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Nineth Annual Civic Service Award Presented to Mrs. Gannett & Mrs. Ward



Mrs. Frank E. Gannett



Mrs. F. Hawley Ward

Masonic Civic Award Presented to Two Sisters at Midtown Annual Communion Breakfast

The Thirtieth Annual Go-to-Church Sunday for the Masons of Monroe County was held on October 27th, 1968 at 8:00 A.M. The Communion services were held at Brick Presbyterian Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the breakfast followed at Midtown Mall at 9:15 A.M. The Rev. H. August Kuehl conducted the services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Rev. David W. Romig was at Brick Presbyterian Church.

M:W: Clarence J. Henry, Past Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, presided at the breakfast in his efficient and inimitable manner and introduced the special guests and presented the speaker. Among our guests was a group of officers from the local Knights of Columbus. The speaker was R:W: P.J. Zaccaro, 33 Degree, and a Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge in the State of New York. He gave a very interesting and inspiring address.

The Nineth Annual distinguished Community Service Award was presented to Mrs. Frank E. Gannett and Mrs. F. Hawley Ward, two sisters who have had very active and successful careers in various phases of community endeavor and to whom is owed a great deal of debt and gratitude by the citizens of Monroe County. Theirs have been lives of service and giving of themselves for others. The presentation was made by W: and Hon. Frank J. Horton, Past President of the Masonic Service Bureau and member of Congress.

These services which were initiated by R:W: Theodore Benz and R:W: Anthony J. Schatzlein so many years ago, have been an inspiration to many and we sincerely trust that they will continue to inspire for many more years to come.

CITATION

To CAROLINE WERNER GANNETT and CLARA LOUISE WARD, daughters of one of this State's most eminent jurists and consorts of truly distinguished husbands, who, each in her own grace and generosity, have, over a continuity of many years, exerted rich and rare talents and capacity in an almost incredible variety of benefits to this community, the Masons of Rochester and Monroe County gratefully present their Annual Distinguished Civic Service Award.

R.:W.: John M. Biggs Dies in Japan

John M. Biggs, 64, of 1070 Harvard St., Rochester business executive and one of the original members of the Rochester Housing Authority, died unexpectedly in Japan over the weekend.

Mr. Biggs had been on vacation with his wife, the former Beatrice Stahl, in a small resort village, 160 miles north of Tokyo. The couple left Oct. 5 for a three-week tour of the Orient.

Mr. Biggs had been appointed to the housing authority in 1955 when it and the Rochester Rehabilitation Commission were one. When they later were separated, he elected to remain with the housing authority and served until 1963.

He had a penchant for travel and had visited Russia twice, Turkey twice, Europe several times and was on his second Oriental visit.

Born in Pittsburgh, he received a bachelor of science degree from Washington & Jefferson University. In 1927 he joined the Consolidated Coal Company in Pittsburgh and worked briefly for it in Buffalo before coming to Rochester.

He was a sales manager when he left the company in 1963. In 1965 he joined the Walter E. Heller Company, Inc., a financing firm. He retired in March.

Mr. Biggs was an active Mason, he was a past master of Frank R. Lawrence Lodge No. 394, member of Hamilton



CHRISTMAS PARTY AT MASONIC HOME IN UTICA

On December 21, the First and Second Monroe Districts will again bring cheer to the Brethren and wives of the Brethren who have "Entered that house not made by hands eternal in the heavens." from the two Monroe Districts.

For those of you who have attended one of these Christmas Parties know what it means to our residents at the home, so if you have not been able to go previously, make every effort to go this year. Your time and effort will be well rewarded.

We will journey to Utica by bus leaving the Masonic Temple at 8:00 A.M. after our visitation at the Home we will have dinner at Dibles Restaurant and hope to be back home by 9:00 P.M. Help make this another heart-warming event by calling either Odell Kelly or Harry Kennedy for reservations now.

BROTHERHOOD FUND DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

It has been announced by R:W: Ralph L. Kellogg, D.D. G.M. of the 1st Monroe District and R:W: Robert J. Corbett, D.D.G.M. of the 2nd Monroe District that R:W: Norman Jermyn has been appointed District Chairman for the 1st Monroe District and R:W: Everett Vail has been appointed District Chairman for the 2nd Monroe District for the 1968-69 Campaign.

Both R:W: Jermyn and R:W: Vail are planning to meet with the Masters and Lodge Chairmen after the installation of the new Officers in January to organize the Campaign.

This years Campaign will concentrate on an all out effort to be made during the Spring months of 1968. In the meantime R:W: Brothers

Jermyn and Vail wish to make themselves available to the Brethren to help in anyway possible.

Please remember to send a copy of any reports sent to Grand Lodge to these District Chairmen as well as the District Deputy for your district. Address as follows:

Norman Jermyn, 1032 Coldwater Rd., Roch., N.Y. 14624.

Everett H. Vail, 2119 Chili Ave., Roch., N.Y. 14624.

Recently a Blue envelope was sent to every Mason in the State of New York which may be used to send a contribution for the Brotherhood Fund. If anyone wishes to use this envelope, it may be sent to the Masonic Service Bureau where it will be forwarded to the respective Lodges.

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**LET'S GO
 VISITING**

NOVEMBER 1968

- 1 - School of Instruction.
- 1 - Monroe Commandery - Regular Conclave in Gothic Hall.
- 4 - John A. Robertson - D.D.G.M. Official Visit.
- 4 - Corinthian Temple - Open Meeting and Slide Show.
- 5 - Clio - Second Degree.
- 5 - Yonnonadio - First Degree.
- 5 - Charlotte - Open Meeting.
- 5 - Frank L. Simes - Third Degree.
- 6 - Union Star - Second Degree.
- 7 - Genesee Falls - Business Meeting.
- 7 - Northfield - D.D.G.M. Official Visit.
- 7 - Webster - Second Degree.
- 8 - School of Ritual.
- 10 - James A. Hard Post - Canandaigua Visit.
- 11 - Fairport - Third Degree.
- 11 - Wakan - Official Visit - D.D.G.M.
- 11 - Etolian - Father & Son Night.
- 11 - Rochester - Memorial Service.
- 12 - Orpheus - First Degree.
- 12 - Flower City - Regular Meeting.
- 12 - East Rochester - Ladies Night.
- 12 - Ionic Chapter - Regular Meeting.
- 12 - Fame - D.D.G.M. Official Visit.
- 12 - Frank L. Simes - Memorial Service.
- 13 - Germania Business Meeting.
- 13 - Churchville - Official Visit D.D.G.M.
- 14 - Hamilton Chapter - Holy Royal Arch Degree.
- 14 - James A. Hard Post - Regular Meeting.
- 15 - Monroe Commandery - Order of Malta Degree.
- 18 - Fairport - Business Meeting.
- 18 - John A. Robertson - Business Meeting.
- 18 - Corinthian Temple - Regular Meeting.
- 19 - Clio - Official Visit D.D.G.M.

- 19 - Seneca - Third Degree.
- 19 - Yonnonadio - Second Degree.
- 19 - Ionic Chapter - Regular Meeting.
- 20 - Union Star - Third Degree.
- 21 - Genesee Falls - Third Degree.
- 21 - Northfield - Second Degree.
- 21 - Webster - Move-Up-Nite.
- 22 - Cyrene Commandery - Official Inspection.
- 22 - Past Master's Supper Club, 6:30 at Moose Club.
- 25 - Wakan - Third Degree with Shrine Degree Team.
- 25 - Etolian - Third Degree.
- 25 - Rochester - Third Degree.
- 26 - Orpheus - Business Meeting.
- 26 - East Rochester - First Degree.
- 26 - Fame - Third Degree by Past Masters.
- 27 - Germania - Old Timers Night.
- 27 - Churchville - Third Degree.

HILFIKER TRIP

Since last Christmas, Bro. Earl L. Hilfiker has made two extended trips into South Texas to film subjects in the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge. In the October issue of Monroe Masonic News he told us about the wild boars he saw and filmed there. Now he tells us about "Charlie" the alligator. "Charley" isn't exactly a pet one would like to keep in the backyard swimming pool because "Charlie" is about ten feet long and weighs in the neighborhood of 400 pounds. Also "Charlie" is not a vegetarian and has a most impressive array of dental equipment. "Charlie" the alligator is one of the chief visitor attractions at the Refuge. All one has to do is to go down to the edge of the water and yell "Here Charley" and throw bread into the water. Charlie generally swims over to the edge of the pond to eat the bread, sometimes he will even come out of the water to eat it. Did we say "He"? This year Charlie made a nest and laid a lot of eggs in it.

Earl tells us that there was an experience that topped this one with the alligator. Some years back there was a pet black bass they called "Jake" that stayed around a dock in Saranac Lake. The dock was owned by the man who sold fish bait. When he stirred up the water with his hand Jake would come up and take a frog that was offered him. Earl tells us that Jake got more newspaper publicity than any black bass of his day. One day a fisherman tried to catch Jake and nearly got himself lynched.

Brethren:

As R:W: Norman Jermyn and I have been making our Official Visits we have made several observations. One of the most outstanding is the wonderful warm friendly reception we have had from the members of the various Lodges. The proficiency of the Officers has also been excellent. I never cease to be amazed at the amount of work and the efficiency of the Lodge Secretary.

On Oct. 5th seven of us journeyed to Oswego for the dedication of their new Temple and the Cornerstone laying. At the dinner M:W: Charles F. Gosnell presented R:W: Calvin Bond, S:G:W: his apron. We had a wonderful day and thoroughly enjoyed being with R:W: Calvin Bond on the heart warming occasion.

On Oct. 7th I attended the DeMolay Installation of Master Councilor King Houston. We can be very proud of the work of these young men.

Our Annual District Convention was well attended and a big success. We thoroughly enjoyed R:W: Brother Howard Potts.

The Communion Breakfast was excellent again this year. The speaker R:W: & Rev. P.J. Zaccara, Grand Chaplain left us a message of great interest.

Congratulations are in order to our D.D.G.M. of the Second Monroe District, R:W: & Ill. Brother Robert Corbett upon receiving the 33rd Degree. I am proud of R:W: Brother Robert and very happy to have such a wonderful companion Grand Officer. I want to also congratulate W: and Ill. Brother Ward Turner who was also a recipient of the 33rd Degree.

Fraternally yours,
 Ralph L. Kellogg, D.D.G.M., First Monroe District



**RALPH L. KELLOGG
 D.D.G.M.
 1st MONROE DISTRICT**

Brethren:

At this writing, several visitations are behind me and I am vitally concerned with a problem that is not only local, but statewide, and that is the matter of Lodge attendance. I have reached several conclusions during the course of my visitations, and the main problem seems to be the lack of interesting lodge programs and a deep and sincere interest on the part of many of the officers is missing.

The Grand Lodge of the State of New York has available to the lodges a wonderful service, which should be taken advantage of. The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education and Lodge Service has at its disposal, vast resources upon which the Masters and Wardens can draw. R:W: Myron Wilkes is our representative on that Committee. Promotion is also lacking in many instances. The Brethren will not attend special meetings and well-planned programs if they are not aware of them. Let us all work together to improve our Masonary, not only from the standpoint of attendance, but making it more appealing to all.

