who needs help in planning and organizing the activities outlined in the Fellowcraft News. Our theme: "More Fun in '81"

Bro. Frank Johnston will require assistance from time to time with regards to some of the basic lodge functions. Watch for his "From the South" articles.

4. Promote the concepts of Masonry to increase membership in Seneca Lodge. More on this in the next issue.

5. Simplify admission to lodge. Some brothers, especially those who have not been in lodge for a number of

years, are reluctant to attend because they have forgotten the words and signs. No problem. All the officers are prepared to help you when you arrive at lodge or at dinnertime. Just tell them what your concerns are. A Greeters committee is being formed to help further.

6. Shorten the meetings. To start I will excuse the brothers just after the reading and acceptance of the minutes but before the closing routines (which duplicate the opening procedures). This will give you a chance to get home earlier or to get to the hospitality room and have more time for cards or socializing.

Fraternally,
H.A. Fritz Friedrich,
Master

**Seneca Calendar
All Meetings in Doric Hall
3rd Floor**

Monday, February 9, 1981 - Open Meeting, 6:30 p.m. dinner; 7:30 p.m., Meeting.

Monday, March 9, 1981 - 1st Degree; 5:45 p.m., Open; 6:30 p.m., dinner; 7:30 p.m., business and Degree.

Tuesday, April 21, 1981 - 2nd Degree; 5:30 p.m., First Section; 6:30 p.m., Dinner; 7:30 p.m., business and Second Section.

Officers for 1981

Master - Wor. H.A. "Fritz" Friedrich; Senior Warden - Bro. Joseph T. Fisher; Junior Warden - Bro. Frank E. Johnston, Jr.; Secretary - Wor. Donald B. Scrivens; Assistant Secretary - Wor. William D. Bare; Treasurer - Bro. Harry S. Phillips; Chaplains - Bro. James A. Hill, IV, Bro. R. James Muirhead, Bro. George C. Zutes; Senior Deacon - Bro. William H. Schafer; Assistant Senior Deacon - Bro. Stephen R. Whittaker; Junior Deacon - Bro. Paul A. Vick; Senior Master of Ceremony - Bro. Robert W. Shaver, Sr.; Junior Master of Ceremony - Bro. Scott F. Schaeffer; Steward - Bro. Charles H. Gillman; Steward - Bro. Robert C. Green, Jr.; Marshal - Bro. Larry E. Foster; Director of Music - Wor. Robert Cook; Tiler - Bro. Howard P. Stickney; Trustee's - Wor. James B. Scobell, Wor. Allen L. Cobb, Wor. Robert B. Van Den Berg, Wor. William D. Bare & Wor. William W. Mason.

Committees for 1981

Finance: James a. Hill IV, Chairman; Edwin O. Steinmann, Chairman Emeritus; Master, Secretary, Treasurer, Trustees, Wardens & Deacons; Richard A. Gilmore; N. Clifford Nelson, Jr.; Howard P. Stickney.

Brotherhood Fund: Robert C. Green, Jr., Chairman.

Fellowcraft Club: E. Ward Wright, Chairman; Craig W. Wright, Vice-Chairman.

Bicentennial Committee: Frank E. Johnston, Jr., Chairman.

Degree Team: Wor. Harold R. Miller, Director.

Ritual Directors: Wor. Loren R. Snodgrass, 1st degree; Wor. Robert B. Van Den Bergh, 2nd degree; Wor. William H. Russell, 3rd Degree.

Legal Council: Wor. Bruce E. Hanson.

Investments Advisor: E. Ward Wright.

Greeters: Rt. Wor. Fred J. Belluscio, Co-Chairman; Rt. Wor. Norman H. Selke, Co-Chairman.

Hospitaler: Stanley C. Brown, Chairman.

Telecommunications: R. James Muirhead, Chairman.

Historian: Wor. J. Rayford Whitley.

The Trestleboard: Richard A. Gilmore, Editor; Wor. Allen M. Brewer, Publisher.

Fellowcraft Club News

E. Ward Wright, Chairman, Business: 385-4350, Residence: 586-0301, Mobile Tel.: 325-1352.

Plans are underway for some exciting new activities in addition to the popular perennial affairs. The Ladies are included, of course.

Saturday, February 21, 1981 - Winter Party at Dr. Bob McCormack's on West Lake Road, Canandaigua.

April - Men's and Women's Fashion Show (with support from leading Rochester stores.)

June - Men's and Women's golf tournament and Summer outing.

September - Old Fashioned Clambake.

November - Bowling Party at local country club, with a fine Buffet afterwards. For Bowlers and non-bowlers.

In other events we are considering; a cabin party; a sailing outing; cross-country skiing; winery visitation; trip to the Utica Home (overnight); Roller Skating Party, etc.

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

Salutations Brethren,

Your Lodge is off and running in 1981. Don't be left at the starting line. Your officers have some great things planned. Be part of it. But before outlining what's happening in February, here are a few words from our Master: Greetings and thanks again to all for electing me as Master. Special thanks to W. David Foster, W. Heinz Gunkel, and W. Norman Hegedorn for serving as installing officers, and to all who were at the Installation, especially in light of the weather that night.

W. Wolfgang Piaskowski

And now, back to the news! Our one and only Lodge meeting of the month will be on February 11th. Your officers will exemplify the 1st Degree that night. That is unless we get some new candidates. Then we'll put a class through later in the year.

We would all rather put a class through, so get some petitions in as soon as

possible. Whatever, get out and support your Lodge. And remember, there is only one meeting this month. Can't you find the time to spend one night in Lodge?

There will be a Fellowcraft Club meeting on Tuesday, February 3rd. The new officers will be elected and plans will be discussed for our Annual Fellowcraft Ladies Night. Mark your calendars now! Ladies Night will be Saturday, March 28th at the Redman's Club. Save the date for a "fantastic" evening.

Since there is only one Lodge meeting in February, we're trying to get a group of brothers together to go visit another Lodge out in Suburbia. Let Wolfgang know if you're interested. He will give you the details.

Don't forget to save your newspapers. If you run out of room storing them, call one of the officers. We'll be glad to pick them up. These papers really help your Lodge. We could use your help!

The Brotherhood Fund donations are coming in too slowly if we're going to make our goal. You fellows can change that. Send your donation into Brother Bruce Howland right away. Your brothers in the Home at Utica are depending on you.

Last but not least--Happy Birthday to all of you with February Birthdays. See you in Lodge.

Fraternally & Sincerely,
David N. Foster,
Correspondent

TRESTLEBOARD

Feb. 3 - Fellowcraft Meeting
Feb. 11 - Business Meeting/
1st Degree Exemplification

**EAST ROCHESTER LODGE
No. 1020
2nd and 4th Tuesdays**

Thanks to the efforts of Bro. Gordon Hoag, The Installation of Officers took place in a newly painted lodge room and on freshly cleaned carpet. Bro. Gordon and Bro. Arnold Mundy have, in the past few months, repaired much of the water damage in the building; and Bro. Merle Rogers installed some new radiators just in time for the cold weather. Their work is greatly improving the appearance and comfort of the lodge and is very much appreciated.

We have been informed that Bro. Howard Case suffered a stroke early in January. At the time of this writing he is hospitalized and responding to treatment. Letters and cards may be addressed to: 2411 17th Lane West, Bradenton, Fla. 33505.

For the March 10th meeting, Bro. George Lloyd will prepare a sauerbraten and potato pancake dinner. The cost will be \$4.00 per person. Please make reservations with Bro. Stu Weiner, 266-1734.

