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FIDELITY TRIANGLE GIRLS PRESENT CHECKS AT THEIR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



Beloved Queen Barbara Cross presents check to W: Emery H. Carey for Monroe Masonic News.

The retiring Beloved Queen, Barbara Cross, presented a check for \$200. to R:W: Myron E. Wilkes, D.D.G.M., as a gift to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund a check for \$50.00 to W: Emery H. Carey as a gift to the Monroe Masonic News and five "Walkers" to R:W: Odell Kelly as a gift to the Masonic Service Bureau from the girls of Fidelity Triangle.

The girls earned the money for these gifts by holding rummage sales, collecting old newspapers, and selling candy and fruit cakes.

Dear Brethren:

In retrospect, I reflect upon the recently held Masonic Communion Breakfast and the Grand Lecturer's District Convention. In connection with the former, it was a successful and inspiring gathering highlighted by the presence of several representatives of the Knights of Columbus as well as by the well-merited and richly-deserved award of the 1966 Masonic Civic Service Award to R:W: Lennarth C. Anderson. With regard to the latter, the joy of welcoming the Grand Lecturer and of congratulating East Rochester Lodge of the First Monroe District as the suburban lodge winner of the attendance banner was tempered by my disappointment in the fact that three Lodges in the First Monroe District had no one in attendance at the District Convention.

The recent election results placed several members of our Craft in public office. We congratulate them and wish for them a successful tenure in office.

The first snowfall and the increased frequency of colder weather remind us that the Thanksgiving Season will soon be upon us. May it be for us truly a time to "count our blessings" and to make more meaningful our Masonic belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of Man.

NORMAN H. SELKE
D.D.G.M.
1st MONROE DISTRICT



Brethren:

Masonic Education of the brothers is the concern of all of us. The receiving of the three degrees and signing of the by-laws does not make a brother a real mason. This can only be accomplished through education. Too many brothers receive too little masonic education. The Grand Lodge has gone to great expense in providing more information for the Lodges in order that they may bring more light to the newly made brothers. You can obtain from your District Service Representative, Wor. Bro. Richard L. Kassel, booklets on the Lodge System of Masonic Education, which, if used, will greatly enhance the quality of our Masonry. In addition, we, in the two Monroe Districts, are fortunate in having our own Bureau of Masonic Education comprising the School of Instruction, the School of Ritual and the School of Lodge Administration. Each Lodge has its own Representative to the Schools who can inform the brothers as to the dates for the various meetings. Your attendance will show your interest and zeal for our Fraternity and will help you in becoming a well-informed Mason.

Many times annoying problems arise from an improper conception of the contents of the Book of Constitutions. If the officers of a Lodge have a clear understanding of the simple rules and regulations as set forth in the Book of Constitutions, it will not only eliminate many questions pertaining to them, addressed to the Grand Master or Grand Secretary, but it will tend to give the Lodge a smoother and more harmonious operation.

Let us all strive for a greater understanding of our Masonic principles and work unceasingly to become better informed Masons.

MYRON E. WILKES
D.D.G.M.
2nd MONROE DISTRICT



Two Monroe Districts to Set Brotherhood Fund Drive Plans at Dec. 14 Kick-off Banquet



Service Bureau, with help from DeMolay, prepares Christmas Baskets for 45 needy families.

Brothers Moe, Branzier, and Shoemaker to Speak

A private dining room at the Midtown Hotel will be the site Wednesday evening, December 14, at 7:00 P.M. for the banquet to launch the 1967 Masonic Brotherhood Fund Drive in the two Monroe County Districts.

At Masonic News press time, word was awaited by the Banquet Committee from prominent Masonic brothers who have been invited to attend the banquet and speak to the gathering. Dr. Gordon K. Moe, Director of the Masonic Research Center in Utica had telephoned his acceptance to report on the fraternity's program. Also invited are Most Worshipful Clarence J. Henry, Past Grand Master; Most Worshipful J. Howard Shoemaker, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee for the Brotherhood Fund Drive and William Brenizer, new Superintendent of the Masonic Home in Utica.

Fresh from the success of the 1966 Campaign, the combined two - district Committees, led by Brothers Fred Belluscio and Bennet Taylor will host the Brotherhood Fund Chairmen of Blue Lodges and other Masonic organizations in Monroe County. Invitations have been issued via Masters of all Lodges in the two districts with a reminder that the outstanding campaign of 1966 was launched at a similar gathering last year at which all Lodges but one were represented.

In addition to addresses by the aforementioned speakers the Fund Drive Chairmen will take part in a pre-campaign conference to finalize plans for the drive. Currently in development is a campaign

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MASONIC SERVICE BUREAU TO BRING CHRISTMAS CHEER

As another Yuletide Season approaches, our thoughts again turn to those less fortunate, especially the children. We are planning to again secure the names of needy families and bring them some of the Christmas Cheer and Spirit that prevails so abundantly in our homes and which so many of us take for granted. If you know of a family or individual who would, through sickness or misfortune, not have much to be thankful for, please furnish his or their names to us so that we can help to make their Christmas.

If you wish to participate in this very worthy undertaking, the Service Bureau will be grateful for contributions of used clothing for men, women and children, toys for children, canned vegetables or money for the purchase of turkeys and the trimmings for a real Christmas dinner. Also, if you would like the experience of visiting some of these homes and see personally under what barren conditions they live, your help in delivering to them a few days before Christmas would be most welcome.

HILFIKER SHOW QUEBEC WILDERNESS COUNTRY DUE AT AUDITORIUM ON FEBRUARY 4th

QUEBEC WILDERNESS COUNTRY is the title of the 1967 Hilfiker show. The date is February 4th. This was the one time when Earl would be in town and the Auditorium Theatre was available.

quebec wilderness country is a travel and adventure story filmed in the wooded and lake studded back country of Quebec. It will delight outdoorsmen especially and ardent fishermen most of all. In addition to the scenic splendor of the lake country, the humor and human interest, there are superb pictures of the wildlife, the whitetail deer, black bear, loon and the magnificent moose. This also proves that there are places where the big ones do not always get away. It features the landing of monster great northern pike of twenty pounds or better.

The event will again be sponsored by Union Star Lodge of Honeoye Falls, New York.



Earl Hilfiker

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LET'S GO VISITING

DECEMBER 1966

- 1 - Genesee Falls - Memorial Service.
- 1 - Webster - Move-up Night.
- 1 - Northfield - Regular Meeting.
- 1 - James A. Hard Post-Memorial Service at Genesee Falls Lodge.
- 2 - School of Instruction-Third Degree at Main St. Temple, 7:30 P.M.
- 2 - Cyrene Commandery-Annual Meeting.
- 3 - Commanderies - Zone Festival.
- 3 - Germania - Bowling Party with Modesta Lodge.
- 5 - Corinthian Temple - Third Degree by Shrine Degree Team.
- 5 - John A. Robertson - Third Degree.
- 6 - Yonnondio - Third Degree.
- 6 - Penfield Union - Regular Meeting.
- 6 - Monroe Commandery-Annual Meeting.
- 6 - Charlotte - Official Visit of D.D.G.M. Myron Wilkes.
- 8 - James A. Hard Post-Regular Meeting.
- 9 - Cyrene Commandery-Annual Christmas Toast.
- 9 - Frank L. Simes - Christmas Party.
- 10 - Germania - Annual Christmas Party.
- 11 - Union Star - Annual Christmas Party.
- 12 - Rochester Lodge - Annual Meeting.
- 12 - Wakan Lodge - Regular Meeting.
- 12 - Frank R. Lawrence - Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers.
- 12 - Fairport - Annual Meeting.
- 12 - Etolian - Annual Meeting.
- 13 - Fame - Annual Meeting.
- 13 - Flower City - Annual Meeting.
- 13 - Henrietta - Business Meeting.

- 13 - Frank L. Simes - Third Degree.
- 14 - Ancient Craft - Annual Meeting.
- 14 - Oatka - Annual Meeting.
- 14 - Germania - Annual Meeting.
- 15 - Genesee Falls - Annual Meeting.
- 15 - Webster-Annual Meeting.
- 15 - Northfield - Annual Meeting.
- 16 - Monroe Commandery-Move-up night and Christmas Toast.
- 16 - Charlotte - Annual Children's Christmas Party.
- 17 - Trip to Utica.
- 18 - Webster - Annual Christmas Party.
- 18 - Oatka - Annual Christmas Party.
- 18 - Wakan-Annual Christmas Party.
- 18 - Cyrene Commandery-Annual Christmas Party.
- 19 - Corinthian Temple - Annual Meeting.
- 19 - John A. Robertson - Annual Meeting.
- 20 - Yonnondio - Annual Meeting.
- 20 - Penfield Union - Annual Meeting.
- 20 - Charlotte - Annual Meeting.
- 25 - James A. Hard Post-Canandaigua Hospital to distribute gifts.
- 27 - Genesee Falls - Trip to Murray Lodge to confer the Third Degree.
- 27 - James A. Hard Post - to Murray Lodge.
- 27 - Frank L. Simes - Annual Meeting.
- 29 - Investiture Service at Main Street Temple - 8:00 P.M.

SCHOOL OF MASONIC EDUCATION TO MEET ON FRIDAY, DEC. 2ND.

An unusually diversified and interesting set of talks relating to the Third Degree will be presented at the School of Instruction session on Friday, December 2nd, at 7:30 P.M., at the Masonic Temple.

