

Brotherhood Fund Drive Urges Your Support



"Talking" a letter home at International Students Dinner.

Dear Brethren:

Uncertain weather and road conditions and the prospect of only a relatively short session with the Grand Master caused R:W: Myron E. Wilkes and me to forego driving to Elmira on Saturday, February 11th, for a meeting of the Upstate District Deputies with the Grand Master. I regret, therefore, that I have nothing to report in this regard.

The present necessity of filing annual reports and the making of plans for the Grand Lodge Meeting in May make me acutely aware of how rapidly time passes and how my term as District Deputy approaches its inevitable close. Renewed efforts are in order to accomplish what remains yet to be done.

In making return visits to the several Lodges in my District on an informal and unofficial basis, I have been pleased and delighted to note and observe the extend to which the new Masters are giving emphasis to those matters which I covered on the occasion of my official visit as coming from the Grand Master.

Since it is currently "Number One" in our Masonic endeavors, may I stress again your whole-hearted and enthusiastic support of our Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign with particular stress on the fact that as many of us as can should participate.

The year 1967 has a special historical significance for all Masons in that it marks the 250th Anniversary of the beginning of Modern Freemasonry which dates from 1717 when four very old Lodges met together in London to form the first Grand Lodge. Truly this should be for us a year of remembrance and of re-dedication to those fundamental precepts and fraternal ties that bind us together.

Fraternally and sincerely,
Norman H. Selke, D.D.G.M., First Monroe District

Dear Brethren:

We, as Masons, are now engaged in a most important project -- The Brotherhood Fund Campaign. Have you made your contribution? If not please do so at once. We must not fail in this great undertaking. The success of this campaign depends upon each one of us. Mail your check or give it to the Brotherhood chairman of your Lodge or one of the Officers. Please do it now.

I am happy to report, from my own observation, that attendance at Lodge meetings is on the rise. I am sure that this is due to the dedication of the Masters and Officers in planning interesting and worthwhile Communications; in contacting inactive members urging them to re-dedicate themselves to the spirit and principals of Masonry; in starting the meetings on time and closing at a reasonable hour. Let your Officers know that you are supporting them in all that is planned and attend the meetings as often as possible.

All Officers and any other brothers interested in becoming better informed should be at the various schools which are held at the Masonic Temple. Your lodge representative and the Master have the dates for the meetings. Lodge Officers especially will want to take advantage of the opportunity to attend the Schools of Ritual and Lodge Administration.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Myron E. Wilkes, D.D.G.M., Second Monroe District

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS DINNER 1st. SATURDAY IN MARCH

On Saturday, March 4th, 1967 your Masonic Service Bureau will entertain the international students who are attending schools and colleges in our vicinity. This is the Fifteenth Annual dinner and party, and this is a wonderful way of spreading friendship through Masonry, world-wide, as these young people come from the more than fifty different nations and are of the finest type of citizens from these countries.

We encourage Masons and their wives to attend and act as hosts and hostesses to these people, get acquainted, exchange ideas, and generally have a fine social experience. Some of them will put on their native dances and sing native songs to show us something of their culture.

The dinner will be in Ballroom "A" in the Masonic Temple and will be \$1.75 per person. Please make your reservations early by calling the Masonic Service Bureau (473-4351) and come and enjoy the evening and have an experience different than you have ever had.

A program of entertainment and dancing will follow the dinner.

HILFIKER SHOW S. R. O.

It was Standing Room Only at our Auditorium Theatre on February 4th and many more were turned away. QUEBEC WILDERNESS COUNTRY, Brother Earl L. Hilfiker's travel and adventure show drew the largest crowd ever to attend a Masonic sponsored event at the Auditorium and it probably out drew any travel and adventure film program ever presented in Rochester by a heavy margin.

This was a superb example of Masonry in action, thanks to the cooperation of every individual and organization that participated in the promotion and the production. Special thanks go to Union Star Lodge 320 of Honeoye Falls, New York which sponsored the show again this year. Worshipful Brother Bill Clark, Master of Union Star Lodge and Worshipful Brother Rodney Rittenhouse, Past Master and General Chairman, their committees and members of the Lodge performed a magnificent service in the promotion. Thanks also to Right Worshipful Brother Odell B. Kelly for his untiring efforts and the hours he spent in attending to the multitude of details that can only be handled in his office. Many thanks again to DeMolay and Triangle for the fine young people who acted as ushers again. Special thanks also to the members of the press and radio for their splendid publicity.

Second Letter Mailed Feb. 21st. Expected to Give Drive New Energy

Dear Brethren:

As all of you know, we are currently embarked on our annual Masonic Brotherhood Fund Drive. Much of the mechanics have been completed and the first mailings have been sent out. Already we are beginning to receive substantial numbers of contributions by return mail. While it may be too early to evaluate the progress we are making, and while it may be too early to note any established trends, we do know from past experience that after the initial surge of returns as generated by articles in the Masonic News or by the mailings, a very definite drop-off occurs. The drop-off this year has been a little bit more than we had originally expected. This particular pattern no doubt will persist over the next two month period of time.

In comparing our present returns to-date with those received at a comparable time last year, there is every indication that the returns are lagging substantially in numbers. While it is true that this trend may reverse itself, it is well to recognize that we should assume the worst and plan the additional work required to meet our objective. It is in this particular area that I would like to discuss one phase of our program.

Notwithstanding all of the effects of publicity and mailings, the simple truth of the matter is that only by making the Every Member contact for those who have not responded will really bring in the results that we have a right to expect. Last year, with few exceptions, this phase of the program was not developed as thoroughly as it might be. This year will be no different until we resolve to correct this particular condition.

Your respective Lodge Chairmen have been urged to start to develop their committees now, if they haven't already done so. They have been asked to select from their membership active individuals who are more than willing to give added effort to this program. Also, they have been requested to pick large committees to reduce the amount of work that any one person must perform. I know of no other way of putting this drive over the top other than by ringing doorbells. Even telephone contacts, while they may be helpful, are not the answer.

All of you know that our "Monroe Plan" was the talk of the state last year. We got off to a good start then. I need not remind you that everyone will be watching our results this year in order to determine whether the results we achieved last year were just a "flash in the pan" or whether this year's results will confirm that we have something which can and will produce results over the older concept. I know that no one will want to let the two Monroe Districts down. So when your Lodge Chairman asks for your support, give it to him freely.

Fraternally yours,
Fred J. Belluscio - Bennet A. Taylor
Co-Chairmen of Monroe District Brotherhood Fund Drive

HARRY OSTROV SPEAKS AT CONSECRATION SERVICE

Harry Ostrov, eminent lawyer and orator was guest speaker at the Annual Consecration Service held under the auspices of Flower City Lodge, Friday evening, February 17th, at 8:00 o'clock, at Temple Beth David, 2939 St. Paul Blvd. Mr. Ostrov, a Past Grand Master of New York Masons was introduced

by Hon. Clarence J. Henry, Justice of the Supreme Court, also a Past Grand Master.

Religious Services were conducted by Rabbi Aaron Solomon, and the Masons present joined in a Masonic Prayer of Consecration, composed by Herman Sarachan.

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VISITING



1967 Masters - Back Row from Left to Right: M. Borisoff; G. Falston; G. Cole; T. Fell; D. Allen; Fred Nielson, Advisor; F. Gordnier; J. Minus; Wm. Clark; Ray Ring; Front Row: S. Wright; Wm. Farnsworth; T. Snyder; J. Rietkopp; Ralph Biggar, Treas; L. Losinger, V. Pres.; R. McConnell; Pres; Ray Sterling, V. Pres.; G. Waddington, Sec'y.; Wm. Buchanan; James Doig.

MARCH 1967

- 2 - Webster - Third Degree, Dinner. Past Masters will confer degree.
- 3 - Charlotte - Father & Son Banquet.
- 3 - School of Instruction at Main Street Temple.
- 3 - Monroe Commandery-Regular Conclave.
- 4 - Foregin Students Dinner. James A. Hard Post assisting.
- 6 - Corinthian Temple - Business meeting.
- 6 - John A. Robertson - First Degree.
- 7 - Charlotte - Second Degree.
- 7 - Penfield Union - Regular Meeting.
- 7 - Yonnondio - Third Degree.
- 7 - Clio - Third Degree by Shrine P.M. Club.
- 8 - Germania - Second Degree.
- 8 - Union Star - Regular Communication.
- 8 - Ancient Craft - First Degree.
- 8 - Oatka - Regular meeting. Films.
- 9 - Hamilton Chapter - MEM.
- 9 - James A. Hard Post-Regular meeting.
- 10 - Cyrene Commandery-Regular Conclave.
- 12 - James A. Hard Post Visit to Canandaigua Hospital.
- 13 - Wakan - Second Degree.
- 14 - East Rochester - Second Degree-Dinner.
- 14 - Frank L. Simes - First Degree-Dinner.
- 14 - Fame - First Degree.
- 14 - Henrietta - Second Degree.
- 16 - Northfield - Second Degree. Buffet Dinner.
- 16 - Genesee Falls - Third Degree - dinner 6:30 P.M.
- 17 - Monroe Commandery-Regular Conclave.
- 20 - Corinthian Temple - Second Degree. Dinner 6 P.M.

- 20 - John A. Robertson-Regular Meeting.
- 20 - Monroe Commandery Degree Team at Corinthian Temple.
- 21 - Seneca - Second Degree at 7:30. Dinner at 6:15 P.M.
- 21 - Charlotte - Third Degree.
- 21 - Penfield Union - Second Degree.
- 21 - Flower City Lodge-Second Degree.
- 21 - Yonnondio - First Degree.
- 21 - Clio - First Degree.
- 22 - Germania - Third Degree. Dinner preceding.
- 22 - Oatka - First Degree with a dinner.
- 22 - Ancient Craft - Open Meeting.
- 23 - Hamilton Chapter Past High Priest Night.
- 24 - Commanderies to Washington, D.C. For Sunrise services at Arlington on Easter Sunday.
- 27 - Etolian - Third Degree.
- 28 - East Rochester - Rededication Gleason Square Club.
- 28 - Fame - Visitation by R:W: Herman Sarachan.
- 28 - Henrietta - First Degree.

INTERLODGE
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

On January 26th at the Masonic Temple, Officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Chairman, Howard Garbut;; Vice Chairman, Al Abazia; Secretary, Gordon Neidermeir; Treasurer, James Forham.

In view of all the committees formed, a very active year is in the offing. Camping, golf, bowling, card party, and photography are just a few activities planned. Listen in Lodge for dates and places.



Masonic Consecration Service at Temple Beth David. Seated L to R: M:W: Clarence J. Henry; M:W: Harry Ostrov; R:W: Howard Niven; Standing L to R: R:W: Norman Selke; W:M: Jack Reitkopp; R:W: John Biggs.

Consecration Service Cont.

The Masonic Consecration Service is an outgrowth of the Communion Breakfast held annually in Monroe County since 1941. Religious Services are held in two designated churches, after which the brethren meet for breakfast and a speaker of National prominence Jewish brethren attended Synagogue service the preceding Friday evening.

Communion breakfast is held about November 1st, and it was found that, when Jewish holidays were late, Friday Services had not yet begun. In 1953, a Masonic Consecration Service was instituted during Brotherhood Month, and near the birthday of George Washington, most outstanding Mason, who was serving as Master of a Lodge in Virginia when sworn in as our first President.

Among the prominent speakers have been Raymond C. Ellis and Ward B. Arbury Past Grand Masters, George A. Newbury, Sovereign Grand Commander of Scottish Rite, Rabbi William F. Rosenblum of New York, and Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein of Rochester.

Jack Reitkopp, Master of Flower City Lodge extended greetings. Following the Service, a reception was held in the Parlors of the Temple.



MASONIC PRAYER
OF CONSECRATION

As a member of the Masonic Fraternity, I consecrate myself anew to the great principles of our Order.

Belief in God is the prime fundamental principle of Free Masonry. I consecrate myself to be loyal to the faith of my acceptance. At the same time, true to our principles, I shall honor and respect the faith and creed of my fellow human being.

Human brotherhood is the second foundation of our Order. I consecrate myself to be ever ready to serve my fellowman in every way possible, individually and collectively; and to make the term "brotherhood" not a slogan, but a way of life.

Charity, in its broad sense, is a third fundamental principle of our Craft. I consecrate myself to be ever ready to extend the hand of friendship, of sympathy, and of helpfulness to my brother and to my neighbor.

Good citizenship is another fundamental principle. I dedicate myself anew to the principles of democracy and our American way of life.

As a Mason, I take pride in the benevolent projects of my Fraternity, such as the Masonic Home at Utica, and the work of our Committee on Benevolence.

I take particular pride in our projects for the benefit of humanity as exemplified in the Masonic Foundation for Medical Research and Human Welfare, and its newest development, the establishment of a Research Laboratory for the Study of Human Diseases.