Fraternally,
Pat McNenny
Master

If each Lodge had to pay for the maintenance of its deserving elderly folks at a private facility, it wouldn't be as good as our Home in Utica and it would cost YOU a considerable sum of money each year. Why not count your Blessings for our Home... and give just a small part of the amount you save to the Brotherhood Fund TODAY! Send it to your Lodge Chairman.

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



Brethren,
IT HAS HAPPENED! I am actually a duly installed Master of my symbolic lodge. It is an honor of which I am very proud, and I look forward to the coming year with a feeling of anticipation for a happy and progressive year. With the support of a fine group of officers and brothers, WE CAN DO IT.

Our installation on January 5 was an unqualified success. There were 25 of our own brothers present and 43 visitors for a total of 68; certainly the largest attendance at a Corinthian Temple meeting for a long time.

The Installing Officer was Wor. Bernie Bonnington assisted by Bro. Larry Hood as Marshal and Wor. Stan Allen as Chaplain. Others installing individual officers were Past Masters Steene (Rt. Wor.), John Hinds, Fox, Nesbitt, Trimble (DSA), Cosman, Unger, and Webster (Rt. Wor.), Wor. Blair Cosman furnished the music and the Master was escorted to the East through the lines of the Cyrene Commandery Honor Guard under the command of Wor. C. Ray Unger, Zone Officer. Everyone who took part in the installation did a fine job, and the ceremony was smoothly executed and impressive.

The following officers were installed for 1981: Master, Wor. Horace C. Porter; Senior Warden, George Whitwell; Junior Warden, James Smith; Secretary, Rt. Wor. Bertram Steene; Treasurer, Wor. Donald Fox; Chaplain, Wor. Raymond Unger, Jr.; Senior Deacon, Harry Ellender; Junior Deacon, William Baker; Stewards, John Volke and Albert Benjamin; Tiler, Nicholas Vlahos; Organist, Wor. Blair Cosman.

One of the highlights of the evening was the introduction of distinguished guests and a count of the various branches and honor groups represented. Recognized by the Master were the following Rt. Wor. Grand Lodge Officers: District Deputy Grand Master 1, George Stear; Grand Director of Ceremonies, Joseph Savage; Grand Sword Bearer, Myron Kleinberg; Grand Steward Richard Eades. Grand Line Officers from the concordant bodies were: Grand Chapter royal Arch Masons, Richard Oliver and Harold Miller; Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, Raymond Beardsley; Grand Commandery Knights Templar, C. Ray Hager; New York Scottish Rite Bodies - Joseph Savage, 33 Degree Active. Total of these two groups of distinguished guests

was 9. There were also present: 8 of the 1981 Masters, 31 Royal Arch Masons, 18 Select Masters of the Council, 22 Knights of Templar, 13 York Rite College members, 40 Scottish Rite members, 1 representative KYCH, 2 for The Red Cross of Constantine, 6 for the Royal Order of Scotland, 6 - 33 degree Scottish Rite Masons, 4 with 32 degree M.S., numbers is meaningless due to individual affiliations with several bodies however, it was truly a colorful spectacle representing so many branches and honors with their distinguishing aprons or jewels. I believe that such a display from time to time serves a useful purpose not only for attendees but for those Masons who get the message from reading the News or by word of mouth.

At our next meeting on Feb. 2 the 1st degree will be conferred on our spring class of candidates with Senior Warden George Whitwell in the East.

Fraternally,
H.C. Porter, Master

Secretary's Corner

Another year commences in the history of the Lodge and it is a sad state when the members who have lost interest, have to be un-affiliated. Six brothers saw fit to default in their obligations to the Lodge. Masonry is something that you put into it, not what you get out of it. By holding off on paying dues it becomes more of a decision to pay or not to pay. The sum is smaller when it is current and not with arrears due. Give this thought some consideration.

Birthday wishes go out to the following brothers: Henry Leichtner 2/1; Wor. Daniel E. Nesbitt (Master 1975, 1979) 2/2; Robert Halleran 2/4; Allan Snider 2/5; Wor. George A. Shayler (Master 1978) 2/6; Warren Benham, A. Jack Levine, Wor. Raymond F. Unger, Sr. (83) 2/8; Edwar Meding 2/9; Wor. Frank F. Gordnier (Master 1967) 2/10; John De Vries, J. Lawrence Hill Jr., Charles Sampson 2/11; Wor. O. Deane Erwood (Master 1957), Harold Walter 2/14; Richard Borate 2/18; H. Edward Rodgers 2/20; Paul Griffith 2/22; Wor. Mathias J. Barry (Master 1964) 2/23; John Gionta 2/25; Charles Schuldt 2/26; David Killenbeck 2/27; and James Fraser 2/28.

FELLOWCRAFT CLUB.
Call Harry Ellender at 342-7184 for reservations. Sunday, Feb. 1, the Fellowcraft Club will be holding a breakfast at the Cottonwood Shelter at Churchville Park. Scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, juice, coffee or hot chocolate will be served. Those interested in outside activities, bring your own thing or for those less hearty, something to do in the cabin. Let's try to support this function to show our support

for the club. A bowling party will be the next affair sometime in May. Further details will be published for those interested.

Thought for the day: Be silent, or speak something worth hearing.
Bertram M. Steene,
Secretary

WAKAN LODGE
No. 1054
2nd and 4th Mondays

Brethren,
The installation is behind us. Many thanks to all who attended. Also my thanks to both Irondequoit Chapter, O.E.S. and the Tall Cedars for the fine dinner and social hour respectively.

Your attention to our meeting on Feb. 9th - a short meeting will be followed by a wine tasting organized by Bro. Charles Tijou which is to be a special surprise. The ladies are invited.

I am glad to report that W: Frank Denton is well on the mend after a severe fall at home.

Bro. Norm Fedreaus wife Betty is home and recovering well after surgery to place a pin in the ankle broken during a fall.

Jane Bishop, W: Vern Bishop's wife, also is recovering from a broken wrist following a fall.

Let's make this "Come to Lodge" year. I would ask each of you to make a very special effort to attend Lodge during the year, should you need either help or a ride in order to attend please call me at 342-8785.

Your dues notices will be with you shortly - please return as soon as possible to the secretary as we need the moeny to run the Lodge.
Fraternally,
Len DuBois,
Master

News & Views

Glad to see that W: Frank Denton is well on the mend. Should you see Frank ask him how come he has a hook and eye mounted on the celler door at the top of the stairs!!

W: Robert Pettit and wife Belva had a very special week following Christmas, we understand that they had all the children home at one time, Bob organized a small party to welcome a new member of the family. Their eldest son Robert was married out on the west coast late last year and we too would like to welcome Nancy both to Rochester and to the United States.

It is with sorrow that we report the passing of our brother Charles Connor last month. We would like to extend our condolences to his family.

W: A. John Tijou

From the Secretary

First of all, I would like to thank all the brethren and Eastern Star members for their many cards and phone

calls after my recent in home accident. Those basement stairs sure stop fast and hard.

Due to this the dues notices are going to be a little late getting out. But fear not, you will receive them. We have fallen behind in our dues collections the past couple of years, so brothers concerned please take notice. It takes money to run the Lodge.

If anyone has a change of address or phone number, please let me know so that I can update the master roster. Also if you are not receiving the Masonic News or the Empire State Mason, contact me.

Any brother knowing the name, address, and phone number of the widow of one of our deceased brothers, please let either myself or one of the officers know what it is. We have a list started and would gladly add any other names that we have been unable to get so far.