The notable list of well-qualified speakers and their topics include:

R:W: Ralph B. Gray - "Interpretation of the Third Degree Ritual"

R:W: Fred J. Belluscio - "A Special Third Degree Charge"

W: A. Theodore Sampson - "Masonic Etiquette"

R:W: Wilford E. Hawkins - "This Confusion in the Temple"

All new brothers who have received the degree of Master Mason and all brethren-at-large who are interesting in increasing their fund of Masonic knowledge are urged to attend this last 1966 school of the Bureau of Masonic Education.

There Will Always Be A Santa Claus - St. Nick Jr.

Everyone has heard of Santa But have you heard about his son? He is known as St. Nick Jr. And he's really lots of fun.

He's a very small edition Of his father, Santa Claus, And I'll tell you all about him If you'll only stop and pause.

He's a tiny little fellow, Red coat, pants and hat. There are no whiskers on his face And he isn't very fat.

He is jolly like his father, He's as fast as he can be As he dashes 'round each Christmas Eve And trims your Christmas tree.

Before Christmas comes each year He's always on the go, Making toys and packing For that trip across the snow.

He always carries with him A bag chuck full of sand, It's special from the sandman The finest in the land.

Before his father Santa comes He creeps into your house You can never hear him 'Cause he's quiet as a mouse.

He comes to see if he can find Any children wide awake And if he does, you see, He gives his bag a shake.

Then off to sleep you go Nice and snug and tight And you won't begin to waken Until the morning light.

He may come down your chimney Through a window or a door And even make himself so tiny He can come right through your floor.

He always helps his father In this yearly race And he's ready in a minute To take old Santa's place.

There is never any danger Of Christmas being late 'Cause he is always on the job To keep this important date.

Christmas Day is finally here, He's tired as can be He's led the way for Santa And trimmed your Christmas Tree.

Now his job is finished, He's on his merry way, So remember St. Nick Jr., too Upon each Christmas Day.

By Burton R. Patterson

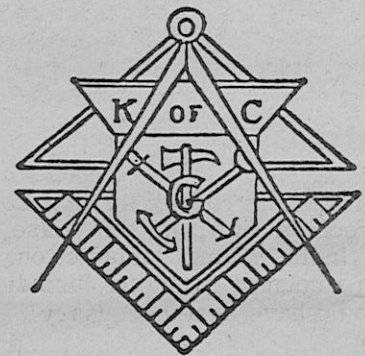
FREE MASONRY IN JARS?

Not often do we find a Masonic lesson in an amusing story, but there is one that seems to us to offer the opportunity for developing one.

At a gathering of women, so the story goes, the conversation turned to a discussion of Masons. Some of the women seemed to be rather well informed on the subject, and discussed it at some length, but one woman was bored and finally remarked, "Well, I don't know much about Masons, but I think their fruit jars are very nice."

If we analyze that remark, we may find she said 'a mouthful' without intending to point a moral of any kind. Don't many of us Masons have a lot of fruit jars into which we put our Masonry, then seal the jars and set them away in a dark corner? Even when Masonic friends visit us, we don't get out some of the jars and treat them to the contents. We might at least take a jar along every time we go to a Masonic meeting and pass around what the jar contains.

Freemasonry put away in jars doesn't improve with age, and the contents are likely to be forgotten. Freemasonry improves by dissemination. Brethren, keep your Freemasonry out of fruit jars; but, if you do put some away now and then, bring it out at the first opportunity and let the Brethren partake with you!



GLEASON MASONIC CLUB AND GLEASON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS JOIN IN FELLOWSHIP



Left to right: Mr. Raymond Nary, Past Grand Knight, K of C; Mrs. Nary; Mrs. Harold Norris; Bro. Harold Norris, President of the Gleason Masonic Club; R:W: Mack Hughes, Vice President Gleason Masonic Club and Master of Ceremonies; Mrs. Isabelle Mykins, President of the Gleason Knights of Columbus Club; Mrs. Mykins; R:W: John Moll, Past Grand Sword Bearer and Chaplain and Mrs. Moll.

Seventy five Masons and seventy-five Knights and their ladies assembled at the Country House in East Rochester on Saturday, October 15th for a Dinner Dance on the occasion of the first joint effort by

Gleason Employees Fraternal clubs to promote mutual understanding and cooperation. The affair was hailed as a high success and promises to be the first of an annual event for Gleasons'.

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Dear Brother Herman

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

Q. I visited a lodge recently where a friend was being raised. The lodge raised all candidates in short form, and then presented the second section in an elaborate drama which included the replacing of the candidate by a character in the play. Is this again permissible?

A. We have discussed and emphasized this matter at so many sessions of our School, and at the District Convention, that I can only conclude that the officers of this lodge do not attend our sessions.

The Book of Constitutions (Sec. 366) states that "Every Lodge shall practice the Standard Work and Lectures adopted by Grand Lodge." This was further clarified by a resolution adopted by Grand Lodge in 1927 that "No characters shall be added or subtracted (in the second section) unless such additions or subtractions be authorized by Grand Lodge."

Under the heading, "Unmasonic Conduct which constitutes a Masonic Offense which subjects an offending Lodge to trial and punishment, the Handbook of Masonic Law (Sec. 1197) lists, "A Lodge's refusal to practice the standard work of Grand Lodge."

The Lodge visited by you, in effect, committed a Masonic offense by deviating from the Standard Work of the 2nd section of the Third Degree, as taught by the Grand Lecturer and as contained in the official Ritual Book.

Q. Does an applicant for the degrees have to be an American citizen?

A. Citizenship in this country is not a prerequisite for membership. The question was raised in 1870 in the case of an alien who had resided in the state over one year, and was in all other respects duly qualified. Grand Master Anthon ruled that "in the Fraternity of Freemasonry, alienage is unknown." In a similar situation, Grand Master Thorne in 1875 reaffirmed the ruling, and it was approved by Grand Lodge. In 1910, a case was presented of a native of India studying at Columbia University, who had no intention of becoming a citizen of the United States but planned to return to India. It was ruled that he is eligible for membership, and may petition any Lodge which has jurisdiction to receive him. In this case, there was no Grand Lodge in India having jurisdiction. Had his legal residence been in a country claiming Jurisdiction, a Waiver of Jurisdiction would have been necessary.

Q. Why do we vote with our left hand instead of with our right, when the right was said to be the seat of fidelity?

A. It is difficult to account for the practice of voting with the left hand. The rule of voting "by hand" was adopted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1736, and published in the Constitutions of 1738. It read as follows: "The opinions or votes of the members are always to be signified by each holding up one of his hands ... Nor should any other kind of division be ever admitted among Masons." The practice apparently became to raise the right hand as the "ancient voting sign" or the "usual voting sign" of a Mason. This practice maintains abroad and in many of our Grand Lodges. When I visited a Lodge in Israel, I found that they vote with the right hand. The left hand is used in New York and in most of the eastern states. When and where this custom arose, we do not know. We can only guess that it may have arisen during anti-Masonic days to help detect renegade Masons. It is also possible that the practice arose because the right hand is used for the sign of fidelity, and the left became the "voting hand."

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JOINT INVESTITURE SERVICES FOR MASTERS-ELECT DECEMBER 29TH

The annual Joint Investiture Service for Masters-elect for 1967 will be held on Thursday, December 29th at 8:00 P.M. in Gothic Hall, Masonic Temple, under the direction of R:W: Herman A. Sarachan, Assistant Grand Lecturer.

A supper, by reservation only, will be served at 6:30 P.M. in the third floor dining room at a charge of \$1.75.

Only Past Masters and Masters-elect are eligible and are urged and invited to attend. Let us all attend and show the new Masters by our presence that we are interested and will support them in every way.

REPORT FROM THE SERVICE AND REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

I heartily recommend for your reading the article in the September - October issue of the Empire State Mason titled "OPERATION VIETNAM". There will be a follow-up article in the December issue.

These are touching articles on what our FIGHTING MEN think of those who care enough to take time to send gift packages. The letters coming back to Grand Lodge have inspired our Grand Master to order another crash program so that the second 100 packages will reach Vietnam in time for the holidays.

Such items as fruit cakes, fruit bars, playing cards, comic magazines, pens, post cards and harmonicas make up each package with the total having a retail value of \$14,750.00. Many of our brothers in greater New York have given many hours of volunteer service to get these packages ready in time for Christmas mailing.

We at this end of the state have an opportunity to serve too. On the second Sunday of each month our fraternity is represented at the Canandaigua Veterans Hospital and sponsor Ward Parties. We are in need of more volunteers and urge you to consider joining us. R:W: Odell Kelly or R:W: Ken Kingston will be glad to talk with you as individuals or to visit your Lodge and explain this program of service to our fellowmen. Only a review of the Third Degree charge will give you sufficient purpose in joining us each month. But greater than this, is the reward you receive from the guests of the hospital when they say "thanks for taking the time to come and see us". Think it over and then act!

BROTHERHOOD FUND

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plan that combines concerted mail and personal solicitation on a lodge by lodge basis during a concentrated period in February and March. The 1966 campaign, following a similar format, attained a new plateau of giving among Monroe County Masons, both in total contributions and in numbers of contributors. Similar campaigns, as a result, are set for other New York State Masonic Districts this year.

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LODGE *news and views*

CHARLOTTE LODGE No 1088 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren:

This is next to the last time I will greet you in this newspaper as Master of Charlotte Lodge. I wish to express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve you. I also wish to thank all officers, brothers and committees for their faithful support. It is this assistance that makes a Master's year an extreme pleasure. Without the help of all, I am sure your Master would be burdened. I sincerely hope my successor will have the same cooperation as I have had to make his year a successful and fruitful one. I will always cherish the friendship and fellowship I have enjoyed in our esteemed lodge. May the Architect Supreme favor our lodge with prosperity and brotherly love.

