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New Year

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Brethren:

Let us all start the New Year with the resolution to attend Lodge and support our new Masters. They are making every effort to make their meetings of interest to you.

At our last Masters and Wardens meeting in November, there were 28 Senior Wardens present. With this enthusiasm we are looking forward to an exceptional year.

On Saturday, December 14th, I attended the Installation of the Lakes Region Chapter, Order of DeMolay. After a fine dinner we witnessed outstanding work by the Installing Officers. These young men do such exceptional ritualistic work, we can be very proud of them.

In order that our Grand Master may continue his contribute to the Brotherhood Fund. If you have not already made your contribution, won't you send it to your Lodge Chairman today? If more convenient, you may include your contribution with your dues. Let our Monroe Districts show the Spirit of Masonry.

In closing Brethren, let us all make every effort to attend our Lodge and support our New Officers.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,  
Ralph L. Kellogg, D.D.G.M., First Monroe District

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



## MONROE DISTRICTS INSTALL 1969 MASTERS

### SEASON GREETINGS FROM THE STAFF OF THE MASONIC SERVICE BUREAU

We, in the Masonic Service Bureau, feel very thankful for the many blessings we have had during 1968 and very humble for having been able to help and comfort many who have come to our door in want due to illness, misfortune, or loss of loved ones.

We are thankful to the members of the Kodak Square Club who have assisted in time and money with the program at Canandaigua Veteran's Hospital.

We are thankful to the members of the James A. Hard Post, Masonic War Veterans who also assist in the Canandaigua program.

We are thankful to the many ladies organizations which contribute canned goods, money, and toys to our Christmas program. Also to the many who contribute used clothing for the needy.

We are thankful to those organizations and individuals who contribute sick-room equipment for our loan closet.

We are thankful for help, courtesy and advice given by officers and Directors of the Masonic Service Bureau.

We are thankful to all who have given of themselves in helping, and to those who have contributed of their resources in real demonstrations of brotherly love and brotherhood which is so much a basic foundation of Free Masonry. Surely in doing this, we are truly our Brother's keeper.

We hope that we may be able to keep on during 1969 to help those in need or trouble, and that the Masonic Service Bureau may continue to serve the organizations and individuals who come to its door for help, aid, assistance, and comfort.

We extend to each and everyone of you and yours our heartiest wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Odell B. Kelly  
Louise Donoghue

### INSTALLATION SCHEDULE OF 1st & 2nd DIST. LODGES

**Donald B. Scrivens**

F.R. Lawrence Lodge No. 797 - Dec. 9, 1968 - Monday

**Bruce Mason**

Valley Lodge No. 109 - Dec. 16, 1968 - Monday

**W.D. Staples**

Seneca Lodge No. 920 - Dec. 17, 1968 - Tuesday

**Jay Painton**

Craftsman Lodge No. 966 - Dec. 17, 1968 - Tuesday

**Kenneth L. Myers**

Zetland Lodge No. 851 - Dec. 26, 1968 - Thursday

**Harold Van Lare**

Genesee Falls Lodge No. 507 - January 2, 1969 - Thursday

**Charles R. White**

Webster Lodge No. 538 - January 2, 1969 - Thursday

**Richard Lear**

Northfield Lodge No. 426 - January 2, 1969 - Thursday

**Charles D. Snell, Sr.**

Warren C. Hubbard Lodge No. 964 - January 3, 1969 - Friday

**Ronald Sterling**

John A. Robertson Lodge No. 1032 - January 6, 1969 - Monday

**Dave Hoag**

Corinthian Temple Lodge No. 805 - January 6, 1969 - Monday

**John Borland**

Penfield Union Lodge No. 154 - January 7, 1969 - Tuesday

**Vernon Flowerday**

Clio Lodge No. 779 - January 7, 1969 - Tuesday

**Loren Fairbanks**

Yonondio Lodge No. 163 - January 7, 1969 - Tuesday

**John Booth**

Charlotte Lodge No. 1088 - January 7, 1969 - Tuesday

**Carlton Lester**

Union Star Lodge No. 320 - January 8, 1969 - Wednesday

**Dennis Livingstone**

Oatka Lodge No. 759 - January 8, 1969 - Wednesday

**Charles L. Hanes**

Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943 - January 8, 1969 - Wednesday

**Harold S. Phillips**

Churchville Lodge No. 667 - January 8, 1969 - Wednesday

**Ronald N. Ogren**

Germania Lodge No. 722 - January 8, 1969 - Wednesday

**Robert C. Pettit**

Wakan Lodge No. 1054 - January 13, 1969 - Monday

**Warren H. McCullough**

Fairport Lodge No. 476 - January 13, 1969 - Monday

**Septimius DiLauro**

Etolian Lodge No. 479 - January 13, 1969 - Monday

**Gordon E. Wilson**

Rochester Lodge No. 660 - January 13, 1969 - Monday

**John Cromarty**

Henrietta Lodge No. 526 - January 14, 1969 - Tuesday

**John Ferraro**

Fame Lodge No. 945 - January 14, 1969 - Tuesday

**Robert Rudman**

Monroe Lodge No. 173 - January 14, 1969 - Tuesday

**Ellis J. Hormats**

Flower City Lodge No. 910 - January 14, 1969 - Tuesday

**Irving G. Spalty**

F. L. Simes Lodge No. 990 - January 14, 1969 - Tuesday

Brethren:

With the start of the new year let us all resolve to give the best of ourselves to those around us, not only within the confines of our Fraternity, but in our every-day lives.

The Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign in the two Monroe Districts is gaining momentum. Right Worshipful Brother Kellogg and I both felt that a concentrated campaign over a briefer span of time should be more effective. It is our hope that every Mason will participate in this worthwhile cause. We as Masons should be very proud of our Masonic Home and Infirmary and of the research that is conducted there in the field of geriatrics. Over 600 residents enjoy the comforts and professional care of our Home, but this requires large sums of money each year to maintain the high standards under which our home is operated.

So, Brethren, when you are contacted by the Brotherhood Fund representative in your Lodge, let us think of those not as fortunate as we. This Masonic Home is one of our foremost responsibilities as Masons, and let me remind you that Charity Begins at Home.

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

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



### MASONIC BROTHERHOOD FUND CAMPAIGN 1968-1969

The 1968-69 Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign in the two Monroe Districts will move into high gear with the Joint meeting of the Brotherhood Fund Lodge Chairman from the First and Second Monroe Districts and the Masters of their Lodges on Friday, January 24, 1969 at 7:30 P.M. in Doric Hall, Rochester Masonic Temple.

This meeting under the direction of R:W: Everett Vail, Second Monroe, and R:W: Norman Jermy, First Monroe will present new material for the Lodge Chairmen. It is hoped that Churchville Lodge No. 667 can be prevailed upon to divulge the "secret" that has enabled them to obtain at least a 71% participation for the last seven years.

Our goal this year will be to encourage every Mason to become an INVOLVED MASON by making a contribution to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. Let us support our Grand Master and Fraternity, by striving for 100% participation of our Brethren in this great project.

## TALL STORIES FROM EARL HILFIKER

TELL IT LIKE IT IS has become one of the most beaten to death cliches in the English language. TELL IT LIKE IT ANIT is the way movie script writers have been doing it for many years. Dull fact has never curbed wild flights of fancy and under guise of artistic license tortured truth has been twisted like a pretzel.

Langtry, Texas is off the main highway but it is well worth a visit by anyone traveling through the Rio Grand Country of south Texas. This is Judge Roy Bean country but don't expect it to look the way you have seen it on the motion picture screen or on television.

Judge Roy Bean, THE ONLY LAW WEST OF THE

PECOS became a legend in his lifetime and has been the subject of many a motion picture and television episode.

THE WESTERNER was a full length motion picture that starred Gary Cooper as a saddle tramp who was almost strung up as a horse thief. The real thief came along and was shot by Judge Bean.

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VISITING

JANUARY 1969

- 2 - Genesee Falls - Installation and dinner.
2 - Webster - Installation.
2 - Northfield - Installation.
2 - W.C. Hubbard - Installation.
3 - Monroe Commandary Dinner and Election.
6 - J.A. Robertson - Installation and dinner.
6 - Corinthian Temple - Installation.
7 - Penfield Union - Installation and dinner.
7 - Clio - Installation and dinner.
7 - Yonondio - Installation.
7 - Charlotte - Installation
8 - Union Star - Installation and dinner.
8 - Oatka - Installation.
8 - Ancient Craft - Installation and dinner.
8 - Churchville - Installation
8 - Germania - Installation
9 - Hamilton Chapter - Installation.
9 - James A. Hard Post - Regular Meeting.
10 - Cyrene Commandary-Election of Officers.
12 - J.A. Hard Post - Canandaigua Veterans Hospita' visit 1:30 P.M.
13 - Wakan - Installation and Dinner.
13 - Fairport - Installation.
13 - Etolian - Installation.
13 - Rochester - Installation.
14 - Henrietta - Installation.
14 - Fame - Installation and dinner.
14 - Monroe - Installation.
14 - Flower City - Installation and Banquet.
14 - F.L. Simes - Installation.
14 - Ionic Chapter - Installation.
14 - Orpheus - Installation
16 - Genesee Falls - First Degree.
17 - Monroe Commandary - Public Installation.
19 - James A. Hard Post - Installation and dinner.
20 - Corinthian Temple - First Degree and dinner.
20 - J.A. Robertson - Business and Entertainment.

ROCHESTER TO HOST 1969 NEW YORK STATE MASONIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

HELP! Plans are now being made for the New York State Mason's Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Monroe Masonic Districts and Host Lodge Warren C. Hubbard No. 964, to be held at Craig Hill Country Club on September 5, 6, and 7th, 1969.

A lot of hard work and help is needed in preparing for a tournament of this size, so all of you brothers who are interested, would you please call any of the following chairmen and offer your services. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

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Gary Cooper became a U.S. Marshal who tried to keep law and order in a fight between sobbusters and cattle men. In the movie there were crops of corn "as high as an elephant's eye" until the cattle men drove their herds through the corn fields. Lily Langtry, the Jersey Lily was scheduled to give a performance in the opera house. There was a shootout between the marshal and the judge. The judge was killed and the last thing he saw was the vision of The Jersey Lily.

Langtry, Texas was originally called Vingaroon, the name of lizards that lived

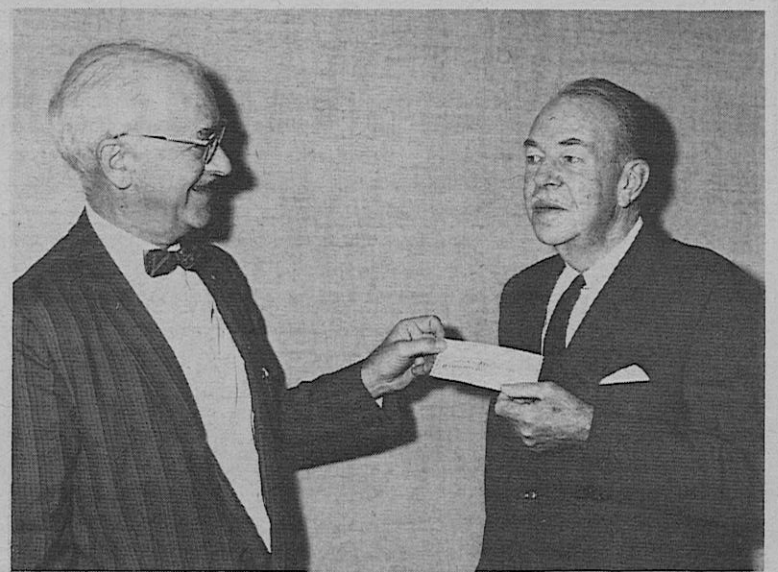
there. The country is desert and 40 acres barely supports a scrawny steer. Twenty five men might be able to stand in the bar room of Roy Bean's Saloon but it would be crowded. The bar is about as long as the work counter of an average suburban house kitchen. The so called Opera House might seat seventy five people. Lily Langtry never saw Roy Bean and never visited Langtry, Texas until several years after he had died. Roy Bean was married to a Portugese wife, sired a large family and died in bed at a ripe old age. He never sentenced a horse thief or anyone else to be strung up.