Fraternally,
W: Frank Denton
Secretary

GENESEE FALLS LODGE
No. 507
2nd Thursday

Brethren,
First of all I want to thank all who attended the installation of your Master on January 8th, I especially want to thank W: Larry Geith, R.:W.: Ron Mertens and R.:W.: Bill Zufall for their participation; I am looking forward to their help and guidance in the coming year. I am looking forward to working with the other officers and I am sure that we will have the support of the entire lodge.

In my first column I wrote that I had plans for the coming year. One of these is that I would like to have our Lodge do a dramatization in custume of a degree. This would possibly be done in the spring of the year, if any members are interested please contact me; this might be repeated in future years if a number of members are interested.


Most of you by now have received a letter about the Brotherhood Fund; let's remember that this is a very important drive and that your contributions help support the Masonic Home in Utica, Military and Veterans Hospitals, the Masonic Medical Laboratory, and Youth Foundations. So please send your contributions in now if you haven't already done so. Let's make this another big year for Genesee Falls in contributions to the Brotherhood Fund, let us also remember the Think Big and Build Fund which is also asking for your help.

Our next meeting will be February 12. I hope that I will see many of you at this meeting.
Fraternally,
Frederick W. Birr
Master



Officers of Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943. Left to Right: Irving Meyer (Tiler), Hector Montejo (Steward), Bob Curtis (Marshal), John Setley (Sr. Deacon), Myron Culver (Sr. Warden), Fouad Haddad (Master), Albert Johnson (Sr. Warden), Michael Johnson (Sr. Deacon), Larry Kilmer (Treasurer), Elie Saad (Steward), Fred Hartley (Secretary), Earl Branch (Chaplin).

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



It is a pleasure for me to serve as your Master in 1981. I wish to thank all the Brothers in the Ancient Craft Lodge for the trust and confidence you have extended in electing me Master. I need your help, each and every one of you. I am hoping to see all of you in the Lodge, working together to fulfill our promises. We have a fine line of new Officers this year and they would like to meet each of you. We are looking forward to a lot of activities this year and in sharing them with you. We will keep you informed.

I would like to take this moment to thank our 1980 Master, Joseph Mlayees, for a job well done, it was a good year.

I would like to thank R. W. Maurice Solomon, for being in our Lodge, before Installation to invest me with the Investiture Word. During that night, we had the Installation of New officers, preceded by a Roast Beef Dinner, which was shared with the Germania Lodge. The dinner was very enjoyable.

I would also like to remind you that there will be only one meeting a month, for the months of February and March. The meeting will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Another reminder, Brother John Setley, Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund, is hoping to hear from all of you.

A special thanks to W. Bernard Noll, Installing Master and W. Maynard Edmeston, Installing Marshal, for a job well done.

Under Sickness & Distress; W.B. Delmar Miles is still at home recovering from surgery. He is doing well.

Fraternally,
Fred Haddad
Master

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CHARLOTTE LODGE No. 1088
1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Brethren,

As I am sure that all of you are aware that there was no news in last month's issue from Charlotte. The news was sent, but the Masonic News never received it or the Trestleboard. This will not happen again, for I will be hand delivering my message in the future to our Masonic News Office.

Our Open Installation was a great success and I would like to thank everyone, who braved the terrible weather and came out to see the 1981 Officers installed in their respective stations and places.

The Officers for 1981 are as follows: Wor. Richard S. Bedoar, Master; Thomas M. Paglia, S.W.; Stanley Geer, J.R.; C. William Fleming, Secretary; Wor. Thomas R. Van Lare, Treasurer; Merle E. Evoy, Sr. Deacon; Ronald J. Bertie, Jr. Deacon; Kenneth Strauss, Chaplain; Eino Laakso, Asst. Chaplain; Keith Stambach, Sr. M.C.; Robert W. Knorr, Jr. M.C.; Ian Buchanan, Steward; Albert Klos, Marshal; Wor. James P. Brainigan, Organist; Thomas A. Williams, Tiler.

1981 promises to be a very busy and exciting year. By this time we have already conferred the 1st degree on our 1st class. Feb. 6th is the first School of Ritual meeting at Genesee Falls Lodge in the Temple. There will be a car pool leaving from Charlotte that evening, so if you need a ride please call me or one of the officers. Our attendance at this meeting toward our retaining the banner and I hope you can all attend. We worked very hard last year to obtain the banner and it would be ashame to lose it.

Feb. 17th there will be a 1st degree for the 2nd class. I will be in the East. On Feb. 19th there will be a Building Fund Meeting at my house. You are all welcome and invited to attend. Feb. 24th we will be traveling to East Rochester Lodge to assist in their 2nd degree. We will be car pooling from the lodge that evening.

March 3rd will be the 2nd degree for the 1st class. Tom Paglia will be in the East. Please set aside March 6th on

your calendar also, for we will be having a Fish Fry that evening at Lakeside Presbyterian Church. Dinner will be served from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Cost will be \$3.50 per person. All Officers will have tickets. Hope you can come out for a good meal and good fellowship.

Again I would like to say that I look forward to 1981 as a very busy and exciting year. Your attendance and support is very much appreciated, for it is you my brothers that make Charlotte Lodge what it is. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

Fraternally,
Rick Bedoar, Master

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

Brethren,

Your officers for 1981 are Master Arnold W. Frear; Sr. Warden Joseph W. Orians; Jr. Warden William R. Nopper; Secretary Fred W. Hand; Treasurer Llewellyn R. Lsonger; Sr. Deacon, Kenneth D. Jermyn Jr.; Deacon George E. Goodman; Sr. Master of Ceremony, David H. Gardner; Jr. Master of Ceremony, W: Richard G. Ludeke; Stewards Willard N. Mengel and W: Robert H. Lauzon; Marshal Donald C. Hilliker; Tiler W: Henry F. Leiske; Organist Stanley W. Cooley; Chaplain Bayliss W. Bartlett.

R.W. Stanely V. Peterson has retired as Secretary of the Temple Civic Center. Stanley had 23 years of service as our lodge representative. My sincere thank you Stanley on behalf of the lodge. W: Richard Ludeke will succeed Stanley for the remainder of his term.

25 Year Certificates were presented to James M. Delsignore, Carl T. Holtin and Kenneth C. Deissinger. A 50 Year Pin and Certificate was awarded to John M. Raithel. Congratulations my Brethren.

Congratulations also to Bill Nopper on the birth January 7th of his son Mathew William.

Under sickness: W. William C. Buckman, Willard N. Mengel, James M. Delsignore are now home, each having been in the hospital. W: John O. Edmonsten is in Highland Hospital. Hiram J. Neun is in Genesee Hospital. Please send these brothers a card, call them or visit them.

It is with deep sorrow that I tell you of the death of R.W. Clarence J. King on December 13. Clarence was a charter member, a ritualist and a devout member right up to his death. We shall all miss him. We also received word of Elgin Bound's death. Elgin died Dec. 31 in Arcadia, Florida. A masonic service was held for him by Peace River Lodge, Arcadia, Florida.

Our Sr. Warden reports that the Brotherhood Fund proceeds are beginning to be received. Have you sent yours? Do it today.

Our next meeting with a dinner prior at 6:30 will be held Feb. 6. Call William R. Nopper at 334-0009 or myself at 225-1713 with your reservation.

All meetings of the lodge will be held the 1st Friday of the month through June unless otherwise advised. If you know of anyone ill or in need within the lodge, please call me.

Fraternally,
Arnold W. Frear
Master

FAME LODGE No. 945
2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Brethren,

I wish to thank all those who attended my Installation on Jan. 13, 1981. You certainly helped make it a memorable evening for me. A special thank you to my Installing Master, Wor. Stuart Woodard, my Installing Marshal, Wor. John Hutteman and my officers. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the fine meal prepared by my family.