This being a season of extreme joy to many peoples of the world let us remember the Son of God whose teachings of a way of life cannot be surpassed. May we endeavor to follow the straight and narrow and live by the tenets there so taught, FAITH, HOPE, CHARITY and BROTHERLY LOVE. CHARITY being the greatest of all, may we at this season open our hearts to those less fortunate. May this glorious season bring to you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year. Fraternally,
Walter Doescher, Master

FROM THE SOUTH

The Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held at the Lodge on Friday, December 16th, at 7:30 P.M. Come and bring the kids, large and small. We think the adults have more fun than the kids.

Your Christmas Party has grown each year, so Santa has enlarged his bag. Shall we see if we have enough children out to empty it?

Let us all get out and participate. There will be carols, refreshments, entertainment for the children, and a gift for each of them. Be there to say Hi to Santa !!

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

As we go to press, our chief hospitaler, W: Harry Palmer is reporting to Mercy Hospital at Watertown to have the rest of the cast removed from his left leg. When we see this in print, we trust W: Bro. Harry will be getting around fine.

We have just received word that Brother Arthur Harrison is in the hospital.

You recently had a very complete report under this heading printed in your Lodge Beacon Light. Kindly refer to your copy and if possible visit one or more

of these incapacitated brothers.

TRESTLEBOARD

Dec. 6 - Official Visit of D.D.G.M. R:W: Myron Wilkes. He will bring you the message from our Grand Master, M:W: Frank C. Staples. Plan to be present.

Dec. 16 - Annual Children's Christmas Party, 7:30 P.M. (See Junior Warden's Message).

Dec. 20 - Annual Summoned Communication and Election of Officers.

Jan. 3 - Installation of Officers; W: A. Theodore Sampson, Installing Officer.

FRANK L. SIMES LODGE No. 990 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Brethren:

We have been listening to everyone as to what is best for #990.

Some suggest that we do what was once proved successful in days gone by. They talk of programs which worked once-upon-a-time.

In my brief experience of being a line officer, I can't say, in all honesty, that this type of entertainment still draws members to Lodge. FRANK L. SIMES is fortunate in having young blood in its ranks. I am afraid that some of the old guard will have to listen to them, or we will surely lose. We don't want that, do we?

For about two years, these same individuals have been suggesting going to one meeting a month. There have been arguments FOR and AGAINST. From where I sit, I have to conclude that arguments FOR appear stronger than those AGAINST.

So, on Tuesday, October 25, 1966 we read in open Lodge, an Amendment to our By-Laws. This was laid over to a meeting Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1966. We voted, and the Amendment was adopted. Starting the first of 1967, we are going to have one meeting a month. This meeting will be a dinner meeting.

Things look good for FRANK L. SIMES, if we go along with, and support, more modern thinking.

I have been most fortunate this year working with such a fine slate of officers. Let us not lose them. Give them your support and you will never be sorry.

This Tuesday, on Nov. 15, once again our Fellowcraft Club entertains the less fortunate at the County Home.

This year, our Fellowcraft Club, under the most able direction of President WES MANTZ, made great strides and in the right direction. Support your Fellowcraft Club.

We are looking forward eagerly to our District Deputy Rt. Wor. NORMAN A. SELKE'S visit with us on November 22, 1966. Our 50-year member, Brother JOHN BAKER will be with us and our Senior Deacon

has prepared a Memorial Program for us.

December 13, 1966 we are conferring the Third Degree. This will be a dinner meeting at 6:30 P.M. with the first section at 5:30 P.M. (Yours truly will be in the East).

On December 27, 1966 we will have our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. I will send you a special communication about that meeting.

Recently, we lost one of our brothers who has been living in Florida. Our sincere sympathy to the JAMIESON family.

At our Second Degree meeting Nov. 8, Bro. CARL PEARSEN paid us a visit. It certainly was good to see Bro. CARL.

I extend to you and your family best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

TRESTLEBOARD

Dec. 6 - Past Masters' Dinner.

Dec. 9 - Christmas Party - 3rd Floor Dining Room, Masonic Temple.

Dec. 13 - Third Degree Dinner at 6:30 P.M. - First Section, 5:30 P.M.

Dec. 20 - Fellowcraft, Harvey Anderson, 133 Harrington Drive.

Dec. 27 - Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.

Your Faithful Servant,
Robert P. Groat

WAKAN LODGE

No. 1054
2nd and 4th Mondays

Brethren:

We are fast approaching the end of the current year and I have not had the opportunity to greet many of you in Lodge. I hope it will be possible for you to attend our last meeting of the year, which will be the annual meeting and election of Officers. The date is December 12th at 7:30 P.M.

The installation will be January 9th, 1967 at 7:30 P.M. Attend this meeting and give your new officers a grand welcome.

The Annual Christmas Party will again be held in the Lodge Hall on Culver Road, with Fame joining us as they did last year. Bring the Children for ice cream and goodies. Bring a gift for each child with the name printed on it for distribution by Santa Claus. The date is December 18th in the afternoon.

Since this will be the last Masonic News item I will write, as Master of the Lodge, I wish to take this opportunity to thank one and all for the cooperation and assistance given me through out the year. It has been a very gratifying experience, and one full of pleasure on my part. This of course has not been without the help and encouragement of my wife, Jane. She is the one that keeps me going when the chips are down and I am ready to give up.

All of the Past Masters have been most helpful and I wish to extend to them my personal thanks. This of course includes the Past Master whom is Secretary, W: Brother Eric Lewis. Without his help and guidance it would have been a more difficult year and I am sure

he will be missed.

Good Luck and Best Wishes to all of you for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely & Fraternally,
Vernon E. Bishop, Master

GERMANIA LODGE

No. 722
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Brethren:

As you have received your second letter regarding the Germania Lodge's Christmas Party, explaining the financing of it, there has been a rather small percentage of the members contributing. Please send in your contributions to W: Bro. Wayne Cowell, 115 Hinchey Rd., Roch. 14611.

Our Annual Summons meeting and Election of Officers will be held Wednesday, Dec. 14th. If you have not attended a meeting any time during the year, please make a special effort to be at this one. Also a must is the Christmas Party, December 10th. Please have gifts for your children plainly marked with your child's name for Santa's distribution.

I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,
Elton Perrine, Master

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 3 - Bowling Party at Buffalo with Modestia Lodge. Ladies also invited. Call D. Krech or E. Perrine for reservations.

Dec. 10 - Annual Christmas Party. 6:30 P.M.

Dec. 14 - Annual Election of Officers. 7:30 P.M.

Jan. 11 - Installation of Officers. 7:30 P.M.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Clarence Smith, home, 7 Herbert St.; James Kemp, home, 28 Carl St.; Lyell Adams, home, 64 Earl St.; Walter Lang, home, 345 Magnolia St.; James Pickworth, home, 185 Ripplewood Dr.; W:B: Norman Brink, home, 3980 Roosevelt Hwy.; W:B: Richard Betlem, home, 111 Rosalind St.; R:W: William Lauweret, home, 43 Wisconsin St.; Frank VanVoorst, home, 153 Buckman Rd.; William Flad, home, 3286 St. Paul Blvd.

ODDS & ENDS FROM THE SOUTH

The brethren of Modestia Lodge have invited us to join with them in an evening of fellowship and bowling on Saturday, Dec. 3rd., in Buffalo. The price is \$4.50. This will include a full course chicken dinner plus refreshment and three games of bowling. The ladies are cordially invited to come along to bowl or cheer. For them the dinner will be \$1.50 and .45¢ a game to bowl.

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SENECA LODGE
No. 920
3rd Tuesday



Brethren of
Monroe Districts #1 and #2:

I am writing this message to my Masonic friends of Monroe County, other than my Brothers of Seneca who will receive a message a little later.

The purpose of this letter is to express my heartfelt thanks for the most wonderful year of my life in Masonry. My associations throughout the eleven years as an officer have been lasting and the friends I have met have been sincere.

The Schools of Instruction have taught me knowledge, the Schools of Ritual, deportment, the Schools of Lodge Administration, management, and of course, the District Conventions, exactness. All of these classes were invaluable. I am sorry I was not a 100% participant.

The association I was most appreciative of was the Masters and Wardens, of which I was associated three memorable years. The zenith was the five days in New York City to attend the Grand Lodge Communication last May. To meet Masonic Brethren from the entire State as well as Grand Lodge representatives from parts of the entire world was an experience I will never forget. I humbly thank my Lodge Brothers for the opportunity to serve them at Grand Lodge.

To my friends of Monroe County, I would like to express some views on Masonry. The first is to try to get your Lodge to have dinner meetings. The chance to converse with each other is multiplied at the dinner table. You will get to know your lodge Brothers better in this manner. The second is to make the newly raised Brothers feel they are known and wanted. I believe every Lodge fails in this. The new members are the focus for three months and then almost forgotten. If you get them to attend three or four meetings right after the three degrees, you will have them for life. The third is secrecy. Be proud you are a Mason and do not be afraid to talk about it even among its so-called enemies. Do we have enemies? I don't think we have. Those who are not Masons are envious or are in darkness. If you have a particular friend who is qualified but not a Mason, steer the conversation toward Masonry. Make him ask questions.

To my Masonic friends, a very Merry Christmas. Fraternally yours,
Harry C. Kittredge, Jr.

WEBSTER LODGE
No. 538
1st and 3rd Thursdays

Brethren:
The calendar year has nearly run its course. However, this time of year is extremely important to all organizations. Elections are the order of the day and while the political scene has pretty well settled out, most social and fraternal organizations are in the throes of, or are looking forward to their elections.