Fraternally yours,
 Robert J. Corbett, D.D.G.M., Second Monroe District



**ROBERT J. CORBETT
 D.D.G.M.
 2nd MONROE DISTRICT**

SCHOOL OF RITUAL

Brethren:

The fourth and final meeting of the School of Ritual for 1968 will be held at 7:30 P.M. on Friday evening, Nov. 8th in Doric Hall, Third floor of the Masonic Temple, 875 E. Main Street, Rochester, N.Y.

The first part of the meeting will be devoted to the opening and closing of lodge, English style, as presented by the officers and brethren of Frank R. Lawrence Lodge No. 797, directed by Bro. Nigel Hopper of Aurea Ceres Lodge No. 6524, London, England.

The agenda for the balance of the evening under the direction of our newly appointed Assistant Grand Lecturer of the School of Ritual, R:W: Bro. Robert P. Zabel, will be as follows:
 FIRST DEGREE - Beginning to Obligation - Union Star Lodge No. 320; Obligation to Finish - Seneca Lodge No. 920.

The attendance at previous meetings has been very gratifying. Let us endeavor to increase our final count for

the year by an all-out effort of all officers of all lodges to attend this meeting which we are sure will be extremely interesting.

Fraternally,
 W: George A. Stear, A.G.L. First Monroe District
 W: Robert K. Orne, A.G.L. Second Monroe District

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

The second meeting of the Fall session will be held on November 1, 1968 at 6:30 P.M. at the Masonic Temple.

W: Fred Nielsen, Director of the School of Instruction has arranged for the following speakers to cover topics on the Second or Fellowcraft Degree.

W: Conray May - "Interpretation of the Ritual of the Second Degree"

R:W: Stewart Lyon - "Meaning of the Term Fellowcraft"

R:W: Philip Averbach - "Symbolism of King Solomon's Temple in the Second Degree"

Fraternally,
 Bertram M. Steene
 Executive Secretary

FELLOWSHIP REPORT

Trap & Skeet Shoot:

Winners of the 1st New York State Open Trap & Skeet Shoot are:

Lewis Class A: 1st-Chester Dean, Walworth No. 254; 2nd-Thomas Mattern, Etolian No. 479; 3rd - Richard Ford, Valley No. 109.

Lewis Class B: 1st - Howard W. Garbutt, Clio No. 779; 2nd - Clifford Dean, Fairport No. 476; 3rd - Gary Lind, F.L. Simes No. 990.

Lewis Class C: 1st - Albert Gray, Charlotte No. 1088; 2nd - Roger Campbell, Churchville No. 667; 3rd - Eugene Waddington, Wakan No. 1054

Father & Child: 1st - Kenneth Sr. & Kenneth Jr. Frearson, Etolian No. 479; 2nd - Thomas & Clifford Mattern, Etolian No. 479; 3rd - Chester & Ricky Dean, Walworth No. 254; Bro. Chester Dean of Walworth Lodge, winner of 1st place Class A, won the beautiful Grand Lodge Trophy. Bro. Chester and his son, Ricky, won the Father, child division last year.

1st and 2nd Monroe District Trap & Skeet Shoot: Lewis Class A: 1st - Thomas Mattern, Etolian No. 479; 2nd - Richard Ford, Valley 3rd - Kenneth Frearson, Etolian No. 479.

Lewis Class B: 1st - Howard W. Garbutt, Clio No. 779; 2nd - Clifford Dean, Fairport No. 476; 3rd - Gary Lind, F.L. Simes No. 990.

Lewis Class C: 1st - Albert Gray, Charlotte No. 1088; 2nd - Roger Campbell, Churchville No. 667; 3rd - Eugene Waddington, Wakan No. 1054.

Father & Child: 1st - Kenneth Sr. & Kenneth Jr. Frearson, Etolian No. 479; 2nd - Thomas & Clifford Mattern, Etolian No. 479; 2rd - Richard & Douglas Ford, Valley No. 109. Bro. Thomas Mattern of Etolian No. 479 was the 1st winner of the beautiful-Wright-Beattie Revolving Trophy. This is a new trophy & will be passed on each year to the yearly winner; name and Lodge engraved on the base plate each year. Bro. Ken Frearson, Sr. & Ken, Jr. took 1st place in the Father and Child event in both the State and our District Shoot. Ken, Jr. who outshot most of the older shooters, has not reached his 11th birthday.

Bowling:
 Our 8th Annual Bowling Party will be held at the Redmans Club, 1001 Lexington Ave. starting time 8:00 P.M. All Masonic bowlers are invited. Price for bowling is \$3.00. There will be no dinner reservations taken after Oct. 28th but bowlers are welcome to bowl.

Fishing:
 The Fellowship Fishing Contest closes Oct. 31st, 1968 and all entries must be in by Nov. 5, 1968. As of date the largest fish in the Northern Pike is 6 lb., large Mouth Bass 5 1/4 lb., Rainbow Trout 6 1/4 lb. If you can top these entries, send in your entries. If you need an entry form call 392-8206 - Howard Garbutt.

The annual Fellowship Banquet will be held on Nov. 8 Social Hour 6:30, 7:30 dinner

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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. Can you tell us why the Eastern Star cannot have Communion Services with the brethren. They are a part of the Masons as the men. Why should they be excluded?

A. First let me clarify that the Eastern Star is not "a part of the Masons as the men." The Order of the Eastern Star is an independent organization which has as its requirement for membership that an applicant for membership must be the wife, widow, mother, sister or daughter of a Master Mason in good standing, or a Master Mason in good standing, in some regular Lodge. They also require that a Master Mason shall be present before a Chapter can be opened but, to repeat, Eastern Star has no connection with Freemasonry in any way, but in our Grand Jurisdiction may use the same lodge room as used by a Masonic Lodge for its meeting. May I add in passing that some Grand Jurisdiction prohibit the use of a Lodge room for non-Masonic meetings, and one, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania prohibits its members from being members of or attending Star Chapter meetings.

Now to answer your question. There is no reason that I know of that would prevent women from attending our Communion Services and Breakfast. As a matter of fact, we expect a number of women to attend the breakfast on October 27th. The reason why the breakfast is not thrown open to women is purely a question of space. There are no available facilities that could take care of so large a number.

Whether the Eastern Star as an organization could attend services and have breakfast jointly with the Masonic fraternity, were space to become available, would depend in my judgement on the decision of our local Masonic leadership.

Q. What limitations are placed by Masonic Law or custom on the presence or use of alcoholic beverages, including beer, in Masonic Temples and in adjacent rooms or recreational facilities?

A. First let me state that beer is not considered an "intoxicating liquor." The dictionary defines liquor as "a distilled or spirituous beverage, as brandy or whiskey, as distinguished from a fermented beverage, as wine or beer."

From time immemorial, the use of intoxicating liquors in Lodgerooms has been prohibited. As early as 1785, and again in 1827, the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of New York stated that "the use of distilled spirits in Lodge rooms is expressly prohibited under any pretense whatever." The Constitutions of 1845 changed the wording to "The use of intoxicating liquors" etc.

The Constitutions of 1854 clarified further by stating that "No Lodge shall introduce intoxicating liquors within its Lodge rooms, or any room within its Lodge rooms, or its Lodge rooms, or any room adjoining." This was included in the Constitutions of 1873 and 1896. Our present section 502 was adopted in 1909, and states as follows: "Intoxicating liquors shall not be allowed within the rooms of a Lodge."

I would therefore, assume that intoxicating liquors (distilled) are not permitted in Lodge room and any dining room or recreation room which forms a part of the Lodge area, or is within the Masonic Temple, but that the prohibition does not apply to fermented beverages such as beer or wine.

I should point out, however, that Masons should always be "temperate" and are so admonished by the Junior Warden.

JOHN BIGGS *Cont. from Page 1*

Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Rochester Consistory, a former trustee of the Temple Civic Center, a past president of the Masonic Service Bureau, was a junior grand deacon of the New York State Masons from 1962 until 1964, and a senior grand deacon until 1966.

In 1966 he received the Order of DeMolay's highest degree, the Legion of Honor.

He was a member of the board and past president of the Rochester Branch, English Speaking Union was on the board of directors of the Traveler's Aid Society, and was a trustee and past director of the Men's Service Center and Half-Way House.

He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, past director of the Rochester Area Council of Churches and past vice-president of the Rochester Rehabilitation Commission.

He was a past president of the Citizens Tax League, a past Republican committeeman of the 21st ward, a member of the Damascus Temple of the Shrine, and was active in the Community Chest.

He was also a member of the Oak Hill Country Club and the University Club.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Benjamin. His father-in-law is Alvah Stahl, president of Rochester Lumber Company.

DeMOLAY

On October 7th Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay held their installation of officers for the fall term.

The central section installing team did a very good job. The Installing Officers were: Master Councilor, Stephen Moore, P.M.C.; Senior Councilor, Fred. R. Horch, P.M.C.; Junior Councilor, Randy Sodoma, P.M.C.; Chaplain, Stephen Redich, P.M.C., Chev.; Marshall, Bruce L. Deck, P.M.C., Chev.

The officers for the Fall term are King Houston, Master Councilor; Donald Bernes, Senior Councilor; Robert Evans, Junior Councilor; David Melville, Senior Deacon; James Hrintoon, Junior Deacon; Dennis O'Connor, Sr. Steward; Charles Walker, Jr. Steward; Robert Pitcher, Chaplain; Bruce Anderson, Almoner; William Rhoton, Marshall; Tom Houston, Orator; William Newman, Standard Bearer; Charles Brewer, Sentinel; Michael Meagher, Scribe-Treasurer; Scott Haltenschmidt, First Preceptor; Donald Schoenheit, Second Preceptor; Wayne Geith, Third Preceptor; Alan Swansfeger, Fourth Preceptor; Phillip Wissell, Fifth Preceptor; Robert Gutzmer, Sixth Preceptor; Gordon Farley, Seventh Preceptor.

Also at the installation, Rochester Chapter presented Chapter Dad, Robert Orne with his apron for the office of Assistant Grand Lecture of the Second Monroe District.

FELLOWSHIP REPORT

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at the Lyons Den on Ridge Rd. West. At this banquet all the Fellowship Awards will be presented to the winner of the Golf Tournament, Trap & Skeet Shoot and the Bowling Party. One of the main purposes of this Banquet is to meet the new Lodge Fellowship Chairman and also the Masters to be for year 1969 and to explain the functions of the Fellowship Committee. The Committee will welcome any interested Bro. who would wish to attend. Fraternally, Bro. Albert Abazzia, Chairman

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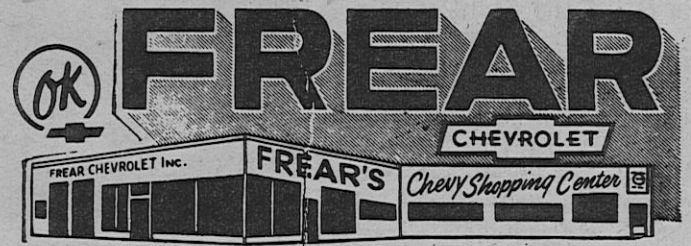
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LODGE news and views

FLOWER CITY LODGE
No. 910
2nd Tuesday

GENERAL:

Our October Communication was quite interesting. Among visitors present were Rt. Wor. Ralph L. Kellogg, District Deputy Grand Master who spoke on Lodge Administration and the Masonic Service Bureau. Rt. Wor. Kellogg stressed the importance of assisting the DeMolay as a way of helping the youth of our community. The Grand Director of Ceremonies of the State of New York, Norman Jermyn spoke to the Brethren about purchasing our supplies from the Lodge Sales organization and the importance of the Masonic Brotherhood Fund.