Wor. John Dense, Sec., is now accepting payment of 1981 dues.

Sr. Warden, Don Ferguson, will be contacting members for the contributions to the Brotherhood Fund. Please contribute what you can to this important cause that supports the Masonic Home & Research.

Feb. 10th - Tureen supper with speaker to be announced. Ladies are invited, please bring a dish to pass. Lodge will open at 6 p.m. We will eat at 6:30 p.m. There will be a minimum charge.

Sat., Feb. 21st will be the annual Scotch bowling & dinner at the Lyon's Den. The menu will be strip steak or veal parmeson. Dinner will be at 7:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded. The telephone committee will be contacting you for reservations or you may call me at home for reservations.

Feb. 24th there will be a 1st degree with Sr. Warden. Don Ferguson is in the East. Bro. Don will be contacting participants.

To the wives, children & members of Fame Lodge, please contact me at 328-1107 in the event of sickness or distress, or any of my officers.

It is with sadness that I report the death of Bro. Ed Harrison's wife, Helen, on Jan. 14, 1981. Our sympathy is extended to the Harrison family.

Anyone who has not been contacted by a member of the telephone committee - PLEASE CALL ME AT 328-1107 after 4:30 p.m.

Fraternally,
Chuck Thompson, Naster

TRESTLEBOARD
Feb. 3 - Officers Mtg.
Feb. 10 - Tureen supper - Ladies invited, dish to pass, 6 p.m., open lodge, 6:30 dinner
Feb. 17 - Officers Mtg. & rehearsal for 1st degree
Feb. 21 - Scotch bowling, dinner 7:30 p.m. at the Lyon's Den - Prizes
Feb. 24 - 1st degree, Sr. Warden Don Ferguson in the East

ETOLIAN LODGE No. 479
2nd and 4th Mondays

Brethren,

Now that we all settled down into The Grand Lodge of New York's 200th year, and most of this winters snows are over, all the bad driving behind us, the reasons for not attending lodge have been cut way down.

I would like to thank W. Bro. James Powell for his usual excellence at installation.

For the ones that don't know, Bro. Edward Pugh tells me that Jim's favorite recording is "When Whippoorwills Call".

It is very good to see Bro. Ed Schmitt and Bro. Dick Deihl both getting around after their hospital stays.

It is also my sad news to report that two more of our Brothers have been Called Home, Bro. William Peters and W. Bro. Richard Bennett.

The lodge sympathizes with their families.

Fraternally,
Dennis W. Huffman,
Master


TRESTLEBOARD
Feb. 23 - 1st degree, Bro. Ruel Lovett
Mar. 1 - Breakfast served from 8:00-9:30
Mar. 2 - Sons and Daughters

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ORPHEUS LODGE
 No. 1082
 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

This is my first communication to you as Master of Orpheus Lodge #1082.

For those of you who were not present election night I would like to introduce you to your officers for 1981. Senior Warden - W. Donald Johnson, Junior Warden - James Mykens, Secretary - W. William Stefaniani, Treasurer - W. Litchard Toland, Senior Deacon - Jeffrey Miller. The other chairs are open and we need your help in filling them. If you are interested in making your Lodge succeed, and have enough of the spirit of fraternity for the Lodge, call me at 473-6275, and we will put you to work.

It is the intention of your officers to have many family oriented affairs for the coming year, but we will need your help in putting them over, come to a meeting, give us your ideas as to what you would like to see done. Do you want a Summer picnic? Now is the time to start planning. Do you want a Family Night Buffet? We can start the plans now, but we need your support.

The Masonic Temple will be closed the last two weeks in Jan., Feb., and March, so we will only have one meeting in each of those months.

Have you put your check in the mail for the Brotherhood Fund?

If there is a member who wishes to attend a meeting, but is unable to do so because of lack of transportation please call me and we will see what we can do to get you there.

At least one Tuesday a month try to tear yourself away from the television set, and attend your Lodge, and see some of your old friends and make some new ones.

Fraternally,
 Victor E. Altamore,
 Master

FRANK L. SIMES LODGE
 No. 990
 2nd Tuesday

My thoughts are still with my installation night. It was a great honor for me to have R.:W.: George Stear D.D.G.M First Monroe District as the Installing Master and W.: Henry Masseur as the Installing Marshal. I would like to thank them for their excellent performance in these duties.

The year is off to a fast start with much work ahead of us. There are new committees to be formed and new ideas to be thought of and reflected upon. I am hopeful this New Year will show a revitalized interest in everyone to our Lodge and its future.

Our elected and appointed officers for this year are: Raymond Seward, Master; Richard Snyder, Senior Warden; George Hornung,

Junior Warden; Edward Willis, Treasurer; Joseph L. Bishop; Chaplain; R.:W.: Paul Gleason, Senior Deacon; Gary Burke, Junior Deacon; Robert Guilfoil, Senior Master of Ceremony; William Baldwin, Junior Master of Ceremony; Michael Robinson, Steward; Arthur Tierson, Marshal; Charles E. Heydt, Tiler.

Congratulations to all of these officers. I know they will do a fine job for our Lodge and I am hoping all of our Lodge Members will come out to support them.

I would like to close with a poem entitled "Is It Masonry?" by Brother F.G. Oliver.

Is It Masonry

*To dare to take God's name in vain,
 Or to be careful of our speech;
 From evil thoughts and words refrain,
 And practice what we preach?*

Is It Masonry

*To boast of your fine jewels,
 Or purify your heart;
 To be a man and Mason,
 And act a Mason's part?*

Is It Masonry

*To fail to help your brothers,
 Or your obligations fill?
 To leave it for the others,
 Or mean and say "I Will!"*

Sickness & Distress

It was reported that M.:W.: Lloyd Cochran, Paul Gleason's Father-in-Law, was taken seriously ill with a stroke. Our thoughts and prayers go out to him for a speedy recovery.

I received a letter from W.: George Roesch relating the passing of his brother, Brother Henry Roesch, on December 20, 1980 in Buffalo. The Lodge extends its deepest sympathy to the family.

Fraternally,
 Raymond Seward
 Master

TRESTLEBOARD

Feb. 10 - Regular Meeting, George Washington Memorial Film

Feb. 17 - Fellowcraft Club; Bob Guilfoil's Home, 99 Milrace Dr.

Mar. 10 - Regular Meeting

CLIO LODGE
 No. 779
 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

It is with great honor that you, the brethren of Clio Lodge #779 have elected and installed me as your Worshipful Master for this all important Bicentennial Year of Masonry in New York State. It was in 1977 that you voted to let me affiliate with you, and I promptly filled the chair of Junior Deacon. I come from Renovation Lodge #97 of Albion, New York of which I am still a member. My father, Charles H. Thompson, is a 50 year member of that lodge.

I was installed with a good turnout of brothers and visitors, considering the weather that we had that night left a lot to be desired. I wish to thank Cyrene Com-

mandery #39 for providing a sizable platoon of Knights Templars so that my travel to the East was under an Arah of Steel. It was very well received and added color to the event.

In this Bicentennial year we see, for the first time, the Downtown Temple closing for part of January, February and March. Up until November 29th, our own building had absolutely no insulation whatsoever. On that day, several brothers put 12 inch bits of fiberglass into the ceiling. This is a job well done, but there is more to do. The building has to be made more secure and insulated even more. We need to replace one door and put in new thermopane windows with plexiglass on the outside. This will prevent the vandalism of our property and also cut down on our utility cost. We could face the same dilemma as the downtown temple someday if we don't start taking action now.