Although in our Masonic

Fraternities where no contention should exist, there is little campaigning, still the occasion of the Annual Meeting is an important one. Not only do we observe the democratic practice of electing officers for the coming year but enjoy a brief review of the events of the year together with interesting reports on the general well being of the Lodge. Mark this special day, December 15th, on your calendar. Plan to attend the dinner preceding the meeting and enjoy an evening of fellowship. Fraternally yours,
Clinton S. Ballard, Master

Our Second November meeting was highlighted by a presentation of the Third Degree by our own Fellowcraft Club Degree Team. New members raised to the Third Degree included Brothers Douglas Brummell, Walter Lackey, Richard Lewis and Earl Wyble.

The Annual Childrens Christmas Party scheduled for December 18th is again expected to be a well attended affair by the children of the Brethren. Santa Claus will be the main feature of the afternoon following some enjoying entertainment provided by the Junior Warden.

Please reserve December 15th on your calendar. This will be our Annual Meeting night.

TRESTLEBOARD

- Dec. 1 - Move-up Night.
- Dec. 15 - Annual Meeting (Election of Officers).
- Dec. 18 - Children's Christmas Party (Sunday).

NORTHFIELD LODGE
No. 426
1st and 3rd Thursdays

Brethren:
I will take this opportunity to thank Bro. Dick McConnell and Bro. Henry McCurdy for their fine work in making our Ladies Night the success it was. Over 35 couples attended and after an excellent meal, enjoyed an evening of entertainment and dancing. I hope there will be many more such evenings in the future.

Our meeting of Dec. 1st will be a regular meeting with entertainment and refreshment provided by Bro. Dick Lear. Dec. 15th will be our Annual Meeting with the election of officers for 1967 then work on the Trestleboard. This meeting will be preceded by a dinner at which the candidates raised in 1966 will be guests of honor and guests of the Master. It is my hope that the Lodge will be filled to capacity for this event. You, my brothers, elect your Officers. Your support is their encouragement. Voting will be by secret ballot. This is your opportunity to take an active part in the administration of your Lodge. Set aside the date now! Dec. 15th. Call any officer for reservations.

To all Brethren and their families my sincere best wishes for a thoughtful and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

God Bless you all.
Fraternally,
W: Jack S. Thibaut, Master

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

Brethren:
November 1st was the Official Visit by R:W: Bro. Norman Selke, accompanied by R:W: Bro. Philip Averbach. This was a very enjoyable and unusual evening enjoyed by the members and visitors. R:W: Bro. Norman Selke brought a very interesting message. The unusual part was the two Grand Officers entered the meeting as soon as we opened and not only stayed until we closed but they also remained for refreshment and good old fashioned fellowship.

Nov. 15th the Third Degree was conferred by Sr. Warden, Norman Vane, assisted by the other Officers. The second section was directed by W: Bro. Ralph Kellogg and W: Bro. Fred Welch.

As usual the members of Constellation Chapter out did themselves on a delicious dinner preceding the meeting.

Dec. 6 - will be a regular meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Dec. 13 - Fellowcraft at 8:00 P.M.

Dec. 20 - Annual Summons meeting for the election of Officers. Please reflect on your duty as members and make an effort to attend this meeting. Sincerely and Fraternally,
Bernard H. Fitch, Master

ROCHESTER LODGE
No. 660
2nd and 4th Mondays

Brethren:
It seems as though I just finished writing last month's column, and already it is time for another.

Our organist, Loren Kellogg Jr., has returned from his honeymoon. I think married life agrees with him, he was terrific at the console the night of our Second Degree.

The Fellowcraft Club's annual steak roast was poorly attended but Jim Nohle did an outstanding job in organizing, cooking, and serving a most delicious repast. Thanks Jim, for doing another magnificent job.

The Centennial committee have been busy as beavers and real progress is being made. If you are willing to serve on one of the committee's or have any ideas about the Centennial, please contact either Ken Moore - ID 6-2333 or Dick Kassel at BU 8-0361.

Our annual Memorial Service will be held on Dec. 12th in conjunction with the Annual Communication.

We still have a few empty seats on the sidelines, so why not come out and help fill them up. Fraternally,
Richard L. Kassel, Master

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Annual Summons



ANCIENT CRAFT LODGE

No. 943, F. & A. M.

Rochester, New York

December 1, 1966

Dear Sir and Brother:

In accordance with the Statutes of the Grand Lodge you are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Communication of the Lodge on

Wednesday evening,
December 14, 1966
at 7:30 o'clock

Officers for the ensuing year are to be elected and business of importance demands the presence of every member.

Signed
Ernest L. Curtis,
Master

Attest
Wilson H. DaBoll
Secretary

This will be the only meeting in December.

Brethren:

I will soon be turning over the gavel to your new Master, and all I had planned is still unaccomplished. I believe the trend of membership and attendance to Lodge is beginning to turn for the better. Let us all make an effort to make Buds year bigger and better.

Our 50th Anniversary Dinner and Ladies Night was a great success. There was over 150 attended.

It was a great pleasure to welcome and visit with W: Al Moffet from California. Also W: John Milbredt and W: Robert Bowler from Ohio. We also enjoyed a fine time with R: W: Elvin Brown from Washington, D.C. They had a very narrow escape with a tractor-trailer accident on their way home.

We all give thanks that God was with them and they were saved.

It was a pleasure to have our Secretary W: Wilson DaBoll back with us again after his eye operation.

On the sick list; W: Charles Schaefer is now confined to his bed. All that can please call on him, as he is failing fast. His address is 99 Spruce Ave., Rochester.

Bro. Warren Post is confined to his home with a broken leg. W: Bro. Robert Bowler's wife has recently had a serious operation. Bro. Harven Wilson's wife had an operation at Northside on Nov. 9th. Our sincere wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery to all.

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 14 - Annual Summons Meeting.

Jan. 11 - Installation of Officers.

Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,
Ernest L. Curtis, Master

FAME LODGE

No. 945

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

FROM THE EAST

Another year has come down to the wire. It is again time to elect a new Master for your Lodge. You are therefore under a summons to attend the meeting of Dec. 13, for this purpose. You should have received a letter to this effect by now.

There have been many rewarding things come to pass in this year. We have our new kitchen, new Ante Room, and new tables in the basement. Also, our attendance seems to be on the increase and a return of spirit has shown in Lodge. These things have certainly made it a pleasure being Master of the Lodge. Many thanks to all for your assistance.

Let me extend to all of you "Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas". Your Master,
Clarence Ver Streate

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Bro. Charlie Sholes is now at home recovering from major surgery. It is reported that he is progressing very good, and he can have visitors. I'm sure he would appreciate hearing from us and seeing some of his friends.

The Supreme Architect has summoned from our ranks, Bro. Felix Rader who was raised in 1954. He died October 20, 1966.

FELLOWCRAFT

A Pancake Supper is being planned for January 16th. Bring a friend or guest. Proposed cost is \$1.25 per person.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LODGE

Bro. Neal Vanderzell wishes to express many thanks from himself, his carpet committee and the lodge for the generous donations received from Wakan Lodge and Culver Chapter towards the purchase of our new carpet.

While on the subject of carpeting, W: Master Ver Streate informed your reporter that if all goes according to plan, the carpet will be down and the paneling will be up in time for installation of officers in January.

It was good to see Bro. Cornelius Vermeulen in Lodge. It is difficult for him to be there often due to the long trip. He came in all the way from Painted Post.

Congratulations to Bro. Jacque Herman whose daughter was 1st. alternate in the Monroe County Junior Miss Contest.

WANT AD

Help wanted (1) to build up attendance (2) to share our Lodge problems (3) to be good Masons.

If you qualify for this position, appear in person at FAME Lodge every 2nd and 4th Tuesday or at Fellowcraft any off Tuesday (same place.)

Best Wishes to all for a Very MERRY CHRISTMAS.
Your Reporter,
Bob Hebner

GENESSEE FALLS LODGE

No. 507

1st and 3rd Thursdays

FROM THE EAST

Brethren:

This is the last message for the year and I write with mixed emotions. I feel that a great responsibility is being lifted from my shoulders and being placed upon another. May the Great Architect of the Universe be as good to my successor as he has been to me.

Our December meetings will be of great importance to every member of our Lodge, and I will appreciate your cooperation in attending our last two meetings. Our Memorial Service, on December 1st will be presented by the James A. Hard Post, Masonic War Veterans, and for those who have not attended this ceremony, I urge you come and witness our final farewell to those Brothers who have been called Home by the Supreme Architect.

The Lodge Ladies Night on November 12th was well attended at the Green Lantern Inn, Fairport, N.Y., and a good time was had by all. I thank our Junior Warden and his committee for an excellent job.

Our final Third Degree of the year was conferred by Round Hill Lodge #533, Endicott, N.Y. who did an excellent dramatization. Our deepest thanks to these Brothers.

December 15, our annual meeting will see our 1967 Budget approved, and our next years Officers elected, and it is your duty, as a Mason, to attend and give your support to these men who give up so much of their time for the benefit of all.

In closing, I wish all of you the Merriest of Christmas and the Best of Wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Willard C. Mattern, Master

TRESTLEBOARD

Dec. 1 - 7:30 P.M. - Business - Reading of Budget. - Memorial Service - James A. Hard Post.

Dec. 8 - 7:30 P.M. - Officers Meeting - 8:00 P.M. Fellowcraft Club.

Dec. 15 - 7:30 P.M. - Business - Approval of

Budget - Election of Officers.

Dec. 17 - Trip to Utica.
Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas.

Dec. 27 - Trip to Holley, N.Y., Murray Lodge #380. Confer Third Degree.