I consecrate myself to these projects and pledge myself to their wholehearted support.

Finally, I pledge myself always to meet on the Level, to act by the Plumb, and to part upon the Square.

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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 attended the Installation Meeting of a Lodge, and found that they had opened at 5:00 o'clock, transacted their business then adjourned for dinner, after which they immediately went into election and installation. Didn't we learn at the School of Administration that no business can be transacted before 7:30 o'clock?

A. Section 622 of the Handbook of Masonic Law states that "Stated Communications of a Lodge must be held at the time fixed by the Lodge by-laws, which should include the hour of the day as well as the day of the week." In 1944, Grand Master Charles W. Froesel ruled that a by-law which gave the day and hour, and added "unless otherwise ordered" was invalid, and gave no authority to the Master to call a Stated Communication for a time other than that stated in the by-laws. In another decision a by-law permitting the Master to call a Stated Communication "at his will," was declared illegal. Both of these decisions were approved by Grand Lodge, and became part of our law.

In 1955, Grand Master Raymond C. Ellis denied a request to grant a dispensation to open Lodge an hour earlier (at 6:30), the night of the annual communication, as "not within the dispensing power of the Grand Master." He then went on to state that "If the Lodge were opened at 6:30, the period between that hour and 7:30 would be a Special Communication." The by-laws, however may make a provision which is acceptable, in accordance with a ruling by Grand Master Frank M. Tetten that "a Lodge while fixing the hour of Communication, may provide that at the determination of the Master, and with limitations as to the business to be transacted prior to the regular hour, the Lodge may be opened at an earlier hour."

In the case to which you refer, the Lodge may have provided in its by-laws for certain specified business to be transacted at the annual meeting at a specified time prior to the regular hour. In the absence of such a provision in the by-laws, in my judgement, any business transacted prior to the regular time of opening would be invalid. Incidentally, a motion to suspend the by-laws for this purpose was declared invalid by Grand Master Arbury.

To make the provision valid, the by-laws could be amended in wording as follows: "The Lodge shall meet on the (first and third Monday) in the month at 7:00 P.M., except that at the Annual Communication on the (third Monday) in December the Lodge shall meet at 5:30 for the transaction of routine business, including approving of bills, receiving of petitions, balloting upon petitions."

Another method, which I believe would be valid would be to call a Special Communication at 5:00 P.M., and specify the business to be transacted at the Special Communication.

Q. One of our members is to receive a 50-year pin, and we invited the District Deputy to make the presentation. Since then, a new District Deputy has been appointed, but has not yet been invested. Is it the prerogative of the new District Deputy or the old one to make the presentation?

A. In 1951, Grand Master Richard Rowland ruled that a District Deputy Grand Master takes office as soon as his appointment is announced. Therefore, the new appointee is the D.D.G.M., and his predecessor is now a Past District Deputy. However, it is not the prerogative, nor even a duty of the District Deputy to make Lodge presentations. When invited to do so, he makes the presentations as a courtesy to the Lodge and to the brother to be honored.

Even if the previous District Deputy had not already been invited to make the presentation, the Lodge could still extend the invitation, if it so chose. Since he has been invited, he should be the one to do it. At the same time, the Lodge through its Master may invite the New District Deputy to be present, and if he attends, accord him the honor and courtesy due his position.

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Pixley (left), 1120 Wegman Road, Rochester, enjoyed a week's vacation in Sun City, Ariz., with longtime Rochester friends Mr. & Mrs. Frank Leach, who moved to the Arizona retirement community last year. Pixley is a Past Master of the Etolian Lodge. Frank Leach, a former language teacher at Marshall High School, was Deputy Grand Master of the First Monroe District during 1964-65. The two have been friends since college days at the University of Rochester. Sun City, established in 1960 by former New York Yankee owner Del Webb, now has 10,000 residents from every state and several foreign countries. The Leaches have a home at 9941 Peoria Ave.



**JAMES A HARD POST #18
MASONIC WAR
VETERANS**



2nd Thursday

First of all we would like to welcome as a new member of our Post Bro. Gordon F. Struck who is a member of Webster Lodge. We hope that he will be impressed with our activities and become an active member. It is only through service to our Fraternity that we can fulfill our obligations.

We are a committee of Grand Lodge whose doors are open to all Masons who have served their country or our allies during times of conflicts. Our members have all served their country and now carry that service through to our great Fraternity.

On Sunday, February 19th we had the privilege of dedicating a flag for the Rebecas given in honor of a serviceman who gave his life in Vietnam. The service was held in the Community Church of East Bloomfield.

On Saturday, March 4th many of our members will assist the Masonic Service Bureau play host to the Foreign Students Dinner. The Post will carry the colors and lead in the pledge of allegiance. Again, W: Bro. Ray Ring will be working with the foreign students in assisting them "talk a letter home" via a tape recorder. Ray has done this for a good number of years.

Our program of selling Masonic Supplies to Lodges is progressing quite well and should help in our desire to purchase more tape recorders to send to Vietnam for use of our servicemen. The exchange of voices by our servicemen with their families is a good morale booster.

The calander for March is as follows:
Mar. 9 - Post Meeting, 8 P.M. Masonic Temple.
Mar. 12 - Canandaigua Hospital, 1:30 P.M.

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CHARLOTTE LODGE No 1088 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

BROTHERHOOD FUND

Bro. Keith Stambach will be pleased to accept your donation to the fund. If you are unable to contact him at Lodge, you can mail your donation to him at 39 Mayville Lane, Rochester, 14617, or to the secretary of the Lodge with your annual dues.

TRESTLEBOARD

Mar. 3 - Father & Son Pancake Supper-6:30 P.M. Entertainment.

Mar. 7 - Second Degree-First Class - W: Bro. Walter Greenfield in the East.

Mar. 21 - Third Degree-First Class - W: Bro. Greenfield in the East. See or call your Jr. Warden, Bro. Booth for your dinner reservations.

Apr. 4 - Second Degree-Second Class-Bro. Marvin Williams in the East.

Apr. 9 - Fellowcraft Steak Roast - Powdermill Park - More details later.

Apr. 18 - First Degree-Third Class-W: Bro. Greenfield in the East.

Apr. 25 - Officers meeting.

May 26 - Ladies Night - Logans - \$4.00 each. Post your calendar. More details later.

TEMPLE FUND

Our new and very comfortable chairs on the sidelines of the Lodge should be installed by the end of March. April 4 should be the first night you will have an opportunity to try them out. Drop in and be comfortable.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

The following brothers have been reported under this heading as we go to press. Try and visit one or more of these brothers or drop them a card.

Bro. Frank F. Cornell is home from the hospital following lung surgery. Consult the Secretary concerning visitations.

Bro. Bill Spaulding was in the hospital in Lansing, Michigan, with bleeding ulcers. He is now home and expects to return to work soon.

Bro. Robert F. Thrash is now home from the hospital.

Bro. Art Harrison is reported ill at home for the past several weeks.

Bro. Roy Tullius is undergoing evaluation and care at Strong Memorial Hospital.

Our shut-ins, who were visited by W: Bro. Harry Palmer, include: Bro. Charles Sweet, 995 Ridge Rd. West, East Webster; Bro.

Brethren:

Winter being upon us brings with it many cold and blustery evenings. One way of overcoming some of these nights is by attending Lodge where you can enjoy the warmth of fellowship. Try it soon.

Time is passing swiftly. The Father and Son Pancake Supper is taking place on March 3rd. Another social event worth keeping in mind is the Fellowcraft Steak Roast on April 9th. Here is an opportunity for you and your wife to attend an event together, as today's society seems to provide so many affairs where this is not possible.

On January 17th, Bros. Russell L. Hayden, Bernard H. Simmons, William M. Patrick, Elmer C. Bliss and Joseph Atkinson received their First Degree. I would like to welcome them at this time and wish them a long and active life in Masonry.

My Brothers, we have a job to do and I know that we can do it. The chore we have is to meet our goal in the Brotherhood Fund Drive. Your committee, headed by Keith Stambach are putting in much of their spare time to make this a success. All they ask of you is a donation. The amount is not important. We would rather receive a small one than none at all. After all in a Fraternity that numbers as large as ours there should be no need for large donations if we ALL do our part by giving a small one.

Fraternally,
Walter Greenfield, Master
George Allen, 99 Rand St.;
Bro. John L. Davenport, 1334 Hatch Road, Webster; Bro. John Mattice, 26 Sidney St.;
Bro. Rudy Bromstrup, 75 Florence St.; Bro. Merton Frederick, St. Mary's Hospital; and W: Bro. Ed Hillfinger, Chimney's Nursing Home on Alexander St.

IN MEMORIAM

Bro. Walter L. Manzek was raised April 20, 1954. He was called by the Great Architect on February 1, 1967. A masonic service was held on February 3, 1967. The sympathy of the lodge is extended to the family of our departed brother.

WAKAN LODGE

No. 1054
2nd and 4th Mondays

Dear Brethren:

On March 13th the Second Degree will be conferred on five candidates. Our Jr. Warden B: Robert Pettit, D.D.S., will be in the East. Our Sr. Master of Ceremony Bro. Glen Goodno will present the Middle Chamber Lecture. Come out and bring a brother and support these officer.

On March 18th, Saturday, will be "Wakan Ladies Night" at Barnard Exempts. Save this date! You will be contacted by one of the Officers for a reservation. Come out for an evening of dining and dancing and give the "ladies a break."

An additional note on the "Brotherhood Fund." There will be a "second mailing" of envelopes for contributions. If you have already made your contribution, disregard it. If you haven't, make your contribution promptly. Remember our goal, and Bro. Henry Kascher is our chairman and will

receive any cash donations also at Lodge meetings.

Under sickness and distress, W:B: Ed Malek is entering the hospital for an operation on March 5. We wish him a speedy recovery. If time permits, I am sure he would welcome a visit, either at home or in the hospital.

On Thursday, March 9, there will be a fellowcraft meeting at W:B: Bob Zabel's home at 7:30 P.M. We will commence with the election of officers for 1967. I'm sure it will be an evening of enjoyment, including a delicious lunch. See you then, and all brethren are welcome.

Fraternally,
Gene Waddington, Master

ETOLIAN LODGE

No. 479
2nd and 4th Mondays

On February 10th, 55 people enjoyed a night at Frost Ridge Ski Lodge. This was one of the most enjoyable family nights we have ever had. I wish to thank Bro. John Mattern and Wor. Bro. Wallace Lessord for all their effort in making the evening such a tremendous success.

On February 13th, at our open meeting, a Euchre Tournament was held and the following were established as the winners:

First Prize - Bro. John Beswick; Second Prize-Bro. Chalmers Dinger; Third Prize - Bro. Leo Turco. These and other brothers of the Lodge will attempt to uphold the honor of Etolian Lodge at a Euchre Tournament at Clio Lodge on February 21.

At our regular meeting on February 13, a motion was made to table until our next regular meeting a request by the Rochester Council of Churches for a donation for the coming year. Any brother who would like to discuss this request is asked to attend the next open meeting on March 13.

Also, at the February 13 meeting, Wor. Bro. Wallace Lessord was elected to attend the annual meeting of Grand Lodge in May. Since I will be unable to attend, I approached the Senior and Junior Wardens, in that order, to see if they could go. Since they could not go, Masonic Law requires that an election to be held to determine who should attend.

New petitions received and turned over to the investigating committee: Mr. Gerald Morris Barton and Mr. Randal Edward Wood.

Our present class of candidates who have received the First Degree and will receive the Second on February 27 and the Third on March 27 are: Bros. John Terry Flagg, Howard Herner, Douglas Perry, William Smith, Robert Wright.

On March 10, your Master will attend a meeting at the Temple in which a discussion will be held concerning the streamlining of our Lodge ritual. The Grand Master has established a Survey Committee which is to study the present ritual and made suggestions as to changes which might be made. The following are only a few of many possible changes:

Making the Third Degree two evenings; Establishing a Bible Ritual; Reducing the

opening and closing; Reducing the lectures.

I, as Master, would like any suggestions that you might wish to make to present at this meeting. If you would give this some serious thought and then, if you feel changes should be made, please call me.

Remember Stanley Lodge visitation. Bus will leave about 9 A.M.

Fraternally yours,
William Farnsworth, Master

PENFIELD UNION LODGE

No. 154
1st and 3rd Tuesdays

By the time this report goes to print February's planned meetings will be history. A lively "Question and Answer" period, directed by R:W: Mack Hughes and with all present participating was the keynote of our February 7th meeting. A full class of candidates will have had the First Degree conferred on them February 21st.

To our members March looks like a busy month. Please mark the dates on your calendars and attend all that you possibly can. Why not adopt the motto of "Every member bring a member" for this year? Our attendance would then be doubled and the Lodge would be much stronger and we as individuals would be inspired also.

Mar. 7 - Regular meeting-8:00 P.M.