An added feature was Detective Supervisor Elmer Jennyjohn in charge of the Bad Check Squad. Detective Jennyjohn showed slides and spoke to the brethren about the many ways forgers operate. His personal recount of specific incidents kept the brothers laughing throughout his lecture.

TRESTLEBOARD

Nov. 5 - Advisory Board Meeting, 7:30 P.M.

Nov. 10 - Visit to Masonic Home, Utica, N.Y., 9:00 A.M.

Nov. 12 - Regular Communication proceeded by a dinner starting at 6:30 P.M.

On November 10th a pilgrimage to the Masonic Home in Utica is planned. Present plans call for cars to leave Rochester at 9:00 A.M. travel to Utica and have lunch. The afternoon will be spent on a tour of the Home and Hospital as well as a visit through the Laboratory. Should the number of travelers increase sufficiently, a bus will be chartered. Following this interesting and inspiring afternoon, a delightful supper at Twin Ponds Country Club is planned and then the homeward journey will take place. Ladies so desiring may visit the Munson Williams Proctor Art Institute which contains outstanding works of art.

Reservations must be received no later than Nov. 5th. Total cost per person for transportation and two meals will be approximately twelve dollars (\$12.00). For an experience you will enjoy and never forget Call Wor. Phil Averbach at 254-6555 or Wor. Jerry Glaser at 442-5285 in the evening.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Bro. and Mrs. Manny Forman on the marriage of their daughter Toni Gail to Mr. Jeffrey Alan Meltzer of Syracuse.

To Bro. and Mrs. Gary Berger on the birth of a son, Jonathan C. Berger, also to the Grandparents Bro. & Mrs. A. David Berger.

To Wor. Hyman Goldstein who is serving as General Campaign Chairman for Senator Thomas Laverne.

To Wor. Ben Lipson who has been elected President

of the New York State Credit Union League Inc. Wor. Lipson has been active in credit union work for the past 35 years. Wor. Lipson has been a Credit League Director since 1945 and has served on every major committee of the State League.



Benjamin Lipson

To Bro. Irving Starr, President of the Rochester Real Estate Board who represented the Board at the annual convention of the New York State Association of Real Estate Boards.

CONDOLENCE

We extend our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Essie Plosscowe, who was the widow of our late Rt. Wor. Arthur A. Plosscowe, and the sister-in-law of Rt. Wor. Max A. Goldstein.

ILLNESS:

Bro. Meyer Miller, Bro. Maxwell Snider, Bro. Harry Felderstein, Bro. Alex Chernetz, and Bro. Robert A. Blume. A card or a visit would be appreciated. Bro. Dunsky our Hospitaler has done a commendable job visiting the Brothers that have been ill.

EAST ROCHESTER LODGE

No. 1020
2nd and 4th Tuesdays

At our October 8th meeting a proposition was presented to the Lodge by the Dues Committee, consisting of W: Stanley Wright, W: Joseph Holcomb and W: Burton Ross, to amend Article 5-Section 3 of our By-Laws. This proposition will be acted on at a summoned communication.

It was reported that brother Arthur Hayden and brother Lou Boudah had been in the Hospital for operations and are recovering at home. Also that brother Harold Hunter's wife Edith is home following an operation and doing well. Bro. William Kosteki's wife Loretta had a fall and broke her arm. The lodge extends sincere wishes for their quick recovery.

On our Birthday Calendar I find that greetings will be in order for John Courneen on the 9th and congratulations to Dominic and Nathalie Dezio on their anniversary on the 22nd.

Nov. 12th will be Ladies Night and entertainment is to be provided in the lodge rooms. On Nov. 26 there will be a First Degree.

Fraternally,
Arnold Mundy, Master

SENECA LODGE
No. 920
3rd Tuesday



SENECA CALENDAR

Nov. 8 - School of Ritual, Seneca Lodge has been asked to put on the First Degree from Obligation to Finish.

Nov. 19 - Regular Communication at 5:30 P.M. Dinner at 6:15 P.M. Third Degree under the direction of W: Allen M. Brewer. Second Section and business at 7:30 P.M.

Dec. 17 - Annual Communication at 5:30 P.M. Reports and Election of Officers. Dinner at 6:15 P.M. and the Annual Installation of Officers at 8:00 P.M.

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to Brother Bud Lewis and his lovely wife, Gladys for their efforts in making the Seneca Family Picnic the biggest and best in many a year. I believe that about 120 attended and since 6,000 tickets were purchased for rides for the kids, you can be sure that all had a wonderful time.

Let me again remind all of the officers that they will be expected to be present on Friday the 8th of November when Seneca will be putting on the First Degree from the obligation to finish.

On Sunday, Oct. 27th, the annual Communion Church Service and Breakfast will be held. This is a wonderful way to reaffirm your belief and to have breakfast with your fellow Masons. Bro. Bud Lewis will have tickets at our Oct. meeting.

Fraternally,
Allen M. Brewer, Master

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

I am happy to report that our good Junior Deacon Dave Crumrine has successfully undergone surgery which consisted of putting in a ventricular shunt. We are all pleased that the operation has started him back on the road to recovery. Dave's address is: New England Baptist Hospital, 91 Parker Hill Ave., Boston, Mass. 02120. He will be in Boston until about Oct. 13th and then home. Let him know that Seneca is thinking of him by dropping him a card.

FROM THE SECRETARY

To those who have not yet paid their 1967 dues, you will shortly be receiving a Summons and be faced with unaffiliation. Please avoid this action by sending your check now for 1967 and 1968 dues. As the Secretary of Rochester Consistory says U know who - and so do I."

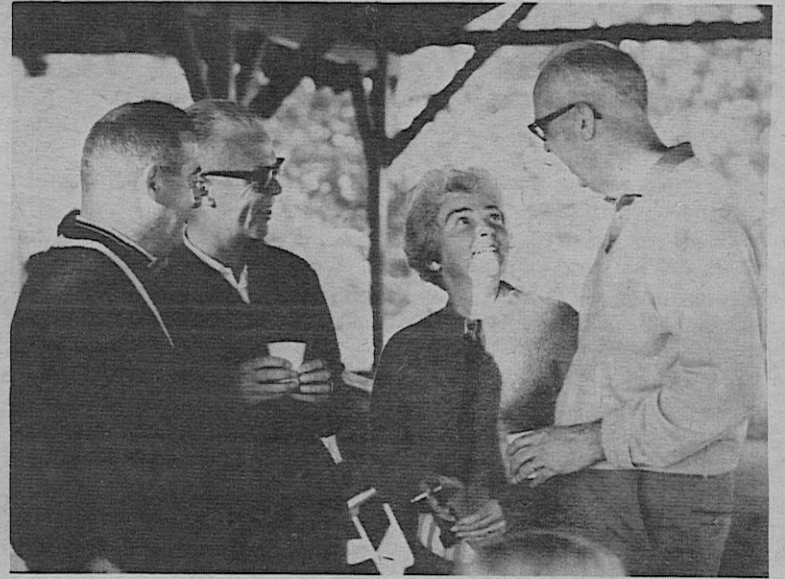
Also, another plea to send me your new address if you have moved or are planning to move. Every return now costs the Lodge 10 cents and in the course of a year it amounts to quite a sum that COULD be saved with a little thought on your part.

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Left to right: Chairman Bud Lewis; Ellsworth Van Graafeiland, Past Master and Director; Mrs. Lewis, and Allen Brewer, Master.

UNION STAR LODGE

No. 320
1st Wednesday

Brethren:

The next regular communication will be Wed. evening November 6th at which time the 2nd or Fellowcraft Degree will be conferred on a class of candidates. Brother Thomas O. Southern presiding in the East.

A Special Communication will be held on Wed. evening November 20th for the purpose of conferring the Third or Master Mason Degree to a class of candidates. A Dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M. Lodge will open at 8:00 P.M. Make reservations by calling 624-1025 or 624-3424.

Your attendance at these Lodge meetings is greatly appreciated, not only by your officers but by the candidates as well, for your support. Fraternaly,
R.F. Rosier, Master

WAKAN LODGE

No. 1054
2nd and 4th Mondays

Brethren:

R:W: Robert Corbett will visit Wakan Lodge on Nov. 11th, to deliver the Grand Masters message. I am sure that all of you would like to hear R:W: Corbett. Let's make an effort to attend Lodge for this meeting.

On Nov. 25th the Damascus Temple Past Masters Degree Team will confer the Third Degree on a class of 4. This should be one of the highlights of the year and your attendance is solicited. There will be a roast beef dinner preceding the degree, one of the officers will contact you.

The annual Masters Ball will be held on Saturday evening, Nov. 16th at the Country House in East Rochester. S: W: Robert Pettit is planning a good evening out, so try to attend.

Those of us who attended the trap shoot had a good time. The food was excellent so try and remember the shoot next year. Fraternaly,
E.K. Lange, Master

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WEBSTER LODGE
No. 538
1st and 3rd Thursdays

Brethren:

I should first like to digress a bit to our visit to Ionic Lodge in Hamilton. For those who don't know, Ionic Lodge burned almost completely on Friday, Sept. 27th. There were twenty-eight (28) Lodges which met there. Of course this was a hard blow to our Canadian Brothers. Even under these circumstances we were amazed at the hospitality afforded us. I want you to know that your Master has laid the groundwork of an offer to assist them. Possibly we might offer to buy a new Bible, or some other important item which they might badly need. The Worship Master George Watson has promised to keep us informed.

On October 17th we were honored by the visit of our D.D.G.M. Ralph Kellogg. Certainly those who heard him were impressed by his message to us.

At our first meeting in October we had a First Degree presented by our acting Sr. Warden Don McTarnaghan. Brothers Edwin Clarke Barnes and Gaylord Lewis Milliman were conducted through the Entered Apprentice Degree and also were presented with a very fine Chart Lecture by our Jr. Deacon Bob Witmer. The Second Degree will take place on Nov. 7th and will be presented by the Worshipful Master. Wont you please try to be present? Hear the Sr. Deacon do the Middle Chamber Lecture and your Officers do their usual fine job on this Degree.

On Oct. 12th the Knights of Columbus invited our members to a dance on Columbus Day. We had a very fine time. I wish more might have attended, for their hospitality is superb at these functions.

Nov. 21st will be "Moving Up Nite" and will find your Officers hopefully in the seats they will occupy next year. This year because of the moving to Boston our Sr. Warden Jim Wilson, the Officers will move up two places in line.

Looking a little ahead, remember the Children's Xmas party on December 15th!!!
Fraternally yours,
James R. Fordham, Master

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Brother Ford Decker, 1064 Shoemaker Rd. Home after a spell in the Hospital; Brother Geo. Y. Russell, Home after a bout with Gall Bladder at Genesee. 966 Five Mile Line Rd.

How about a visit to the sick? These fellows could use a little cheering up.

TRESTLEBOARD

Nov. 7 - Second Degree by Worshipful Master.
Nov. 21 - "Moving Up Nite"
Nov. 2 - Fellowship Bowling
Dec. 5 - Third Degree by Jr. Warden Chuck White.
Dec. -5 - Childrens Christmas Party.
Dec. 19 - Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.