- 21 - Yonondio - First Degree.
21 - Penfield Union - Talk on Masonic Etiquette.
21 - Seneca - Ladies invited-dinner.
21 - Charlotte - First Degree.
22 - Etolian - Open Meeting.
23 - Hamilton Chapter - Business.
24 - Cyrene Commandary-Installation.
24 - Past Masters Supper Club - Installation - speaker Bro. Robert Wood, Council man.
25 - Ionic and Hamilton Chapter - Dinner - High Priest Anointing.
27 - Wakan - Roll call night
27 - Rochester - Rededicatio Night.
27 - Fairport - First Degree
28 - Fame - Discussion.
28 - Henrietta - Third Degree.

"How long did it take you to get that picture?" This is the usual question they ask when they see Earl Hilfiker's picture of the group of desert bighorn rams. His answer is, "One 250th second." He could add that it took five years and several thousand miles of travel to get in the right place, at the right time, with the right subjects and the right degree of 'critter co-operation'. Through incredible good fortune he made a series of pictures of a band of trophy bighorn rams in south Texas last spring. He used a still camera with a 400mm telephoto lens to get the shot you see here.

These rams will be among the chief actors in his new film SOUTHWEST HOLIDAY U.S.A. which will get its first public showing in our Auditorium at 8:15 P.M. on Saturday, February 22nd. We cannot think of a more interesting way for you, your family and your friends to celebrate Bro. George Washington's birthday than to attend the annual HILFIKER SHOW. This will be the 11th consecutive year that Bro. Earl has given a show at the Auditorium Theatre, 875 Main St. East and once again it is sponsored by Union Star Lodge No. 320 F. & A. M. for the benefit of our Masonic Service Bureau.



W:Bro. George Wetzel presents check to M:W: Clarence J. Henry.

BEQUEST MADE IN BEHALF OF ALICE AND ALBERT KUSSMAN

The residue of the estate of Alice B. Kussman, widow of Brother Albert G. Kussman of Rochester Lodge No. 660, Rochester, New York was presented to M:W: Clarence J. Henry, Past Grand Master for the trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund. This check in the amount of \$39,434.01 represented the bulk of the estate after 14 other Masonic organizatiosn received \$1,000.00 each. In accepting the check on behalf of the Grand Lodge, Most Worshipful Clarence Henry remarked: "This generous bequest to the trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund can reflect only in part the truly singular devotion which Al and Alice Kussman, over many years, displayed to our beloved fraternity. Few Masonic events ever occurred without one - or, if possible, both being present, each literally shining with delight over the opportunity of Masonic association. In principal measurer, it was the core of their lives, and now, in their passing, they have erected a tangible monument which, although recollection of their contributing lives does not require it, will materially aid in that which they most greatly, and jointly, desired, the advancement of the elevated purposes of this Craft."

JAMES A. HARD POST SENDS 2nd TAPE RECORDER TO U.S.O.

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Dear Mr. Ring:
We have had the privilege of meeting this afternoon with Mr. Ed Baumann, Chairman of the Masonic War Veterans "Operation Smile" in behalf of USO clubs in Vietnam. His check in the amount of \$183.00 has been recorded as a contribution from the James A. Hard Post No. 18, Masonic War Veterans.
On behalf of the men who will be served by tape recorder No. 36, contributed by Operation Smile, I wish to thank you and Brothers of the Lodge and Post for your generous contribution. Our Executive Director for Vietnam, Mr. Samuel Anderson, will I am sure, shortly acknowledge the contribution directly.
May I take the further opportunity of wishing you and the men of the Post a happy holiday season.
Sincerely,
Eugene C. Schram, Jr.
Director, Field Services and Program

"Complimenting our Grand Lodges program of "Operation Vietnam" the Masonic War Veterans of the State of New York have been purchasing tape recorders which are obtained and distributed by the U.S.O. to the servicemen in Vietnam. This is known as "Operation Smile". The James A. Hard Post of the Masonic War Veterans has given funds for the purchase of two of the recorders and hopes to purchase the third one shortly."

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Rev. and R:W: Murray A. Cayley, Grand Chaplain
Social Hour will follow
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**Dear Brother Herman**

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

Q.

I note that few, if any, colored persons are Masonic brothers. I believe that most Negroes know little about Masonry, and are not apprised of the fact that they are welcomed into the fraternity. Should not our District Deputies establish a committee composed of one Officer from each Lodge to contact responsible Negro individuals and groups, explain Masonry and welcome petitions.

A.

You show concern that there are "few, if any" Negroes who are members of Masonic Lodges. This implies that you are aware that there is nothing in Masonry to prevent a colored person, be he black or brown, or yellow, from petitioning a Masonic Lodge, and nothing to prevent a Lodge from electing him by the usual ballot. You are correct, however, in stating that there are not many Negroes within our Grand Lodge. There are Negroes in some Lodges in Metropolitan New York, and probably very few anywhere else in the state. We have had a number of Indians and Chinese active in Masonry. At present a Chinese brother is Illustrious Potentate of a Shrine Temple in our State. Outside of our State, Alpha Lodge, Grand Lodge of New Jersey is wholly Negro. There is a Lodge of Negroes in the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, Canada, and there are many colored individuals in regular Masonic Lodges throughout the world.

You state that "Negroes know little about Masonry." You perhaps are unaware that Negroes have their own Masonry, organized as the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, which is a national association. There is a Lodge of Prince Hall Masons, under the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, in Rochester, and similar Lodges throughout New York State, and in most other states. I have been told that their ritual, which is identical with ours, is confirmed more effectively and more correctly than in many of our Lodges. In addition, the colored have their own Scottish Rite, York Rite, Grotto and Shrine, and take great pride in them.

You suggest that "responsible Negro individuals and groups be contacted, and, in effect, invited to petition Lodges under the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge. This would be not only contrary to our basic prohibition against soliciting for members, but would be highly imprudent. If some desirable colored person, influenced by such a statement as you suggest, would petition one of the 31 Lodges in Monroe County, he might, under present attitudes and prejudices, be rejected. This could only result in heightened tensions and a negative reflection against our Craft.

May I state that I believe the day is not far distant when Prince Hall Masonry will be officially recognized by Grand Lodge as "legitimate." And some day in the future there will follow inter-visitation and cooperation.

If you are in an evangelistic mood, let me point out that there are many young men in the white community, fine and upright, who would make good Masons. Why not pass out copies of the "Primer of Freemasonry" which answers for the non-Mason basic questions about Masonry, and may lead to requests for petitions. Copies of the "Primer" may be obtained from the Masonic Service Bureau at Masonic Temple.

Q.

Should a Ruling Master be addressed as "Worthy Master"? Does he retain that address when he becomes Past Master? Or does he then become Right Worthy?

A.

The title "Worthy" is not a Masonic title, but one used by the Eastern Star and other female organizations. In Masonry we use the title "Worshipful," which comes from an old Anglo-Saxon term "Worthshipful," meaning "worthy of respect." The Ruling Master is addressed as "Worshipful Master" on all formal occasions such as Lodge meetings, formal banquets, etc. On informal Masonic occasions such as after meeting luncheons, Ladies Night parties, etc., he may be addressed as Worshipful Brother (Jones, Smith, or whatever his last name may be). When he becomes a Past Master he retains the title "Worshipful Brother" the rest of his life.

The title "Right Worshipful" is given to a brother who becomes a Grand Lodge Officer. The list of Grand Lodge Officers who bear the title "Right Worshipful" includes the Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and the other Grand Line Officers, the District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Directors of Ceremony, Grand Sword Bearers, Grand Stewards, Grand Chaplains, Grand Representatives, Grand Lecturer, Proctor, Grand Historian and a limited number of others. They retain their title throughout life. The title of the Grand Master is "Most Worshipful," and he retains the title as Past Grand Master.

**DeMOLAY**

**ROCHESTER CHAPTER ORDER OF DE MOLAY**

Starting off the busy month of Dec., we find RCOD, looking forward to much excitement. Dec. 2nd RCOD Chapter Sweetheart nominees were presented before an open chapter: Deborah Lord, Kathy Gutzmer, and Melodie Hagstrom from Triangle, and Ginnie Thompson from Constellation. Final decisions were made Dec. 14.

Dec. 14 & 15 was "Sock it to me, Richy", Fall Festival - at the Central Section of the Downtowner Motor Motel. The Grand Banquet and Installation topped a fun filled weekend.

The RCOD sold candy at the Temple for the Cold Sands Ceremonial of the Shrine. We had a very successful sale! Any of you Damascus Shrine members want some candy?

On Dec. 16, the Initiatory Degree was executed flawlessly for: Jame Dax, James Robeson, Ronny Malau, Michael Coogan received the Degree. Master Councilor King Houston presiding over the works. The DeMolay Degree, an excellent dramatic and inspirational performance, was held on Dec. 23rd in Cathedral Hall.

The Sweetheart Ball was held on Dec. 21 from 9 - 1 P.M. at the Temple in Ballroom A & B. Really, believe it or not, everybody looked very distinguished (and neat) It was really an "Affair To Remember".

I hope everyone had a very blessed and happy Christmas. This is one of the most important holidays for all Masons, Order of Eastern Star, Concordant Bodies, DeMolay, Triangle and Constellation! Let's each try to enforce, (in our own way) the adage, "Let There Be Peace on Earth".  
Fraternally,  
Bro. D. Kent Snyder, Sr. Dea.

**COUNCILMAN WOOD TO ADDRESS JANUARY MEETING OF PAST MASTERS SUPPER CLUB**

City Councilman and Bro. Robert F. Wood will address the January 24th meeting of the Past Masters Supper Club, to be held at the Moose Club on Friday, Jan. 24th, 1969.

After a Social Hour, dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M.

Councilman Wood, a former Assistant District Attorney and Councilman-At-Large for the City of Rochester, will speak on the subject of Metropolitan Law Enforcement and the need for Metropolitan solutions to today's urban problems. Councilman Wood is a member of Seneca Lodge No. 920, F. & A.M.

John Moll, Past Master of Fairport Lodge, President of the Past Masters Supper Club will install the new officers, namely Harry C. Kittredge, Jr., Seneca Falls Lodge, Vice President; and Lawrence Polley, Henrietta Lodge, Secretary-Treasurer. A special invitation is extended to all 1968 Past Masters. Phone Larry Polley, 671-1208 for reservations.