Mar. 21 - Second Degree-7:30 P.M. Jr. Warden, John Borland in the East.

Of special interest to our new candidates but equally as important to all our brethren is the School of Instruction, March 3rd - 7:30 P.M. at the Masonic Temple. Having been reminded of the Brotherhood Fund Drive, I would like to pass this reminder on to everyone. If every Lodge could report 100% contributing, what a display of kindness and thoughtfulness would be manifested. Let us work unitedly in Penfield to meet this goal.

Fraternally,
Norman E. Vane, Master

PENFIELD FELLOW-CRAFT CLUB

Attention Brothers! At our next Fellowcraft meeting on March 14th-8:00 P.M. Bro. Francis Bradley, Executive Secretary of The Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of East Rochester, a retired attorney, will speak. Topic of discussion will be Stocks, Bonds, Wills, etc. The enlightenment of such issues, their importance and complexities, will in one way or another effect each and everyone of us in our travels thru life. The discussion will be followed by refreshments, cards and good fellowship.

The attendance of all members and guests will be greatly appreciated.

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

"The Centennial Lodge of 1967"

On Installation night in Rochester Lodge, the Master took a few minutes to take the Lodge back to the year 1867. Here are some of his remarks:

"One hundred years ago shows a great human similarity with today.

In 1867 a President Johnson was in the White House in Washington, he had succeeded to the office thru assassination of his predecessor.

Four lads were apprehended in a Boston church playing Euchre, the loser to pay for the beer for the crowd.

Revolutions were taking place in Central and South America.

The negroes of the south achieved Black Power with the aid of the northern Carpet Baggers.

There were earthquakes devastating distant lands.

In January there was a great snow in New England.

A locomotive hit a buggy at Plank Road and killed the driver - even then with horses and buggies they were trying to 'beat the train'.

There was trouble between Greece and Turkey.

In Kansas a man and his wife were murdered and a robbery of \$8,000 in gold took place.

John C. Moore was binding books in our city.

Lea and Perrins Sauce was being sold in the stores.

Leary's were cleaners and dyers.

Western Union stock was 45 3/4 a share.

Of course some differences also existed and are worthy of mention.

Odenbach's were furriers on State Street selling Buffalo robes.

A Doctor Wright was selling a 'Rejuvenating Elixir' or 'essence of Life'.

Emmenagouge or Female Pills were being peddled.

In January Rochester Lodge hadn't been formed.

There were:

No electric lights

No radio, television or movies

No telephone

No automobiles

No airplanes

These things hadn't yet been invented.

Travel was slow, by foot, horseback or buggy, by stage canal or fastest of all at the time, railroad.

Carpenters earned \$1.00 for a 10 hour day. A working man's income was about \$300 per year.

Rockefeller had successfully founded an oil business and gave the astronomical sum of \$10,000 for educational purposes. This was a large sum when one considers a family yearly income of \$300.00.

Prussia annexed the many small Germanic States into a new country of Germany and its constitution bade fair to make it a highly civilized and respected country.

With all the similarities and differences of which there are many more than what have been given, we stand about where we did a century ago.

In the intervening years,

wars, a changing world, a world of a multiplicity of diversions exists today - truths of the world today are lies tomorrow. Discoveries of great merit are the wonder of today and shortly thereafter are the common place - the "Taken for granted."

Gold - long the "Established Standard was destroyed as such by the sweep of a pen and a decision by nine men.

Good men seek a standard - they cling to it, they follow it, they glory in it, find moral fiber in it as well as peace and contentment.

A dollar, a flag, an ideal, even a religion - they change and such standards are lost.

Free masonry despite it all remains, a standard in which pride in each Mason's breast brings pleasure. A standard which has never been eclipsed, a philosophy whose golden rays of truth flash out now as they always have, beginning with a service to God and all mankind, and embracing the Golden Rule, it continues to remain, a firm unchanging standard.

Remember --- Masonry takes only the best of men to make them better men than they came to it."

Rochester Lodge's Centennial Committees plans are rapidly forming to completion. The Centennial meeting on Saturday, May 20th will undoubtedly be one of Masonry's outstanding events in Western New York.

The Grand Master will be in attendance. Don't miss the opportunity to be there - get your reservation for your tickets into the Ticket Committee of Rochester Lodge.

The Lodge's Visiting Committee is especially anxious to know of any of its members who are ill or in need of visitation. Drop a card or letter to the Lodge.

Remember the Brotherhood Fund - contribute something so our percentage of giving will be high.

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

TRESTLEBOARD

Mar. 11 - Annual Ladies Night at Island Valley Country Club.

Mar. 14 - Second Degree.

LADIES NIGHT

The top social event of the Flower City year - Annual Ladies Night is almost upon us, Saturday, March 11th, at Island Valley Country Club, 1200 Fairport Road. There will be cocktails at 7:00 P.M. and dinner at 8:00 P.M. The music will be provided by Len Hawley and entertainment will be provided. This year the affair will be open to members and their guests so make your arrangements now and plan to be in attendance. Invitations are in the mail, and we are hopeful of a large turnout.

MASONIC BROTHERHOOD FUND

Have you made your contribution yet? Time is running short. The money is badly needed for this most worthy cause. A very small sacrifice on your part will

help put this fund over the top again.

SYMPATHY

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Philip Norry upon the loss of his daughter; Bro. Joseph Kaplan on the loss of his brother and Bro. Dr. Arthur Goldenson upon the passing of his wife.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

The following brothers would appreciate hearing from you. Bro. Sidney Lipsky who had a heart attack; Bro. Dr. Albert Lebowitz, who also had a heart attack and Bro. Nate Baron who is recuperating from an operation.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Wor. and Mrs. Jack Reitkopp upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Hyla.

To Dr. & Bro. Andries I. Roodenburg who was guest violin soloist with the Rochester Chamber Orchestra at a recent concert.

To the Planning Committee for the new JY Building: Wor. Joseph Goldstein, General Co-Chairman; Clifford Lovenheim, Chairman of the Budget Committee; Samuel Kolko, Chairman of the Program Committee; Philip Baker, Milton R. Berger, Morris Levinson, Samuel Poze, Rt. Wor. Joseph E. Silverstein, and Justin L. Vigdor.

To Bro. Charles Goodman who was honored at a testimonial dinner on his appointment as a Grand Officer of the Order of the Golden Chain.

To Bro. and Mrs. Max Kravetz on the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis to Mr. Lawrence Schulman.

To Bro. and Mrs. Donald S. Brown on the engagement of Miss Jenni Lewis of Freeport, L.I., to their son, Malcolm.

To Bro. Jerome Solkoff on joining the law firm of MacFarlane-Harris.

To Bro. Stanley Levinson who was honored for "dedicated service" at the annual Cantorial Concert sponsored by the Orthodox Synagogue Council for Israel Bonds.

To Bro. and Mrs. Harold Spector on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Karen Beth.

To Bro. and Mrs. Joseph H. Kaplan on the engagement of their daughter, Robin, to Dr. Arthur Ashman of Kew Garden Hills, Queens.

To Wor. and Mrs. Jack Reitkopp upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Hyla.

To Bro. and Mrs. Arthur J. Mirkin on the birth of a son, and to the grandparents, Bro. and Mrs. Manuel Mirkin.

To Wor. and Mrs. Albert E. Goldman, whose daughter, Susan was judged the top vocalist, and received the Deverian Award given by the Women's Committee of the Civic Music Association.

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UNION STAR LODGE
No. 320
1st Wednesday

Brethren:
Our February 1st Communication was my first as Master of Union Star Lodge. Again I am thrilled by the number in attendance. I would like to thank all those who did attend for their fine support. Keep up the good work, your attendance is so much for the moral of the officers and of course the Master.

Don't forget Ladies Night at Locust Lodge on March 4th. We would like to make this an annual affair and it depends on the enthusiasm you have for this one.

To promote Inter-Lodge Fellowship, we will have as our guest at our April 4th Communication, the Officer and members of Union Lake #45, Lima, N.Y. Dinner at 8 P.M. Please make plans to attend this important meeting as it should be one of the most interesting of the year.

Fraternally,
William E. Clark, Master

NORTHFIELD LODGE
No. 426
1st and 3rd Thursdays

Brethren:

Greetings again from the "East". The next communication on March 16th will be work on the Second Degree, with the Junior Warden, Bro. Dick Lear presiding in the East. The meeting will be preceded by a buffet dinner put on by our officers. Our buffet dinners have been exceptionally well done in the past and this one should be as good if not better than previous ones.

April 16th is the date of our Third Degree, and it also will be preceded by a dinner to be put on by the O.E.S. As always the dinner should be a fine feast. I hope you will all make an extra effort to be with us to greet our new brothers as Master Masons.

There will be a Fellowcraft rehearsal on Monday, April 3rd and we would appreciate your help if you care to participate.

The April 20th meeting will be a regular meeting night and we will have a sports film after the meeting for your entertainment.

On Saturday, April 29th, we plan to have a Steak Roast at Mendon Ponds Park at the Stewart cabin. All members and their wives are invited to come and cut some of the juiciest steaks ever broiled. This will be our first Steak Roast and hope it will be one of the biggest get-togethers of the year. Reservations may be called in to Bro. Dick Lear or myself.

Fraternally yours,
R.S. McConnell, Master

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

FROM THE EAST

Our Lodge has the privilege of having the Monroe Commandry No. 12 K.T. Second Degree Team as guests at our communication March 20th. Many of our brothers are members of

want to come to greet their old friends. All brethren I'm sure, will want to extend a warm welcome, and enjoy an evening of fellowship.

I have had the honor of presiding in the East with this degree team and will assure you that you will witness a colorful and beautifully conferred degree. Many of the Knights taking part are Past Masters of their respective Lodges.

Monroe Commandry has been stationed at Rochester, N.Y. for nearly 150 years, having received its charter in 1826. Knights Templar are Master Masons and the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York recognizes The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, The Grand Commandry of the State of New York and the Commandries under their jurisdiction.

Knights Templar are Masons who by their loyalty and devotion are making Templary the splendid Christian Order which has the respect and admiration of the public at large and good fellowship and loyal friendship have made the Order stand for something of supreme value in life.

March 20th will be the first of our regular monthly dinner meetings. Plan to join us at 6:00 P.M. in the third floor dining room. Make your reservations with our Junior Warden, David Hoag or myself.

I'll be looking forward to seeing you in Lodge.
Frank F. Gordnier, Master

COMING EVENTS

- Mar. 6 - Business Meeting.
- Mar. 20 - Second Degree Dinner 6:00 P.M. Monroe Commandry No. 12 K.T. Degree Team.

As the new Jr. Warden of Corinthian Temple Lodge #805, I wish to extend my thanks to all the Brethren for allowing me the honor

of serving in this capacity. I shall work to the best of my ability to uphold the high standards set by the men who preceded me.

The 1967 Officers look forward to a successful year, and have many plans that we hope will create more interest for the Brethren during the meetings. When there is no degree work I intend to have speakers on various subjects, movies, etc. I will gratefully receive any suggestions along this line from any Brethren.

The Monroe Commandry will work the Second Degree on March 20th, and we hope to have a good turnout of all Brethren.

Your 1967 Officers sincerely desire to make this a great year, and we need the assistance and cooperation of all the Brethren to achieve this goal. Remember, your presence at the meetings is vital to the success of Corinthian Temple Lodge #805, so show the Officers your interest by attending regularly. We'll be there, waiting to serve you in the capacity to which we were appointed or elected.
Dave Hoag, Jr. Warden

FELLOWCRAFT CLUB

Members of the Fellowcraft Club and their ladies enjoyed a delightful evening at the Four Seasons Restaurant on Saturday, February 4, 1967.

Details of another gala evening are expected to be in the mail very shortly.

The newspaper drive is still continuing with great success. Anyone having papers they wish to have collected call Harold Janson-271-7087.

SICK OR SHUT-INS

Bro. John A. Williams, Monroe County Infirmary; Bro. Howard Scheck, Strong Memorial Hospital; W: Bro. Sherman Judd, St. Ann's Home; Bro. Robert Genthner, 563 Garson Ave.; Rudolph Maynard, 175 Johnson Rd.

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

Brethren:
On January 24th our first open meeting of the year, we enjoyed some entertaining films after the meeting. We had a fair turn out for an open meeting. We would like to see a better turn out yet and the entertainment committee assures us that they have something in the offering for every open meeting.

I think we should all try to practice some of our Masonic teachings by coming to the aid of our brothers who are in sickness or distress and making visits to our confined brothers we asked if many of the brothers have been to visit them. The answer was very disappointing. I don't think any of us are so busy that we couldn't spend an hour or two with a distressed brother. And I know anybody that makes such a visit will see what it means to the distressed brothers. The brothers now confined are: Herman Lobick, 27 South Goodman St., Rochester; Jack Toughner, 406 Wilson Ave., E. Rochester; Joseph Reardon, 100 Midvale Terrace, Rochester.