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ETOLIAN LODGE
No. 479
2nd and 4th Mondays

Brethren:

The trestleboard remaining for this Fall term is:

Oct. 28 - Official visit by R:W: Ralph Kellogg, D.D.G.M. 1st Monroe District.

Nov. 11 - Father and Son Night.

Nov. 25 - Third Degree, Past Masters' Night. First Section 5:30, Master will confer the Degree. 6:30 Dinner. 8:00 Second Section.

Dec. 9 - Annual Meeting.
Jan. 13, 1969 - Installation of Officers.

At our open meeting on September 9, a 50 year pin was presented to Brother Clifford F. Warner by R.W. Ralph Kellogg, D.D.G.M., 1st Monroe District.

On September 23, a First Degree was conferred by J. W. George Lynch. The following brothers received their First Degree: Bros. Colin Baker, David Beatson, Eugene Brendel, Roy Burley. Fraternaly,
James Powell

ROCHESTER LODGE
No. 660
2nd and 4th Mondays

Fraternal greetings to all of our brothers.

TRESTLEBOARD

Nov. 4 - Fellowcraft meet.
Nov. 11 - Memorial Service.
Nov. 25 - Third Degree.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Bros. William Kewin, Roy Keyes, Ernest Bruns, Albert McNally, Cosmo Ange, Carl De Graw, William Vosburg, John Yoeckel, William McNeil, Art Baker, Andrew Thomalaris, John Staub, Herbert Rowling, Ray Tiffany, Alan Brewer. Our best wishes to these brothers, hoping for a rapid recovery. Any visit or cards our brothers receive I am sure would be greatly appreciated.
Fraternaly,
Gordon E. Wilson

Our previous chicken dinner was attended and enjoyed by such a large turnout that another fine Chicken dinner is planned for Monday, Nov. 25th, 6:30 P.M. Sharp. Third floor dining room. Come and see your Past Masters perform in the Second Section of the Third Degree. Mail your reservation cards promptly, don't be left out. All Fellowcraftsmen are urgently requested to the Nov. 4th meeting for rehearsal. Respectfully submitted,
Louis J. Fonte, Jr. Warden

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

My Brethren:

At this writing it is with regret that I inform you that one of our younger members has passed away Oct. 13 1968.

Robert A. Pritchard, 31 was a former line officer in Frank L. Simes Lodge in 1964 as a steward. He was raised in 1963. He was employed at Art Craft Optical as an IBM supervisor and served in the Army from 1959-61. He leaves his wife, Barbara, 27, his son, Jay, 7, and his daughter, Sue, 5. A Masonic memorial service under the leadership of Bro. Dick VanZandt, was held on Oct. 15th. The family and his brother, Bud, appreciated the turn out for the service. Bob suffered from hepatitis and succumbed to the same. Let us all count our blessings and thank Diety for all we have.

In your travels, Minor Baker, Tom Barry and Howard Lovell would appreciate a visit. Paul Modern is recuperating but is in shape for a trip to California.

Once again let us all do our best to visit those less fortunate than we.

Nov. 5th highlights our Third Degree, with the Shrine Degree Team in charge. J:W: Richard VanZandt plans a fine dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor dining room. A special notice is coming. Please call by Nov. 2nd or 3rd for reservations.

Many thanks to Brownie and Joan Newman for having the Oct. Fellowcraft meeting at their home. Our next meeting (Nov.) will be at Jim Cooper's, 12 Larchwood, Pittsford, N.Y. - off Rt. 3. Plans for the Christmas party will be formulated.

It is that time again, my Brothers, to take our better half to a social. Nov. 16th is Frank L. Simes Social evening at the Basin Inn at Bushnell Basin. Dinner, dancing and fun for all!! J:W: Dick VanZandt will be sending a notice. Come one-come all-and bring a friend.

CALENDAR

Nov. 5 - Third Degree - Special communication - Dinner 6:30 p.m. Third Floor.
Nov. 12 - Open meeting - memorial service in memory of our Brethren.
Nov. 19 - Fellowcraft - Jim Cooper, 12 Larchwood, Pittsford, N.Y. Finance and budget committee meeting - date to be announced. Join us my Brethren, we like and need your support.
Fraternaly yours,
Richard Hills, Master

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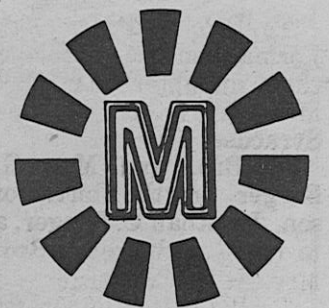
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GERMANIA LODGE
No. 722
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Brethren:
We were honored on Oct. 9th by the Visitation of R: W: Robert J. Corbett, D.D. G.M. 2nd Monroe District. R:W: Corbett was escorted to the East by R:W: Donald Walzer and the gavel of authority was turned over to him. R:W: Corbett's message was most inspiring and it is regretful that all the brethren were not present. It is something no one should miss. Perhaps we can have another visitation at a later date.

W: Bro. Reinhold Lietzau was presented his 60 year certificate and palm by R:W: Corbett. This was a thrilling experience to honor one who has given so unselfishly of his time throughout the years. W:Bro. Lietzau was raised May 27, 1908 and elected Master in 1917 and again in 1918. During his terms as Master, the ritual was changed from the German language into the present English. He was elected Treasurer in 1929 and served in that capacity until 1965 (office held for 37 years). We wish him many more years in good health.

The brethren were royally entertained at Buffalo when we made our annual visitation to Modestia Lodge. The bus ride with the usual refreshments and euchre games were also enjoyed by those present.

If you haven't been attending the fellowcraft meetings held every 3rd Thursday, you're missing a lot of good fun and fellowship. The President, J.W. Norm Routly, always has something in store to add to the festivities. YOU are a member of the fellowcraft club; why not come out and lend your support?

FROM THE SOUTH

Germania Lodge No. 722 and Germania Lodge of Perfection invite you and your family and grandchildren to the annual Christmas Party. It will be held at 6:30 on Sat. Dec. 7th in the Masonic Temple ballroom. W:Bro. Wayne Cowell, 115 Hinchey Rd., is chairman and all the arrangements are complete. He is waiting for your contributions so please send them on as soon as possible, since this is so necessary for the success of the party.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

W: Bro. Emil Dormeyer has moved from the Highland Hospital to Hill Haven Nursing Home, 1550 Empire Blvd.; Ray Batterson, home, 400 Driving Pk. Ave.; Walter Lang, 345 Magnolia St.; Lyell Adams, 64 Earl St.; W: Bro. William Laweret, 43 Wisconsin St.; John Schlosser, 607 Seward St.

TRESTLEBOARD

Nov. 13 - Business Meeting.

Nov. 27 - Old Timers Night 25 and 50 year pins presented. Fraternaly, Russell E. Lane, Master

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

Brother William Zufall our Junior Warden conferred the Fellowcraft Degree October 17th with his usual excellence. All present had an extremely profitable and pleasurable evening.

Our thanks to the Fellowcraft Club and the telephone committee for such a large turnout at our annual Clambake October 19th. Special thanks to Bro. Al Beeley, Chairman of the event.

Your annual Lodge Ladies Night is to be held Saturday evening November 9th at the Green Lantern in Fairport. The price will be \$4.50 per person. Invite your friends to enjoy an evening of fellowship. Social hour will be 6:30 to 7:30. Roast beef dinner will be served at 7:30 with dancing to follow.

I urge one and all of the brothers to attend Lodge on November 21st and assist our Senior Warden Harold Van Lare in the conferral of the Master Mason Degree. Dinner will be prepared and served by the Irondequoit Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star at 6:30 P.M.

Fraternaly,
Wm. G. Willson, Master

TRESTLEBOARD

Nov. 7 - Business Meeting, 7:30 P.M.

Nov. 9 - Ladies Night - Green Lantern.

Nov. 14 - Officers Meeting 7:30 P.M. - Fellowcraft Club 8:00 P.M.

Nov. 19 - Rehearsal Third Degree, 7:30 P.M.

Nov. 21 - Third Degree, First Section 5:30, Dinner, 6:30, Business and Second Section, 7:30 P.M.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Fred Anderson, Apt. 340, 180 West Ave.; Leslie Barham, Caroline Bldg., State Hospital; George Bemish, 243 Alexander St.; Raymond Brink, Brockport, New York; Lawrence Conger, 121 Dalkeith Rd.; Robert Flint, Hilton, N.Y.; John Howard, 29 So. Main St., Churchville, N.Y.; John Miller, 71 English Rd.; Donald MacCowan, 118 Clifton St.; F. Leo Meagher, Apt. 2, 1511 Winton Rd. No.; Earl V. Perry (Springwater) Strong Hospital, NO VISITORS.; Edward Repp, Hill Haven Nursing Home, 1550 Empire Blvd., Webster, New York; Arthur Riggs, Los Angeles, Calif.; Chester Rowley, Northside Hospital.

CALLED HOME BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT

Life Member and 50 year Button, William S. Smith, raised Dec. 16, 1916, called home June 14, 1968 at Webster, N.Y.

Louis H. Howe, raised June 5, 1941, called home Sept. 16, 1968.

CLIO LODGE
No. 779
1st and 3rd Tuesdays

The building of our new Temple is progressing very nicely. At this writing all the walls are up and most of the brick facing is on. I want to thank all of you who have turned in your pledges. Those who have not, please do so in order to continue, and finish this building. Your Building Committee needs to know how much in funds they have to work with.

On Oct. 1, 1968 we had a full class for the First Degree. Our Sr. Warden, Vern Flowerday and all the officers did a very fine job.

COMINGEVENTS

Nov. 5 - Second Degree under the direction of the Jr. War. Bro. Harland Morse.

Nov. 19 - Official Visit of Rt. Wor. D.D.G.M. Ralph Kellog. Brothers let's have a good turn out for this visit.

Dec. 3 - Third Degree by Damascus Temple Degree Team. A dinner will be served at 6:30 at Spencerport Masonic Temple.

SICKNESS&DISTRESS

Bro. William Loughhead was taken ill on his return to Florida and is in General Hospital in Olean, N.Y.

Bro. George Blair has spent two weeks in the hospital and is now home recovering.

Bro. Harry Hopkins is back to work after his operation. Fraternaly,
Richard L. L'amoreaux,
Master

FAIRPORT LODGE

No. 476

2nd and 4th Mondays

Brethren:

Fairport Lodge has had a very successful year so far not financially but in activity and attendance. Our meetings have been brief and very enjoyable due to the diligence and efficiency of a fine slate of officers. Most of our newly raised brothers are in regular attendance. It would be well for some of you older members to come out and meet them as they will be the future officers of your lodge. I believe that you will be very happy with the renewed enthusiasm in our Lodge. Plan to attend the meeting on November 11th for the 3rd Degree. Through the courtesy of our Grand Master we have a special dispensation for seven candidates. A dinner will precede the Degree. The dinner will be prepared and served by the Ladies of O.E.S. Chapter No. 444. Bro. Carl Trowbridge is ticket chairman for the dinner.

On November 18th we will have our financial report and I am pleased to report that the Lodge is solvent although the amount we will be able to pay on our mortgage and the badly needed repairs on our facilities will once again depend on the generosity of the brothers in contributing to the Past Master's Fund Drive. At this meeting also we will review our budget for the past year and the budget for 1969 will be presented for your approval.