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No. 920  
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## MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren:

This will be my last message to you as Master of Seneca Lodge. I do not have the poetic ability of my predecessor, W: Bro. Ellsworth VanGraefeland, so will not be able to put my thanks to each and everyone in verse as he did.

Eleven years seems like a long time from the beginning, however, upon looking back it was so very short. Especially this last year which will be one that I shall always remember and treasure. It has been truly rewarding and I am grateful to have had the opportunity. I am especially grateful to R: W: Norman Selke for starting me in line and for his generous support in many ways through the years.

I thank the brothers and officers for their help in making this a successful year. Without your assistance it could not have been possible.

Our annual tea was a great success and I know that all who attended enjoyed themselves. Our Fellowcraft President Howard Stickney, with his gracious wife Marion, did a wonderful job. The table was most attractive and lovely with a beautiful centerpiece of red carnations. Marion and Louise Whitley baked most of the cookies. W: Adrian Spencer, Bro. James Christie and I were all deeply appreciative for having been so honored.

At our November meeting, we raised a class of seven brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The dramatization by the Fellowship Degree Team, under the direction of W: Harry C. Kittredge, was one of the finest that we have had. A personal word of thanks to each and everyone who contributed his time and effort.

Jan. 21 Lodge meeting will be an open meeting to which all the ladies will be invited. Please invite your lady to join you for dinner. Entertainment will be provided for the ladies after dinner.

In closing may I take this opportunity to wish each of you and your family a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year. Fraternally,  
Allen M. Brewer, Master

## SENECA PERSONALITY

Scanning Seneca's membership roster, one is impressed with the many vocations it represents in the arts and sciences-government at every level, law and the courts, education, music, engineering, printing and publishing, transportation, the ministry, manufacturing, commerce and about everything else we might have skipped. And, the more inter-

esting, our members are leaders in whatever their calling. Realizing we are talking about our active membership it is to be noted they are prominent too, in Masonry and all of its branches and in the Shrine.

While we refer to active membership let's not overlook the retirees—Bro. R. James Christie lost his voice when a cancerous larynx was removed in 1956. Determined to overcome his handicap, he studied the methods of esophageal voice schools located in New York and Boston. Esophageal voice is a process of speech made possible by swallowing air, with the larynx removed, an opening in the neck enables the laryngectomee to breathe. For speech, air is swallowed through the mouth, is vibrated in the upper esophagus and sounds are made through normal use of the tongue, teeth and lips.

Jim retired as district manager of Humble Oil Co. in 1959. Following retirement he organized the "Lost Chord Club" with fifteen members in 1960 and now has grown to 110. During the past decade he has taught the esophageal voice method to nearly three hundred people, enabling them to hold their regular positions, some as executives and some as salespeople.

He estimates the incidence is at the rate of one in every twenty thousand and the ratio of men to women is ten to one. He says the length of time to develop the new voice is dependent on practice and motivation of the student.

In recognition of his leadership, he was elected President of the International Association of Laryngectomees at its 17th Annual Convention, held in Portland, Oregon last August. The Association has 35,000 members in 132 clubs in 12 counties. He will meet with the forty-five directions of the Association in various cities during his two year term of office.

Presently Jim devotes fifty percent of his time as an instructor in speech therapy at the Al Sigl Center.

Surely the foregoing suggests Masonry at work and we acknowledge with considerable pride that R. James Christie is a long time member of Seneca Lodge.  
The Editor

## SUMMONED BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

Bro. Lawrence Earl Beers, July 22, 1968; Bro. Wilbur H. Edwards, November 11, 1968; Wor. Bro. George J. Vetter, November 25, 1968.

Bro. Beers affiliated with Seneca Lodge on August 8, 1914 and for many years has resided in Fulton, N.Y.

Bro. Edwards affiliated with Seneca Lodge on March 21, 1944 and resided on Chelsea Road.

Bro. Vetter was a charter member of Seneca Lodge in June of 1914 and was Master in 1921.

The sympathy of the Lodge is extended to the families of each of our Brothers.

**HENRIETTA LODGE**  
No. 526  
2nd and 4th Tuesdays  
1863 1968



## TRESTLEBOARD

Jan. 7 - Fellowcraft Business Meeting  
Jan. 14 - Installation  
Jan. 10 - Fellowcraft Spaghetti Dinner 6-7:30 P.M.  
Jan. 21 - Fellowcraft  
Jan. 28 - 3rd Degree

## MASTERS MESSAGE

It seems only yesterday that we were looking forward to summer and vacation time. Now we find the year has passed. We have had a good year. It has been one of the highlights of my life, and I would like at this time to express my sincere thanks to all of my officers for the excellent work they have performed this year, also to the Past Masters who have helped me over the rough spots.

Brethren, we have put through three classes of candidates this year and it looks like we will have a full year of 1969. So, brethren, the Lodge needs you. Come out and support the new master and his officers.

I would like to congratulate the new master elect and all his officers and know they will do as fine a job as they did in 1968.

We have presented 2 fifty year pins and 4 life member certificates, which is always a pleasure.

Again, brethren, come out and enjoy the fellowship the Lodge offers you, and we need you.

Ray Cleveland, Master

## FELLOWCRAFT

On Dec. 3rd the Fellowcraft Club had a fine turnout for elections and a fine ham dinner to end the year's labor. A job well done by brothers Lloyd Weston, Herman Deutschbein, Harold Grushow, and their crew.

The 1969 officers are: President, Lloyd Weston; Vice President, Herman Deutschbein; Secretary, Marty Reitz; Treasurer, Harold Onderdonk. Let's all get out and give them our full support this year.

Our Friday, Jan. 10th, we will put a Shagheti and Meatball Supper on at the Lodge from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. This is a new idea for the benefit of the Club and the Lodge. Some of you men can't realize the fellowship that comes when we do something together like these dinners, the steak roast, a work project or degree work. Come out, take part and give a helping hand.

This dinner is open to the public and tickets can be obtained from any officer or at the door. Bring a neighbor or a friend Friday, Jan. 10th from 6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. Donation \$1.50.

Degree Team: Call Master Elect John Cromarty at 271-8103 now to take part in the newest thing in masonry.

## SECOND DEGREE

At the Nov. 25th meeting,

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1st and 3rd  
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## FROM THE EAST

Brethren:

My year as Master was an exciting one, if not spectacular. There were a number of good moments. R:W: Bro. Robert Corbett received his D.D.G.M. apron, some 17 brothers were presented Fifty Year Pins and sixty year certificates, and we celebrated our Diamond Jubilee during our Spring Ladies Night.

The sadder moments are the 17 deaths. In order to offset this yearly loss many more candidates are needed. We start in January with a full class. Let's get back of our new Master and get many more petitions in! Several classes are needed.

The installation of officers will be Monday, Jan. 6th, 1969. The First Degree will be conferred Monday, Jan. 20, 1969. Come on out to the supper at 6:30 P.M. preceding the Degree. Get your reservation in to the Junior Warden.

Fraternally,  
Donald P. Fox.

one of the highlights of this year was a 2nd degree with J.W. Frank Cromarty in the east, S.K. Harold Grushow and W. Bro. Roy Lloyd, who executed one of the finest degrees ever put on in the Henrietta Lodge. Keep up the good work, gentlemen.

## BROTHERHOOD FUND

Send Brotherhood Fund contributions now to W. Bro. Ray Cleveland, 160 Camelot Drive, 14623.

## REMINDER

A summons meeting is exactly what it says. Remember the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree lecture - what your solemn obligations was? You agreed to follow it. Yet the turnout makes one wonder if we have a new breed of Masons who never remembered what his own words were at the time. Your cable tow, brothers is only so long. Is it only threads that hold it? Fraternally,  
Ron Morthorst

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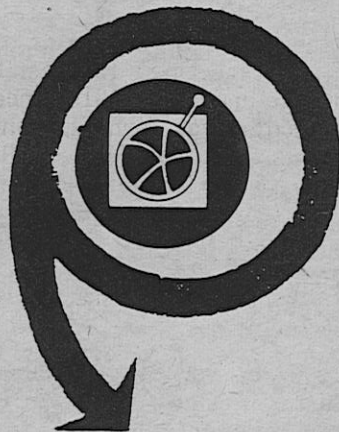
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No. 943  
2nd and 4th  
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Dear Brethren:

In this message, my last as Master, I thank you one and all for the privilege of serving at the helm of the proud ship, Ancient Craft. It is impossible to put in writing my deep and humble appreciation.

Our Oct. 11th meeting, a dinner meeting and election of officers was attended by 40 members, 14 of them past masters. A motion was made seconded and tabled to change the meetings from two to one a month (2nd Wed.). Therefore, our next communication on Jan. 8, 1969 will be a dinner summons meeting and installation of officers; during which time a vote will be taken considering this change.

Also present at this meeting were Bro. Erle B. Laing, Bro. Ernest H. Steinorth, Bro. Edward Hartman and Bro. Louis H. Bonehill from Sarasota, Florida. All of whom added to our evening of good fellowship.

Bro. William H. Stoll attended his 53rd election of officers meeting. He hasn't missed one since 1915 since the lodge was formed. Congratulations Bro. Wm. Stoll.

Of course let us not forget Bro. Ned Y. Husney also one of our most loyal and faithful members.

I congratulate our newly elected officers; Bro. Charles Haines, Master; Bro. John Hobin, Sr. Warden; Bro. Earl Branch, Jr. Warden; Bro. Richard Kieth, Treasurer; and our respected and ever loyal Secretary, W: Bro. Wilson H. DaBoll who has been such a great pillar of strength to each master for the last 30 years. Thank you also Bro. Irving Meyer, tiler 24 years and Bro. Joseph Schofield, organist 21 years. Bro. Schofield also serves as organist for John A. Robertson Lodge and Craftsman Lodge.

I wish you all health, success and a fruitful year.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Bro. Tom Cuthbertson, Batavia Veterans Hospital. Bro. Harry B. Hall, 36 Meriman St., 14607; Bro. Glenn R. Lewis, 53 Anthony St. 14619; Bro. Hugo P. Brun, St. John's Home; Bro. Elmer O Wamp. Beach Ave. Nursing Home; Bro. Donald D. Hollenbaugh, Harpers Trailer Camp.

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

In this my last message to you as Master of Genesee Falls Lodge I wish to express my thanks to my fellow officers, committee members and the "side liners who have made this a year I will never forget. Brothers, thank you again.

We of Genesee Falls Lodge are very grateful to the members of the James A. Hard Post, No. 18 of the Masonic War Veterans for a most impressive Memorial Service conducted at our communication of December 5th.

At our Annual Communication Dec. 19th the following Brothers were elected to serve you during 1969: Bro. Harold Van Lare, Master; Bro. Wm. Zufall, Senior Warden; Bro. Ronald Mertens, Junior Warden; Bro. Gerald Wilson, Treasurer; Bro. Rev. Wm. McKee, Secretary; Bro. Sydney Rosenberg, Temple Trustee. The newly elected brothers will be installed under the direction of Worshipful Brother Harold Metzler on January 2nd. The Installation dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M. in the Third Floor Dining Room.