March 14th will be Past Masters night and a dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M., and at 7:30 P.M. the Past Masters will confer the Second Degree. It should be a very enjoyable evening.

On March 28th the Gleason Square Club will present their re-dedication service for those who have never participated in the re-dedication it is really something that they all owe themselves to do.

Brother Walt Shafer reports the Brotherhood Fund has slowed down in its progress and would like all those who haven't yet given to do so as soon as possible.

TRESTLEBOARD

- Mar. 14 - Second Degree Dinner.
- Mar. 28 - Re-dedication - Gleason Square Club.
- Mar. 20 - Fellowcraft Club.

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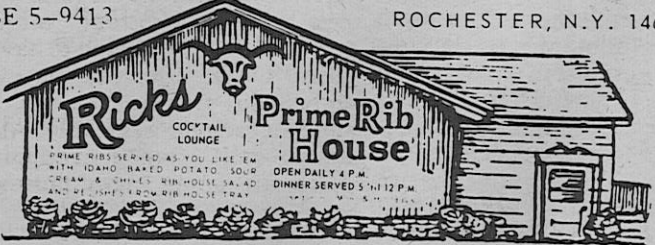


Wor. Bertram M. Steene, retiring Master, handing the Charter of Corinthian Temple Lodge No. 805 to his successor, incoming Master Frank F. Gordnier.

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

Brethren:
Have you made your contribution to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund yet. Let's see if we can't make it 100% for our Lodge this year. The money received is well spent for the Masonic Home, for the Research Center, and for rehabilitation work whenever the Grand Master may see it is needed. Help swell the total by sending your contribution in the envelope which you received in the mail or give it to the Chairman of our Masonic Brotherhood Fund Committee, Bro. Tom Davis, Sr. Deacon.

Congratulations to Bro. Leslie E. Leaty on his recent retirement from the A and O Division of Eastman Kodak Company.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

If you know of any brother in sickness or distress or in need of our aid or sympathy, please contact any of the officers.

TRESTLEBOARD

Mar. 6 - First Degree with Jr. Warden Ron Sterling in the East.
Mar. 20 - Regular Meeting.

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

Brethren:
We are fortunate to live in America, a country which has stressed the idea of the value of the individual to a degree unmatched in the rest of the world. Actually, the individual today is taking a beating which is one cause of protests and demonstrations. Masonry has a marvelous opportunity to take the individual seriously, to make every lodge member feel important and needed. Very few "loners" knock at the door of masonry, so the brothers are naturally inclined to gregariousness and sociability. I am sure that this is the feeling you will get by attending any of our lodge meetings.

Our March 14th meeting we will be conferring the First Degree on two candidates. Jr. Warden, Irv. Spalty will be in the East. Those of you who have had the experience of presiding in the East, know what this means to Irv. Come out and give him your moral support.

Our Visitation Committee has been busy this year but we can't try to help a brother unless we know about him. Please notify W: Robert Groat, W: Walter Shaffner or myself if you know of a brother who is sick.

TRESTLEBOARD

Mar. 7 - Officers meeting and rehearsal.
Mar. 14 - Dinner and First Degree.
Mar. 21 - Fellowcraft meeting, Frank Foote, Woodland Lane, Webster, N.Y.
Fraternally,
Raymond E. Sterling, Master

WEBSTER LODGE
No. 538
1st and 3rd Thursdays

Brethren:
As the year advances we find ourselves comfortably settled in our various positions. That feeling of butterflies is all but gone and we look forward to the coming events, both social and fraternal, with great anticipation.

February 4th was our Annual Fellowcraft Winter Party at Sweets Farm and as you will find out by asking any one in attendance it was the usual gala affair. Needless to say those who planned it did a fine job and are to be commended for their splendid effort. We note, with a bit of remorse, that our Immediate Past Master W: Clint Ballard was not in attendance. The untimely passing of one near and dear to Ruth and Clint required their presence elsewhere. Our thoughts and prayers I am sure were with them. Ruth's father was a great loss to not only the family but also those who knew him otherwise.

Previous to this event was our first try at a Father and Daughter evening. Again my sincere thanks to Bros. Bill Schlegel, Jim Eaton, Russ King, Don Warren, Paul Betlem, Harry Baker, Dave Painter, Tom McEwen, Joel Novey, and Don Mctarnaghan plus my wife who all either cooked, served or washed dishes. One thing is agreed though, if the smoke is so thick you can't see the vitals, then how are you to know when their done? The opinion of the above named and myself as well is that our next project will be an exhaust fan. The Fellowcraft Club has presented the Lodge with many such items and this will undoubtedly be their next endeavor. We are indeed fortunate to have such a well run organization within our Lodge.

Ladies Night will be the next social event of the year. Due to unforeseen circumstances we will not have the same location as in previous years. Your officers have taken into consideration all of the problems that have come up and arrived at a satisfactory solution. On March 18th we will again assemble at Sweet's Farm to pay tribute to our Women Folk. The menu has been arranged to meet both the pocketbook and the palette. There will be a choice of two dishes or a combination of both. If you do not receive an invitation, please contact our Junior Warden, Jim Wilson at once. Also if you have brought guests in years past, please don't forget to invite them again. The Burkwit Brothers will provide their usual repertoire of fine music and there will be an all Paris Fashion Show of the latest Creations from the McEwen Salons. This event in itself will be one never forgotten. Monsieur McEwen seems to have that knack for presenting only the finest, one of a kind creations available. Also we will have a group of gifts for some lucky ladies.

Next on our agenda is our first Third Degree. On March 2nd the somewhat forgotten men of our Lodge will

confer the Third Degree on four Brothers. The Past Masters of Webster Lodge are going to show the Brothers how it should be done in due form. These gentlemen of the past twenty or so years never lose their willingness to assist in any way possible. Not only do they chair investigation committees, but contribute to the Lodge in many other ways. May I urge each and everyone of you to make a special effort to be present on March 2nd. A supper served by our Ladies of the Eastern Star will precede the events of the evening. Note, the Officers will open Lodge at 6:00 P.M. so that we may start the Degree work as early as possible and thereby close at a early hour. Supper will be at 6:30 P.M. Reservations should already be confirmed but may be made up to the night before. The Fellowcraft Degree Team will be contacted so as to be properly rehearsed for the Second Section.

On March 7th the Webster Chapter Order of the Eastern Star will have their Annual Birthday Dinner. Any members of the Fellowcraft Club who are available are asked to assist in this project. Kitchen and dining room help are needed. Let's show the gals we can cook too.

Worthy Matron Lea Schaffer has issued an invitation to all Master Masons to attend Master Mason Night on March 21st. May I also urge the brothers to be present at this special occasion. Our Sisters always enjoy our presence and the refreshments are always suitable to the occasion.

It is noteworthy in closing to mention that it is always good to see visitors on our sidelines and to everyone's surprise and enjoyment, especially W: Bob Torrens, who not having been in attendance and somewhat rusty in his ritual, was at a loss for that certain required word. Since it is the duty of every D.D.G.M. to see that the brothers under his jurisdiction are well versed in the ritual, R:W: Norm Selke came to the aid of W: Robert Torrens and invested him with the same. We're sure glad R:W: Norm was available.

On this rather humorous note I remain,
Fraternally,
David G. Allen, Master

COMING EVENTS

Mar. 2 - Third Degree (Supper).
Mar. 18 - Ladies Night-Sweets Farm.
Mar. 7 - Star Birthday Dinner.
Apr. 1 - Ladies Night - Ionic Lodge, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

On April 1st the Brothers and their wives of Webster Lodge are cordially invited to be the guests of Ionic Lodge, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada for the occasion of their Annual Ladies Night. Anyone interested in attending please contact our Master. A group has already formed to make this trip and we would welcome anyone who would like to join in. Reservations are being made at this time.

YONNONDIO LODGE
No. 163
1st and 3rd Tuesdays



TRESTLEBOARD

Mar. 7 - Third Degree-Master.
Mar. 14 - Officers meeting.
Mar. 21 - First Degree-Second 1967 Class.
Mar. 28 - Fellowcraft Club - Dinner Meeting.

COMING EVENTS

DEGREE NIGHTS - Our next two regular meetings will be a Third Degree, March 7th for the "Master's Class" and a First Degree for the Second Class of 1967. This will be the first Third Degree of the year. Our Fellowcraft Club will present the dramatization of the second section under the continued direction of Bro. Ryal DeVoist, who is also the Club's new President. Bro. DeVoist was well supported by the Club's work of last year and their presentation of the second section of the Second Degree was to be highly complimented. We shall look forward to their continued excellent performances.

FELLOWCRAFT CLUB - March 28th will be the second dinner meeting for the Fellowcraft Club this year. Chairman for this outing will be W: Bro. Albert J. Abbazia. Make your reservations now, by calling Bro. Abbazia at 889-1517 or any Club or Lodge Officer.

At our January meeting at Amalfi's Restaurant, Bro. Ryal DeVoist was elected President; Bro. Carl Utrup elected Vice President; and Bro. Sam Robby was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

IN MEMORIUM

Yonnonodio Lodge extends its sympathy to the families of the following Brothers who have departed from our earthly world during the past year 1966: Bro. Wilbur L. Coon, Bro. George H. Bean, Bro. William Fuhlborn, Bro. S. Retsinopoulos, Bro. Charles H. Smith, Bro. Guy S. Wilson, Bro. William F. Manhold, Bro. Charles M. Lesslie, Bro. Abram J. Sterrise, Bro. Frank C. Widmer, Bro. Leonard G. Evered, Bro. Norman L. Studeman, Bro. E. William Mitchell, Bro. Edward A. Irwin, Bro. Elmer J. Snaith, Bro. Charles A. Rawnsley, Bro. William H. Borchard, Bro. Arthur H.F. Gehrke, Bro. Eugene R. Fordham, and Bro. Byron C. Franklin.

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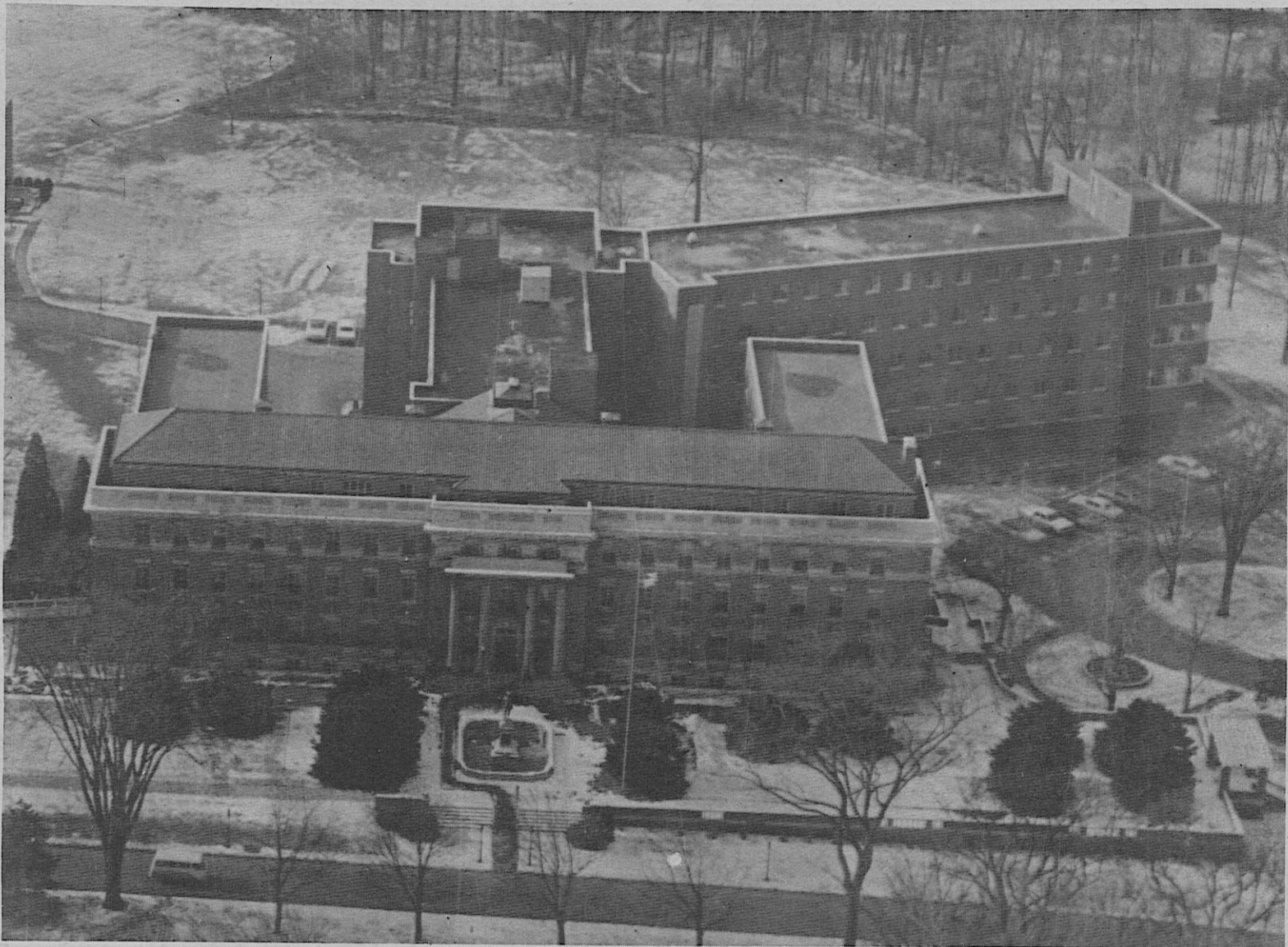
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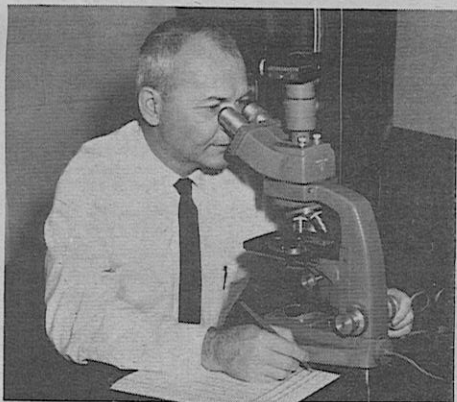
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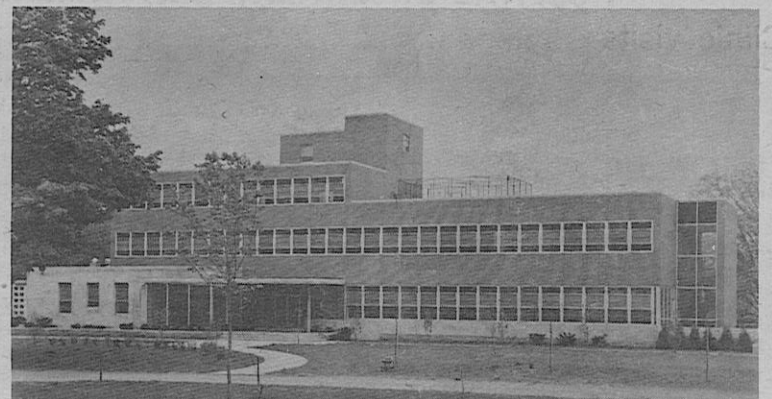