We are pleased to announce that our Chaplin Bro. Paul Cairns is on the road to recovery and able to resume his duties.

Fraternaly,
Ben Whitenight, Master

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

Brethren:
The waning days of October have taken us through Indian Summer and the scenic foliage once again. Halloween has come and gone. This year November holds a great responsibility for all men, that is the Presidential Election. If you practice good citizenship you must vote—but if you believe in America you will insure that everyone around you votes. Polls open Nov. 5th at 6 A.M. — be counted.

The Lodge was cordially entertained by Corinthiam Temple after the October 7th meeting and we would again like to say thanks. The Officers are planning a Card Party for Nov. 4th. Everyone is invited at 7:30 with refreshments provided and a good time for all. The refreshments provided by our stewards have been real good lately—why not find out for yourself. A surprise awaits you on Nov. 16th. After the meeting.

You now should have notice of the Annual Meeting in December. Make plans to attend now. The dues cards you received can be sent back with a check so that you can obtain your 1969 membership card. There are still a few from 1968—don't get sifted out.

Plans for a Christmas Party are being worked on now - watch for further news.

I hope you enjoyed the Masonic Breakfast on Oct. 27th in the Midtown Moll. The Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign is underway for 1968-1969, your participation is important. One item worthy of note is the School of Ritual at 7:30 on Nov. 8th when an English version of opening Lodge will be presented.

Have you ever used the Masonic Reading Library?

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Bro. Andy Watson is reported feeling somewhat better and able to get around a little. W:B: Milton Kingsley is home from the hospital and can see limited visitors. Called home by the Supreme Architect was Brother Earl Pickworth on Sept. 24, 1968. The sympathy of the Lodge is extended to his family.

TRESTLEBOARD

Nov. 4 - Card Party and refreshments, report of Official Visit.

Nov. 7 - School of Ritual.

Nov. 16 - Business and Entertainment.

Dec. 2 - Business.

Dec. 16 - Annual Meeting. Christmas Party.

Fraternaly yours,
Clifford N. Hayner II

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

Dear Brethren:

On Oct. 9th (Old Timers Night) we had the honor and pleasure of hearing our D.D. G.M. R:W: Ralph L. Kellogg and Grand Director of Ceremonies R:W: Norman L. Jermyn deliver their messages briefly and to the point. They specially stressed the youth program (DeMolay); brotherhood fund, schools of ritual masonic education and administration. The Most Worshipful Grand Masters, Charles F. Gosnell, message was also reviewed by our District Deputy. Both messages were interesting and informative.

The dinner, in honor of eleven of the lodge brethren eligible for fifty year pins, was attended by fifty one brethren and about sixty attended the meeting later.

After a short review of the history of the Lodge, our charter Past Master, Arthur Rathjen eloquently assisted the D.D.G.M., R:W: Ralph Kellogg in presenting pins to Bro. Benjamin L. Wunder (age 77) and Bro. George S. Taylor (age 74) Both raised on Aug. 7, 1917 by then Master Shindel G. Case.

Past D.D. Wm. Lennox, assisted the R:W: Ralph Kellogg in presenting a pin to his own brother Fred F. Lennox (age 72). Who, in behalf of Ancient Craft No. 943, under special dispensation from the army had the degrees conferred all in one day - Feb. 9, 1918 - by Anchor Lodge No. 424 of San Antonio, Texas. Also present were Fred's brother Geo. Lennox, nephew Thomas Lennox and brother-in-law Lewis Saunders.

R:W: Ralph Kellogg presented a pin to great nephew Bro. Wm. Raithel in behalf of Bro. Fred F. Stern (age 91) raised Dec. 12, 1916. Also a pin was received by Sr. Warden Charles Hanes in behalf of Bro. Charles J. End (age 86) raised Sept. 1, 1917 - both pins to be delivered in person.

Others honored with pins although not present were Bros. Frank W. MyLyman, Wm. G. Bevin, Alvin R. Keid, Joseph K. Elliott, O.G. Weitzel and Charles P. Aprile. The pins to be delivered properly in due time.

We had a standing ovation by the Lodge for all these worthy brethren.

I wish to thank all present for a grand evening.
Sincerely & Fraternaly,
George S. Romanko, Master

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Thomas Cuthbertson-Batavia Veterans Hospital; Alvin Keil; Frank W. McLymann; Wm. G. Bevin; Fred F. Stein; Hugo P. Brun, St. John's Home.



Past Masters of Ancient Craft Lodge

ORPHEUS LODGE
No. 1082
2nd Tuesday

Orpheus, (true to its name), is having a "Swinging" party for our Fall Ladies Night. Time: Sat., Nov. 2, 6:30 to 7:30 Social hour, followed by dinner, then dancing to the music of Len Hawley's Orchestra. Place: Burgundy Basin Inn, 1361 Marsh Road. All members must have reservations in no later than Tues. Oct. 29, 1968.

SPECIAL NOTE: Let's get behind Bro. David O. Boehm, running for County Judge, and give him all the support we can on election day, Nov. 5.

NEWS ITEM

The Annual Masters and Wardens Winter Ball will be held at Logans Party House, Saturday evening, Jan. 11th, 1969.

This will be an evening given over to having a good time. The usual Logan's delicious dinner will be served, followed by comedy, and entertainment; then music for dancing. **NO SPEECHES.**

Open to the Masonic Fraternity and guests.

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 12 - First Degree.
Nov. 26 - Regular Meeting.
Dec. 10 - Annual Communication and election of Officers.

Fraternaly,
William Dworkin, Master

CHURCHVILLE LODGE
No. 667
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Brethren:

As we are entering the last two months of the year we have the most interesting events to come.

At our first meeting on Nov. 13th we will have a dinner at 6:30 followed by a rededication program. I know you will find it inspiring. We will also be visited by R:W: Robert Corbett who is making his official visit as D.D.G.M. and has an important message from the Grand Master.

Our second meeting will also be a dinner meeting. We will confer the first section of the Third Degree at 5:15. Dinner at 6:30 and the second section at 8:00. We hope to do the second section in full costume.

Please reserve Sun., Dec. 1st. This will be our annual communion breakfast. Services at 8:99 at the Churchville United Church of Christ. Breakfast in the Lodge followed by a talk by R:W: Calvin Bond Sr., Grand Warden. Let's make a real effort to attend. Invite members and non-members alike and show the public we are really dedicated to the service of God.

We hope to see one and all at these events and finish the year with a renewed sense of friendship and brotherly love.

Fraternaly,
Earl Steffen, Master

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MASTER'S MESSAGE

To speak of a Third Degree, to speak of a Steak Roast or Clambake is to speak of our Fellowcraft Team. Thanks go out once again to Co-chairman Wilbur, Davidson, their committee and all who were a part of our annual Clambake on Sept. 29th. A special thanks go to the wives of the committee who labored most of Saturday as well as Sunday to make this a successful affair.

Tuesday afternoon, before our open meeting our Jr. Warden stopped to see me, and we spoke of how we would be without entertainment because we got our signals crossed. Little did we know what was to develop. Lodge opened at 7:30 with business as usual until we arrived at Committee Reports and Bills. At this point questions arose as to Bills, Lodge Finances, possibilities of additions and changes to the Temple and many more. Questions were directed to the East, to the Secretary and Treasurer and Trustees, with some questions answered by Past Masters who were present. Lodge closed at 9:45 P.M. I would suggest to future Masters, and the body of the Lodge, that one open meeting a year be set aside for such discussion. We couldn't be better entertained. An evening such as this is healthy and stimulates interest in the Lodge and its workings. Thanks to those present for their participation.

Fraternally,
Marvin H. Williams

TRESTLEBOARD

Nov. 5 - Open Meeting with Entertainment.

Nov. 19 - Third Degree-Fourth Class - Dinner reservations are needed and are to be turned into:

- Andrew Booth, 663-9447
- Robert L. Thrash, 254-9215
- Thomas VanLare, 865-1987
- Merrit Vaughan, 663-6068

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Our Hospitaler Wor. Harry Palmer reports on the following Brethren: Bros. Gordon Pearse, William Taylor, Herbert Andrews, Winifred Emery, Chas. Sweet, Rudy Bromstrup, Westley Grace, Harold Smith, George Allen, William DeMille, Harold Gears, Raymond Skaddon, James R. Paul, James McKellar, Fritz Bonehill, Merrit C. Vaughan, J.G. Ferguson.

SECRETARY'S NOTE-BOOK

Addition to sickness and distress: Bro. Geo. T. Allen, confined to his home at 99 Rand St. lost his brother. The lodge sent condolences. I assure any brother who could stop in and say hello to George would be welcome. W: Bro. Fritz Bonehill had surgery (still there) in General Hospital and Bro. Al Lane is about to have the same in the same place. Bro. John Mattice, Emergency, Highland Hospital. As the deadline for the news is the 15th, it is hard to follow thru on the condition of these bro-

**NORTHFIELD LODGE
No. 426**

1st and 3rd Thursdays

Bretren:

To those of you who might have missed reading the last issue, Nov. 7th will be the Official Visitation of our District Deputy R: W: Robert Corbett. Also on this night we will vote on adopting a resolution regarding a change in our by-laws. I urge all members to attend this important meeting.

Also I would like to remind any of you Brothers that we're still looking for help in the remodeling of our upstairs hall. We're coming along fine but would like to see the job finished.

Nov. 21st will be our Second Degree by our Jr. Warden Henry McCurdy.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Herbert Booth who recently lost his Mother. Back home again and coming along fine after an operation is R:W: Bro. Harry Kennedy. We hope to see Harry back in the Lodge soon.

Fraternally,
Ivan M. Dreisbach, Master

thers except to wish them a speedy recovery. Get well cards have been sent.

Without sounding like the Surgeon General annual report your Secretary hopes his third hospital visit for 1968 will be the last and R: W: Kingston can have a respite, all well that ENDS WELL. And of course my sincere thanks to Ken and all, who, so far this year, have aided and abetted both the office and the good wishes while hospital impounded.

May I remind you that there will be no cards for the Third Degree Dinner on Nov. 19th, served by the Charlotte Chapter, OES in their excellent style. The cost for the dinner will be \$2.00 so be sure to telephone your reservations to the names listed hereon. Also no Fall Beacon Light only the annual summons, in sealed envelopes, as per the Grand Lodge request, with the reminder that the annual meeting is yours - short officers reports, committee reports, finances, etc. Lodge business is your business - this Dec. 17th - due warning. D.D.G.M. Dec. 3rd - Official Visit-enuf said after his presentation Sept. 3rd.

DUES: Many will be summoned when they receive this publication for non-payment of dues and be un-affiliated on Jan. 1st, 1969 unless the same be paid by that date. Please give me a break by covering all or part (when summoned, Grand Lodge says you must pay all) to keep your membership.

Nice to be back and save Kingston. Hope to see you in Lodge.
Fraternal Regards
Doc Vaughan

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**FAME LODGE
No. 945**

2nd and 4th Tuesdays
FROM THE EAST

Brethren:

Ladies night was a success again this year. It had some entertainment to suit everyone's taste. I was very pleased with the event and hope that each year's edition will improve. The Lodge owes a debt of gratitude to Brother Robert Hebner and his committee.

I am unhappy with the attendance so far this Fall. I realize that many members are still at their cottages or traveling or just getting caught up with household chores before Winter arrives. However, the officers need your support and advice. Why not come to meetings and give both.