The Fellowcraft Club elected the following Officers for 1969: President, Bro. Vernon Newell; Vice President, Bro. Bristol Blossom; Secretary, Bro. Tom McGregor; Treasurer, Bro. Sol Stillman; Degree Director, Bro. Norman Smith; Chaplain, Bro. Sydney Rosenberg; Custodian, Bro. Jay Riggs. Plan to attend our next Fellowcraft Club meeting Jan. 23rd. at the New Dutch Mill on Dewey Avenue for their installation. Meeting will take place immediately after our 6:30 P.M. Dinner. Call Bro. David Pinkney at 663-2383 for reservations.

Fraternally,  
Wm. G. Wilson, 1968 Master

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Jan. 2 - Installation Meeting, Dinner 6:30 P.M.  
Jan. 16 - First Degree, Master in the East.  
Jan. 23 - Fellowcraft, New Dutch Mill, Dinner 6:30 P.M.

**CALLED BY THE GREAT ARCHITECT**

Fred H. Emens, age 74, Oct. 21, 1968 at Veterans Hospital. A veteran of World War I and a 50 year member of Ancient Craft. Regional supervisor for the Ralston Purina Co. in Bath and Olean.

Happy New Year to one and all!  
Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
George S. Romanko, Master

**FLOWER CITY LODGE**

No. 910  
2nd Tuesday

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Jan. 14 - Annual Installation Banquet

On December 10th elections were held in the lodge and the following brothers were elected to be our leaders for the insuing year: Master, Dr. Ellis I. Hormats; S.W., Myron D. Kleinberg; J.W. Stan S. Weingart; Senior Deacon, Maurice Solomon; Jr. Deacon, Robert Frolich; Sr. Master of Cere., Jerome Benowitz, Jr. Master of Ceremonies, Nelson Orlen; Steward, Joseph A. Klein and Jerome I Solkoff These men need the support of all of the members of the lodge and no contribution too small.

After the communication the brothers who were present were treated to a belly-full of "Latkes" made under the supervision of Wor. Jerry Glaser. It was a lot of fun.

The next meeting is our Annual Installation Banquet. We are looking forward to a large turnout and tickets may be obtained from any of the officers.

Congratulations are extended to Bro. and Mrs. Samuel Stiles upon their 50 wedding anniversary. To Bro. Ellis I. Hormats who was elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Chemists. To Bro. Sherwin B. Weinstein upon his opening an office for the practice of law at 148 South Fitzhugh St. To Bro. Nelson Orlen who moved to a new quarters in the Executive Office Building.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Fred Anderson, Apt. 340, 180 West Ave.; Leslie Barham, 138 Delmaine Dr.; Geo. Bemish, 243 Alexander St.; Raymond Brink, Brockport, N.y; Lawrence Conger, 121 Dalkeith Rd.; Robert Flint, 141 N. Greece Rd., Hilton, N.Y.; William Gerring, 333 Meigs St.; John Howard, 29 S. Main St., Churchville, N.Y. Otto Henderberg, 3 Pappert Pl.; recovering eye operation; Emanuel Kahn, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Hiram Levy, Davenport, Iowa, John Miller, 71 English Rd.; Donald MacCowan, 118 Clifton St., F. Leo Meagher, Apt. 2, 1511 Winton Rd. N.; Frank Manske, Infirmary, St. John's Home, 1262 South Ave., Edward Repp, Hill Haven Home, 1550 Empire Blvd., Webster N.Y.; Col. Francis Repp, Coronada, Cal.; Frank Pitcher, 645 Stone Rd.; Sydney Rosenberg, General Hospital, broken hip; W. Ring has been ill with Flu.

**CALLED HOME BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT**

Emmanuel Levin, raised, March 28, 1946, called home, Sept. 8, 1968, at Van Uys, Calif.; Life Member, George E. Taylor, raised, April 21, 1938, called home, Nov. 17, 1968, at Avon Park, Florida, Life Member, 50 year button, Earl V. Perry, raised Dec. 23, 1910, called home Nov. 23, at Springwater, N.Y.; Life Member, Charles O. Peath, raised March 3, 1938, called home Dec. 10, 1968.; Life Member Frederick C. Heintz, raised July 30, 1918, called home Dec. 18, 1968, Pasadena Calif.



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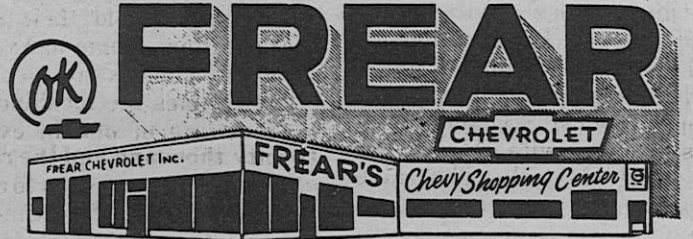
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**YONNONDIO LODGE**  
No. 163  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays



**TRESTLEBOARD**

Jan. 7 - Installation of Officers.  
Jan. 14 - Officers Meeting 211 Aldine Street.  
Jan. 21 - First Degree - Master.  
Jan. 28 - Fellowcraft Club.  
Feb. 4 - 1968 Candidates and Past Masters Night - Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

**PAST MASTER'S REMARKS**

As retiring Master of Yonnonodio Lodge, I wish to express my thanks to Officers, Fellowcraft Club, and members for the privilege of working with them and to know that I had their support. The diligent execution of the duties of my Officers was an indication that they will continue in Masonic leadership in their years to come. The Fellowcraft Club's interest in the School of Ritual was shown by their assistance in achieving the attendance banner of the School of Ritual for the third consecutive year. And to all the members of Yonnonodio, thank you for this honored opportunity of presiding as Master of our Lodge for the past year.

It has been rewarding and gratifying to have been a part of our Masonic Brotherhood in the office of Master. I wish that the friendship and fellowship which is so evident at our meetings could be communicated to those Brothers who are shut-in and unable to be with us on these occasions. We should be more aware of those members who are ill or unable to come to Lodge. We certainly would welcome notes or reminders from, and about, these Brothers.

I hope your Holiday has found you well and happy among your family and friends, and I look forward to seeing you again as we begin a new year.  
Fraternally,  
W: Marshall E. Hughes

**IN MEMORIUM**

Yonnonodio Lodge extends its sympathy to the families of the following brothers who have departed from our earthly world during the past year of 1968: Bros. Donald E. Paxton, Harry W. Menzies, Henry R. Dutcher, Thomas A. Anderson, George W. Walbaum, William Baumann, Albert H. Friend, Leo A. Beir, Charles C. Maddocks, Edward V. Line, Howard C. Dana, David Raudenbush, Rudolph Baschnagle, Harry R. Snazel, Ernest R. Parnell, Howard L. McCall, William F. West, Edward W. Loeb, Frank A. Bricka, Herman Martin, W: Bro. William J. Yates.

**COMING MEETINGS**

Traditionally, our first communication, Jan. 7th, will be the Installation of Officers. R:W: Len Parker will be Installing Officer and W: Bro. William Buchanan will act as Marshal. Our second meeting, Jan. 21st, will be a First Degree under the direction of newly elected Master Loren A. Fairbanks.

**FELLOWCRAFT NEWS**

On Jan. 28th, the Fellow-

**OATKA LODGE**  
No. 759  
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Brethren:

With regrets and fond memories we have completed our labour in 1968, but hope that in '69, we can resume with renewed vigor and determination in a further effort in contributing to the Craft.

At the annual meeting was the election of officers and a Third Degree conferred upon four brothers to Oatka Lodge. I would like to welcome Bro. McKinley Gath, Bro. Edward Laydon, Bro. Ray Leat and Bro. Kenneth Merle.

The Election of Officers were as follows: Bro. Dennis A. Livingstone-Master elect; Bro. Robert J. Murphy-Sr. Warden elect; Bro. Burton L. Brown-Jr. Warden elect; W. Bro. Charles H. Webb-Sec'y R.W. Bro. Seldon S. Craw-Treasurer; R.W. Bro. George H. Wager-Trustee.

Brothers, our next communication will be Installation of officers. The installing officers will be as follows: W. Bro. Robert G. Wright, installing Master; W. Bro. Walter Siple, installing Marshall. Please come and give your support to your officers in their new stations and places.

The children's Christmas party was a great success and my thanks to all who helped on this and especially our Junior Warden Robert Murphy and his wife, Nancy. A special thanks to that jolly old fellow who the kids all adore.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

At this writing, W. Bro. Wager is still in Mt. Morris but has been home quite frequently on visits and hopes to be out early this year. Bro. Ted Lunn's wife burned here hand quite severely and I hope will be recovered by this publication.

Bro. Donald Southworth's wife has been sick again and we send our best wishes and speedy recovery to all. And as the Flu bug is really travelling around, I hope that we all can avoid it and if not you have my sympathy.  
Fraternally,  
Dennis A. Livingston Master Elect

craft Club will meet for their first meeting at which they will elect Officers for 1968. The Club's activities however, are already underway. The Dramatization Team will portray the Second Section for Yonnonodio Lodge on Mar. 4th, and again for Clio Lodge on Mar. 18th. Mark your calendars now and contact your Director Ryal DeVois (342-9247) for an active part in an active organization.

Another important Club activity is the attendance at Masonic Funeral Services. We can always use more help. If you haven't been asked recently or wish your name added to the telephone list for this purpose, call Bro. Frank Kelsey (244-2037). Your support will be appreciated by those who need encouragement during those hours of sorrow.

**INTERESTED IN MASONRY? Support the Brotherhood Fund.**

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

Brethren:

It seems like only yesterday that I was made a member of this great fraternity. Yes, the sands of time pass swiftly. As your master elect, I must take this opportunity to thank you, who helped during that long journey to my new position in the East. Special thanks goes to my brother-in-law, retiring Master Russell Lane. As I think back to my earliest days in lodge, it is apparent that we have others who deserve recognition: the Marshall and First Craftsmen of the degree team; the chairman of the Christmas Party, the chairman of the annual corn and sausage roast. These leaders and loyal brothers have served in these positions as long as I've been in lodge! I invite you, who do not know them, to attend our next meeting on Jan. 8th, they will be introduced. There must be more of you like them who are willing to serve in some capacity for the benefit of our brothers.

The annual meeting of 1968 took place on Dec. 11th, with also the Third Degree being presented to six brothers. I believe we must have set a couple of records that nite: all six of the candidates were sponsored by the same brother, Bob Banister, and we retired from lodge at an early hour when considering the program. Bro. Joe Guinta prepared the lunch.

Our Christmas Party, Dec. 7th was well attended and of course all the kids had a wonderful time. Special thanks go to R.W. William Lauweret for the tree, and to the brothers who helped decorate it Sat. morning, our jolly Santa Claus, W. Bro. Al Cullingsworth, and W. Bro. Wayne Cowell the chairman.

Frank Arnold, chairman of the Brotherhood Fund Campaign, reports that we are off to a good start. If you have not yet contributed, send your contributions to: Frank Arnold, 942 Rumson Rd, 14616, or see him at our next meeting.

Here's a New Year's resolution for you: get that petition submitted.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

W. Bro. Emil Dormeyer is reporter to be improving and may be home by the time this reaches you. Ray Batterson is at home, 400 Driving Park Blvd, Walter Lang, 345 Magnolia St., Lyell Adams, 64 Earl St., R.W. Bro. Wm. Lauweret, 43 Wisconsin St.

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Jan. 3 - Past Master's Dinner - Treadway Inn, East Ave. at Alexander, 7:30.