At this time, I am also Worthy Patron of Leoh Chapter #183, but only for a duration of one more week. On January 13th Worthy Bob Baxter will take over and take a load off me. For one week I have been the Patron as well as the Master in Hilton.

If you have any concerns or ideas for the lodge, please let me know. Remember, this is your lodge and we need you and your ideas to make it work. If you have not attended lodge lately, please come to be seen and heard. The officers may be your leaders, but we can't do it alone. We need YOU!

Fraternally,
 Gary C. Thompson,
 Worshipful Master
TRESTLEBOARD
 Feb. 3 - Regular Meeting
 Feb. 17 - Regular Meeting
 March 17 - 1st Degree

ROCHESTER LODGE
 No. 660
 2nd Monday

Dear Brethren,
 On January 12 Rochester Lodge held its Installation. R.W. Bro. Frank Fulreader was Installing Officer, Wor. Bro. Donald Leisten was Installing Marshal, Wor. Bro. Merritt Sweet was Installing Director and Wor. Bro. Edward Garrett was Installing Chaplain. All these Brothers did an outstanding job.

The 1981 Officers are: W.B. Willard Garrett, Master; Bro. George Bradshaw, Jr., Senior Warden; Bro. Joseph Abamonte, Junior Warden; Wor. Bro. Edward Garrett, Chaplain; Wor. Bro. C. Dan Jameson, Senior Deacon; Bro. Cornelius Behage, Junior Deacon; Bro. Arthur Morrell, Tiler; Wor. Bro. Theodore Epping, Trustee; Wor. Bro. Alberto Echevarria, Trustee and Wor. Bro. Edward Garrett, Trustee.

A dinner is planned for our February 9 Meeting. Please

Fowler - 377-0479 to make your reservation no later than Feb. 12.

Remember the caption, "He ain't heavy... He's my Brother!"? Well, the Brotherhood Fund helps us carry our brothers in need who ain't that heavy when we all lift together. Please be prompt to respond to the mailings you will be receiving from our Brotherhood Fund Chairman.

Also, remember your dues and special assessment for 1981.

Don't let this cold weather put you on ice Brothers. Come on to the meetings and warm up.

Fraternally,
Ed Goodrich,
Master

From the Secretary

The Brotherhood Fund is under way, send your check to the Chairman George Bradshaw, 11 Trowbridge Trail, Pittsford, N.Y. 14534, send your check today.

Congratulations to the following Brothers who celebrate their birthday in February: Wor. John Waldock 2/5; Arnold Stevens 2/6; Charles Caldwell 2/8; George Moore 2/12; George Barksy in Hawaii 2/21; Stuart Boyce 2/23; Lincoln Drummond 2/24; Ambrose Wheaton 2/24; Helmut Bescherer 2/24; Ardean Drum and Murray Taylor 2/26.

Less than 30% of the members have not paid their dues, check your membership card to see if it is 1981, if not send your dues to your Secretary.

George M. Adams,
Secretary

FAIRPORT LODGE
No. 476
2nd and 4th Mondays

Brethren,

The 1981 Installation of Officers ceremony took place on Monday, Jan. 12. Installing Master, R.:W.: Roger Scott, and Installing Marshal, W.: Chick Becker did an excellent job in conducting the ceremony. Prior to the meeting we enjoyed a delicious dinner which was well attended. Fairport Lodge extends a special thanks to my mother, Vera Goodrich, and to those who assisted her in preparing and serving the dinner. Proceeds were donated to the lodge.

On Monday, Feb. 9, a 1st degree will be conferred upon (possibly) 3 candidates with Sr. Warden Mike Landgren in the East.

Plan to bring the woman in your life to a post Valentines Day - Get Acquainted Party to be held at the Green Lantern Restaurant in Fairport, on Monday, Feb. 16. The event will include a buffet style dinner, entertainment and door prizes. Call Bro. Kel Kelsey - 223-9622 or Bro. Al

make your reservation with Junior Warden Joe Abamonte at 334-7989 by the February 3rd Fellowcraft Meeting. Also, please keep in mind the Lodge will be having a special Bicentennial and Awards Night April 13. A Dinner and Happy hour at 6:00 p.m. with the Ladies of Rochester Lodge will precede the Program.

Please remember the 1981 Brotherhood Fund and send your donations to Bro. George Bradshaw. The Master will be having more Dinners this year and hopes to have a large turnout.

Fraternally,
W. Willard E. Garrett,
Master

TRESTLEBOARD

Feb. 3 - Fellowcraft 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 9 - Lodge Dinner with Happy Hour at 6:00 p.m.

WEBSTER LODGE
No. 538
1st and 3rd Thursdays

Well here goes on number two and I am not the installed Master yet. It seems I just wrote the article for the January Monroe Masonic News. It is probably because I am finding out what a hectic schedule a Master keeps, particularly at this time of year with the holidays, finishing plans for the year and visiting installations.

Speaking of plans, as noted in the January issue the first meeting in February is the Budget meeting.

The next meeting on February 19, 1981, will be a presentation by Wor. Bro. Bill Guthrie on the Morgan Incident. Following the meeting will be a euchre challenge by the Webster Chapter of Royal Arch. This agenda is contrary to the social fun night with our Ladies, reported in the last issue. This event is scheduled for March 5, 1981. The plan is to have a Monte Carlo night, following our regular meeting. It will be strictly for fun with prizes awarded to the lucky ones.

Bro. Tom Pellett Jr. has had several fine reports on the progress of the Brotherhood Fund. He is looking forward in bettering the 42% participation we had last year, but he can't do it without your help. Sit down now and make out your check. While you are at it, make out a second check for the "Think Big and Build" fund.

The Fellowcraft Club got off to a good start in the new season. The first major activity for the year is the Valentine Dinner Dance sponsored jointly with the Star and Lodge. The price is \$15.00 per couple. Bring your Sweetheart and dance to the music of Vintage from 9:00 to 1:00. Make your reservations now with Chuck Gremmels 872-3270 or Tresa Howell 265-9890.

Sickness & Distress

Brother Glenn Bancroft was called home by the Supreme Architect in late

December. Our sympathy is extended to his family.

Fraternally,
Charles Gremmels
Master-Elect

ZETLAND LODGE
No. 951
2nd and 4th Thursdays



At our last meeting our newly elected and appointed officers were properly installed. Rt. W. Joseph Savage did a superb job as Installing Officer. The meeting was attended by 24 of our lodge brothers and nearly a dozen visiting brethren. It was good to see so many attend our first meeting in this bicentennial year. As a part of the bicentennial celebration, each month of this year a different past master will preside over our meetings. Since each past master had his own way of running a meeting, no two meetings will be the same. Plan to attend them all.

The first meeting of each month will be a dinner meeting. Call Hazen Coulter (381-1162) for reservations before the Sunday prior to the meeting. This month the deadline to guarantee a dinner is Sunday, Feb. 8th.

The past master's schedule for the year is as follows:

Jan. 8, John Braund; Feb. 12, Fred Ambeau; March 12, Ted Theodore; April 9 & 23, Dave Crawford; May 14 & 29, Dave Francis; June 11, Fred Ambeau; Sept. 10, Joseph Savage; Sept. 24 (move up); Oct. 8 & 22, R. Kenneth Crawford; Nov. 12, Vic Anderson; Dec. 11, John Braund.

With the lack of meetings in Jan., Feb., and March, we have an ideal situation for the fellowcraft club to step in and plan some events. If you attended the meeting Jan. 19th you already know what they have in mind. If you missed the meeting plan on coming to our next lodge meeting Feb. 12th and we'll fill you in.