I hope that you will come to hear Robert Corbett, D.D. G.M. for the Second Monroe District on Nov. 12th. He will discuss some proposed changes in Masonry which I am sure that you will find interesting.

Fraternally,
Robert W. Avery, Master

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

The sympathy of the Lodge is extended to Bro. William Flad who lost his wife, and to Bro. Herbert Tosch who lost his brother.

Our best wishes to Bro. Howard Hawkins who is recovering from illness.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CRAFT

On October 8, Rev. Bro. William Plews conducted our annual Memorial Service. Although the attendance was not up to what it should have been, the service was still as beautiful as ever.

IN MEMORIAM

We pause to revere the memory of these our departed brethren whose names are stricken from our living role.

- Bro. Ezra Fisher-3-3-68
- Bro. Clarence Budd-4-6-68
- Bro. Harold De Mallie-5-7-68
- Bro. Harry De Young-5-24-68

God be with you till we meet again.

Bro. & Mrs. Chester Wilson celebrated their 67th Anniversary, Oct. 30, 1968. Our heartiest congratulations.

Bro. David MacIntyre is embarking on his new adventure in life with the U.S. Navy. Best of luck to Dave, and we wish him God speed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who assisted me in the production of my Ladies nite.

My special thanks to Miss Janice Campbell for her lovely singing. Mr. Robert C. Meadows for the beautiful sounds brought forth on the Piano, and Mr. Thomas Asaro of the Thomas Asaro School of Dance for the Choreography of his students.

There are still a few Brandy Snifters left from Ladies nite. They are 25 oz. size with the Lodge emblem emblazoned on them. They are available at \$1.25 each.

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 12-Visitation from Rt. Wor. Robert Corbett, D.D.G. G. with the words of wisdom from the Grand Master. A good attendance is respectfully requested.

Nov. 26-Third Degree to be conferred by the Past Masters of Fame Lodge, to be preceded by a Roast Beef dinner put on by Culver Chapter seems that your reporter was caught up in a real sucker story. I received a call from a brother who asked if we could confer a Second Degree on a 61 year old man. He had taken his first forty years previously. My answer was that I thought it could be done, but why had he waited so long? The reply was that he had finally learned to subdue his passions.

So much for another month. Hape a Happy Thanksgiving. See you all in Lodge.
Your fraternal reporter,
Bob Hebner

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TRESTLEBOARD

Nov. 5 - First Degree - Jr. Warden.
Nov. 16 - Ladies Night.
Nov. 19 - Second Degree - Sr. Deacon.
Nov. 26 - Fellowcraft Club Regular Meeting.
Dec. 3 - Third Degree - Sr. Warden.

COMING EVENTS

LADIES NIGHT - The Annual Fall event for an evening of dining, dancing, and meeting friends is once again approaching. Our 1968 Ladies Night, Sat., Nov. 16th appears to be another delightful evening. Dinner will be preceded by a social hour beginning at 6:30 p.m. Our main course will be roast beef. Music by the George Jordan Orchestra will be provided for dancing and listening enjoyment.

For your reservations, contact Sr. Deacon and Chairman of the Committee, Everett Hoak at 436-2853 after 6:00 p.m. Any Lodge Officer will also be able to provide tickets and information. Tickets and reservations must be obtained by not later than Nov. 11th.

DEGREE NIGHTS - Our final class of candidates for 1968 will receive their degrees on Nov. 5th, 19th, and Dec. 3rd. Each of these Degrees will be under the direction of Officers, in preparation for their work next year. Bro. Sr. Deacon Hoak, Bro. Jr. Warden Smith, and Bro. Sr. Warden Fairbanks, will confer the First, Second and Third Degree respectively.

FELLOWCRAFT CLUB NEWS

Our meeting of the Fellowcraft Club Oct. 26th. was held at the Treadway Inn. The meal was enjoyed by the members who attended in an atmosphere of fellowship and good company. Chairman for the dinner, R:W: Len Parker, is to be commended and thanked for arranging this pleasant dinner meeting.

Plans were discussed for traveling to other Lodges to present the Third Degree Drama as well as our own Third Degree Dec. 3rd.

LODGE REPORT

The Wor. Master Marshall E. Hughes takes pleasure in announcing the appointment of Bro. Robert Breakwell as Jr. Master of Ceremony for the remainder of 1968.

PAST MEETINGS

Yonnonidio Lodge was honored by the Damascus Temple, Shrine Degree Team on Oct. 15th, when the Team presented the Third Degree conferral in full and in a beautiful manner. After a tasty corned beef and cabbage dinner, the Legion of Honor Color Guard began the work of the evening with the flag presentation of our National Colors. W: Bro. Fred Nielson introduced the Degree Team and Acting Master R:W: Clinton Ballard received the gavel of Yonnonidio Lodge

CORINTHIAN

TEMPLE LODGE
No. 805

1st and 3rd Mondays

FROM THE EAST

On the night of our Official Visit, Oct. 5th we presented the following brothers 50 year pins: Francis A. Brindley, Bernard A. Clicquenois, Arthur F. Gailey, Edward W. Gearing, R:W: Edward H. Lamb, William A. Moore, Walter E. Schroedel, Charles E. Scorse, and Walter J Shields. The following brothers received a 60 year award: William C. Bemish, William L. Borate, Orlin Z. Hodges, Wyman Jemison, Donald J. McMillan, W. Mortimer H. Miller, William Mountain, R:W: Frank J. Niggli, Eugene S. Pearson, Phillip A. Ripson, Clarence A. Wesp, and John A. Williams. Assisting your master in these presentations were R:W: Robert J. Corbett, our own D.D.G.M. and R:W: Everett H. Vail, Grand Steward.

Our Nov. 4th meeting will be short and sweet so that we can see and hear the slide show about the wild and wooly west by our own brother Richard Nash. Come on out and enjoy yourself at your Lodge!

Remember the dinner before our meeting on our second meeting on Monday, Nov. 18th. We want to have you come and enjoy the fraternal companionship. The meetings are short so we can get to the entertainment, refreshments and euchre games. Fraternally,
Donald P. Fox, Master

FELLOWCRAFT CLUB

The regular meeting of the Fellowcraft Club will be held on November 25th at the Masonic Temple in the basement clubrooms. At the conclusion of the business meeting a Nominating Committee will be appointed to prepare a slate of officers to be presented at the December meeting for election. All members that can, should come out to this meeting so that we can help the Nominating Committee by recommendations, to prepare an energetic slate of officers to continue the activities of the club. Fraternally,
Bert Steene, President

from Wor. Master Hughes. Yonnonidio Officers relinquished their chairs to various members of the Shrine Team who immediately went to work with precision and excellence of performance. Most of the members of the team are Past Master of various Lodges and their presentation was admired by a good Lodge attendance. Among our visitors were R:W: Bro. Ralph Kellogg, R:W: Robert Corbett, R:W: Everett Vail and R:W: Norm Jermyn who are Grand Lodge Officers. Yonnonidio Lodge enjoyed the presence, and the participation, of these, and so many other distinguished members of our Masonic Brotherhood. We look forward to another such treat in the future.

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ZETLAND LODGE PRESENTS FIFTY YEAR PIN



Left to right: R:W: Robert J. Corbett, D.D.G.M.; R:W: Abelard Hitchcock, Past Master; W: David T. Meier.

A dinner attended by 67 members and guests was held by Zetland Lodge No. 951, on October 10th, to honor R:W: Robert J. Corbett, D.D. G.M., on his official visit, and R:W: Abelard Hitchcock, District Deputy Robert J. Corbett delivered an inspiring message from the Grand Master, following this he presented a Fifty Year Pin to R:W: Abelard Hitchcock with appropriate remarks. The District Deputy was joined by R:W: John D. Braund, P.D.D.G.M. and P:M: of Zetland, who presented Brother Hitchcock with a Meritorious Award. R:W: Frederick Seuffert, 33 Degree, Secretary of Rochester Consistory then read a congratulatory Telegram from W: Frank Horton, who was busy in Congress in Washington, D.D. who asked that an American Flag which had flown over the Capital in Washington be given to our honored guest. Thirteen Honorary Members, 33rd Degree A.A.S.R. and Seventeen Masters and Grand Lodge Officers from 1959, the year Brother Hitchcock was Grand Director of Ceremonies and members of the Gleason Works Square Club attended. The Past Masters of Zetland Lodge presented a new Altar Bible in memory of the departed Past Masters.

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Dear Companions:

I should like to offer my sincere thanks to all of the companions whose presence and efforts made our two October convocations so successful, especially the convocation on Oct. 10th when the Most Excellent High Priest was present and presented a commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of the State of Wisconsin near the Grand Chapter of New York to Right Ex. Comp. R. Bruce Dayton. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Companion Dayton on being so honored.

There are only two meetings remaining in 1968. On Nov. 14th, the Holy Royal Arch Degree will be conferred by the High Priest. This convocation will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. If you plan on attending, and I hope that you are, please make your dinner reservations with the Secretary or Scribe, Comp. Richard J. Oliver, as early as possible. I hope that each of you will make plans now to attend both of these convocations.

To each of you let me extend my best wishes for a very pleasant Thanksgiving Day and I shall look forward to seeing you in your Chapter.

Ken Zimmerman

High Priest

SECRETARY'S NOTES

At our regular convocation on Thursday, November 14, we will confer the Holy Royal Arch Degree, which will be preceded by a dinner. Plan to attend and make your reservations with our Scribe, Richard Oliver, 594-2380; or your Secretary, 334-9726. If at the last minute you find you can attend this dinner, come anyway, we want to see you.

The following Companions were called by the Supreme Architect since the last issue and the Chapter has expressed its sympathy to their families and friends: John L. Van de Mark, October 5th; Edward W. Loebs, Gulfport, Fla.; Philip Guenther, Oct. 12th.

Ex. Raymond D. Gordnier is in Strong Memorial Hospital at this writing and we all hope he will be home when you read this. It is reported that John Sherman was out to a Kodak retirement party at which he was honored. Glad you are out and about, John. Ex. Stuart C. Evans leaves Rochester to reside in Florida permanently this month. Good luck "Stu."

In November you will all receive your 1969 dues notice or contribution request. Don't forget your chapter, I'll have your card waiting for you.

The Holy Royal Arch Degree is one of the most beautiful degrees in Masonry. Come out and enjoy this degree once again and meet your new Companions. You will be glad you did.

Fraternally
Frank F. Gordnier

York Rite News

CYRENE COMMANDERY No. 39 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR



Here it is November again and as we have quite a few events coming up let's get with it. Our Em. Commander, Robert Goodwin, wishes all of you success in all your undertakings and good health in the future. Come on out and see us sometime.

On Nov. 8th we will have a regular conclave with rehearsal for Inspection Night.

Nov. 22nd is our Official Inspection. We need all Sir Knights possible so that it will be a success. We are having a dinner at 6:30 P.M. in the 3rd Floor Dining Room.

It will be put on by the Ladies from our Schicker Club. Price is \$1.75 and it will be a Chicken dinner. Reservations with our Em. Commander or Kenneth Snyder our Recorder. Must be made by Nov. 18th. Come on out as these girls have always prepared us a very delicious dinner. Our Inspecting Officer is the Em. Grand Generalissimo, S: K: Paul Swindler. Most of you know who he is so come on out and give him a big night.