Jan. 1, 1967 - Happy New Year.

Jan. 5 - Installation of Officers.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Fred Anderson, 183 Frost Ave.; George Bemish, Park-Alexander, 243 Alexander; Albert C. Bird, 357 Hampton Blvd.; Barrie Brightman, 174 Dickinson Rd., Webster, N.Y.; Raymond Brink, Brockport, N.Y.; Edward L. Clark, 41 Edgeland St.; Harold G. Ensign, St. Ann's Home; Christian Germer, 289 Long Acre Rd.; Henry Godette, 15 Cairn St.; Murray L. Harris, 45 Durand St.; J. Harrison Herbst, Batavia V.A. Hospital; Theodore J. Hertel, State Hospital; Frank J. Heidman, St. Petersburg, Fla.; John E. Howard, 354 Ravenwood Ave.; Leo E. Huntsmen, 3477 Dewey Ave.; Otto J. Henderberg, Genesee Hospital; Emil Huser, 200 Royleston Rd.; Harold F. Lubash, 287 Lincoln Ave.; Fred L. Maas Sr., 582 Elmgrove Ave.; Donald E. MacCowan, 118 Clifton St.; Charles B. Mann, Elmcrest Sanitarium, 27 S. Main St., Churchville, New York; Wm. B. Nixdorf, Lincoln Rd., East Rochester; Glen C. Pifer, Sodus Point, N.Y.; Cart T. Rider, Highland Hospital; John J. Schafer, 35 Bobrich Dr.; G. Allen Smith, Highland Hospital; Robert A. Walls, Monroe County Infirmary.

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FLOWER CITY LODGE
No. 910
2nd Tuesday

TRESTLEBOARD

Dec. 13 - Annual Election of Officers.
Dec. 18 - Chanukah Party.
Jan. 10 - Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers.
Feb. 17 - Consecration Service at Temple Beth David.

FROM THE EAST

Brethren:
As we come to the end of another year we become aware of a responsibility to the Lodge, as this is the time of year for our Annual Communication when we elect the officers who are to lead us next year. The Lodge depends on each and everyone of the members to help make wise choices for the elective offices so that the business necessary to run a Lodge can be handled in a precise, expeditious and efficient manner. The only way each individual member can help is to be in attendance for this communication. Mark your calendars to make certain you will attend on Dec. 13 at 7:30 P.M. Be proud of the high level of prestige and recognition your Lodge now holds in Masonic circles. Help us to continue in this manner.

FELLOWCRAFT CLUB

On Saturday, Nov. 19th the Fellowcraft Club held its annual mixed bowling tournament at Clover Lanes. There were a large number of brothers in attendance and everyone had a good time.

The members of the Fellowcraft Club are working very hard on our annual Childrens Chanukah Party. Plan to come with your children and spend some time with us on Sunday, December 18. We have arranged for some "name" performers to entertain you and the refreshments will be unusually good. More information will be reaching you through the mail very soon.

ANNUAL CONSECRATION SERVICE.

We are looking forward to the upcoming Consecration Service as it will bring Most Worshipful Harry Ostrov, Past Grand Master, to speak to us. The service is to be held on Friday, February 17, 1967 at Temple Beth David. We are looking forward to a large attendance to hear this dynamic and eloquent speaker.

On October 25th we held a Special Communication and the Second Degree was conducted by the Master.

The Third Degree was held on Nov. 8th and was conferred on the following brothers: Jerome Ira Solkoff and Martin A. Lukacher.

SYMPATHY

The Lodge wishes to express its heartfelt sympathy to the following:

Bro. Jerome Benowitz upon the loss of his father;

Bros. Max and Joseph Shuman upon the loss of their father; Bro. Reuben Goldman upon the loss of his brother.

We extend our sympathy to the family of our late Bro. Israel Frohman.

Two of our brothers are recovering from illness: Julie Michaels and Alfred Hyman. Drop them a line and help speed their recovery.

Remember to save Tuesday, Dec. 13 for Lodge meeting and take part in the election of next years leaders and then honor these new leaders by coming to the Annual Banquet and Installation on Jan. 10, 1967.

WE EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our congratulations to Hon. and Bro. Harry L. Rosenthal on his re-election as County Court Judge.

To Wor. Joseph Goldstein on his 75th Birthday when he was honored with a luncheon on November 25th at the Rochester Club for his outstanding communal leadership.

To Bro. and Mrs. Harry Hellman who were honored at a dinner under the auspices of Kaufman Post, J.W.V., on November 5th, prior to their departure for Florida.

To Bro. and Mrs. S. Herbert Kroll on the engagement of Miss Roberta Davis to their Son, Loren.

To Bro. and Mrs. Ellis I. Hormats on the Bar Mitzvah of their daughter, Carol.

To Bro. and Mrs. Reuben Goldman, whose son, Arnold, received the Benjamin Goldstein Award.

HENRIETTA LODGE
No. 526

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

A Word From Your Master, Congratulations are expressed to the following members who received their 40 Year Memberships in October: W: Bro. Almond Kramer, Bro. G. Burton Ward, Bro. Clair Caswell, Bro. Wayne Caswell, Bro. John Post, Bro. Elmer Ellis, Bro. Allan Pixley, Bro. Henry Reeves, Bro. Karl Bartholomay.

Sorry to hear that our Senior Warden James Doig had a heart attack. Take care of yourself Jim.

Received a letter from W: Len Donke. After quite a time in the hospital he is feeling the best he has in quite a time.

My thanks to everyone that made Ladies night the success it was and I hope everyone had as good a time as I did.

Brothers: Attendance is slipping. Let every Brother enjoy the habit of going to Lodge. Let everyone of you ask yourself the question, Am I doing as much for my Lodge as I could? If not start coming to Henrietta the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

The Secretary reminds everyone that the year is almost over and there are quite a few outstanding dues, also he has the new dues cards for 1967.

Called by the Supreme Architect - Brother Mark C. Newton.

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

FROM THE EAST

December 5th will be one of the highlight attractions for the year. The Damascus Temple Past Masters Degree Team of the Shrine will confer the Third Degree on a full class of candidates. This is an evening that you will not want to miss. This will mark their first appearance in our Lodge and after witnessing their performance I am sure that it will not be the last. Under the capable direction of R.W: Herman Sarachan, you know that it will be as ritually perfect as it can possibly be. Dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M. and the first section will commence at 7:30 P.M.

December 19th will be our Annual Summoned meeting with the election of officers for the coming year. Come out and exercise your right to vote.

I want to extend to all a personal wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperious New Year.

Fraternally,
Bertram M. Steene, Master

Corinthian Temple Lodge #805 Fellowcraft Club will hold a Christmas Party Saturday, December 17th, at 3:00 P.M. in the Third Floor Dining Room - Masonic Temple.

All Fellowcraft members and children are invited. There will be gifts for all children under 12 years of age.

Refreshments will be served.

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OATKA LODGE
No. 759
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Dear Brothers:

It is with fond memories and deep regrets that I find my year as Master coming to an end. I wish to thank all of the Officers, Past Masters and Brothers for their help during the year. I was very pleased by your help in every instance. Thank you one and all!

TRESTLEBOARD

Dec. 2 - School of Instruction - 3rd Degree-Masonic Temple, Rochester at 7:30 P.M.

Dec. 7 - Fellowcraft Club Meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Dec. 14 - Annual Meeting and Election of Officers 8:00 P.M.

Dec. 18 - Annual Christmas Party at the Lodge. 5:30 P.M. Please bring a large dish to pass and a gift with your child's name on it for Santa Claus to distribute. The meat and beverage will be provided by the Lodge and Star. Hope to see you there!

Happy Holidays to all.
Fraternally
John Horn, Master

FRANK R LAWRENCE
LODGE No. 797
2nd Monday

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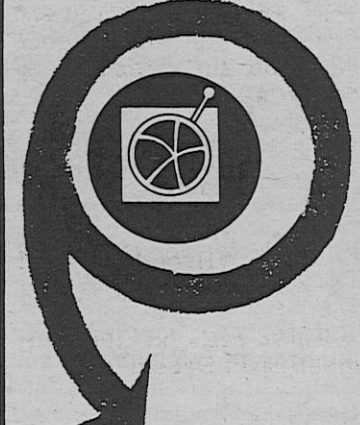
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No. 163
1st and 3rd Tuesdays



TRESTLEBOARD

Dec. 6 - Third Degree-Master.

Dec. 20 - Annual Meeting.

Jan. 3 - Installation of Officers.

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 6 - Third Degree-The Fifth Class of 1966 will receive their Third Degree our first meeting in December. Our Fellowship Club Team will present the Second Section Dramatization. Our members should take pride in the Club's fine work and encourage their performance with good attendance.

PAST MEETINGS

The Fourth Class of 1966 has been deemed the "R:W: Len Parker Class" because all five brothers were petitioned by our R:W: Bro. Treasurer Leonard Parker, Bro. John A. Williams, Bro. William A. Watkins, Bro. Richard D. Dodge, Bro. George M. Davis, and Bro. Lewis W. Friederich received their First Degree September 20th, October 18th, our acting Jr. Warden Marshall Hughes conferred the Second Degree. On November 1st, Sr. Warden William G. Buchanan conferred the Third Degree. The Fellowship Club presented the Second Section Drama with their usual excellent skill. W: Bro. George L. Wetzel gave the Historical Lecture. R:W: Bro. Leonard Parker presented Bibles to the newly raised brothers and explained Lodge etiquette. W: William Perry presented the Charge.