Jan. 8 - Installation of Officers

Jan. 16 - Officers Rehearsal

Happy New Year !!  
Fraternally,  
Ronald N. Ogren, Master Elect

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**FAIRPORT LODGE**  
No. 476  
2nd and 4th Mondays

Brethren:

It's getting to that time of year when all good things must come to an end, and I hope to a good start.

The following are your Officers for 1969: Master, W.H. (Bud) McCullough; Sr. Warden, Carl Trowbridge; Jr. Warden, Roger Scott; Treasurer, William Lewis; Secretary, Gerald Becker; Chaplin, Paul M. Carin; Sr. Deacon, Kenneth Kennedy; Asst. Sr. Deacon, George Siegal; Jr. Deacon, Warren Bills; Sr. M.C., Ted Summers; Jr. M.C. Russel Schmidt; Sr. Steward, Melbourne Staudmyer; Jr. Steward, Jay Stubbing; Marshal, Steven E. Glaze; Organist, Carl Mosher and Tyler John Miller. If you don't know them come to Lodge and meet them, they would like to meet you.

Installation will be held on Monday, Jan. 13, 1969 at 7:30 P.M. If possible, let's all be there and meet the new Officers.

The annual Fellowcraft Smorgesborg will be held on Monday, Jan. 20th at 7:00 P.M. at the Sterling Diner on Fairport Rd.

On Jan. 27th there will be a First Degree. These are wonderful opportunities to help support your Lodge and Officers, also to meet the new Candidates.

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

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Jan. 7 - Installation of Officers. Swiss steak dinner at 6:30 P.M. Lodge open 7:30 P.M. For reservations call Radcliff at 586-1732 or John Borland at 586-3325. By Jan. 3 rd. please.

Jan. 14 - Fellowcraft Club Election of Officers and cards.

Jan. 21 - Questions and answers on the Third Degree Also talk on Masonic etiquette

Jan. 28 - Officers Meeting-time and place to be announced later.

Don't forget March 15, 1969 this is the date for the 2nd Annual Penfield Union Lodge Ball to be held at the Green Lantern Inn, Fairport, New York. This event was enjoyed by many of our members and guests last year and is being held again this year. John Borland, S.W.

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**FAME LODGE**

No. 945  
2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Brethren, with the Holiday Season coming to an end, it is time for us to look forward to a new, and I hope rewarding year. As Master-Elect of your Lodge, I assure you that with the assistance of my fellow officers and the participation of YOU my brethren, Fame Lodge will have a rewarding year. Involvement my brothers will be the keynote of this year. Borrowing a thought from our Secretary's Report, let us all become involved with the business of our lodge. In the process both the lodge and we ourselves will become better men.

The installation of officers this year, on Jan. 14th, will be preceded by a roast beef supper provided by Culver Chapter, cards will be sent out shortly, please reply promptly.

Any brother not receiving reservation cards, wishing to be advised of coming suppers, contact either the secretary or myself.

Our schedule for January includes, Installation service conducted by Wor. Bro. Keith Moore on January 14th. Discussion of Masonic etiquette and proper procedures for visiting brother lodges on January 28th, by Rt. Wor. William Gavitt, Wor. Bro. Everet White and Wor. Bro. Robert Avery.

Feb. 11th is the first degree put on by Bro. Robert Hebner there are still openings in this class, if petitions are promptly presented they can still be acted upon, allowing the men to enter this class. We are still in need of a regular tiler, any interested contact Bro. Cyril Walker or myself.

In closing this message, I would like to thank the 20 men of our 387 membership who were able to get involved in our Annual meeting and to exhort the remainder to LETS GET INVOLVED!!  
Fraternally,  
John Ferraro, Master

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Bro. Richard Zahn has had another operation on his knee and is home recuperating. Bro. Chet Lauterbach slipped on a throw rug and broke his hip. Bro. Wilbur Wolber is recovering from a recent hospitalization. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Bro. Elmer LaLande on the loss of his wife, Hazel. A contribution is being made to the Irondequoit High School Scholarship Fund in her memory.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE CRAFT**

Bro. and Mrs. Cy Walker are visiting their son in Los Angeles. Brother Charles Kreokle has been elected Vice President of Eastman Kodak Square Club Congratulations! Bro. Dr. Elmer J. Pammenter received his 50 year pin in Lodge on Nov. 26, 1968. He was raised in June of 1918. Bro. and Mrs. John Dense became the proud parents of a 6lb. 9 oz. girl on Dec. 10, 1968. The Third Degree was conferred on Bro. Peter J. Vandermallie, Nov. 26, 1968. A note was received

**UNION STAR LODGE**

No. 320  
1st Wednesday

Brethren:

December the 4th was our annual communication with the election of officers. The officers for the insuing year will be Bro. Carlton Lester, Master; Bro. Thomas O. Southern, S.W.; Bro. Richard F. Arnold, G.W.; Rt. W. Bro. Ralph B. Gray, Treasurer; W. Bro. Charles W. Lord, Trustee for 3 years.

Dec. the 11th was a special Communication called for the 3rd or Master Mason Degree. The newly raised Brothers are Bro. Neil Boticelli, and Bro. Gerald Sherry. A dinner preceded the meeting when 3 Fifty Year certificates and medals were presented to W. Bro. Joseph N. Peck, Bro. McKinly O'Brien, Bro. Geo. Corbey.

Our January meeting will be on the 8th as Jan. 1st is our regular meeting night. A special dispensation is being obtained for this meeting on the 8th.

Our lodge officers will be installed by the Genesee Wyoming District Purple Apron Club. I do hope that as many of you that can, attend this Installation Ceremony. A dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M. by the officers' wives. Reservations by cards being sent or by calling 624-1024 or 624-3424.

I wish to extend to all of you a safe, happy and healthful New Year. Fraternally,  
Richard F. Rosier, Master

from Bro. Charlie Weeks, saying he was enjoying a stay in Florida, and would be stopping in Rochester early in Jan. He hopes to be able to get to a Lodge meeting. Bro. and Mrs. Fred Barto returned from an enjoyable trip to Hawaii. On the return trip, they had a three day layover in Las Vegas. From there, Bro. Fred rode home in a barrel. Be sure to mark Jan. 14 on your calendar. This is installation night. Let's show W. Bro. John Ferraro that we will support him.

Best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Your fraternal reporter,  
Bob Hebner

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**ETOLIAN LODGE**

No. 479  
2nd and 4th Mondays

Brethren:

On Nov. 25th, the following brothers received the Third Degree: Bros. Colin Baker, David Beatson, Eugene Brendel, Roy Burley.

The Past Masters did a superb job. A Ham dinner was enjoyed by all.

I am sorry that Bro. Hewlet Bounds did not receive his Third Degree as he was confined to Park Avenue Hospital.

At our Annual Meeting for Election of Officers on Dec. 2nd, the following Brothers were elected:

Master, . . . Septemius DiLauro; Sr. Warden, Bro. George Lynch, Jr.; Jr. Warden, Bro. Raymond . . . rroughs; Secretary, W: Bro. Clark Kunes; Treasurer, W: Bro. Howard Amish; Trustee, W: Bro. William Baldwin

Installation of the Officers will be on January 13, 1969.

On Jan. 22nd. there will be an open meeting. Master Elect Brother Septimius DiLauro would like all Etolian Brothers to bring along a visitor.

On Jan. 19th, Bro. Francis Flagg will be installed as Commander of Masonic War Veterans. Installation will be held at Etolian Lodge at 7:00 P.M. All Brethren and their wives are invited to attend. A Roast Beef Dinner will be served at 5:30 P.M. If planning to attend, please contact Bro. Flagg.


I would like to wish all Brethren a Joyous Holiday. Fraternally,  
James Powell

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**WAKAN LODGE**

No. 1054  
2nd and 4th Mondays  
Brethren:

At our last meeting, Dec. 7, 1968, Dr. & Bro. Robert C. Pettit was elected Master for 1969. At the same time, Bro. Joseph Dimino was elected Sr. Warden, and Bro. Glen Goodno was elected Jr. Warden. The elected Deacons are Bro. Henry Kascher, S.D., and Bro. Leon Lawrence, J.D. The installation of these newly elected officers will be on Jan. 13th, 1969, and will be preceded by a roast beef dinner.

Also at this meeting, 25 year pins were presented R: W: Charles Thompson, W: Wilford Crayton, Bros. Charles Mead and Ralph Barker. 25 year pins will be sent to Bros. J. Emmett Tune, Henry Loescher, Kenneth Schultz and Barton Cragg. Congratulations to these brothers on attaining this milestone in their Masonic lives. Fraternaly, W: Edmund K. Lange, Master

**FROM THE WEST**

We hope for a banner year for Wakan Lodge in 1969, and in order to have such a year your attendance in Lodge is necessary and earnestly solicited. The second meeting in January and the first meeting in February will be Roll Call Nights. When the Master that was in office the year you were raised contacts you, please make every effort to attend. We look forward to renewing old acquaintances and meeting old friends at these special meetings.

The program for the first part of the year is as follows:

- Jan. 13 - Installation.
- Jan. 27 - Roll Call Night.
- Feb. 10 - Roll Call Night.
- Feb. 24 - First Degree.
- S:W: Joseph Dimino in the East.
- Mar. 10 - Speaker from the F.B.I.
- Mar. 24 - Second Degree.
- J:W: Glenn Goodno in the East.
- Apr. 14 - Speaker on Water Pollution.
- Apr. 28 - Third Degree. W: Robert Pettit in the East.
- May 12 - Speaker on Boating Safety. Father & Son's Night. Pancake Supper.
- May 26 - Speaker from Genesee Brewery.
- June 9 - Sport Shirt Night. Euchre Tournament.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Mar. 15 - Ladies Night at Barnard Exempts.  
June 13 - Annual Picnic at White House, Webster Park.  
It is hoped that this program will be varied enough to appeal to all the brothers, and any suggestions that you may have to improve it are always welcome. Fraternaly, S:W: Robert C. Pettit, Master-Elect

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**ORPHEUS LODGE**

No. 1082  
2nd Tuesday

Orpheus extends its best wishes to all for a Happy Holiday Season, and with the hope that a healthy and happy New Year is in store for everyone.

The year's activities closed with a special communication on Dec. 19. at which a First Degree was conferred upon three candidates: Gordon Haggett, Richard Albee, and Sol Greenstein.

We look forward to the installation meeting on Jan. 14, at which the 1969 slate of officers will be installed, headed by the incoming W. Master, Donald Johnson, with Gordon Katzen as Senior Warden, and Robert Harrison as Junior Warden. Our congratulations are extended to you fine officers. Wm. Dworkin, Master

**NORTHFIELD LODGE**

No. 426  
1st and 3rd Thursdays

Brethren:

As another year draws to a close, it means that I'll be turning over the gavel to the incoming Master. It is with sentiment that I relinquish my station in the East as I have made many friends in the months gone by. The pleasant memories will always remain and I'll be forever grateful to those responsible especially to R:W: Bro. Harry Kennedy, W: Bros. Frank Ross, and Jack Thibaut and to all the Brothers who have been helpful in many ways. I know the new Officers will receive the same cooperation and assistance as I have and my congratulations to each one with every success in their new assignments. We had a good year at Northfield and I'm sure the months ahead will be even better. Last, a most happy and prosperous New Year to all. Fraternaly, Ivan M. Dreisbach, Master

**ROCHESTER LODGE**

No. 660  
2nd and 4th Mondays

In 1969, let us continue our forward progress, we have turned the corner as better attendance and participation was significant. The fine dinners and lunches will continue with interesting lodge meetings planned for the coming year. Your favorite lynch will be served for the New Officers Installations on January 13.