Let's go back a little. On Nov. 10th, there will be a Council Officers meeting to be held at the Garlock House in Palmyra.

Here is a list of Inspections in November: Zenobia Commandery No. 41, Wednesday, Nov. 6th; Red Jacket Commandery No. 81, Wednesday, Nov. 13th; Cyrene Commandery No. 39, our own on Nov. 22nd.

Nov. 23rd Saturday will be our Fall Festival held in Palmyra. Starting time is 2 PM with the Two Orders being put on in the afternoon. Dinner at approximately 6 PM and then the Order of the Temple in the evening. Make your reservations early with any Council Officer. Let's all get there.

We were all saddened by the passing of Evelyn Hermanson, the wife of Walter Hermanson, one of our members who we have known for a long time. Walter, may God be with you in your time of sorrow.

Our Em. Sir Knight John Sherman is coming along good and is again learning how to speak. It is a tough process but it is working and that is what counts.

Our Sir Knight, Horace Porter has returned from a trip in the Near East and we will be hearing from him about it in the near future. Must have been a wonderful time that he had.

Going back a little, on Sept. 27th S:K: Jack Wishart and S:K: John Perrin were made Honorary PC Members of our Commandery. Also S:K: William Young, Grand Jr. Warden from Canandaigua was made an Honorary PC of our Commandery.

Fraternally
Em. Commander Robert W. Goodwin
Em. Sir Roy E. Huff, Reporter

MONROE COMMANDERY No. 12

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November will be filled with many interesting events for the Sir Knights of Monroe Commandery.

Please note that our Conclave on Nov. 1 will be held in Gothic Hall. The Scottish Rite Bodies will be using Cathedral Hall that evening for their Festival.

A new cast for the Order of Malta has been organized under the direction of S:K: Albert H. Burger, P.C. A full dress exemplification will be held at our conclave on Nov. 15. I know that all Sir Knights will want to lend their support to this rehearsal.

Our annual Ladies Night Dinner Dance will be held at the Rochester Yacht Club starting at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16. The Chairman, our Generalissimo S:K: S. Clark Place, reports that the committee has been working very hard making plans for an enjoyable evening for all Sir Knights and their Ladies. A letter with full details will be mailed to you within the next few days.

The Zone 11 Festival will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23 at the Masonic Temple in Palmyra, New York with Zenobia Commandery No. 41 as the host Commandery. The Order of the Red Cross will be conferred starting at 2:00 P.M. followed by the Order of Malta. After a dinner at 6:00 P.M., the Order of the Temple will be conferred starting at 7:00 P.M. For dinner reservations call S:K: Ivan H. Ball, 266-7346 by Nov. 19th. Monroe Commandery expects to have a fine class at the Festival. Five new petitions have been received and more are pending.

Past Commander's Night on Friday, Dec. 6 will be preceded by a dinner. For reservations please call S:K: Ivan H. Ball, 266-7346 by Dec. 2nd.

Sir Knight Raymond D. Gordnier, P.C. is reported to be recovering nicely after surgery at Strong Memorial Hospital and expects to be going home on Oct. 20th. We are also glad to report that Sir Knight, R. Bruce Dayton, P.C. has resumed activities following his second cataract operation.

TRESTLEBOARD

Nov. 1 - Gothic Hall, Regular Conclave at 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 10 - Garlock House Palmyra, N.Y. Zone 11 Council Officers meeting, 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 15 - Cathedral Hall, Exemplification of the Order of Malta, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 16 - Rochester Yacht Club-Ladies Night-Dinner & Dance, 6:00 p.m.

Nov. 23 - Masonic Temple-Palmyra, N.Y. Zone 11 Festival-Order of the Red Cross The Order of Malta, and the Order of the Temple, 2:00

Fraternally yours,
Joel T. Johnson
Commander

IONIC CHAPTER No. 210 Royal Arch Masons

October 19th Celebration has come and gone. This date saw the Grand High Priest, George Mason, and his Grand line of Officers present to Rededicate the Chapter.

A 100 Year Booklet has been printed for mailing to all Chapter members. This booklet summarizes the Chapter History together with many side-lights of 1968.

Under Sickness and Distress, your High Priest will be at home for several weeks, with both a broken right heel and a fractured left wrist in plaster casts.

Nov. 12, Regular Meeting.
Nov. 19, Regular Meeting.

SUPREME COUNCIL 33°

The One Hundred Fifty Sixth Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council, 33 Degree, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction was held at Atlantic City, N.J. from September 19-26, 1968.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. George A. Newbury, 33 Degree, presided in his own fine and efficient manner making each session a pleasant and informative occasion. The details of the meeting were handled by the various committees so that everything went along very well.

The highlight of the week was on Wednesday, Sept. 15 when a large class received 33 Degrees. Included in the class were Ill. Robert J. Corbett of Corinthian Temple Lodge No. 805, Ill. Ward R. Turner and Ill. Paul Miller, both of Seneca Lodge No. 920. It was announced at the meeting that W: R. Kenneth Crawford, of Zetland Lodge No. 951, had been nominated to receive the 33 degree at the session to be held in Boston, Mass. in Sept. 1969.

A large delegation, with their wives, attended from the Valley of Rochester and all reported a very nice time. Our Ill. Commander-in-chief, Norman H. Selke and his charming wife, Janet, proved to be very good hosts and saw that nothing was overlooked for the comfort and welfare of the group.

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Taking a lead from the national telephone ads, talking via a tape recorded message is next to being home. This is the least we can do for our fighting men.

At our last Post meeting, Commander General Smith spoke on the goals of the Masonic War Veterans for this current year. We are in need of a larger membership to help carry on the work within Grand Lodge and in the many jurisdictions Grand Master Gosnell continues to call on the Masonic War Veterans for ever increasing functions. We are proud of our work and the responsibility that the Grand Master gives us. There will be requests for our services when the Grand Master is in our area.

Commander General Smith also presented Past Commander Frank Janssen with his certificate of appointment as Area Representative and charged him with his responsibilities, including the encouragement to assist in the formation of a new post in Hornell. Frank is worthy of this responsibility and I am sure that he will succeed.

Our visitations to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Canandaigua is in need of more support. Please make an effort to be present at the next ward party to be held November 10th.

Our Nov. commitments:
Nov. 10-Canandaigua
Nov. 14-Post Meeting.

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LET'S GO VISITING

- 2 - Flower City Link - Dinner Dance.
- 4 - Amo - Pal Dinner.
- 7 - University Star - Regular Meeting.
- 9 - Amo - Monroe District Banquet.
- 9 - Fidelity Triangle - Installation of Officers.
- 11 - Flower City Link - Card Party.
- 16 - Constellation - Official Visit.
- 16 - Amo - Fall Bazaar.
- 19 - Fidelity Triangle - Degree for Craftsman Lodge.
- 21 - University Star - Meeting & Reception for Harold Weller.
- 22 - Constellation - Regular Meeting.
- 23 - Fidelity Triangle - Regular Meeting.
- 22 & 23 - University Star - Rummage Sale.

UNIVERSITY STAR CHAPTER No. 797

Order of the Eastern Star

Writing this on the 5th of October is a little difficult since my mind is on the New York Grand Sessions and all, but rather than fail to get the letter in by the deadline, I will force my thoughts to November! A busy month it will be and with changes in our program.

Nov. 7 - Regular meeting, 8:00 - New York reports - Dining group VII.

Nov. 14 - Officers Club at the home of W: Teddy Ford.

Nov. 21 - EARLY meeting 7:00 - Draping of the Altar-Adjourn to Paul Chapter, Rm. A for Harold Wellers' reception.

Nov. 22 & 23 - Fall rummage sale - S. Betty Nazzaro, Chairman.

We hope many of you will call Sister Betty and offer your help and rummage for this, our last project of the year.

It was decided at our last meeting to have "at home" card parties in place of a Chapter party. Anyone interested can call me or S. Ruth Ball for the details.

Mark Dec. 12, 8:00 p.m. on your calendar. This will be our Chapter Christmas Party at Mac's Sirloin House, 1260 Latta Road. Plan to bring your spouse or a friend. Everyone is welcome! We decided to bring a donation of canned goods or toys (nothing perishable) for the Masonic Bureau Christmas Gift baskets instead of exchanging gifts. The phone committee will contact you regarding your reservations and choice of menu.

Jack and I hope many of you will attend and help make our last Chapter affair an evening to remember.

Since this is the month of Thanksgiving we would like to wish you and yours a happy Thanksgiving - a day filled with all that is the best. Sincerely and fraternally,

W: Virginia Shedde, W:M: R:W: Jack Williams, W:P:

Birthdays for November are: Shirley Mason, 11th; Blanche Slocum, 12th; Nora Eason, 15th; Florence Peo, 20th; Alice DeWolf, 20th.

AMO CHAPTER

No. 547

Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Sisters & Brothers:

The fall season is really here, with our Grand Chapter Session in New York over. It was a most delightful and inspiring trip. The Associate Matron and I really enjoyed it.

Under Sickness and Distress, Worthy Sister Pauline Abbo has been laid up with a back injury. We are happy to have her back with us. Sister Bessie Billinger has been in the hospital for eye surgery and has returned home.

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 4 - Pal Dinner.
Nov. 9 - Monroe District Banquet.

Nov. 16 - Our Fall Bazaar and Chicken Dinner.

Nov. 16 - East-West Luncheon.

Hope to see you out.

Fraternally,
Elsie Ried, W:M:
Robert Burnett, W:P:

GRAND CHAPTER REPORTS

R:W: Onnalee Daycock, of Nola Chapter 368, Churchville, was appointed District Deputy Grand Matron at the recent Grand Chapter session held in New York City on Oct. 17, 1968. Her duties will include visiting all the Chapters in Monroe County. A reception will be held in her Chapter on Nov. 19th.

On the same date, R:W: Harold H. Weller, patron of Paul Chapter No. 480, a member of Genesee Falls Lodge, Rochester Consistory, Damascus Temple, was appointed District Grand Lecturer, District of Monroe, and Paul Chapter will hold a reception for R:W: Bro. Weller on Nov. 21st in Room A, Masonic Temple at 8:00 P.M.

R:W: Anna Neudorfer of Culver Chapter No. 816 was appointed Grand Esther. Her reception will be in Room A of the Masonic Temple, on Dec. 6th.

BOSS NIGHT DINNER

This year our award goes to Mr. James C. Corbett, President of Corbett Funeral Home, Inc.

The 10th annual Boss Night Dinner of Highland Chapter, American Business Women's Association was held Wednesday, Oct. 16 at the Party House.

According to the resume submitted by his receptionist, Gertrude Noble, Mr. Corbett is a humanitarian, a teacher, a wonderful friend and a grand person to work for.