Ladies Night - November 4th - 1966 Ladies Night was held at the Party House where the service was enjoyed by everyone. After a delicious dinner, W:M: Harold E. Weiser introduced his officers to our guests and expressed his appreciation for their assistance during his year as Master of Yonnondio Lodge. R:W: Leonard Parker introduced Worshipful and Honorable Bro. Frank Horton, U.S. Congressman, who spoke to our gathering of the freedoms we enjoy under our system of government, and how we might increase our benefits and rewards of freedom by practicing friendship and brotherly love. Later we were entertained by Sam Casino and his orchestra with music for dancing.

FAIRPORT LODGE
No. 476

2nd and 4th Mondays

Brothers,

I wish to express my thanks for the opportunity to serve as Master of Fairport Lodge for the past year. It is with sincere regret to so suddenly see the end to it all. We have witnessed some outstanding parts of our program and some remarkable accomplishments by some of the members and com-

mittees.

The high points of our program that have impressed me were spread well over the year. The 'Brotherhood Fund' participation went up to nearly 50%. This is not as high as it should be but it shows a substantial gain over our previous participation. Our Ladies night was well received as judged by the attendance for the evening. The 'Debt Reduction Dinner' was well attended. The youth program as exemplified by 'Demolay' is going forward with Fairport Lodge providing advisors and meeting facilities. The nine candidates who have been raised to the degree of Master Masons this year are faithfully attending the meetings and taking an active part in the regular work of the Lodge.

The work of the publicity committee has been exceedingly helpful to me and the Lodge keeping us informed of the work. The efforts of the officers of the Lodge for cooperation and excellence have paid off with more interesting meetings with good attendance. For all this I am indeed grateful.

At the beginning of the year I was fortunate to have an experienced hand take over the job as Lodge secretary at the death of Warner Williams. This was M:W: Hugh Arnold. He extended himself selflessly until he had another indoctrinated. Bro. Gotthard Wicke was outstanding in the solid conscientious effort to increase the participation in the 'Brotherhood Fund'. His efforts gave me inspiration. Bro. Jr. Warden George Knight has served with distinction as the chairman of the Monroe Districts Fellowship Committee with enthusiasm and distinction. He serves his own Lodge equally well. His belief in F. & A.M. (Fellowship and Active Masons) has promoted a greater degree of interest by Masons thru a competitive sports program. As chairman of the publicity committee, Bro. Clayton T. Bridges has contributed regularly to the Monroe Masonic News, Masonic News Letter and the Fairport Herald Mail items keeping the members of the Lodge informed. This has been a great deal of essential help to me in building of attendance and communication. Fraternally, Ralph Homan, Master

STATISTICS

J. March Howell - Called by the Great Architect of the Universe November 12, 1966. Raised March 28, 1955.

Bro. L. Gorton Baker - Surgery at Batavia Veterans Hospital Nov. 15; Bro. Melvin Freer - Surgery at Genesee Hospital last of Nov.; Bro. Nicholas Cristou - Recovering from Pneumonia at Northside Hospital; Carl A. Anderson - Convalescing from broken ankle expects to leave for Florida soon.

The Lodge extend sympathy to the Howell family. To those in hospitals and ill at home the Lodge prays for a speedy recovery.

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 28 - Annual Lodge

Memorial Service. The Third Degree for this date has been canceled.

Dec. 12 - The Annual Communication and election of Officers. Dinner will be served at 6:30 prior to this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bro. James Wilkens, Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund Committee, asks that all members help to expedite the contributions to the Fund by using the envelope that will be received in the local Masonic News Letter when remitting the Lodge dues or stop at the Secretary Desk with the contribution when paying the dues.

Bro. Sr. Warden Robert Fells says to be prepared for Fish Fries beginning after Jan. 1, 1967 extending through the lenten period.

SPORTS

Bro. Jr. Warden reports that there were 67 bowlers and 30 wives showed up at the Fellowship Bowling Party with Harry Hopkins and Harold Garbutt as Chairmen. Fairport Lodge winners were: Darwin Reed-high 3 total handicap. Roger Scott - high single scratch, Ralph Homan-scroll in handicap.

In golf for Monroe districts fellowship - Gordy Niedermier, Ray Bloom and Everet Hook chairmen. Jerry Stahl won the Grand Master's Trophy and also overall golf trophy. Trophy winners for classes A, B and C were: Harold Saterlee, Charles DeCoca and Larry Alman.

ETOLIAN LODGE

No. 479
2nd and 4th Mondays

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 28 - Third Degree-Past Masters Night. First Section-5:30 P.M. Dinner 6:30 P.M.-Second Section-8:00 P.M. - to be conferred by our Past Masters.

Dec. 2 - Etolian Ladies Night to be held at Three Acres Party House, 88 Whittier Rd. Social Hour-6:00 P.M. Dinner served at 7:00 P.M. - Western Square dancing, novices, too. For reservations please call Sr. Warden William Farnsworth - EL 2-5600, Steward John Matern, 594-2304 or Master Leslie A. Sale, ID 6-6722. Donation \$8.00 per couple.

Dec. 12-Summons Meeting - Election of Officers. The Lodge extends its sympathy to the families of Bro. Evert Russell who passed away on October 23, 1966.

Bro. Senior Warden William Farnsworth on the passing of his Brother-in-Law.

Bro. Richard Dewey on the loss of his Father.

Bro. Arthur Brooks who passed away on Nov. 6, 1966.

Bro. Joseph Holverson who passed away on Nov. 10, 1966.

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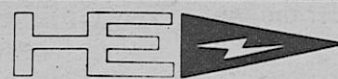
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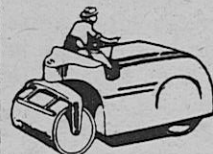
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JOHN A. ROBERTSON LODGE
No. 1032
1st and 3rd Mondays

An entertaining evening was enjoyed by all who attended the Ladies' Nite Tureen Supper on November 7th. Jr. Warden Cliff Hayner and his committee had a fine evening's entertainment consisting of "Music and Magic". A special added feature was Bro. Bob Brethen with his ventriloquist act. We are fortunate to have a man with such exceptional talent in John A. Robertson Lodge.

A Third Degree will be conferred on a single candidate on December 5th. Lodge will be opened at 6:00 P.M. A dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M. in the Third Floor Dining Room. See any of the officers for tickets.

The Annual Meeting and election of officers will be held on December 19th. At this meeting, the Secretary will have the 1967 Dues Cards available.

W:B: Dean Critchell is the Chairman of the Annual Children's Christmas Party for the children of the Genesee Settlement House. Any brother interested in an afternoon of acting as an uncle to some wonderful kids, contact W: B: Critchell.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

The sympathy of the lodge is extended to the families of Bro. Niel Minich and Bro. Clifford Gair, who passed away in November.

UNION STAR LODGE
No. 320
1st Wednesday

Brethren:

Your attention is called to the date of the Annual Communication, Dec. 7th, 1966. A dinner will be served by the Ladies of the Eastern Star at 6:30 P.M., reservations must be made with Bro. Richard Rosier by Monday, Dec. 5th. We urge you to come to the dinner and stay for this important meeting.

This month we extend our congratulations to W: Bro. Isaac A. Chapell who is completing his 50th Year of Membership and service in the Craft. W: Bro. Chapell was raised in Triluminar Lodge #543 in 1916 and affiliated with Union Star Lodge in 1921. He served as Master of Union Star in 1940. A retired teacher, Bro. and Mrs. Chapell now divide their time between their homes in Honeoye Falls and Florida.

On Sunday, Dec. 11th, the Ladies of the Eastern Star will join the Masons in celebrating the Christmas Season. A buffet supper, preceded and followed by good fellowship, fun, games and entertainment is being planned and prepared by the committees of both Orders. We do hope you will be with us.

As we enter into the holiday season, let us not forget those who are less fortunate and may be in need of sympathy, aid and support. I especially urge you to remember our Brothers at the Masonic Home at Utica, N.Y. A small gift of remembrance will be greatly appreciated.

Your offering may be sent directly to the Home, or if you prefer, the Lodge will forward your contribution to the Christmas Cheer Fund.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 7 - Annual Communication - 8:00 P.M. Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

Dec. 11 - Masons and Eastern Star Christmas Party.

Dec. 29 - Investiture of Masters - Elect. Masonic Temple, Rochester, 8:00 P.M.

Jan. 4, 1967 - Installation of Officers - 8:00 P.M. Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

HILFIKER'S DAM COMMENTS

On page two of the October 1966 issue of Monroe Masonic News my comments on my most recent trip to the west were published. The trip was motivated by my concern over the two proposed dams in Grand Canyons. I revisited the area I traveled through back in 1959. They were then building the huge HUNGRY HORSE DAM. As I looked down into the valley I was reminded of the little river steamboat that had the seven foot boiler and the nine foot long whistle. The whistle was the loudest of any boat on the whole Mississippi but every time they blew it the engine stopped because the whistle drained the boiler.

The BUREAU OF RECLAMATION built a huge water impoundment where the river below looked to be about the size of Irondequoit Creek. This summer I picked up a local paper and spread across the front page was an article expressing concern that the water level in HUNGRY HORSE impoundment was so low that they were investigating the feasibility of seeding the clouds to make it rain so there would be more water in the reservoir.

Now what I am getting at is this. Why doesn't someone suggest to our Worshipful Brother the Honorable Frank Horton, Congressman from the 36th Congressional District that he get a bill passed to authorize the Hopi Indians to go around the empty reservoirs built by our BUREAU OF RECLAMATION and have them do the snake dance. He might even get anti-poverty funds to finance it. Believe me, anti-poverty funds have been used for less deserving causes.