The Fellowcrafts Annual meeting, Jan. 6 is one the brethren turn out in large numbers, especially with its unusual refreshments and lunch. All newly raised bro. are cordially invited to attend. All brothers of 1966-67-68 class are urged to contact me now, for their roll in the New Third Degree Team. You will enjoy and greatly benefit from this experience. Respectfully, L.J. Fonte, Jr. Warden

Fraternal greetings to all our brothers. We your Officers hope that you have enjoyed a happy and joyous holiday season.

Come and join us at Lodge. Meet your new officers, support them with your attendance.

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Jan. 6 - Annual Fellowcraft Meeting. Initiation of new candidates.

Jan. 13 - Installation Night. All brothers plan to attend - support your new line of Officers.

Jan. 27 - Meeting - Rededication Night.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

William Kevin, Ray Keyes, Ernest Brums, Adelbert MacNally, Cosmo Ange, Gus Landsa, William Kuknert, Andy Thoma, aris, John Stauber, Herb Rowling, Roy Tiffany, Fred Huck, Allen Brewer, Harry Steward, C. S. Garrows. To our brothers who are ill we wish you a speedy recovery. Our

thoughts and best wishes are with you.

Your Brotherhood Chairman, Louis J. Fonte is doing a splendid job but he still needs your support and in your contribution they are for a very worthy cause, your Masonic Home.

If anyone has moved please notify your Secretary Ken Moore.

The Lodge extends best wishes to our newly raised brethren of 1968. Ross Richardson, David Wishart, Helmut Bescherer, William Garn, Gordon Bates, George Hazard, George Morris, Bill Sutherland.

Brethren, try to attend Installation night. You will hear more on Rededication Night. We have an excellent program planned.

Fraternaly yours, Gordon E. Wilson

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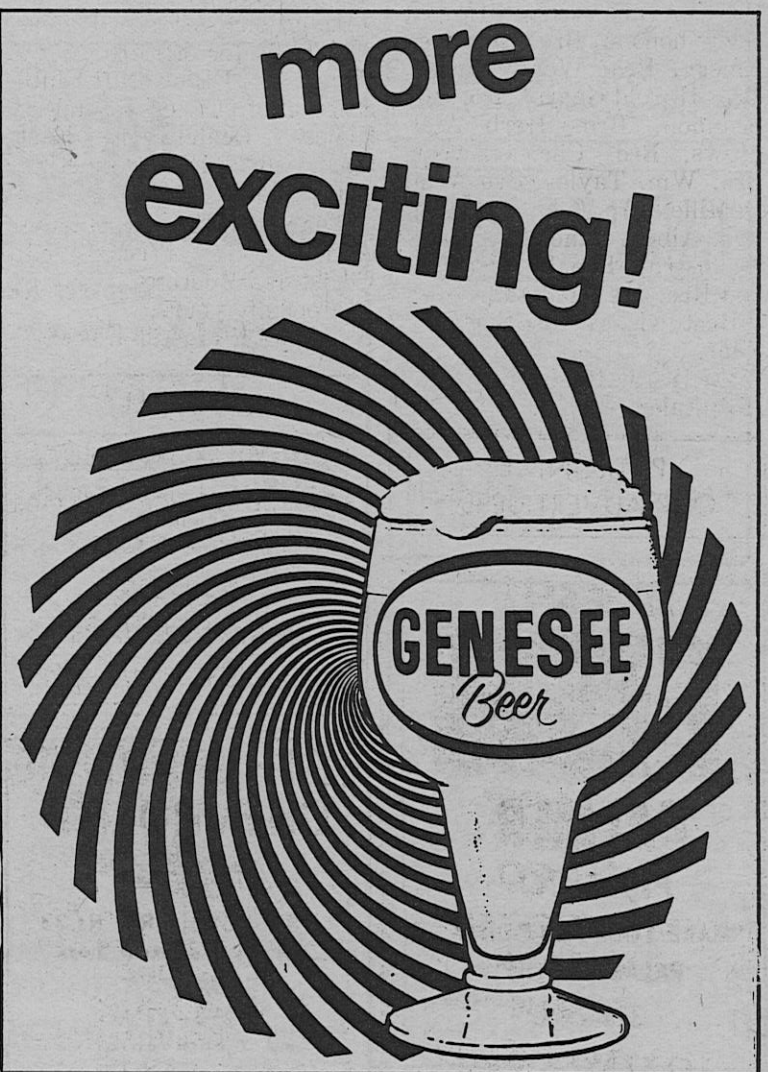
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**JOHN A. ROBERTSON LODGE**  
No. 1032  
1st and 3rd Mondays

Brethren:  
The new year will soon be here. Now is the time when making resolutions to think of Masonry and include these. I will remember my two degree obligations, I will "turn off" T.V., noninvolvement, etc. and turn on 1032.

I will better my attendance record by 25%. These are easy - from here on they give more of a challenge. Are you able?

There are changes all about us as we live in these times. Tradition helps but the principles can guide us. In the past few months the discussions and friendliness of the after meeting lunches has been outstanding. Why not come and meet some of your brethren over coffee, sandwiches, donuts, cake or whatever.

The Installation of the 1969 Officers will occur Jan. 6th. Lodge will open at 6 P.M.. A dinner at 6:30 P.M. will precede. Please call 467-0388 to confirm your reservations. Your new Master, Ron Sterling has formulated plans for a stimulating year. Come and enjoy the activities throughout.

On Dec. 15th the Officers met at Bro. Ron Sterlings cafe in preparation for the new year. Glad to see W:B: Milton Kingsley there. Plans were discussed, reports made and charts updrawn for the year ahead. Our goal is to increase membership - since we have dropped below 400 members for the first time in many years.

On Dec. 16th the Annual Meeting was held with dispatch. The dinner beforehand was excellent and well attended. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Worshipful Master, Ronald B. Sterling; Sr. Warden, Thomas L. Davisy; Jr. Warden, Cliffon N. Hayner II; Secretary, W:B: Merle Nulton; Treasurer, W:B: Conrad O. May, and Trustee, W:B: A. Harry Reetz. The annual reports were read and approved.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Bro. Clarence A. Brethren is coming along fine after having a cataract removed. It is reported that W:B: Conrad O. May has the Hong Cong flu.

**COMINGS & GOINGS**

Congratulations to W: Bro. Dean Critchell who has just completed 40 years at Eastman Kodak Co. If anyone knows of some good stock tips please contact your trustees. I understand they are looking for another Haloid. It appears we will have candidates this winter and a Past Masters Degree Team. My wife and I had a delightful week in the sun the first week in December. We visited my parents in Pompano Beach, Florida. We soaked up enough Vitamin C to protect as from the flu bug to date. Boat rides, fishing, swimming, a plane ride and sightseeing kept us busy. The whole area is booming so maybe that stock should be Florida Power and Light. I have sincerely enjoyed being

**CHARLOTTE LODGE**  
No. 1088  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays

**MASTER'S MESSAGE**

In this, my last message, I would like to thank every member of 1088 for the honor of serving as Master of our Lodge. It has been a bit frightening moving through the years feeling you are going to have to follow the very talented Bros. who have served as Master before you. The help received from these Past Masters and every member of the Lodge has made the work so much lighter.

Thanks also to the Officer line and Committees. A Master simply delegates work, his line and committees carry the work out.

My congratulations and best wishes to Jack Booth on his being elected Master, Tom VanLare, Senior Warden, Dayle Martin Junior Warden and all who have been appointed.

A very special thanks to R: W: Merritt Vaughan, R: W: Kenneth Kingston and Wor. Bro. Kenneth Bump.

Attendance this year has been very gratifying and I urge every member to make an effort to attend more regularly. It is your attendance that makes your officers work more pleasureable and the work more impressionable to the new candidates.

Fraternally,  
Marvin H. Williams

**SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK**

I am not a Tart as printed in the Dec. issue thos perhaps I might wish I could be - alas, too old for such aspiration. Forty days hospitalization, in 1968, allows me to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year for 1969 and include myself in the healthy end of the stick.

Our Lodge enjoyed a fine evening Dec. 3rd with D.D.

your reporter this year and hope you have been kept up to date.

**CLIP AND SAVE TRESTLEBOARD**

- Jan. 6 - Installation-Formal Dinner 6:30 P.M.
- Jan. 20 - Business and Entertainment.
- Feb. 3 - Business.
- Feb. 17 - First Degree, Jr. Warden in East.
- Mar. 3 - Ladies Night (watch this space).
- Mar. 17 - Second Degree-Sr. Warden in East.
- Apr. 7 - Card Party.
- Apr. 21 - Third Degree, Formal Dinner 6:30 P.M.
- May 5 - Move-up-night.
- May 19 - Masters report from Grand Lodge.
- June 8 - Family Picnic.
- Aug. 23 - Corn & Sausage Roast - Ray Volks Farm.
- Sept. 15 - Business Meeting.
- Oct. 6 - First Degree-Jr. Warden in East.
- Oct. 20 - D.D.G.M. Official Visit.
- Nov. 3 - Second Degree - Sr. Warden in East.
- Nov. 17 - Business Meeting.
- Dec. 1 - Third Degree - Formal Dinner 6:30 P.M.
- Dec. 12 - Christmas Party.
- Dec. 15 - Annual Meeting.

G.M. R:W: Robert J. Corbett accompanied by R:W: Everett Vail, Gr. Steward, made his official visit. "Verbiage" is defined as the superfluous of words in proportion to essence or content. Bro. Corbett's message made a shambles of this word. In addition he presented a 50 yr. pin to Bro. Robert Muir, 103 Northgate Rd., a member of National Lodge No. 12, Washington, D.C. in our Lodge with appropriate exchange of compliments.

Bros. James Jenkins, John Mattice and Walter Strasser lost their mother, brother and Mother in that order. The Lodge sent condolences to all. Bro. Mattice at this writing, Dec. 14th, is in Highland Hospital following three operations and has our hopes and prayers for recovery. Bro. Strasser lost his father a year ago in this season.

Please, pretty please, call me, drop me a card or letter or something that I may know your change of address. So important for all concerned. Thank You - and while you are doing that you might include 67, 68, 69 dues if not paid. I have the card if you haven't. Again thanks.

See you in Lodge, I hope with fingers crossed. Fraternaly,  
Dr. Merritt C. Vaughan,  
Past R:W: Past Master  
But just "Doc" Secretary

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Jan. 7 - Installation of Officers - Bro. Jack Booth as Master; Bro. Tom VanLare Senior Warden; Bro. Dayle Martin Junior Warden.

Jan. 21 - First Degree - First Class - Master Jack Booth in the East - Class of five candidates.