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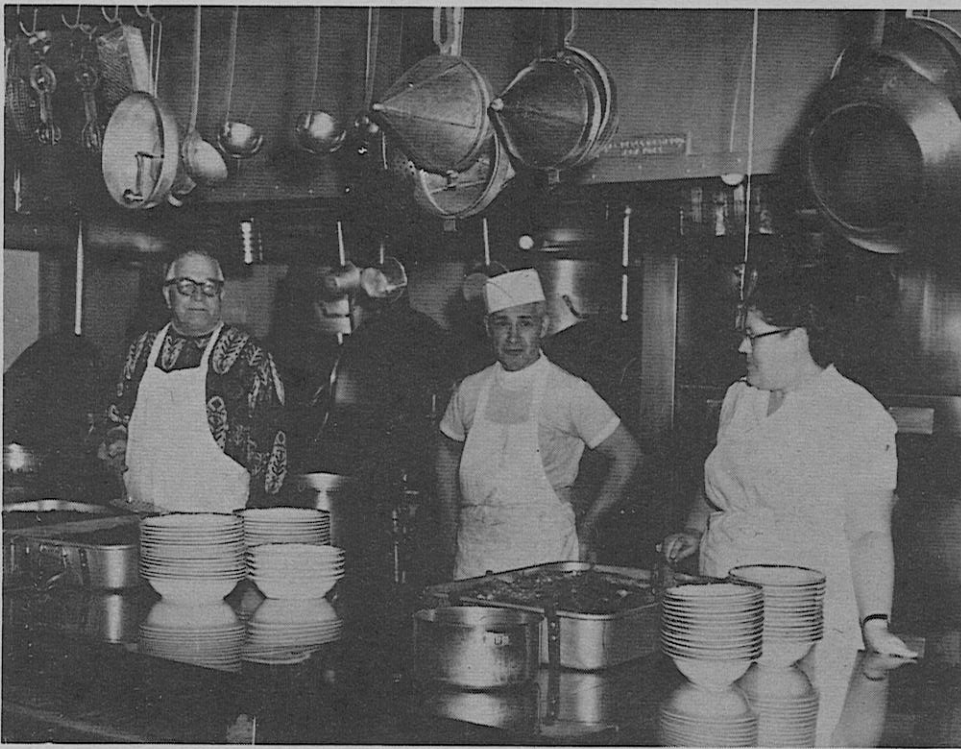
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CHILDREN'S DIVISION

At present, 14 children are residing in the Home, 5 girls and 9 boys. Nine of the children are 15 years of age or older; 3 are between the age of 10-14 years; and 2 are under the age of 10 years.

All of the children attend public schools. Transportation is provided by the Home bus.

One of the girls completed high school in June 1965. She is attending Wagner College.

EXAMINATIONS AND TREATMENTS HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT

Clinic visits	14,344
Physical Therapy treatments	3,189
Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat examinations and treatments	547
Dental visits	344
Podiatry examinations and treatments	1,459
Electrocardiographs	115
X-rays	1,583

Tests performed in the clinical laboratory numbered 22,631.
Three hundred fifteen ambulance calls were made.

HOSPITAL AND INFIRMARY SECTION

Last year the Hospital and Infirmary treated a total of 841 patients, the greatest number in the history of the Masonic Home. Each year there is a greater demand for hospital and infirmary beds. The bed compliment of 369, on several occasions has had patients in excess of 360. An idea of the increasing demand for hospital and infirmary beds is disclosed in the following summary:

Year ending	Hospital & Infirmary Patient Days
February 28, 1950	62,998
" " 1955	70,875
" 29, 1960	84,281
" 28, 1961	87,759
" " 1962	94,623
" " 1963	94,597
" 29, 1964	101,352
" 28, 1965	126,917
" " 1966	128,262

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No. 943
2nd and 4th Wednesdays**

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Brothers called home by the Great Architect in 1966: LeRoy Ange, Thuron Baker, Frank Hayes, William Lull, Armour Mack, Fred Schiefer, Charles Viergiver, William Laufer.

We welcome in the Lodge the following Brothers who were raised and affiliated in 1966: Robert Curtis, Roland Curtis, John Decker, Franklin Granata, John Harvey, Fred Lawson, William Raithel, Howard Webber, Jr. Richard Schaefer, Raymond Vaisey.

We congratulate the following brothers who have consummated 25 years of membership and are therefore entitled to Life Members.

Edward Klere, Clark Newell, Goerge Dunbar, Clarence Rhodes.

DATES AHEAD

Saturday, March 11th - Bowling Party - West Henrietta Lanes. Members, Ladies, Friends, welcome. 7:00 P.M. Refreshments - 10:00 P.M. \$3.50 each.

March 8th - First Degree.
March 22 - Open Meeting.

Don't forget your contribution to the Brotherhood Fund and the Service Bureau. They are counting on you.

ON THE SICK LIST

Raymond Attridge, Buffalo Hospital; Fred Hartley, Henry Young - Northside; Charlie Schaefer.

We enjoyed a very nice meeting on February 8th at which time Bill Lennox gave an interesting report on the history of the Lodge over the past 50 years.

An outstanding movie titled "The Hearts of Men" was shown and brought a vivid picture of the early days of Masonry during the Revolutionary period.

It is nice to hear that Lee Perkins has had a nice advancement with IBM Corp. He now resides in Syracuse.

We were pleased to hear from Frank Leach who is spending his retirement in Sun City, Arizona. He sends his regards to his many friends in Rochester.

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**FRANK R. LAWRENCE
LODGE No. 797
2nd Monday**

Frank R. Lawrence family nite was enthusiastically attended by a goodly number of wives and friends. Our wives, especially, were grateful for the opportunity to see our Lodge room and learn some of the duties of our officers. Thanks to Brother Jim Vaisey and Brother Don Scivens, who provided the entertainment and refreshments respectively, our evening was enjoyable for all.

Our Treasurer, Brother Carl Brown, attended his first meeting since his heart attack. He thanked all the brothers who sent cards and inquired after him. It sure was good to have him back.

The Lodge bowling party will be held at Oak Hill Country Club on Sunday, March 5th, starting at 6 P.M. with refreshments following. Please phone your reservation to Don Scivens at ID 6-8707 or BE 5-5000. We hope to see all you bowlers and non-bowlers there for an evening of fellowship and fun. Fraternaly, Theodore J. Snyder, Master

**CLIO LODGE
No. 779**

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Dear Brethren:

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Brethren and Sir Knights of Monroe Commandery #12 Knights Templar who so generously gave of their time to present the Second Degree for Clio Lodge. It was an evening to be remembered by all who were present and a great loss by those who were not present. Let us hope that we may again have the same opportunity in the very near future. Brethren, don't forget that on March 7th the Shrine Past Masters Degree Team of Damascus Temple will confer both sections of the Third Degree for Clio Lodge. Let us all turn out and make a good showing as there will probably be a team of 30 to 40 from the Shrine. Don't forget Ladies Night February 25 or the Ox Roast April 22nd. Sincerely & Fraternaly, Leland B. Hendershot Master

Masonry is the activity of closely united men, who employing symbolical forms borrowed principally from the Mason's trade and from architecture, work for the welfare of mankind, striving morally to enable themselves and others, thereby to bring about a universal league of mankind, which they aspire to exhibit even more on a small scale.

On Saturday, April 22nd, we will have our second annual Ox Roast for the benefit of the Lodge Building Fund. It will be held at the Hilton Baptist Church as before. There will be three serving times - 5 PM-6 PM-7 PM. Tickets are priced at \$2.75 - Children under 12-\$1.50. Try to get your tickets as early as possible so the committee will know about how many to prepare for. If the reports of last year are correct we should have a complete sell-out as everyone wanted to know when we would have another roast.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and the sympathy of the Lodge is extended to Brother Robert A. Corbett in the death of his son who was killed in an auto accident while being a good samaritan.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Bro. W: Ray Osborne - out and around; Bro. Herbert L. VanGraaferland-Batavia; Bro. James Moran, recovering slowly; Bro. John Kirk, recovering from Pneumonia.

TRESTLEBOARD

Feb. 21 - Open.
Mar. 7 - Third Degree by Shrine Past Masters.
Mar. 21 - First Degree-Degree Team.
Apr. 4 - Second Degree.
Apr. 22 - Second Annual Ox Roast.

**HENRIETTA LODGE
No. 526**

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Brethren:

On receiving this message Henrietta Lodge will be well on its way to a very active year. February 14th our First Degree will be conferred on five candidates by Senior Warden, Bro. Ray Cleveland. We had an excellent attendance, comprising of many of our brothers, and visiting brethren. "Were you there?". How long has it been since you attended Lodge, now is a good time to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends. We hope to see you all at our next meeting.

Our Annual Communion Breakfast, will be held at The United Church of Christ on April 9th, at 8:00 A.M. We hope to have a large attendance. This invitation is extended to all brethren, wives, families and friends. Guest speaker will be Rev. William T. Plews. Tickets at \$1.25 each may be obtained by calling 334-4579 or 334-9645.

TRESTLEBOARD

Mar. 14 - Second Degree.
Mar. 28 - First Degree.
Apr. 11 - Third Degree
April 25 - Second Degree.
May 9 - Past Masters Night Open Meeting.
May 23 - Third Degree.
June 13 - Open meeting, instruction of newly raised brothers.
Fraternaly, Ray Cleveland

**GENESEE FALLS LODGE
No. 507**

1st and 3rd Thursdays

FROM THE EAST

Brethren:

We thank those who were present at our February 2nd meeting and contributed, so much, in the open discussion on "Ways and Means" to make our meetings and the Lodge, itself, more meaningful and attractive.

A special committee was appointed to record the suggestions and ideas. Chairman, H. Meech, Vice-Chairman, Wm. Anderson, Larry Geith and Warren Alhart met on February 7th and reviewed these basic ideas. Below is a condensed version of the

excellent report of the Committee, who are to be highly commended for their immediate action and fine report.

Six areas of action are listed in the report.

1. Personal Contact - Points up the need for a progressive, forward looking program of both actual and telephone contact with absent members, as being of paramount importance. Suggested to be implimented by the committee and our regular attenders. To be conducted with genuine concern about the welfare and well being of our absent brethren, hoping that this bridge of friendship will help to create a desire to return to the fellowship of the Lodge.