Cooper Explains His Faith in God

Astronaut L. Gordon Cooper says "faith in God is evident in the space program."

Cooper, who made the final Project Mercury flight and currently holds the American record of 34 hours in orbit, spoke from a pulpit Sunday and said faith and prayer are vital in everything living on earth, just as they are high in the heavens on a space ship.

Cooper conducted the service at the First Methodist Church of Seabrook, Texas. Cooper was assisted by Dr. Charles Berry, head of the medical office of the nearby Manned Spacecraft Center, training base for the astronauts.

"Once upon a time, at an altitude of 150 miles over the Indian Ocean, I said a prayer," Cooper told the congregation. "I had tried for months to compose a proper prayer, but finally gave up. Then on the flight, it just flowed out."

He said prayer is needed for more than space flights.

"We need to pray every day, to thank Him and ask for His guidance and strength," he said.

Cooper said he had problems trying to name his spacecraft.

"Webster's Dictionary helped me the most," he said. "It gave three definitions of faith - belief, loyalty and confidence. With international attention focused on the flights, I wanted the world to see those things." The craft was named "Faith Seven".

"We used modern language when we said that all systems were 'go'," he said.

"But what we were saying deep down was that we had a tremendous faith in God."

Cooper told the congregation at two services that many people complain about having to accept too many things on faith.

"I don't believe this," he said. "Look around at the complexities of modern life. This is the work of the master architect."

"God is a very forgiving God. He knows we make mistakes, as long as we try to do better, he will forgive us and give us the guidance and strength to do better."

Editor's Note: Cooper is a member of the Masonic Fraternity and is a Shriner.

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At Christmas time I hope each of you and your family have a great and happy time. Always remember what happened 1,966 years ago. Let us all try to live up to the principals that he set before us. Remember that there is no other way that is so rewarding in this life or the life hereafter as the Christian way or the way of the Cross. Think about it for a moment and I am sure that you will agree.

Coming event's in December. The Past Commanders of Cyrene Commandery will hold their Annual Meeting on Dec. 2nd, Friday Night at the Powers Hotel. A 6:30 P.M. Dinner and our meeting in one of the rooms afterwards. This is a very important meeting and hope that all can come. Please let Em. Sir William Angold know if you can come.

On Saturday, Dec. 3rd at the Masonic Temple, the Zone Festival of the Commanderies takes place. Starting at 2 P.M. with 2 Orders in the afternoon, dinner at 6:30 P.M. and then the Order of the Temple in the evening. Please make dinner reservations with our Recorder Kenneth R. Snyder.

On December 9th we will have our Annual Christmas Toast of our Commandery. All Sir Knights are requested to be present. Lunch afterwards.

Dec. 18th will see the gathering of our Commandery members and their families for our Annual Christmas Party at Reiter's Charcoal Pit, Mt. Hope Ave. Dinner will be at 6:30 P.M. by reservation. This is one event that you all should attend as we always have a grand time. Cards will be sent and please return same A.S.A.P.

The recorder has asked me to inform you that your Annual dues notice and the notice of our Annual Conclave in January will be sent out at the same time. Please take note.

Under sickness, S.K. John Perrin is coming along very good and we wish to see him out soon. S.K. Richard Kassel is not to good and we hope that he comes around again in the future. Any sickness that you know of please report the same to our Em. Commander or our Recorder.

Plans are going along very well for our Celebration of our 100th Charter year in 1967 as a Commandery. As this happens only once let's make it the biggest and best possible. It takes financial help from everyone so please

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

"I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him with all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ; who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement.

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart."

The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

We regret to announce the passing of Sir Knight H. Leslie Burnham, on Nov. 12, 1966 in Park Avenue Hospital. A Knight Templar Memorial Service was held at Corbetts' Funeral Home, Tuesday, November 15th.

Sir Knight James Doig suffered a heart attack and is confined to Highland Hospital. Jim is also Senior Warden of Henrietta Lodge, F. & A.M.

Eminent Sir Knight Lawrence F. Johnson was hospitalized for surgery and is now at home recuperating. Larry is doing fine and we hope to see him back in Commandery soon.

Sir Knight Henry Godette is confined to his home at 16 Cairn Street and would appreciate visitors.

Eminent Sir Knight Hiram J. Neun is combining his endeavors for the University of Rochester Fund Drive with the Knight Templar Eye Foundation permanent endowment fund and is doing a fine job for both. If you have not sent your check for \$30.00 to Hi, why not do it now before the end of the year

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A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone. Em. Commander, Charles Ray Hager. Em. Sir Roy E. Huff, Reporter.

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Monroe Commandery #12, is again soliciting donations to our Christmas and Charity Fund. We will again distribute baskets of Cheer to our sick and shut-ins. We shall assist some of our less fortunate citizens who are recommended to us by the Masonic Service Bureau. Frederick A. Miller
Commander

COMMANDERY EVENTS

Dec. 2 - No Conclave.

Dec. 3 - Temple Festival.

Dec. 16 - Move-up Night and Christmas Toasts.

Jan. 6, 1967 - Annual Meeting - Election of Officers.

The cooperation of all Officers, Past Commanders and Sir Knights is requested on Saturday, December 3, 1966 at which time Monroe Commandery #12 will be host to the Commanderies of Zone #11 for a Temple Festival.

Starting at 2:30 P.M., the Order of Red Cross will be conferred by Zenobia Commandery #41, of Palmyra and Red Jacket Commandery #81 of Canandaigua. The Order of Malta will follow, being exemplified in full form by Geneva Commandery #29.

At 6:30 P.M. a roast beef dinner will be served by the Marion Neuert Club, Past Matrons of O.E.S. After dinner the Order of the Temple will be conferred by Monroe Commandery #12 and Cyrene Commandery #39.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, a lunch will be served, courtesy of Damascus Temple, A.A.O. N.M.S. If you have not sent in reservations for the dinner, you can still do so by calling Fred A. Miller, 1085 West Side Dr., FA 8-7408.

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We would again publicly like to thank those members of Genesee Falls Lodge who assisted us in conferring the Second Section of the Third Degree which we did for Monroe Lodge in Brockport. We will have an opportunity to assist them on Dec. 27th when they confer the Third Degree for Murray Lodge, in Holley, New York.

As we have done for several years now, we will be holding a Memorial Service at Genesee Falls Lodge on December 1st to honor their brothers who passed away during the last year. Please be with us on this occasion at 7:30 P.M.

This year we will not be having a Ward Party at Canandaigua Hospital nor will we be taking Christmas cookies. The Hospital program has been

changed this year. We do need some brothers to go to the Hospital on Christmas morning to help pass out gifts. If you plan on going, please call Odell Kelly or Ken Kingston for more details. We will go back to the regular ward parties on January 8th.

Commander Meech, wishes to express his Christmas wishes to each of our members and their families.

Calendar for December is:

Dec. 1 - Genesee Falls Lodge, Memorial Service, 7:30 P.M.

Dec. 8 - Post Meeting, 8:00 P.M.

Dec. 25 - Canandaigua Hospital to distribute gifts.

Dec. 27 - Murray Lodge, Holley, N.Y. Third Degree.

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This being my last article published in the Masonic News, the W: Patron and I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your splendid cooperation, understanding and support. We are deeply grateful. Thank you one and all.

Please keep the following dates in mind:

Dec. 1 - Annual Meeting-Reports and election of officers. Dining Room-Group VI. Chairman, W: Olga Perry Co-Chairman, R:W: Betty Cronk.

Dec. 8 - Officers Club Christmas Party - Eddies Chop House, 367 Main St. East. Reservations in by Dec., 5th made with S: Ruth Ball. \$1.00 Exchange gift.

Dec. 15 - Tureen Supper, Chapter Christmas Party - 6:15 P.M. Rehearsal for Installation.

Chairman S. Delilah Faryna, Co-Chairman, S. Norman Conderman. 50¢ Exchange Gift for adults. Please package and mark man or woman as the case may be, also your children's name on their gifts. The W: Matron will provide the desert.

Birthdays-Sincere Greetings and best wishes to all who are celebrating birthdays in December. Sisters Ruth Wilson, 12/3; Marilyn Stappenbacker, 12/11; Florence Lourette, 12/13; Rilla Ulmschneider, 12/20; Helen Lippa 12/23 and Ruth Ball 12/25.

Our best wishes to Sister Ruth Ball, Brother Ivan Ball and her staff of Officers for 1967. May you have a happy and successful year.

Our Rummage Sale was a huge success. Many thanks to our Chairman W: S: Thelma Williams, her committee and all who helped in anyway.

May you and yours enjoy the truest joys of Christmas Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Sincerely & Fraternally, Joan Clark, W:M: Richard Clark - W:P:

FLOWER CITY LINK No. 38 Order of the Golden Chain

Flower City Link will meet on November 28th at 8:15 P.M. for an important business meeting with balloting petitions. Important business transacted at a Board meeting on November 7 will be acted upon.

A highly successful and enjoyable card party under the chairmanship of Marion Miller assisted by Jr. P.M. Kea Lane was held on Oct. 10th.

The regular Oct. meeting was held on the 24th, and observed as Master Mason's Night with M.M. Robert W. Case and M.M. Gary Berger, both of Flower City Lodge, inducted into full membership. Speaker of the evening

was R:W: Herman Sarachen who spoke most interestingly about the State of Israel, and received for the Masonic Service Bureau our annual contribution.

Ann Herman and a competent committee will conduct a Rummage Sale at 200 W. Main Street on Nov. 19, 20, 21.

Many interesting activities are planned for the future, including a Hanukah dinner on December 12, and a paid up members party in January. The regular slated meeting for December 26 will be omitted.