Feb. 4 - Open Meeting.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Bro. John Mattice in Highland Hospital; Bro. Merle Evoy in Northside General Hospital; W: Bro. Fritz Bonehill in St. Ann's Home. These Brothers are recuperating at their homes: Bro. Winifred Emery, Bro. Westly Grace, Bro. Harold Gears, Bro. Roy Scaddon, Bro. Herb Andrews, Bro. Chrls Sweet, Bro. Wm. Taylor, Bro. Wm. DeMille, Bro. Glen Kenyon, Bro. Albert Lane, Bro. Rudy Bromstrup, Bro. Earl Hughes and Bro. Joe Atkinson.

Best wishes for the New Year.  
W:B: Harry Palmer,  
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No. 990  
2nd and 4th Tuesdays

May I start by wishing you the very best in this New Year. Let us each be thankful we are given a new series of seasons to plan and hope for.

Fraternally, our plans are off to a good start, with most officers continuing to serve, petitions in for a new class, and a program almost completed for this coming year. Start the year off right by accepting my personal invitation to attend the first meeting of the year, Jan. 14. We will start with dinner at 6:30 in the 3rd floor dining room. Lodge opens at 7:45 sharp, a brief business meeting, then our Annual official visitation of our DD GM, Ralph Kellogg, our Master Dick Hills' last official business, after which the gavel will be turned over to our installing Master, DW Ben Taylor, with W. Bob Anderson as installing Marshall. Closing will be by yours truly, with refreshments and fellowship following. By your attendance, you will be expressing your gratitude to you outgoing Master, Dick Hills, your respect for your DDGM Ralph Kellog, and your support for your new officers - shouldn't this be a "must" on your calendar?

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Please take a few minutes to visit or send a card to our sick brothers - it will be appreciated! They are Bro. Tom Berry and Bro. Minor Baker.

Bro. Herb Stevens died suddenly Nov. 21, 1968. A Masonic service was held for him. A "Thank You" for those who attended.

**COMING EVENTS**

Jan. 7 - Officers Meeting-with wives 7:45 at 6 Bay Knoll Rd.

Jan. 14 - Official DDGM Ralph Kelloggs visitation and installation of officers. Dinner 6:30 Tues. for officers.

Jan. 18 - Fellowcraft Club-Election of Officers - Country House - Linden Ave. East Roch. - 6:30 Dinner meeting installation

Thanks to Harv & Marilyn Anderson for a real great Christmas Meeting. Fraternaly yours,  
Irv. Spalty, Master Elect

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**CLIO LODGE**  
No. 779  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Brethren:

As this is the last article that I will be writing as Master, I would like to express to you that this has been a most enjoyable year. I would like to thank all the Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren who have supported and helped me through this wonderful year.

I am very happy that Clio was able to start our new Temple during my year as Master. I am proud to have had a small part in getting this building underway. I thank all the brothers on the Building Committee and Fund Drive Committee. I won't attempt to name all but would especially like to thank W: Bro. Warren Hall, the Building Committee Chairman for a job well done, and also R:W: Bro. Denny Wright, Chairman of the Fund Drive Committee, who has a big job collecting funds for the new building. Three other brothers who were involved in all of these meetings were our Trustees, Bro. Lester Harridine, R:W: Bro. Earl Maggs, and W: Bro. Don Rockcastle. We all owe them a vote of thanks for the fine job they are doing.

The New Year will be almost upon us as you read this message. I wish all of you a very Happy New Year.

On Dec. 3, 1968 a full class of six were raised to Master Mason. We were very happy to have this Degree conferred by the Past Master Shrine Degree Team. A letter perfect job was done by all. A total of 82 masons enjoyed a delicious Roast Beef dinner prior to the Degree.

COMING EVENTS

Jan. 7, 1969 - Installation of Officers. A dinner will precede at 6:30 P.M.

CALLED HOME BY CALLED HOME BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT

It is with deepest sympathy to report the passing of Bro. Edward B. Hendershot and Bro. Charles H. Ainsworth. Both Life Members of Clio Lodge.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Wor. Bro. Earl Maynard is down with the Flu. We all missed you and know you felt bad that you could not take part with the Shrine Third Degree Team. Fraternally, R.L. L'amoreaux Master



UNIVERSITY STAR CHAPTER  
No. 797  
Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Sisters & Brothers:

Greetings, one and all!

As the excitement and hustle-bustle of Christmas fades away, we look forward to a new year of fraternal fellowship, fun, and achievement. Let us all resolve to do our share to make our coming year a happy and successful one.

We have a program planned, some new projects and some old ones revived - which we hope will prove interesting to everyone. There will be things for everyone to do, - and it is by doing that you enjoy and get the most out of your Chapter Membership.

The first and most important thing is to be present at our meetings. It is an inspiration to your leaders in the East to have a good attendance on the sidelines. And it will be an inspiration to you to be there and know what is going on in your Chapter and be a part of it.

Our Installation date is January 2. If you receive this notice before then, we hope each one of you will make a special effort to be there. Officers will wear formals. Paul Chapter will serve the lunch. Dining room chairman will be R: W: Betty Cronk. If it is passed and you missed it, please resolve to come to our other meetings this month and all thru the year.

Other dates for January:  
Jan. 9 - Officers' Club will meet at the home of your Worthy Matron, 145 Saranac Street. All members of the Chapter are cordially invited.

Jan. 16 - Regular Meeting - Presentation of the program for the year. Dining Room Group I will serve lunch.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chapter members for their confidence in us by re-electing us for another year in the East. Our success will depend on your cooperation and assistance. It will mean hard work and a lot of it.

We hope you all had a

FIDELITY TRIANGLE

Nov. 9 - Formal Installation of Officers. Fidelity Triangle was honored by the presence of several visitors from Buffalo & Niagara districts.

Nov. 19 - Fidelity Triangle presented the 23rd Psalm Degree for the members of Craftsman Lodge. W: Master Jasper Miner is a Daddy of Triangle and the Father of Past Queen Phyllis Pomeroy.

Nov. 23 - Fidelity Triangle donated Thanksgiving baskets to the Monroe Masonic Service Bureau for needy families.

Nov. 23 - The newly installed Beloved Queen Debbie Roffe, presented her term plans which were unanimously accepted.

Nov. 24 - About 40 girls and parents attended services at Salem United Church of Christ. It is the custom in Fidelity for each new Queen to designate a certain day as "Obligation Sunday", and she and her officers with members, parents and friends attended the church of her choice.

Nov. 30 - A paper party at the home of Doreen Farely netted \$60.00.

Dec. 6 - Triangle girls helped to serve the lunch for Culver Chapter's reception for R:W: Anna Neudorfer, Grand Esther. Beloved Queen Debbie Roffe is a member of Culver Chapter.

Dec. 7 - A Triangle rummage sale netted \$230.28.

TRESTLEBOARD

Jan. 3 - Slumber party at Mary Walker's.

Jan. 11 - Regular meeting, 7:30 P.M., Majority Degree, honor DeMolay, Chinese Auction. Formal.

Jan. 12 - Roller Skating Party, Olympic Park, 7:30 P.M.

Jan. 25 - Regular meeting followed by Splash Party at Perkins Swim Club.

Jan. 31 & Feb. 1 - Triangle rummage sale, 200 West Main Street.

Joyous Christmas and will have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely & Fraternally,  
W: Frances C. Brouwer,  
W:M: Elect  
W: Ivan Ball, W:P: Elect

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sylvia Wright, 1st; Ruth Baist, 1st; Marion Donke, 2nd; Victoria Brown, 3rd; Joyce DeWolf, 4th; Florence Mason, 4th; Norma Conderman, 9th; R:W: Paul Kopp, 16th; W: Sylvia Carroll, 18th; W: Elmer Carroll, 24th; Ellen Hair, 25th; Philota Brydges, 27th; Ida Woerner, 27th.

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Fidelity Triangle Nov. 9, Visitors from Buffalo & Niagara. Beloved Queen Sandra Dodson, Jr. Deputy Mrs. Edna Marsh, Sr. Advisor Mrs. Mary Rushton, Jr. Advisor Linda Christ, Jr. Advisor Barbara Marsh, Beloved Queen Gladys Kendall.



Fidelity Triangle Oct. 26, six new members initiated, Vicki Evans, Suzanne Peeso, Maureen Coogan, Celia Coogan, Beloved Queen Protem Debbie Roffe, Joyce Struck and Laura Elam.

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**SECRETARY'S NOTES**

January-The month of the beginning. Let every Companion begin the new year right by making the following resolutions: I will attend my Chapter convocations; I will take part in some chapter activity; I will see that my dues are paid.

Again this year R.E. Frank W. Allen and his associates will install the officers of our Chapter. I hope all Companions will support our new High Priest, Kenneth A. Pierce and his officers. They have a banner year planned for you. A good start would be attending installation on Jan. 9th.

1968 was a year in which 28 Companions were called by the Supreme Architect of the Universe. No Companion will be missed more than the R.E. George J. Vetter. He was active in Masonic activities and Hamilton Chapter since 1912. In 1955 he received the bronze medal from the General Grand Chapter. It was only the fifth time the medal had been awarded since 1796 in New York State. The award is for distinguished service. George Vetter was the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter State of New York R.A.M.

He was a charter member and Past Master of Seneca Lodge No. 920, Past High Priest of Hamilton Chapter No. 62 R.A.M., Past Ill. Master of Doric Council No. 19 R. & S.M., Past Commander of Cyrene Commandery No. 39 K.T., member of Rochester Cinsistory, Damascus Temple, York Rite Cross of Honor and the Red Cross of Constantine, and Secretary of the Temple Civic Center Board of Directors from 1956 to 1963.

R.E. George Vetter was a director of and designer for Levy Brothers and Adler of Rochester, Inc., at the time of his retirement in 1954. He had joined the firm in 1902. (Levy Bros. and Adler of Rochester is now part of Michaels Stern and Company.

Surviving are his wife, Emily and a daughter, Mrs. Grover Wood.

If any of our Life Members need a Life Member Dues card, let me know. Otherwise when I receive your dues, I will just send you a receipt. Check now -- all life members should have a card.

Plans are now underway for our annual trip to attend Grand Chapter at Albany in February. If you plan to go, let me know so that reservations can be made. It's a new program and location - The Thruway Motor Inn, Albany. Everything to be held under one roof.

1969 - Our sesquicentennial year - it looks like a big one. See you in Chapter.

Ex. Frank F. Gordnier

**TRESETLEBOARD**

Jan. 9 - Installation  
Jan. 11 - "M.E." Club dinner  
Jan. 23 - Business Convocation  
Jan. 25 - High Priest anointing Dinner

# York Rite News

**CYRENE  
COMMANDERY**

No. 39  
KNIGHTS  
TEMPLAR



Another year is starting and our Em Commander, SK Robert Goddwin wishes all a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Last month I stated that our year would end in the spring. Grand Commandery has changed that. Everyone please take notice. Election of New Officers and reading of reports will be the 10th of January. The Installation will be held on Friday the 24th of January. This may or may not be a public Installation. We will let everyone know in time to make the arrangements. Sorry, but that is it.

At the Conclave in Dec. the changing of some of the By-Laws were passed and the one that effects us most was the dues increase to take care of rising costs to our Commandery. You should receive notices in the mail soon. The others were defeated and no effect to the present by-laws.

We were all saddened at the sudden passing of SK George Vetter, on Nov. 25th, 1968. He was the Dean of the Past Commanders of Cyrene Commandery. Everyone who knew him always spoke very highly of him. The Commandery and friends will miss him very much. To his wife and relatives, he has gone to a place of rest where God will take care of him. His earthly troubles are over. May God give His strength to his Wife and friends in this hour of need.