2. Sickness and Distress- The response of the Lodge in this area has been less than adequate and it is felt that the lack of a specific committee and program directed specifically to our brothers in need of our aid or sympathy has alienated a number of brothers from the Lodge room. A committee has been appointed for sickness and distress. W: Bro. Fred Waltz, Chairman.

3. Sideliner Participation- Programs designed to allow sideliners to become principle participants would encourage more of this group to appear at meetings. Occasional evenings of "Stop the Ritual", Fun Nights, Old Form Third Degree Drama, Sideliners Degree work, etc., while at times humorous and always entertaining, have further value in furthering our Masonic education and would help to keep them coming, once we get them started.

4. Speakers - Only occasionally and on Masonic subjects.

5. Membership Book - Scrapbook style with pictures of as many members as possible, with names, dates, etc. Pictures of each new class upon being raised to keep the book up to date.

6. Dinners - The possibility was raised of having a dinner on each Degree night or if not possible, having lunch during the break between first and second sections instead of after closing.

The Committee hopes that their findings have been in line with my wishes for this survey and are standing ready to assist in implimenting any or all areas designated. The Lodge I'm sure joins me in thanking this Committee for their fine response to this project.

Continuing with this evaluation and action, committees will be appointed at our March 2nd Business meeting to get the needed action in the areas, you choose to act.

On March 11th the Fellowship Spring Party will be held at Welcome Ranch, Ridge Rd. West. Arrangements are progressing to make this one best ever. President Claude Tuckey and Austin Garlic have gone all out to insure a good time for all who come. Put the date on your calendar and we'll meet there for the social hour at 6:00 P.M.

March 16th Third Degree, preceded by an excellent dinner at 6:30 P.M. First

Section at 5:30 P.M. Lodge and Second Section, 7:30 P.M.

Your money runs this Lodge. Do you get your money's worth when you stay away from the warm fellowship we are building for you. Especially your presence is needed at our March 2nd Business meeting. Come and help us organize for our Betterment Program. Framernally, Raymond "M" Ring, Master

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Fred Anderson, 183 Frost Ave.; Victor Anderson, Vancouver, B.C.; George Bemish, 243 Alexander St.; Albert Bird, Northside Hospital; Raymond Brink, Brockport, N.Y.; Barrie Brightman, Webster, N.Y.; Amandus Clar, St. Mary's Hospital; Edward L. Clark, 41 Edgeland St.; Lynn Curry and Charles B. Mann, Churchville, N.Y.; Murray Harris, 45 Durand Blvd.; J. Harrison Herbst, 52 Canton St.; Theodore J. Hertel, State Hospital; Frank Heidman, St. Petersburg, Fla.; John Howard, 354 Ravenwood Ave.; Otto Henderberg, 3 Pappert Place; Emil Huser, 200 Royleston Rd.; Fred L. Maas, Sr., 582 Elmgrove Rd.; Donald MacCowan, 118 Clifton St.; Harold Matsky, 519 Rock Beach Rd.; Wm. B. Nixdorf, Lincoln Rd., East Rochester; Leo F. Meagher, 138 Presque St.; Glen C. Pifer, Sodus Point, N.Y.; Frank Pitcher, 645 Stone Rd.; Carl T. Rider, 83 Bedford St.; John J. Shafer, 35 Bobrich Dr.; G. Allen Smith, 127 Pontiac Dr.

**CALLED HOME BY THE
SUPREME ARCHITECT**

Robert A. Walls, Life Member and 50 Year Button. Raised October 17, 1911, called home January 27, 1967.

Christian J. Geimer, Life Member, 50 year Button. Raised December 19, 1916, called home February 4, 1967.

Harold F. Lubasch, Life Member, Raised June 21, 1928, called home February 7, 1967.


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FROM THE EAST

MASTER'S LETTER

The time has come for all the brethren to pause a few minutes, and reflect upon what they have accomplished this year. In all your achievements, did you fulfill your obligation to extend a helping hand and support your lodge officers in all possible ways.

One of the most important events that we need your support on is The Masonic Brotherhood Fund. Let us support the Grand Master in his effort to fulfill this goal.

The Brotherhood Fund is now underway. The first mailing has been sent out. There will be a second mailing to the brethren who have not contributed by a certain date. For the brethren who have not responded by April, their names will be turned over to an investigation committee who will get in touch with them personally.

Support your Brotherhood Fund. Your Chairman is Norman Routly, 45 Bloomfield Place, Rochester, N.Y.

There will be a Second Degree on March 8th, and a Third Degree March 22nd, with a Dinner preceding the Third Degree. All the officers have tickets for the dinner. For the brethren attending the dinner please notify the officers or myself before March 20th. Thank you.

Fraternally yours,
Joseph Minas, Master

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: Richard Betlem, home, 111 Rosalind St.; R:W: William Lauweret, home, 43 Wisconsin St.; Frank VanVoorst, home, 153 Buckman Rd.; William Fladd, home, 3286 St. Paul Blvd.; John Schlosser, home, 607 Steward St.; David Michaels, home, 64 Wellington Ave.; Karl Gail, Lake Avenue Nursing Home.

IN MEMORIAM

Raymond C. Keppler, Installed April 13, 1932, Passed May 10, 1932, Raised May 24, 1932, Died Jan. 28, 1967.

Leo E. Kujawsky, Installed May 28, 1902, Passed June 10, 1902, Raised June 25, 1902, Died Jan. 26, 1967.

ODDS AND ENDS FROM THE SOUTH

The brethren and ladies that attended the Fellowcraft Banquet enjoyed themselves immensely. We are planning a Ladies Night for sometime in April. You are all Cordially invited. There will be more information on it in the next issue.

COMING EVENTS

Mar. 8 - Second Degree.
Mar. 16 - F.C. Rehearsal.
Mar. 22 - Third Degree with Dinner preceding.
Apr. 8 - Grand Masters Ball.
Apr. 12 - First Degree.

Brethren:

Two interesting meetings are planned for March. On March 14, the Lodge will confer the First Degree. Bro. Robert Avery will be in the East and Wor. Bro. Bill Gavitt will present the aprons. On March 28, Rt. Wor. Sarachan will speak to us on the Morgan episode. Rt. Wor. Sarachan is a renowned speaker and is the Director of the School of Ritual, the Director of the School of Lodge Administration and the author of the "Dear Bro. Herman" column in the Monroe Masonic News.

The Lodge has a supply of the booklet "A Primer of Freemasonry" written by Rt. Wor. Sarachan. This booklet answers 14 questions about Masonry. Typical questions are: What is Freemasonry? and How Does One Become A Mason? These are ideal booklets to give to a non-masonic friend who has asked questions about Freemasonry. If you would like one or more of these booklets, you may pick them up at Lodge, or if you will telephone me, I will send them out by mail.

Bro. Clarence Morton of 80 Eastland Avenue who suffered a heart attack on the day after Christmas is recuperating at home.

Bro. Walter Brockway, who served Fame Lodge for over 40 years as organist and who passed the four score milestone of years several years ago, is in good health and good spirits but can't get out as much as he used to. Bro. Brockway lives alone and enjoys visitors. Bro. Brockway lives at 33 Briton Road.

Wor. Bro. Keith Moore will coach the officers in ritual work this year.

Have you sent in your contribution to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund? Fraternaly,
Everett White, Master

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

The following brothers were summoned by the Supreme Architect: Bro. Everitt M. Hallauer - Berkeley, California. Raised in 1920, Died January 28, 1967.

Bro. Nils Lund-166 Almay Rd., Rochester, N.Y. Raised in 1942, Died February 7, 1967.

Mrs. Ver Streate, the wife of W:B: Clarence Ver Streate is well on the road to recovery after her recent operation.

Bro. & Mrs. Ernest B. Johnston were both ill during the early winter, but the last report was they are now both back in circulation.

Bro. Clarence Morton is home from the hospital and doing well.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LODGE

W: Bro. Clarence Ver Streate wishes to express his deepest gratitude and appreciation for his Past Masters apron and pin. He promises to wear them with great pride.

The Lodge is in need of a custodian. If any member is interested in the position or knows of somebody who might be, contact either one

of the trustees or W:M: Everitt White.

Fellowcraft team, please note there will be a rehearsal for the Third Degree on April 4.

Bro. John Ferraro has promised an extra special supper for the Third Degree on April 11.

MARCH SCHEDULE

Mar. 14 - Conference of First Degree. Bro. Avery in the East.

Mar. 28 - Visitation by Rt. Wor. Herman Sarachan. Your Fraternal Reporter, Bob Hebner

OATKA LODGE

No. 759
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

My Brethren,

The message I bring this month, is to first remind you to call or write to me and let me know if you or anyone you know are in sickness and would like to have me call on you, not only for sickness but for any other reason.

My brothers again I remind you to attend Lodge. We don't believe you have to attend every meeting, just attend as many as you can. There are so many of my brothers that I have never met and I would be pleased to greet you in Lodge. You will find our meetings brief

and to the point. The officers and I realize how easy it is to sit home in your easy chair and forget lodge.

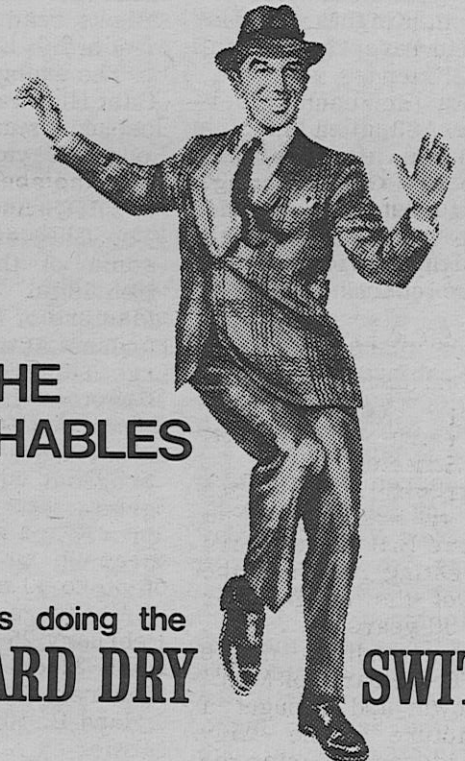
I had hoped this year to have the pleasure of meeting some of our Past Masters, you gentlemen know how it is to be Master. I have always believed that if our newer members saw more Past Masters at our meetings they would take more interest in Lodge.

As you know, this is the time for the Brotherhood campaign. So help to put your Lodge on top by donating. The smallest amount will be appreciated.

Remember all that has been done for your enjoyment, television, pool table, card tables, and the usual good time with your brothers. Fraternaly,
Gil Ralston

TRESTLEBOARD

Mar. 1 - Fellowcraft.
Mar. 3 - School of Instruction.
Mar. 8 - Regular meeting. Films of interest.
Mar. 10 - School of Lodge Administration
Mar. 21 - Officers meeting, 8:00 P.M. Bro. Ted Lunn, Grove Street, Scottsville, N.Y.
Mar. 22 - First Degree and Dinner. For reservations call 889-1435 or 889-1670.



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MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren:

Those of you who listen to television commercials have, I am sure, heard of the "Pause that refreshes". Although I am not a salesman, I, too, would extol the benefits of the refreshing pause. The pause I would recommend covers only the brief moment you will need to write a check for the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. I can assure you that it will give a joyously refreshing boost to the spirit of brotherly love and affection which is in each of you.

The January meeting put our 1967 year happily on its way. An invitation extended to our ladies is a positive assurance of the success of any Seneca Lodge function, and this meeting was no exception. The ladies were there, and those of us who were fortunate enough to be with them enjoyed a most pleasant evening. My thanks to our Junior Warden, Bill Staples, and his helpers.

Unfortunately, the ladies cannot be with us for the First in February. But you can. Mail your reservation card to Max and come break bread with our brothers from Craftsman. Sincerely & fraternaly,
Ellsworth Van Graafeiland, Master

FROM THE SECRETARY

Many thanks to those who have sent in their dues for 1967. To the others, an early remittance would be appreciated. Remember, after March 1, the discount of \$2.00 is NOT applicable and the gross amount must be sent in. You can't make \$2.00 any easier than making out your check right now.

I must again ask that if you are moving, PLEASE notify me of your new address. If you do not do this, your Trestleboard will be returned at a cost of 8¢ to the Lodge. You miss the news and we have to spend unnecessary postage. Be sure to include your ZIP number as after Jan. 1, 1967, third class mail will NOT be delivered without the ZIP.

COMING EVENTS

Mar. 21 - Regular Communication - Second Degree at 7:30 P.M. Dinner at 6:15 P.M.

FELLOWCRAFT

Announcing the first Fellowcraft function of 1967 - "Under the Yum Yum Tree" a play by Laurence Roman at Theatre East on Friday night, March 17th at 8:30 P.M.