Fraternally,
Fred Ambeau

VALLEY LODGE
No. 109
1st and 3rd Mondays

Brethren,

It is with great pleasure that I address you as Master of Your Lodge for this, the 200th year of The New York State Grand Lodge. With your help and cooperation it will be a good year for Valley.

My incentives for this year are focused in two directions. One is to increase Lodge attendance, and the second is to increase Lodge membership.

The first will be done through an effort to shorten the business meetings as much as possible, and then to be followed by programs of

interest to the members. Speakers are available to us on a wide range of topics. If you have any interests please let myself or any officer know and we will do our best to set up a program. We will also have more social events that involve the wives. Remember, these events are only as good as the attendance. So make an effort to be there.

The second phase needs you to accomplish. It must be the job of every member to pass the word of Masonry on to deserving friends and associates. It is you, my Brother, who must generate a feeling of interest in Masonry. And this can only be done by being interested yourself.

We already have a class of two candidates due to begin in March. With the help of our members, our Lodge will be putting on their own degrees. So please come out and support your Officers. They are willing to except this task but they need your support. Fraternaly,
Bill Miner
Master

TRESTLEBOARD

Feb. 2 - Regular Meeting; Program to Follow.
March 2 - 1st Degree; S.W. Bill Babcock Presiding.

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HAMILTON CHAPTER

No. 62
ROYAL ARCH
MASONS
2nd and 4th
Thursdays



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1981 Companion Officers wish to thank the excellent Installing Team for a very impressive open installation put on Thursday evening, January 8th, in Cathedral Hall. In spite of subzero weather, approximately sixty attended to witness the officers receive their oaths garbed in their beautiful ceremonial robes. This is the first time that the public has ever seen them.

M.:E.: Frank W. Allen, Grand Treasurer Emeritus was High Priest; E.: Raymond R. Beardsley, PHP acted as Captain of the Host; and R.:E.: Rev. William T. Plews, Grand Chaplain Emeritus was Chaplain. W.: Raymond F. Unger, Jr., Past Master of Corinthian Temple Lodge sang three beautiful solos accompanied by our Meritorious Companion David E. Cordy on the Grand Organ. The Chairs were admirably filled by R.:E.: Harold R. Miller, Grand Master of the Third Veil as King; R.:W.: Richard D. Brown, 27th District Deputy Grand High Priest was Scribe; E.: William D. Staples, PHP served as Secretary; R.:E.: Richard J. Oliver, Grand Treasurer served as Treasurer; E.: Ralph A. Bigger, PHP served as Principal Sojourner; E.: Wlis T. Hormats, PHP served as Royal Arch Captain; R.:W.: Willis J. Jenry, PHP served as Master of the Second Veil; and E.: Robert H. Cook, PHP served as Master of the First Veil. E.: Donald S. Ballou, PHP was installed as Sentinel. E.: Robert H. Cook, PHP gave the welcoming address was installed as Trustee for three years. He also presented E.: Frederick S. Holderle with the historic gold HIGH Priest's Jewel which has been passed on to succeeding High Priests for over 100 years. A bouquet of red and white roses was presented to my wife Mrs. Dorothy B. Holderle with love and grateful thanks for the superb reception and refreshments provided in the 3rd floor dining room.

Our spring degree work will be a round robin with our sister chapters in the 27th Capital District. On Tuesday, Feb. 10th, our candidates will be given the Mark Master Mason Degree at Webster Chapter #296; on Thursday February 12 Hamilton Chapter will host and put on the Past Master Degree in Cathedral Hall at 7:30 p.m. and on Tuesday,

Feb. 24th, the Most Excellent Master Degree will be put on jointly by Livonia Chapter #311 and Dansville Chapter #91 at the Dansville Masonic Temple. The Royal Arch Mason Degree will be put on in Cathedral Hall by Ionic Chapter #210 in March, date to be announced.

We welcome the new companion line; Robert J. Muirhead as Principal Sojourner, William S. Barker as Master of the Third Veil, and John E. Becker as Master of the Second Veil. We hope they will be faithful in attendance and have a rewarding Masonic experience in this bicentennial year of New York Masonry.

Since the Temple will be closed the last two weeks in Feb., and March, our only meetings will be February 12th and March 12th at 7:30 p.m. The Genesee York Rite College #25 invites new members to join only once a year. The Knight of York Degree will be held in Doric Hall on Saturday March 14th at 2:00 p.m.

In Ecclesiastes 3 - we read in part "For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven. A time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pluck-up that which is planted, a time to break down and a time to build-up." If Hamilton Chapter is to have a rich harvest, we must start to build. Companions please MAKE AN EFFORT to attend our Spring meetings to encourage your officers to plant well so God will bless their efforts to multiply. Frederick S. Holderly, High Priest

IONIC CHAPTER

No. 210
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Wishing all of you a Happy Valentine's Day on Feb. 14, 1981. From all of the Officers of Ionic Chapter #210,

Here are the Officers Installed on Jan. 13, 1981:

H.P. E. Nicholas R. Michaels; K. Archibald B. Barbour; S. V.E. Stanley V. Peterson; Treas. R.E. Gordon C. Mosher; Secretary, E. Roy H. Huff; C. of H. Robert C. Pettit; P.S. E. Ernest A. Stelianou; R.A.C. Robert P. Zabel; 3rd V. Harry Reetz; 2nd V.E. Horace C. Porter; 1st V. Bernard L. Simpson; Sentinel. E. Donald S. Ballou; Trustees: E. Lawrence E. Hood, E. Ernest A. Stelianou, and E. William C. Angold.

The Mini Festival for Chapters is as follows:

The Mark Master Degree at Webster Chapter on Feb. 10, 1981; The Past Masters Degree at Hamilton Chapter on Feb. 12, 1981; The Most

STATUE OF LIBERTY

Few members of the Masonic fraternity know of the plan played by Freemasons in the planning and erection of the Statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island in New York harbor.

While it stands on that section of the western hemisphere known as the United States, its symbolism is that of the New World, and our neighbors, both north and south of us, are proud of its presence here, for to them, it is truly:

Liberty enlightening the world!

But the heart of Freemasons should thrill even more than the average citizen, a thought best expressed by Frank R. Lawrence, the orator of the Grand Lodge of New York on that occasion:

Liberty enlightening the world! How lofty the thought! To be FREE is the first, the noblest aspiration of the human heart. And is now an admitted truth, that only in proportion as men become possessed of Liberty, do they become civilized, enlightened, and useful.

Brother Frederick A. Bartholdi was inspired with such an aspiration when he began to design this mammoth figure; he knew what it was to be deprived of liberty, for he was an Alsatian, whose country was taken over from the French after the Franco-Prussian War, in which Bartholdi participated; he was a member of Lodge Alsace-Lorraine, which had been organized in 1872 by prominent intellectuals, writers, and governmental employes. It was entirely natural for Bartholdi to take his first model of the Statue of his lodge, November 13, 1884, giving a report as to the methods adopted in its erection. And finally, in 1887, he again appeared before his lodge to tell of the ardent welcome he had received from his brethren and friends in America.

But all was not easy—for there were financial matters involved; the French people had to raise the fund for the construction of the monument itself, in small amounts—for it was to be a national gift of the French people to the people of the United States. Finally, the money was raised; but the American people had been slow to sense the beautiful principle of friendship which inspired the gift. People of the United States were to prepare the pedestal which supported the statue. Congress, in 1877, gave the site; it was selected by General Wm. T. Sherman, in accordance with Bartholdi's desire. It was the site of old Fort Wood Granite for the base camp from Leete's Island, Conn.