Flower City Link extends congratulations to P.P. Charles Goodman on his appointment as Associate Grand Lecturer by the Grand Link O.G.C., and to P.P. Philip Averbach on his appointment by the Grand Lodge F & A M as Grand Director of Ceremonies.

For the following, appreciation and credit are due Jr. P.M. Kea Lane and Jr. Past and Present Patron Herman Lane.

Quote: "The donation to the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry shall be a separate fund known as the Flower City Link Fellowship, and will be awarded by the Honors Committee of the School to a qualified medical student to undertake research in an appropriate field of human disease under the guidance of a Medical faculty member."

This is the latest of the ever increasing list of contributions made by Flower City Link in behalf of children and of humanity in general.

Marian Greenberg, W: M: Eva R. Leve, P.M. Sec'y

AMO CHAPTER No. 547 Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Members: Our annual Bazaar was a success and many thanks to W: S: Joan Potter for all her work in planning for it. I want to thank everyone who in any way helped with the cooking, serving, cleaning up of the dining room and also those in

charge of the booths. I also want to thank everyone who helped with Germania's reception for R:W: Gordon Malchow.

On the sick list is S: Lorna Brady who has been in and out of the hospital and Bro. Austin Haines who had an operation and is feeling fine.

Our events for December are:

Dec. 5 - Chapter Christmas Dinner Party at 6:00 P.M. S: Jean Fritz is chairman. We will also have Initiation and Business Meeting following the dinner.

Dec. 12 - Past Matrons will have a Christmas Party at the home of W: S: Betty Cromwell.

Dec. 19 - Regular Meeting - Election of Officers following the meeting we will have a Christmas Party given by the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.

We sincerely hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas. Fraternally, Florence Press, W:M: Paul Gamble, W:P:

LILAC TRIANGLE

On November 5, 1966, Lilac Triangle #121 held their Installation of Officers at the Fairport Masonic Temple. The new officers were installed by Jr. Deputy, mother of the new Queen. The new Beloved Queen was Lee Ann

Stutzman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Stutzman of Fairport. The other elected officers were Sr. Lady-in-Waiting, Barbara Rogers; Jr. Lady-in-Waiting, Gayle Dezio; Guardian, Pam Russell; Chaplain, Betsy Vur How; Marshall, Pam Davis; Assistant Marshall, Connie Schultz; Recording Secretary, Nancy Morrow; Corresponding Secretary, Jean Simons; Financial Secretary, Holly Milligan; Treasurer, Sharon Ferrin; Flag Bearer, Lynn Dumas; Standard Bearer, Betsy Fell; Trustee, Carolyn Land; Jr. Past Beloved Queen. Plans are being made for the term which will benefit others, as well as the girls of Lilac Triangle.



Jr. Deputy Mrs. R.M. Stutzman congratulates her daughter and New Beloved Queen, Lee Ann Stutzman.

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Beloved Queen Barbara Cross presents check to R:W: Myron C. Wilkes for Brotherhood Fund.

Installing Marshalls were retiring Queen, Barbara Cross and Past Queen Linda Cranston. Installing Chaplain was Past Queen and Junior Advisor, Judith Oakley.

The soloist was Sharon Maher and the organist was Past Queen Diana Bramer.

The Honor Guard of the James A. Hard Post of the Masonic War Veterans presented and retired the colors.

The Benediction was given by Rev. William Klerekoper.



MEET THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT



BRO. WILLIAM BRENZER

About a year ago, the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund were informed by Dr. William T. Clark, Superintendent of the Home and Hospital since July 2, 1945, that he desired to retire on September 1, 1966.

As a replacement for Dr. Clark the Trustees have employed Brother William Brenizer, who reported for duty on August 1. Brother Brenizer and his wife Sally are natives of Richmond, Ind. They have two children, a son at Duke University and a daughter who is the mother of two children and resides in Pittsburg. Bro. Brenizer attended Northwestern University and from 1946 to 1953 he was in business with his father who published the Richmond Advertiser, Incorporated. From May 1953 until October 1964, he was the administrator of the Richmond State Hospital, Richmond, Indiana, an institution which has 1200 hospital beds, and a 120-bed hospital, where he was responsible for the supervision of non-medical administrative functions including maintenance of a farm, canteen and shops. During his service at the hospital he supervised the construction and rehabilitation of projects in excess of \$4,700,000.

Bro. and Mrs. Brenizer will occupy the cottage on the campus of the Home. Bro. Brenizer will be the seventh superintendent for the Home since it opened in 1893.

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through Pearl Harbor, past Ford Island and Hickam Field, along Battleship Row to the U.S.S. ARIZONA, now a Navy Shrine to those entombed on the ship Dec. 7, 1941.

Opportunity will also be provided for a visit to Honolulu's Shrine Temple and Hawaii's Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children and joining with Hawaii Shriners at their weekly luncheon in Honolulu.

Because much of the traditional old Hawaii and a great deal of the scenic beauty offered by the Islands is on Hawaii's outer islands, many of the vacationing brothers will undoubtedly be taking an optional extension to Maui and Kauai to see recently active volcanos, old mission villages, Waimea Canyon - the Grand Canyon of the Pacific, tropical jungles, pineapple and sugar plantations and many other attractions.

They will then rejoin the Tour for the final days of their Hawaii vacation stay.

Special features included in the tour include a Chinese Dinner Party in San Francisco, NaKupuna Night at Banyon Court, a Hawaiian feast with Polynesian entertainment, a Hawaiian Luau at the Hawaiian Village, a Catamaran Twilight Supper Crusie, Polynesian Water Show and Dinner, Kodak Hula Show, "Hawaii Calls" luncheon during the radio program beamed to mainland, Aloha Dinner at LaRonde.

The tour returns via Los Angeles with arrival in Rochester on April 2. A stop-over in Los Angeles without added air fare can be arranged.

The Tour has been arranged by ASK MR. FOSTER Travel Service, group travel specialists with headquarters at 1 Park Ave., New York City. Among other local organizations for whom ASK MR. FOSTER has designed group travel itineraries are University Club of Rochester and Eastman Kodak Company.

Descriptive folders can be secured by calling Stuart Rice, ASK MR. FOSTER SERVICE - 546-5616 - 339 EAST AVENUE or stopping at the Masonic Service Bureau.

Tour Tariff is \$758.60 per person.

Remember the Masonic Service Bureau in your will. Gifts are tax exempt.

MONROE COUNTY MASONS PLAN HAWAIIAN VACATION

Itinerary Includes Two Days in San Francisco

Departing on Saturday, March 18, thirty brothers and wives will fly via United Jet to San Francisco for the beginning of a 16 day vacation tour that includes two weeks in Hawaii.

Stopping at the St. Francis, the group will explore the Golden Gate City via conducted tours, beginning with a night life tour of Chinatown. Other attractions to be visited will be Nob Hill's Masonic Temple, Telegraph Hill, Fisherman's Wharf, Seal Rock, Early California Missions, Legion of Honor Museum and many others.

On Monday, the third day, the brothers and wives will fly to Hawaii to receive the usual Hawaiian welcome at Honolulu before being taken to their Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel.

A complete vacation resort with its own stretch of Waikiki Beach, the Hawaiian Village is conveniently located on the shore, but close to the City and provides a sweep of the Pacific and the rugged island mountains.

Although on an escorted tour, the vacationing couples will enjoy a very leisurely Hawaiian Holiday.

Sightseeing trips are scheduled for many days, but ample time is provided for individual, independent explorations as well as much lolling on the beach.

Included in the sightseeing tours are: A circle-the-Island tour, the only full day outing, which takes the March escapists from Rochester's winter to a Buddhist Temple, Nuuanu Valley Residential Area, to Hawaii's famous Mormon Temple, to Kaneohe, Panaluu Bay, to the far side of the Pali Mountain range, to Hawaii's best surfing beaches.

Other attractions to be visited on tours guided by native Hawaiians include University of Hawaii, Mt. Tantalus, Schofield Barracks, Iolani Palace, the only royal palace on U.S. soil, now the Hawaii State Legislative Building and famous Punch Bowl near Diamond Head. This extinct volcano crater is now the Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific where rest the honored dead of the World War II Pacific Theater.

High point on the sightseeing itineraries will be the motor launch tour

Can Roman Catholics Become Master Masons?

So far as Masonic Constitutions are concerned, there is nothing whatsoever to prevent Roman Catholics being initiated into our Order. In fact, at least one Pope (Pius IV), many cardinals and superiors of religious orders have belonged to Masonry. In Ireland there was even a Lodge exclusively for Roman Catholic priests. Lord Petre, who was at one time Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, was considered a Roman Catholic "leader" in Great Britain. Honorable Claude Denechand, first Canadian to be elected Grand Master of Canadian Masonry, was a practicing Roman Catholic and is buried under the altar of the Parish Church at Rerth-ier-En-bas. Daniel O'Connell, the champion of Irish Independence and the Roman Catholic Church, was

a Master of a Masonic Lodge.

However, the Roman Catholic Church, through Papal bulls proclaimed in 1738, 1751, 1814, 1832, 1846, 1869, 1884, and 1890, forbade all Roman Catholics, under penalty of excommunication, from belonging to Masonry, though there is absolutely nothing in Masonic ceremonies that might be offensive to the most devout Roman Catholic. This statement is not ours. It is that of the Earl Gray, Marquis of Ripon, a past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England who became, in his late years, a convert to the Roman Catholic Church. You will find it quoted in booklet No. 229 published by the Catholic Truth Society of England. Its author is Jesuit Father Hubert Thurston.

- Masonic Light (Montreal)

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