Special reserved seats for Seneca men, their ladies, and guests at reduced prices are being sold by Fellowcraft committeemen or you may call Bro. Howard Stickney at 467-2161. Reservations available until March 11th.

Afterwards - A "Dutch treat" at Rund's Restaurant 2851 West Henrietta Road. (No minimum, no cover charge).

MONROE
COMMANDERY
No. 12

KNIGHTS
TEMPLAR

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

We had a fine council of officers meeting Sunday, February 12, 1967 at the Garlock House, Palmyra, New York. It was well attended and very successful from the wealth of good suggestions and business transacted. It was decided there to have the Red Cross and Malta Festival at Masonic Temple in Canandaigua, New York on Saturday, April 29, 1967 starting at 2 P.M. Monroe Commandery will put on the Red Cross degree with Em. Sir Knight Frederick A. Miller in charge. Then Monroe Commandery will have the Temple degree in Rochester on regular conclave night, Friday evening, May 19th with dinner at 6:30 P.M. Em. Sir Knight Ward R. Turner will be in charge of the Temple degree.

Our Senior Warden, Sir Knight Les Brown will be membership chairman for 1967 and needs a lot of help in securing petitions, as you know this is a very important committee.

Give him your full cooperation. Knights Templar needs and deserves your full support.

The Easter Sun-Rise Service in Arlington, Virginia will be the next important conclave, March 24 to 26. This is a beautiful service and one the Sir Knights and ladies will always cherish in their fondest memories. There are also many other activities planned to make your Washington visit very enjoyable. Please make reservations with our Captain General, S. Clark Place.

The degree team did an outstanding job at Clio Lodge Hilton, New York, Tuesday, February 7th in putting on the Second Degree. There were fourteen Sir Knights in attendance and they are all to be complimented. The degree team next will also put on the Second Degree for Corinthian Temple Lodge, Rochester, New York, Monday evening, March 20th at 8 P.M. There will be a rehearsal following our Friday, March 17th conclave. Em. Sir Knight Richard J. Oliver is in charge of our degree team and also should be complimented for an outstanding job.

We are all very happy that Rt. Em. Past Grand Commander's wife, Eve Corbett is coming along fine, after her emergency operation January 20th. Rt. Em. Jim also is a lot more relaxed after going thru this very trying period. I know they will both feel better soon on their well deserved vacation in Hawaii.

Our sincere prayers go to our prelates wife, Bertha Plews and Bill on her serious illness. Get well soon Bert, we miss you very much.

Hope to see a good turn out of Sir Knights at our next regular conclave on Friday evening, March 3rd.

May GOD be with you. Walter B. Sanders
Commander

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HIGH PRIEST'S MESSAGE

Companions:

Rast ich, so rost ich (when I rest, I rust).

The first few meetings have been quite interesting and rewarding. It would be good if all were to try to be a part of the solution and not of the problem. If you haven't been able to come to the meetings, won't you try to drop us a line so that all companions can feel that they are?

Please feel free to comment on such change as you may notice. Any program suggestions that you may have will be gratefully received.

Fraternally,
W.D. Staples

MEETINGS PAST

Over half of the living Past High Priests were in attendance at the last two meetings. A very impressive record. R. Ex. William Plews read Ecclesiastes 3: 1-9 & 4:9-12.

The exemplification by the Past High Priests of an opening, with suitable remarks by V. Ex. Dayton, was excellent. Bohman sent his best wishes to all. (He is in Rhode Island). The Chapter voted to donate some of the old robes to Henrietta Lodge. Three Masters of local lodges were present at one meeting. George Warner advised the Chapter that he had been installed as High Priest in Maryland. The exchange program with IONIC for degree conferrals was approved.

Most, Right, Very, Excellent and Companions Grabb, Allen, Roecker, Bennett, Vetter, Plews, Dayton, Henry, Allen, Staples, and Pierce attended Grand Chapter and gave their reports. R. Ex. Vetter was elected Treasurer and R. Ex. Plews was named Chaplain. The increase in Initiation Fees for the Grand Chapter was turned down. Degree Director assignments were announced as: MMM Ex. Ward Turner; PM R. Ex. Frank Allen; MEM Ex. Willis Henry; and RAM Ex. Kenneth Kimpton. R. Ex. Grover Cleveland Bradstreet was installed as Treasurer and Ivan Ball was installed as Sentinel. R. Ex. Bennett was appointed Chr. of the MSA Committee.

MEETINGS PRESENT

Feb. 23 - MMM, Dinner, Ex. Ken Kimpton in the East.

Feb. 28 - PM by and at Ionic.

Mar. 9 - MEM, Ken Zimmerman in the East.

Mar. 23 - Past High Priest Night - Don't miss this one.

MEETINGS FUTURE

April will bring the RAM and George Mason. Mark your calendars now.

CYRENE
COMMANDERY

No. 39

KNIGHTS

TEMPLAR



The Public Installation of the Officers of Cyrene Commandery #39 was held in Cathedral Hall, Masonic Temple, January 27th, 1967. The visiting Sir Knights and present and past Grand Officers were received thru the lines and greeted by Em. Commander C. Ray Hager. Then came the big event of the evening, The 1st District Commandery, Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John and their ladies were here to witness our Installation. This is one of their first participations in the ecumenical movement. Introduced to all present and then escorted thru the lines was Colonel John G. Bittner and Lt. Colonel John T. Schneider. A warm welcome was given to both by our Em. Commander and also to the rest of the Sir Knights and their ladies who were present in the balcony. We were all very happy to see them all this evening and may we have many more such events. The Knights of St. John were invited to be present by our Commander Elect S.K. H. William Earl. They are very similar to our own Knights Templar as we are all Christian Knights. This is the first time that such an event has taken place in the Masonic Temple. The Public Installation continued with the opening of the Bible and presentation of the American flag. The 1966 Officers retired and the stage



The first get together of Knights Templars and the Knights of St. John was held on Friday January 27, 1967 at the Public Installation of the Officers of Cyrene Commandery No. 39. Left to Right: John G. Bittner, Colonel Knights of St. John; Commander Elect H. William Earl, Cyrene No. 39; John T. Schneider, Lt. Colonel Knights of St. John; Em. Commander C. Ray Hager, Cyrene No. 39.

set for the 1967 Officers to enter. The triangle was formed and the new Officers entered and were installed by the Installing Officer, Rt. Em. Sir Kn. Ward L. Ekas, Past Grand Commander; Grand Marshall was Em. Sir Kn. Earle E. Maynard, P.C. Monroe #12; and Grand Captain General Em. Sir Kn. Roy E. VanDelinder Sr., P.C. Cyrene Commandery #39. All Officers were installed, remarks by the Em. Commander H. William Earl who introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. Dr. Louis M. Hirshson, D.D., retired President of Hobart and William Smith Colleges. Everyone present enjoyed his talk very much. Presentation of the P.C. bars and emblem was given to our out going Commander, Em. Sir C. Ray Hager and he thanked all for a wonderful year as Commander. Wished the New Commander a very good one too. The Public Installation of Cyrene Commander #39 Officers came to a close with the grand march around the room.

Our new Em. Commander Sir Kn. H. William Earl was pleased to have such a

26th, 1967. If you have never attended one of these services do so now. Each year Sir Knights from all over attend this wonderful Easter Service. Contact our Generalissimo C. Ray Hager P.C. who is in charge this year if you can go.

The Eye Foundation, project of the Grand Commandery is looking for more Sir Knights to join their Life Membership Club. Would like to have 10% of more from Cyrene Commandery #39. The \$30.00 asked for this membership is really worth it when you hear of the wonderful things that they do for people who are blind or going blind. If you want to see what it is like to be blind close your eyes and then ask this question, "Could I stand not being able to ever see again"? Quite a question to answer, isn't it?

Cyrene Commandery #39 has been asked to confer the Order of Malta on a class of candidates on April 29th, in Canandaigua, New York. More about that in April.

Let us not forget that this year is our Celebration of our 100th Chartered year



Members of Knights Templars and the Knights of St. John gathered for the Public Installation of Officers of Cyrene Commandery No. 39. This is the first in the Ecumenical movement for these two groups. Hope to have many more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please return the Roster Card immediately. Please return the card for Dinner. If you can't make it, please include a note that we can read to your companions. Save your papers for DeMolay. Don't knock your Chapter, it may have changed since you were last there. Please wear your name tags, so that your new companions may more readily recognize you.

R.E. George S. Mason will pay us an official visit April 27th.

Please visit Ionic on the 28th to see the Past Master, particularly if YOU would like a part in the degree in the fall.

large gathering of over 200 present and to have an interest in witnessing a most impressive ceremony in a very reverend and religious atmosphere. He was also pleased to have his minister the Rev. Charles E. Bollinger and many of his church friends in attendance and at this writing we may be most fortunate in obtaining in the near future a new name on our Commandery role.

Coming events in March: On March 10th we will have a regular conclave with lunch afterwards. Final preparation for Easter Sunrise Service at this time.

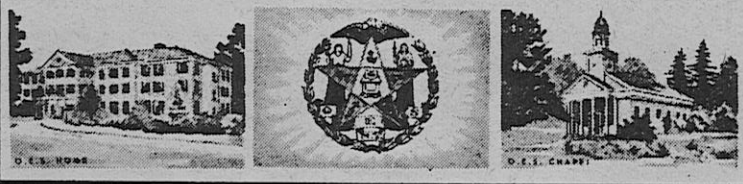
No conclave on March 24th as most of us will be leaving for Washington, D.C. to take part in the Annual Easter Sunrise services on March

as a Commandery. The celebration is going to take place on Saturday, October 7th, 1967 in the Masonic Temple. Let us all get behind and push a little harder so that it will be a very successful one. So far we have heard from about one-third of our members. What are the rest of you going to do. You may all help by making out a check payable to "Cyrene Centennial Fund" and mail same to Roy E. VanDelinder Sr., 84 Bedford St., Rochester, N.Y. 14609. Please do not wait to long.

Many thanks for everything and may we all have a grand year.

Em. Commander, H. William Earl
Em. Sir Roy E. Huff, Reporter

Ladies Organization NEWS



LET'S GO VISITING

MARCH 1967

- 2 - Oatka Chapter - Official Visit.
- 2 - University Chapter - Regular meeting.
- 6 - Amo Chapter - Regular meeting.
- 7 - Nola Chapter - Master Mason's Night.
- 9 - Lilac Triangle - Fashion Show at Fairport Masonic Temple.
- 11 - Fidelity Triangle - Queen's Term Dinner.
- 16 - University Star - Regular meeting.
- 16 - Oatka Chapter - Regular meeting.
- 20 - Amo Chapter - Regular meeting.
- 21 - Nola Chapter - Neighborhood Night and Easter Party.
- 25 - Fidelity Triangle - Election of Officers.

AMO CHAPTER No. 547 Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Sisters & Brothers: The Worthy Patron and I wish to express our thanks to all who helped in anyway to make our Official Visit a highlight in our lives. We are so proud of each and every officer for the lovely work which they did. Congratulations and thank you to each of you. A special thanks to W:S: Nell Angold, W:S: Mary Burgess and W:S: Florence Press for helping me set the tables, to Rochester Chapter for serving us so efficiently, to all of my Acting Officers of the evening and the protems and to W:S: Joan Potter for the very lovely degree. S: Lois Haines' music was just lovely as always.

I wish to congratulate our new members and to hope that they will find membership in our order a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

March 5 - We will have our Winter Picnic at Ellison Park at the Hazelwood Lodge. It would be nice to see a big crowd out that day.

March 6 - Regular Meeting at 7:30. We will serve Germania Chapter.

March 13 - Past Matrons Club will be held at the home of W:S: Nell Angold.

March 20 - Regular meeting - Past Matrons' Night. We will honor our own Past Matrons this night. Please come, one and all.

March 27 - Sistercraft will be held at the home of S: Sue Lawrence. I hope that many members who have not been coming regularly to our meetings will come out and give us the opportunity of welcoming them from the East. We need your support this year. Fraternaly,

Genevieve Gamble, W:M: Paul Gamble, W:P:

UNIVERSITY STAR CHAPTER No. 797 Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Sisters & Brothers: In the month of March we must start planning and preparing for our next project, the card party. It has been moved forward from March 16 to April 20 to give us more time for advertising and ticket selling. Our chairman is W: Sister Doris Raetz.

On March 2nd we have a regular meeting, after which my daughter and I will present a short musical program.

March 9 - Officer's Club at the home of Frances Nazzaro, 46 Foster Rd.

March 16 - The card party has been postponed until April 20 so we will have a regular meeting and St. Patrick's Day bake sale.