The cornerstone was laid with Masonic ceremonies. August 5, 1884, Grand Master William A. Brodie of New York, presiding.

Ambassador Levi P. Morton gave a banquet at the time Bartholdi had finished the statue. It stood, fully completed, for a time, in the streets of Paris, where it overtopped the housetops. It was officially turned over to the United States on July 4, 1884, in a ceremony at which Ferdinand de Lesseps (of Panama Canal fame) delivered it.

In January, 1885, it was packed for shipment in 214 specially constructed cases, some of which weighed tons. The statue was dedicated October 28, 1886. Count de Lesseps, and Senator Wm. Evarts pulling the rope that removed the French tricolor from the face. President Grover Cleveland accepted the gift; and that night, the torch, held high above her head, was lighted.

The cornerstone ceremonies were held during a downpour of rain.

Rain also fell on the night of the dedication, resulting in the postponement of the fireworks display which was to have been the event of the day. Liberty's Torch did not shine out to sea the 50 miles as planned, and the lighting equipment had to be changed several times. And in 1916, the Torch was redesigned by Bro. Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor, who used some 600 separate pieces of tinted glass to beautify the lighting effect.

Some figures may give an idea of the size of the structure: from the foundation of pedestal to the torch, 305 feet; from base to torch, 151 feet; heel to top of head, 111 feet; length of hand, 15 feet; index finger, 8 feet; right arm length, 42 feet; height of granite pedestal; 89 feet; height of foundation, 65 feet. Weight of copper in statue, 100 tones; weight of steel, 125 tons; total weight of statue, 225 tons. The copper sheeting used in the figure is 3/32 inch thick.

And now something about Bartholdi himself: he was born at Colmar, Alsace, France, April 2, 1834; at 20, we find him traveling in Egypt; at 34 he made a second trip to Egypt. He created the *Lion of Belfort*, Belfort, France; it is carved in the side of a mountain and commemorates the French stand against the Prussians at the end of the Franco-Prussian War. Other works, in America, are the *Bartholdi Fountain*, in our nation's capital, the *Four Angelic Trumpeters*, on the towers of a Baptist Church in Boston; The Lafayette Statue in Union Square and the *Lafayette and Washington Monument* in Morningside Park (New York City). Bartholdi died in Paris October 4, 1904, of tuberculosis.



THE CORNERSTONE OF THE
STATUE OF LIBERTY
WAS LAID BY OFFICERS OF
THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW
YORK, AUGUST 5, 1884.

Ex. Master Degree on Feb. 24, 1981 with Livonia Chapter as Host in Dansville, N.Y.; The Royal Arch Degree on Mar. 31st by Ionic Chapter in Cathedral Hall, Rochester, N.Y. Times for above will be 7:30 p.m.

There will be no meeting of Ionic Chapter at the Temple in Rochester but will be at Webster Chapter on Feb. 10, 1981. Please come and support the Chapters during these Degrees. We will have Candidates.

We have no deaths to report at this time. Under sickness and distress we have: Willard Mengel was in the hospital with a Heart Attack and is home now. Still has High Blood pressure. Herman Hilgerman is having problems of control and Medical problems. Cards would be appreciated by both.

Received reply from the Grand High Priest to Obligate Beecher E. Jeffery, due to sickness, The MEM Degree and the HRA Degree. He was duly Obligated on Dec. 28, 1980 and is now a full member of Ionic Chapter #210. He was very pleased to receive these degrees and thanks everyone for the privilege.


The Order of High Priesthood is on Feb. 7, 1981 at Cathedral Hall, Masonic Temple, Rochester, N.Y. at 8 p.m. Dinner Will be at 6 p.m. and will be \$6 each. Those attending from the Chapter are: Michaels, Peterson, Hood, Mosher and Huff. Anyone else who is elegible and wishes to attend please contact R.E. Huff at 663-7479. Thanks.

The Grand Chapter Convention will be in Albany on March 6th and 7th. Those planning to attend from the Chapter are: Michaels, Barbour, Ballou, Peterson, Hood and Mosher. Have fun and a good time.

There will be a meeting of the 27th Capitular District on Feb. 28th. Webster Chapter will be the Host and it will be at the home of E. Donald L. Evans, 123 London Dr., Webster, N.Y. 14580. Please attend.

Believe that is all for now except this: "Man is a Mind with a Body, not a Body with a Mind." Think of this once again. Have fun. Fraternally yours, E.H.P. Nicholas R. Michaels Ex. C. Roy E. Huff, Reporter

DORIC COUNCIL No. 19
 ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS
4th Monday
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Companions & Brothers:


The early part of January was an especially busy time due in part to the Blue Lodge installations and to the compression of the usual four weeks in the Temple into two. Hence, it was necessary to reschedule the Royal Master degree to Feb. 9 and the Select Master degree to March 9.

Please enter those two dates on your calendar and plan to attend and greet our new companions. While the regular officers and the two junior past Illustrious Masters will be taking the speaking parts, you will all recall that at least ten extras are needed in each of the degrees in order to properly convey the message. Give us your help so that we may impress our new members to the fullest extent.

Petitions are beginning to come in but we need all we can get to retain our membership strength. The Council degrees are a vital part of the York Rite, and every Royal Arch Mason should have the benefit of the stories contained therein. Tell your Chapter friends that they should have this work as part of their Masonic vocabulary. They will thank you for it.

I look forward to seeing you all on February 9. Fraternally, Horace C. Porter Illustrious Master

MONROE COMMANDERY
 No. 12
 KNIGHTS
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 1st and 3rd
 Fridays
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February is an important month in the life of our country and Freemasonry. Three Presidents were born in February. First was Brother George Washington born February 22, 1732. Second was William Henry Harrison, born 41 years later on February 9, 1773, and whose term lasted one month. He was the first President to die in office. The third was Abraham Lincoln, born February 12, 1809. He was wounded by his assassin April

14, 1865, and died April 15th.

Our thoughts automatically turn to Brother George Washington--man and Mason. We remember this great man and revere him for a great many reasons. The history of this nation is interwoven with examples of his influence, not merely during his lifetime but even more so since his death.

As Christian Masons we can easily identify with the deeply religious faith of our beloved brother. As Christian Masons we can also believe that the Divine Plan of God deemed the time appropriate for the birth of a Christian nation. As Christian Masons we should readily accept that our brother was foreordained to lead this nation's struggle for freedom--freedom that is a Godgiven right. Certainly as Christian Masons we can believe that he was instrumental in establishing the precious American Heritage which we enjoy today as a servant and instument of the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Our Brother, George Washington, served his country well. He also served his God well. He was truly a Mason in every sense of the word. As we acknowledge him as our brother and as a patriotic American, let each of us resolve to fully emulate his example.

Freemasonry has played a major role in many ways in the growth and expansion of our Country. It proved itself in the Colonial days. It proved itself worthy, though tried, during the dark days of the 1828-1840 anti-Masonic period. It proved itself during the Civil War and has continued to prove itself many times since.

Our Country has gone, and is going through, a period when morality among our public servants seems to be at a low ebb, and yet as Masons we can again bring order out of chaos if we live as Masons and demonstrate to the world that we truly believe in the timeless message of this Fraternity.

The greatest problem being faced today is apathy among the membership. What would have happened had our Brother been full of apathy when called upon to lead a young nation.

We have all taken

obligations as Knights Templar. Apathy is not one of them. The past was given us to make the future great. Let us make the present be an instrument in making the future even greater.

At the time this is being written, Sir Knight Hiram Neun is a patient at Genesee Hospital. Our prayers are needed to help him recover. A visit or a card will help him as he continues to recuperate.