He is a member of West Ave. Methodist Church, the Rochester Club, Rochester Yacht Club, Warren C. Hubbard Lodge, Monroe Commandery, Rochester Consistory, Damascus Temple, Past Potentate of the Shrine, Past Grand Commander of State of New York and has received the highest honor in Masonry, 33rd Degree Mason. Betty Cronk, Chairman Boss Night Committee

FLOWER CITY LINK

No. 38

Order of the Golden Chain

Flower City Link's opening Fall meeting was held on Sept. 30th. The following Past Matrons and Past Patrons present were honored by W: M: Beverly Benowitz: R:W: Rose Blum, W: Frieda Davidson, Jr. P:M: Naomi Friedman, W: Ann Lazerson, R:W: Ceil Meyer, R:W: Zella Waltuck, R:W: Esther Warren, W: Jerry Benowitz, R:W: Tobias Davis, Assoc. Grand Lecturer, and R:W: Ivan Meyer; and Member of the Month awards went to Sarah Caplan for June, and to W: Frieda Davidson for September. The W: Matron read a complimentary poem of her own writing and a song with words by A. Patron Morton Schiff was also addressed to the honored guests, each of whom received appropriate presentations. The main business was balloting on prospective members, all of whom were elected to membership.

The membership was saddened by the absence of others of the Past Matrons and Past Patrons because of illness and bereavements. On Nov. 11th at 8:00 P.M., a Card Party for Paid Up Members will be held at the Temple Civic Center with R:W: Esther Warren in charge. It is hoped that the membership will avail themselves of this opportunity for another social get-together.

On October 28, Master Masons Night will be observed with all Master Masons cordially invited. Mr. Odell Kelly of the Masonic Service Bureau will be guest speaker, and will be the recipient of a gift check for the Bureau. Candidates elected at the September meeting will be initiated into membership, and special refreshments will follow the meeting.

The membership wishes a speedy recovery to Gussie Solomon at Rochester General Hospital and to Rose Morgenstern recovering at her home.

It is expected that there will be a large attendance on Nov. 2, when a Testimonial Dinner Dance will be held at the Downtowner Motel in honor of Tobias Davis, Associate Grand Lecturer. Arrangements are in charge of P: Matrons Ann Lazerson and Naomi Friedman, and reservations are open to all. Sincerely and fraternally, Beverly Benowitz, W:M: Eva R. Leve, P:M:, Sec'y.



Fidelity Triangle: Members over 21 receive Majority Degree, Betty Steinfeldt, Carol McRae, Beloved Queen Pro-tem Debbie Roffe, Past Beloved Queen Phyllis Pomeroy, Judith Badin.

FIDELITY TRIANGLE

Sept. 11 - Fidelity Triangle presented the "Lord's Prayer Degree" for Corinthian Chapter.

Sept. 14 - Fidelity honored DeMolay with a fun degree, entitled, The Lady or the Tiger. Each boy had to choose one of two doors and dance with his choice when out came a Lady or a Tiger.

Sept. 22 - Fidelity Triangle members were the special guests of the West Avenue Methodist Church. The Rev. Dr. John L. Latshaw, welcomed the girls, briefly describing the organization and its purposes and praised the girls for their charitable efforts.

Sept. 28 - Majority Degree conferred on four members.

Sept. 29 - 70 girls and supervisors attended roller skating party at Olympic Park.

Oct. 5 - A paper party at the home of Meredith Jenks netted \$38.00.

Oct. 11 - Fidelity presented "Lords Prayer Degree" for Niner and Vidalia Chapters.

Oct. 12 - 175 attended Queens Term Dinner for \$1.00. Menu was Tomato Juice, Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Glazed carrots, cabbage & pineapple salad, french bread, apple pie and coffee. This was followed by an open meeting with, 23rd Psalm Degree.

Nov. 9 - Formal Installation of Officers, Cathedral Hall 8:00 P.M.

Nov. 19 - Fidelity will present 23rd Psalm Degree for Craftsman Lodge.

Nov. 23 - Regular meeting and presentation of Queen's Term Plans.

JENNIE M. LORD CONSTELLATION No. 5

Jennie M. Lord Constellation No. 5 got off on a busy fall schedule on Sept. 7th when we held a reception in Cathedral Hall for our Grand Star of Devotion, Miss Sandra Spencer. Many guests attended including District Deputy Grand Exalted Star Miss Beverly Whiteman of Brockport and Grand Star of Music Miss Eugenie Keith of Caledonia.

On Sept. 20th we held our get-together and swim party at the home of our Exalted Star Miss Linda Davidson.

Oct. 5th our Birthday Banquet was held in Star dining room with Star of Happiness Miss Linda Brethen in charge. It was a beautiful banquet honoring our 18th year as as Constellation. There were 65 members and friends attending.

Oct. 18th our get-together will be held at the home of Sandy Spencer. We will be working on our initiation parts for November.

Nov. 1st we will have initiation in Room B.

Nov. 16th our Grand Exalted Star Miss Lois Pierson will be officially visiting our District. This will be held at the Masonic Temple in Brockport.

Nov. 22nd we are serving the White Shrine dinner and will have our get-together in Ballroom B following the dinner.

As our project this term we are selling Mrs. Leland's candy bars. We hope to go over the top once more.

Fraternally,
Mary Lou Spencer
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SHRINE HISTORY

THE FIRST TEMPLE

With a membership nucleus, a meeting was called on September 26, 1872, in Masonic Hall, 114 East Thirteenth Street, New York City, for the purpose of formally organizing the first Shrine Temple in the United States. Brother McClenachan and Dr. Fleming by then had completed the final Ritual, and had decided to propose that the first Temple be named Mecca. The original thirteen members of the Luncheon Club were named as the Charter Members of Mecca Temple, and a letter from Noble Florence was read, outlining the history of the Order and giving specific advice and instructions as to the conduct of meetings. The following officers were elected at the first Shrine meeting in North America: William J. Fleming, Potentate; Charles T. McClenachan, Chief Rabban; John A. Moore, Assistant Rabban; William S. Moore, Recorder; Edward Eddy, High Priest; James S. Chappell, Treasurer; George W. Millar, Oriental Guide; Oswald M. d'Aubigne, Captain of the Guard.

On January 4, 1875, the Order was conferred on Brother George F. Loder and seven associates with power to establish a second Shrine Temple named Damascus in Rochester, New York. It was duly organized under a charter granted June 7, 1876, by Mecca Temple and the creation of Damascus Temple served to spur activity and gave Noble Fleming an idea.

That idea was to select a number of prominent Masons in various parts of the United States and invest them with the rights and prerogatives of Past Potentates so they could establish subordinate Temples. They were carried on the rolls as members of Mecca Temple until they joined another Temple. The men selected were 33rd degree Scottish Rite Masons and the Order was conferred on the following: Orrin Welch, Syracuse, New York; John D. Williams, Elmira, New York; Charles H. Thompson, Corning, New York; Townsend Fondy, John S. Dickerman and Robert H. Waterman, Albany, New York; John L. Stettinius, Cincinnati, Ohio; Vincent L. Hurlburt, Chicago, Illinois; Samuel H. Harper, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and George Scott, Paterson, New Jersey.

EMBLEMS AND COSTUMES

The Crescent was adopted as the Jewel of the Order. In forming the Crescent the most valuable and sought-after materials were the claws of a Royal Bengal Tiger. These were united at their bases in a gold setting. In the center was the head of a sphinx, on the back of which was a pyramid, urn and star. The Jewel bore the motto in Arabic, "Kuwat wa Ghadab," the English translation of which is "Strength and Fury."

The crescent has been a religious emblem in all ages in the Orient. It also had early political significance in Turkey and Persia. The ancients looked to the East for light and intelligence and found it in the crescent. One of the earliest to admit the East as his source of knowledge was Plato. The crescent, of course, was merely a symbol referring to a higher and purer source. And it has remained such ever since.

Dr. Fleming and his co-workers also provided a salutation that has stood the test of time. The salutation among the Faithful is "Es Selamu Aleikum!" This means "Peace be with You!" In returning the salutation, the gracious wish is "Aleikum es Selamu" "With you be peace."

The fez, which Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America have the privilege and honor of wearing, has been handed down through the ages as one of the most significant of all head-dresses. The fez derives its names from the place where it first was manufactured commercially—the holy city of Fez, in Morocco.

Some historians claim it dates back to about A.D. 980, but the name of the fez or tarboosh does not appear in Arabic literature until around the 14th Century. One of the earliest references to the headgear is in "Arabian Nights."

Historians say the popularity of the headgear spread slowly throughout the Arab world. When it finally reached Morocco, a factory was set up to produce fezzes and to standardize their shape and color. Historians report that eventually the fez became the most popular headgear in Egypt.

As Moslems, the Turks followed the Arab precedent and adopted the headgear. Mohammed II, who reigned from 1808 to 1830, was the first Turkish Sultan to wear the red fez. Later, it became the national headgear of Islam. However, Mustafa Ataturk, as one of his first national reforms, abolished the fez in Turkey.

THE SHRINE ENJOYED CONTINUOUS GROWTH AFTER WAR YEARS

The Shrine continued to increase in membership down through the years and in the era which followed World War I made great increases just as did all Masonic organi-

zations. It enjoyed a vast expansion not only in membership, but also in its fraternal program of activities after the return of the soldiers from the American Expeditionary Force in Europe. More Temples were chartered and all Shrine Temples developed a program of activities which gave the Nobles a great return on their membership investment. Social events of all kinds included meetings, banquets, shows, dances, picnics, circuses, golf, boxing and others. The social program of the Shrine Temples became the busiest whirl of activities in the Shrine Temples jurisdiction. What with the curtailment of entertainment programs due to the war, the Shrine entertainment program was a welcome release from a wartime necessity to a peace time program of entertainment in which everyone wanted to participate.

At the end of the year 1917, the year that the United States joined in the European War, the Shrine membership totaled about 250,000 and by the time of the great market crash, or the beginning of the depression era, the Shrine had more than doubled their membership to a total of 587,133 at January 1, 1927. In 1921 when we entered the program of Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children an annual assessment of \$2.00 each was placed on the membership to supply the funds with which to build, operate and maintain their havens of hope for crippled children.

Throughout the depression years a loss in membership was sustained each year until we reached the nadir at December 31, 1941, with a total membership of 306,470 Nobles on the rolls. A gradual increase each year was experienced after that time until at the date of December 31, 1965, the roster of the 168 Shrine Temples contained 844,511 members. In all these years there has been much thought given to ways and means of increasing Shrine membership.

The year 1929 brought economic retrenchment for the Shrine. The hospitals continued their work of mercy within their annual appropriation.

During the depression years it became necessary for the Shrine Temples to give much thought and effort on promotional plans to supplement the Shrine Hospital assessment income in order to keep all our hospitals open and operating.

The Mystic Shrine of North America found itself face to face with a stern test of its strength in the early 1930s. An era of economic uncertainty gripped the United States. The fifty-eighth annual Imperial Council Session in 1932 in San Francisco, California, was "dedicated to the spirit of optimism that lives in the hearts of all Americans."

The Shriners, together with the help of friends interested in their great humanitarian work, did a magnificent piece of work in those chaotic times and our hospitals were able to weather the storm. Football games, shows, circuses, dances and every imaginable promotion was used to advantage in supplying the much needed added funds to maintain these Temples of Mercy. In the year 1953 the annual Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children assessment was increased to \$5.00 and we are happy to report the twenty Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children are at the present time operated and maintained on the funds received from this present annual hospital assessment, plus the income from our endowment funds and the proceeds from the various games and other activities.

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The total membership in the two Monroe Districts is 10,870 Brethren. There were 2802 members who participated for a combined total of \$19,174.54. Just think of what a fine report we could have had if 8,068 more Masons in the Monroe District had participated. What do you say, Brethren, let's each one make your contribution regardless of the amount.

Fraternally,
Harry Kennedy
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