Birthdays in March - Wilma Coates, 3/15; Eleanor Conklin, 3/14; Mabel Nolan, 3/3; Lois Pasch, 3/3; Olga Perry, 3/18; Arlene Roesner, 3/12; Patricia Richardson, 3/1; Bertha Smith, 3/28; Jack Williams, 3/8; Mildred Zahn, 3/27;

I hope that I may continue to enjoy your continuing cooperation and your presence at our meetings. The assistance of each and every officer and sideliner is necessary in order to insure our chapter a successful year. Sincerely & Fraternaly, W: Sister Ruth Ball W: Brother Ivan Ball

OATKA CHAPTER No. 320 Order of the Eastern Star

The attendance at our February meetings was most gratifying. Thank you all, for honoring us with your presence.

Our March meetings are scheduled as follows:

Mar. 2 - 8:00 P.M. Sharp-Official Visit.

Mar. 16 - 8:00 P.M. Regular Meeting.

Mar. 28 - 8:00 P.M. The Ida L. Kern Officer's and Members Club will meet at the residence of Sister Jessie Green, Main Street, Scottsville, New York.

Apr. 6 - Master Mason's Night.

Cheerfulness, like Spring, opens all the blossoms of the inward Man and Woman. Fraternaly, W: Ida Kern, Matron

NOLA CHAPTER No. 368 Order of the Eastern Star

Chapter was strengthened by the addition of two new members on February 21. Winifred Foster and brother Truman Hall were initiated. We feel very fortunate to have them as new members of Nola Chapter. Welcome to both of you!

March 7 will be Master Mason's Night and we are

looking forward to seeing many of our brother Masons present for an evening of fun and sociability.

March 21 will be Neighborhood night with an Easter Party included. We hope many of our neighbors will visit us that evening. After the meeting and an evening of being together, the Worthy Matron and her husband are leaving for Hawaii for a visit with their son, Ben, Jr. and family who live in Kailua, Hawaii. Let's hope many of our Sisters and Brothers will be there to say "Aloha".

Don't forget our Official Visit will be April 18th. Fraternaly, W: Annalee Daycock, W:M: W: Charles Daycock, W:P:

FLOWER CITY LINK No. 38 Order of the Golden Chain

At the January meeting of Flower City Link, honoring Charles Goodman, Associate Grand Lecturer, ten Past Matrons and six Past Patrons were also honored and received gifts. Birthday gifts for the month were distributed. Zella Maltuck, P:M: presided in the East with Ivan Meyer, P:P: as Patron in the absence of the elected officer.

On the evening of Saturday February 11th, the Link entertained for members and their spouses at a special card party, and in spite of the very inclement weather enjoyed a most pleasant get together. Arranged by Past Matrons Kea Lane and Zella Maltuck and an efficient committee there were gifts and a beautiful set up refreshment table.

Plans are under way for the coming Advance Night meeting on February 27th when Associate Matron Naomi Friedman will preside in the East with Arnold Goldstein as Patron, and Rose Morgenstern, P:M: will occupy the West with Lewis Shoolman, P:P:. Judge Henry L. Rosenthal is scheduled for initiation into membership that evening. Special refreshments are being prepared in honor of the Shrine Chanters, who will entertain following the meeting.

The Past Matrons Group met on February 6th at the home of Evalyn Phillips, with Naomi Friedman a guest, and entertainment plans for the meetings of the coming year were discussed at length.

Election of officers and of two Camp Trustees for a three year term will take place at the March meeting.

It was with great regret that the members heard of the fire which gutted the home of Sophia and Arnold Goldstein, and we wish them speedy repairs and a happy return home. We also extend congratulations to them on the recent Bar Mitzvah of their grandson.

Our very good wishes for a good recovery are extended to Esther Bloom and Alice Goldstein from their illnesses and to Ann Lazerson after her hospitalization.

See you all at meetings. Marian Greenberg, W:M: Eva R. Leve, P:M:, Sec'y.

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TOP RIGHT PHOTO: The Masters and Wardens of the Monroe Districts and their wives enjoyed an evening of dining and dancing at Logan's Party House.

CENTER PHOTO: Grand Lodge Officers past and present with their wives filled the head tables.

BOTTOM RIGHT PHOTO: The Gleason Coral Group entertains.

PICTURED BELOW: 1967 Master & Wardens Association Officers: Standing L to R: - Ralph Biggar, Treasurer; George Waddington, Secretary; Seated L to R: - Ray Sterling, Vice President; Robert McConnell, President; L. Losinger, Vice President.



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xx CHEMUNG-SCHUYLER-TIOGA	18%
++ 2nd Kings	17%
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// 7th MANHATTAN	13%
// 8th MANHATTAN	19%

20% TO 29%

DISTRICT	%
* 1st ST. LAWRENCE	20%
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* DUTCHESS	28%
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oo CHAUTAUQUA	35%
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* 2nd ERIE	35%
oo 3rd ERIE	33%
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oo HERKIMER	31%
* JEFFERSON-LEWIS	33%
* 3rd KINGS	31%
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xx OTSEGO-SCHOHARIE	32%
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* 2nd ST. LAWRENCE	35%
xx SUFFOLK	39%
++ WASHINGTON	33%
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40% TO 49%

DISTRICT	%
* CLINTON	40%
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xx 1st QUEENS	45%
// RICHMOND	47%
* SULLIVAN	42%
* 1st WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM	42%

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ROCHESTER CHAPTER ORDER OF DE MOLAY

Rick Horch was installed Master Councilor of Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay Monday, February 6th in a Ceremony highlighted by an address by Ill. Clayton Kaul, Potentate of Damascus Temple. The Installing Team was comprised of members of the Cheva Degree Team. Officers installed as follows:

Earl McCall, Senior Councilor; Ken Gosnell, Junior Councilor; Ken Jermyn, Senior Deacon; King Houston, King Houston; DickCranston, Senior Steward; Tom Zorn, Junior Steward; JonHerbert, Chaplain; Doug Zinter, Almoner; Don Berner, Marshal; Jim Scorse, Orator; Charles Herbert, Standard Berner; David Nelson, Sentinel; John Hughes, Scribe; Bob Evans, 1st Preceptor; Dean Dunlap, 2nd Preceptor; Bruce Anderson, 3rd Preceptor; Harry Dunlap, 4th Preceptor; Charles Walker, 5th Preceptor; John Rowlands, 6th Preceptor; John Kelly, 7th Preceptor.

SENIOR DEMOLAYS IN MASONRY

Both formal and informal surveys have been taken throughout the DeMolay Movement to determine what percentage of DeMolays petition Masonry after reaching their majority. It has been proven that wherever you find a strong chapter with able Advisors, you will find a large percentage of Senior DeMolays going into Masonry. An estimated fifty percent of DeMolays are applying for Masonry after reaching 21.

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One has been Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America and two others are in the Imperial line.

One has been General Grand High Priest, R.A.M., and hundreds of others have and are occupying key York Rite posts.

Every recognized Masonic group has had its share of Senior DeMolay leaders.

LILAC TRIANGLE

Lilac Triangle #121 has been kept quite busy during January and February. On January 9th, three new candidates were initiated. They were Linda Thompson, Cindy Mooney, and Debby Norton. January 23 was a short meeting because many girls had exams the next day.

February 13th, Lilac Triangle honored DeMolay with a degree centered around a carnival and Valentine's Day. February 27th will be friendship night with Fidelity Triangle.

During these months, the girls have been selling candy to earn money to go to the Convention in New York City this summer. Also, much time has been spent on organizing a fashion show which is one of Lee Ann Stutzman's Beloved Queen, term projects. It will be sponsored by J.C. Penny's & Co. at the Fairport Masonic Temple on March 9th at 8:00 P.M. The proceeds will go to Cystic Fibrosis Basic Research. Another project was the raffle of a hand made afghan which netted \$135. The afghan was won by Mrs. Thomas Woodruff. Connie Schultz, a member of Lilac Triangle, won a hand made Sweater for selling the most raffle tickets.



Lilac Triangle - Left to right; Linda Thompson; Lee Ann Stutzman, Beloved Queen; Cindy Mooney; Debby Norton.



Meredith Jenks, Ass't Marshall of Fidelity Triangle and Sweetheart of Rochester Chapter of DeMolay.

FIDELITY TRIANGLE

Jan. 14 - 93 attended regular meeting followed by a special meeting to confer a "Fun Degree" on a class of 20 DeMolay members. Everyone enjoyed the fun degree followed by a social hour with refreshments.

Jan. 15 - Fidelity Triangle attended the James A. Hard Post Installation. Congratulations and best wishes to Commander Lawrence Geith and his officers.

Jan. 22 - 90 attended Cabin Party at Mendon Ponds.

Jan. 28 - 110 attended a Pot Luck Supper & Sideliners Night, 22 parents pro-temed the officers stations. We leave the rest to your imagination. Everyone enjoyed it.

Feb. 4 - Triangle ushered for Earl Hilfiker Show.

Mar. 11 - Queens Term Dinner \$1.00 second floor 6:00 P.M. Open meeting at 8:00 P.M. Holy City Degree. All parents invited. Call 288-8337 for reservations before March 7.

Mar. 25 - Election of officers. Social hour.

July 1-2-3-4 - Triangle Statewide Convention. Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City. Make your reservation now.

Miss Margaret Slocum of Marigold Triangle, Ilion, N.Y., was chosen from 25 candidates as the "Sweetheart Weekend" last Oct.

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**THE GRAND MASTER'S
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\$1,500,000 for 1966-1967**

Project No. 1 - THIS IS "THE GRAND MASTER'S ALLOCATION"

All New York State Masons are invited to share in the creation of a capital fund toward the rehabilitation of Grand Lodge headquarters at 23rd Street or at a new site. Obsolescence takes its toll - therefore, to retain and sustain these facilities as a continuing profitable organization, which proceeds go to the support of the Home and Hospital, it needs every Master Mason's support.

Project No. 2 - MASONIC LABORATORY

The Masonic Laboratory for Medical Research and Human Welfare needs \$300,000 to maintain its operation. Hailed by medical authorities as an outstanding research laboratory in the study of gerontology - the aging process - this efficiently operated laboratory, competently staffed by medical scientists of the highest calibre, recognized by the Mayo Bros., Rochester, Minnesota, the University of Chicago, U.S. Health Services, etc., is worthy of any Master Mason's support. "Medical research is the key to tomorrow's health."

Project No. 3 - THE TRUSTEES PROGRAM

The Trustees estimate the 1966-1967 deficit will be between \$500,000 and \$750,000. Sound financial policy dictates that while our assured income will be approximately \$1,783,000 - the estimated budgetary requirements are \$2,500,000. Mandatory minimum wage requirements plus nursing care will require \$242,000 more in 66-67. Costs of food, supplies, etc. have risen and are still rising. Windfalls, box of remembrance, bequests are always problematical and cannot be relied upon.

The Brotherhood Fund must be the insurance money factor.

THEREFORE

All 273,973 Master Masons making a minimum contribution of \$6.00 or more will make the Grand Master's objectives possible.

FREEMASONRY

In this country there are more than 700 different fraternal organizations, Masonry is not just one of them. Masonry is the oldest and has the largest membership. Membership selection is the first basic difference. It is the only one that seeks no members, never asking anyone to join. Secondly, Masonry is based upon the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. This it endeavors to plant in the hearts and lives of its members.

It should be borne in mind that Freemasonry builds its temples in the hearts of men. Its ancient rituals and ceremonies, in Symbolic Lodges and the Scottish and York Rites, dwell upon these truths, and any man who petitions for the degrees of Masonry should do it only with a desire to aid his fellow men.

THE LAMBSKIN

It is not ornamental, the cost is not great
There are things far more useful, yet truly I state
That of all my possessions, there is none can compare
With that White Leathern Apron, which all Masons wear.

As a young lad I wondered just what it all meant
When Dad hustled round, and so much time was spent
On shaving and dressing, and looking just right
Until Mother would say "It's Masons tonight"

And some winter nights she said, "What makes you go
Way up there tonight thru the sleet and the snow
You see the same things every month in the year?"
Then Dad would reply, "Yes, I know it, my dear."

Forty years I've seen the same thing, it is true
And tho they are old, still they always seem new
For the hands that I clasp, and the friends that I greet
Seem a little bit closer, each time that we meet.

Years later I stood at that very same door
With good men and true, who had entered before
I kneeled at the Altar, and there I was taught
That virtue and honor can never be bought.

That the spotless white lambskin, all Masons revere
If worthily worn, grows more precious each year
That service to others brings blessings untold
That men may be poor, tho surrounded by gold

I learned that true brotherhood flourishes there
That enmities fade 'neath the compass and square
That wealth and position are all thrust aside
As there on the level, men meet and abide.

So honor the Lambskin, and may it remain
Forever unblemished, and free from all stain
And when we are called to the Great Father's Love
May we all take our place in that Lodge up above.

Earl B. Cowing
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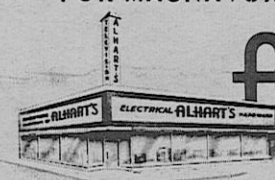
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