Our meetings for February are as follows:


February 6, 1981, 7:45 p.m. Cathedral Hall. Full-form opening with a rehearsal for Inspection.

February 20, 1981. Rehearsal for ritual and social hour beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Commander's home, 65 Dunbarton Drive.

The Official Inspection is scheduled for April 3, 1981. Attendance at all meetings between now and then is mandatory.

Robert H. Cook
 Commander

CYRENE COMMANDERY
 No. 39
 KNIGHTS
 TEMPLAR
 2nd and 4th
 Fridays
 Chartered
 1867



Now that January is over, and some of us can write "1981" instead of "1980" they go and change the month on us!!

January was a busy month--especially the week of January 5-11, with all those Installations. Cyrene Commandery is indeed as excellent exemplar of the oft-heard injunction to support our basic Masonic bodies - Lodge and Chapters. In 1981, we have in our Commandery FIVE ruling Masters of Lodges: SK Charles A. Gremmels of Webster No. 538, SK Roy Nowak of Livonia No. 778, SK Gary C. Thompson of Clio No. 779, SK Horace C. Porter of Corinthian Temple No. 805 and SK Archibald B. Barbour of John H. Robertson Lodge #1032; TWO ruling High Priests of Royal Arch Chapters: SK Frederick S. Holderle of Hamilton No. 62 and SK Donald L. Evans of Webster No. 296. And TWO SK are presiding Worthy Patrons of Eastern Star Chapters: SK Richard D.

Brown of Livonia and SK Roy E. Huff of Fellowship No. 685. From your Commandery, Sir Knights, once again congratulations and all best wishes for a successful year wherever you may roam.

With the program of having the Temple closing the latter half of the month, we will be having our Conclave once in February and March. How can you go wrong with two February the 13th in a row!! On Feb. 13th and March 13th we will be preparing for our April 10th Inspection. Our Inspections have received high ratings consistently the last few years and we want to maintain that record. We need your help and support. Sir Knights. So won't you join us and be prepared to participate on our next successful Inspections?

Also, keep in mind these important dates for the Inspections of our Sister Commanderies in Zone 11. They are as follows:

Geneva No. 29, March 16th; Zonobia No. 41, March 18th; Monroe No. 12, April 3rd; Jerusalem No. 17, April 14th; Red Jacket, April 22nd; And don't forget ours on April 10th.

There will be a Valentines Party on Sat. Feb. 14th at the Webster Masonic Temple. \$15 per couple. Those wishing to attend please call Horace Denton by Feb. 9th at 872-4162. Should be very nice to attend.

We have no deaths to report at this time. Under sickness we have Willard Mengel who was in the Hospital with a heart attack but is now at home and is better. Herman Hilgerman is having control problems and medicine problems. Cards would be appreciated by both.

It is not to early to make plans to attend the Annual Sunrise Service for the Commanderies at Washington, DC. Once again we are having this wonderful Easter Sunrise Service and if you have never been to one please plan and go this year. Easter is on April 19th and it being later in the month the weather should be warm, and nice. Contact our Em. Commander, Horace F. Denton at 873-4162 for more information. Thanks.

Birthdays for February are: Paul Landrock & Carl Schuth Jr., Feb. 1; Horace Denton, Feb. 4; Herbert Leschorn, Feb. 8; Willard C. Blazy, Feb. 14; Gordon C. Mosher, Feb. 17; Archibald B. Barbour, Feb. 25; & J. Wellington Hart, Feb. 28.

Believe that is all for this time except the following: "The seed that I have planted is ready to be harvested back in miracles for me." Believe that is to be true because it sure is.

Until next time, have fun. Fraternally yours,

Em. C. Horace F. Denton
 PC Roy E. Huff, Reporter

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FIDELITY TRIANGLE



Beloved Queen Carol Mewhirter and new member Christina Morabito.

Dec. 13 - Regular meeting, formal, with initiation of one new member and discussion of plans to visit the Veteran's Hospital at Canandaigua.

On Dec. 21 - The meeting was followed by a Xmas Party with refreshments. A group of 26 Fidelity girls and parents and deMolay's, assembled at the Temple Parking lot, at noon, where Triangle Dad Joseph Dimino, met us, with a bus, and drove all of us to the Canandaigua Veteran's Hospital. We joined with other groups in the large meeting hall and sang for them. After the caroling, we had dinner at the Town & Country Restaurant in Canandaigua and then Dad Joseph Dimino drove us back to Rochester. Many thanks to Dad Joseph Dimino.

Jan. 3 - Regular meeting, formal, with Majority Degree for 4 members. When a Triangle girl reaches the age of 21 she is considered to be an adult and is given the Majority Degree. She is no longer eligible to vote but she is always a Triangle girl and is welcome at all meetings and at all social functions.

Special guests present were; Debbie Fisher, Jr. Advisor of Monroe and Steuben District; W: Herbert Hirsch, Master of Flower City Lodge; Mary & Robert Mewhirter, Matron & Patron of Culver Chapter; and W: Kenneth Rhodes, Master of Fame Lodge.

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Beloved Queen Carol Mewhirter, center, gives Majority Degree to Wendy Rhodes, Roberta Ryan, Past Queen Karen Midgley, and Past Queen Diane Reitz.

Jan. 10 - Regular meeting and Sideline's night. After the meeting we had a Pizza Party at Ricci's Pizza Villa, and a sleepover at the Mewhirter's.

Term Plans

Feb. 7 - Regular meeting, 7:30. Friendship night & penny carnival.

Feb. 13 - Shrine Circus.

Feb. 14 - Regular meeting, formal, 7:00. Valentine's Day. DeMolay Sweetheart Dance at 8:00.

Feb. 15 - Cabin party. North Cabin, Powder Mill Park. 11:00 till dusk. Lunch at 2:00.



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March 29, 1981

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LILAC TRIANGLE

In January, on Saturday the 3rd, we attended Fidelity Triangle for their majority meeting. The 10th was a Roller Skating Party in Victor. We had a great turnout. All that were there had a good time. Even the ones that didn't skate had a lot of fun. Jan. 17th at B.Q. Jean's house was a sledding slumber party. We had a great time outside on Saturday sledding and playing in the snow (which some of us have not done in a long time). Then that night we had a good time in front of the fire playing games and telling ghost stories.

Lilac triangle is sponsoring our Bi-Annual Ham Dinner, on Feb. 7th at the East Rochester Masonic Temple, 152 E. Commercial Street, East Rochester, N.Y. Serving time is 5-6:30 p.m. Donation: Adults \$4.50; Children under 10 \$2.25. Any one that is interested in attending the dinner please contact Mrs. Arthur at 586-7498 as soon as possible. Thank-you.

Lilac Triangle would like to take this time to thank a very special special person who is very dear to us all. Without

her our meetings would be dull and boring and our singing would sound worse than it does now. The lady I'm talking about is Mrs. Helen Ormsbee, Lilac Triangles Honoring musician. Mrs. Ormsbee lives in E. Roch. and has no girls, and has never had any girls, in triangle. Mrs. Ormsbee has been with Lilac since April of 1962, which will be nineteen years this April Lilac Triangle presented Mrs. Ormsbee with a picture of herself at the reception of B.Q. Jean Bandemer's Installation. You can see it in the picture above. You can also see a duplicate of this picture hanging in the back room of the Masonic Temple in East Rochester. Once again, thank you Mrs. Ormsbee for your warm smile and tender concern you have for all the girls, also for your music and joy we have when you're around. Take Care Mrs. Ormsbee we all Love you. The girls from Lilac Triangle.

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