Under sickness we have quite a few. Our commander Robert Goodwin has been sick with the flu. We hope that he is better soon. SK Roy E. VanDelinder had a bad spell and was in the hospital for a while but is much better now. The wife of SK Horace Porter has a broken hip and will be laid up for a while. SK. Gordon Mosher still has to have the cast on his leg but is doing better now. SK John Sherman is just about the same. SK E.Ray Hager has been sick with the flu but better. Believe that is all I have heard about. Let me know of others please. All would like cards or calls if possible.

Our Christmas Party was called off because of sickness this year, but maybe 1969 will be different. We hope so.

Things happened so fast that we do not the dates of the Installations of other Commanderies so lets start to communicate with other Commanderies and find out, then let us know. Thanks.

Belive that is all for now, Fraternaly yours,  
Em. Commander Robert W. Goodwin, Em Sir Roy E. Huff, Reporter

With regrets and fond memories we have completed our labour in 1968, but hope that in 69, we can resume with renewed vigor and determination in a furhter effort in contributing to the Craft.

**MONROE  
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No. 12  
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**COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

All Sir Knights of Monroe Commandery are hereby summoned to be present at our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on Fri. evening, Jan. 3. A dinner will be served by the Irondequoit Chapter, O.E.S. at 6:15 P.M. For reservations call S.K. Ivan H. Ball, 266-7346.

The Public Installation of Officers of Monroe Commandery will be held on Friday evening, January 17. This colorful ceremony is one of the outstanding events of the year. All Sir Knights and their ladies and friends and relatives are cordially invited to be present. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

At our conclave on Nov. 1, the Sir Knights of Monroe Commandery resolved to actively support the candidacy of Eminent Sir Walter G. Fotch for Grand Warden, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New York at the annual conclave June 3-8, 1969. It is our feeling that Sir Knight Walter is eminently qualified for this office and he will have our full support.

As 1968 closes we remember in our prayers the following Sir Knights who were summoned by the Supreme Commander.

**SUMMONED BY THE  
SUPREME COMMANDER**

Henry Dutcher, Knighted, June 5, 1936, died, Jan. 15, 1968. Malcom W. Gallagher, Knighted Dec. 18, 1936, died Jan. 17, 1968. Edward F. Gosnell, Knighted June 12, 1910, died January 20, 1968, Raymond W. Basworth, Knighted June 3, 1927, died Feb. 8, 1968. Edward J. Hilfinger, Knighted March 3, 1911, died March 24, 1958. Harry R. Quant, Knighted Nov. 16, 1945, died April 8, 1968. Char. E. Sladden, Knighted Nov. 6, 1963, died May 8, 1968. John H. Rogers, Knighted March 30, 1930, died Aug. 4, 1968. Karl Gruber, Knighted April 19, 1946, died Aug. 20, 1968. Conrad Bohman, Knighted, April 6, 1945, died Aug. 29, 1968. Frank H. Schuth, Knighted Dec. 17, 1937, died Sept. 15, 1968. John L. VanDeMark, Knighted April 28, 1911, died Oct. 5, 1968. Phillip Guenther, Knighted Nov. 4, 1921, died Oct. 12, 1968. Harley C. Smith, Knighted May 4, 1921, died Oct. 19, 1968. Earl V. Perry, Knighted Dec. 19, 1919, died Nov. 23, 1968.

Your Commander wishes to take this opportunity to express his sincere thanks to everyone who supported, helped, and participated in commandery activities during

**IONIC CHAPTER**

No. 210  
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**TRESTLEBOARD**

Jan. 14 - Installation  
Jan. 25 - HP Anointing

Election was held and our new High Priest is Kenneth Snyder. Installation will be Jan. 14, with the installing team of ME Clarence Grabb and Frank Allen.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Companions in need of our consolation are many this winter month: Roy VanDelinder, Sr., now at home. Horace Porter's wife has broken her hip. Robert Goodwin is home with an ear infection. Ray Hager is home sick, and your HP Gordon Mosher is still in that leg cast.

One item not to be overlooked as one of the highlights of our Oct. 19th Centennial Celebration -- The Grand High Priest ME George Mason now carries a key to the City of Rochester presented to him by His Honor Frank Lamb, Mayor of Rochester.

G.C. Mosher, HP

the past year. My congratulations and best wishes to our incoming Commander and the officers for the coming year. I know they will have the full support of every member of Monroe Commandery.

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Jan. 3 - Dinner, third floor dining room, 6:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Cathedral Hall, Annual meeting and Election of Officers.

Jan. 17 - Cathedral Hall, Public Installation of Officers, 8:00 P.M.

A very Happy New Year to all Sir Knights of Monroe Commandery and their families.

Fraternaly Yours,  
Joel T. Johnson, Commander

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**MASONIC WAR VETERANS**  
2nd Thursday

A few weeks ago you received a copy of a letter from the U.S.O. thanking us for our contribution of \$183.00 for the purchase of a tape recorder for the servicemen in Vietnam. You should all feel proud of this, especially if you had any part in the raising of these funds. A reproduction of the letter appears elsewhere in this paper. We also received a letter from General Emmett O'Donnell, President of the U.S.O.


Our last regular meeting was one of the best attended in recent years and is a good indication that we need projects, like our tape recorder purchases, to stimulate us to doing things for others.

We also held our election of officers for 1969 and I am glad to report that the slate is as follows:

Commander, Bro. Francis Flagg; 1st. Lt. Comm., W: Bro. Thomas Heller; 1nd Lt. Comm., Bro. Andrew McLeod; 3rd. Lt. Comm., Bro. Terry Flagg; Adjutant Past Comm. Gen., W: Bro. Ray Ring; Finance Officer, Past Comm. Claude Watson; Chaplain, W: Bro. Elbert Seigfried; Capt. Guard, Past Commander, Larry Geith.

Our new commander will have the pleasure of having his son in line which I am sure is a great pleasure for him. Commander elect Flagg announces that the Installation of Officers will take place on Dunday, January 19th at 5:30 P.M. at Etolian Lodge, Spencerport. There will be a Roast Beef Dinner, followed by the Installation. R:W: Norman Selke will be the speaker. This is a public installation, so your families are invited.

In addition to the installation program, there will be the regular Post meeting on January 9th and our visit to Canandaigua on January 12. So, make your plans now



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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### about the SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN ORTHOPEDIC AND BURN UNITS

- 1. WHEN and WHERE was the first Shriners Hospital opened?**  
September 16, 1922, in Shreveport, Louisiana.
- 2. HOW MANY Hospitals are there today?**  
Twenty-two -- nineteen Orthopedic Units and three Burns Institutes. There are fifteen Orthopedic and three Burns Institutes in the continental United States, one in Hawaii, one in Mexico, and two in Canada.
- 3. WHERE are the Hospitals located, HOW MANY beds does each have, and WHEN were they opened?**

#### ORTHOPEDIC:

Chicago, Illinois	68 beds	March 20, 1926
Erie, Pennsylvania	36 beds	1927
Greenville, So. Carolina	60 beds	September 1, 1927
Honolulu, Hawaii	60 beds	January 2, 1923
Houston, Texas	40 beds	1952
Lexington, Kentucky	50 beds	November 1, 1926
Los Angeles, Calif.	60 beds	February 25, 1952
Mexico City, Mexico	60 beds	March 10, 1945
Minneapolis, Minn.	60 beds	March 12, 1923
Montreal, Quebec	60 beds	February 18, 1925
Philadelphia, Pa.	100 beds	June 24, 1926
Portland, Oregon	80 beds	January 15, 1924
St. Louis, Missouri	100 beds	April 8, 1924
Salt Lake City, Utah	50 beds	January 22, 1925
San Francisco, Calif.	60 beds	June 16, 1923
Shreveport, La.	60 beds	September 16, 1922
Spokane, Wash.	40 beds	November 15, 1924
Springfield, Mass.	60 beds	February 21, 1925
Winnipeg, Manitoba	50 beds	March 16, 1925

#### BURNS:

Boston, Mass.	30 beds	November 2, 1968
Cincinnati, Ohio	30 beds	May 22, 1967
Galveston, Texas	30 beds	March 20, 1966

- 4. What was the CONSTRUCTION COST of the Units?**  
There is a construction investment in the Orthopedic Units of nearly \$43,000,000. An additional \$10 million million has been allocated for construction of the Burns Institutes.
- 5. What is the COST per year to OPERATE the Units?**  
Operating costs continue to move upward, and it is now well over \$10 million per year for the 19 Orthopedic Units alone. The Burns Institutes, as a recent undertaking of the Shrine, have not been in operation long enough to establish an accurate figure for the program, although current estimates run about \$1.5 million per Institute per year.
- 6. HOW MANY children are being cured or materially helped ANNUALLY?**  
Over 6,000.
- 7. HOW MANY children have been hospitalized since the hospitals opened?**  
138,146.
- 8. What is the average number of DAYS STAY in the Hospital per patient?**  
Approximately 57 days per patient in the Orthopedic Units. Again, the Burns Institutes program is too new to arrive at an accurate figure.
- 9. What is the average COST per patient?**  
\$1,599.00 for Orthopedic patients during the past year. It has been estimated that the cost to treat a severely burned patient will be more than \$10,000.00. Already some cases in the Burns Institutes have cost in excess of \$20,000.00.
- 10. HOW MUCH has been spent to date for Hospital operating expenses?**  
Nearly \$122,000,000.
- 11. Who is eligible for ADMITTANCE?**  
Children under 15 years of age -- regardless of race or religion -- whose parents or guardians are unable to pay for treatment.
- 12. HOW is a child ADMITTED?**  
Any Shriner can request admittance for a child by securing an application from the Recorder of his Temple or the nearest Hospital Unit.

In emergency cases for the Burns Institutes, the attending physician should call the Chief Surgeon or Administrator of the Institute, describe the case, and if a bed is available and the Chief Surgeon agrees an emergency exists, he may instruct the attending physician to arrange immediate transportation to the hospital. Then the application form shall be completed and forwarded to the Hospital and eligibility determined.

- 13. WHERE does the MONEY come from?**
  1. Shriners' Annual Hospital Assessment of \$5.00.
  2. Income from investments.
  3. Permanent Contributing Memberships

4. Voluntary Subscriber Memberships.
5. Wills and Bequests from Shriners and Non-Shriners
6. Gifts and Contributions from Shriners and Non-Shriners.
7. Contributions from promotional activities by Shrine Temples.
14. **WHAT COSTS must the patient pay?**  
Absolutely none. This work is 100% charitable. No pay-patients are accepted. Shriners Hospitals are operated by a national Board of Trustees and local Boards of Governors who serve without pay. These great Nobles give not only of their time and talents, but often of their finances as well.

#### HOW MANY braces, casts, etc., have been applied since the Hospitals first opened?

Operations	222,944
X-Rays	1,193,680
Casts	569,609
Braces	134,346
Physio-therapy treatments	3,662,524
Clinic visits	1,372,987

#### SPECIAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BURNS INSTITUTE

- 1. What are the PURPOSES of the Shriners Burns Insitutes?**  
To save the children's loves and restore their bodies through instensive care to prevent the crippling effects of severe burns.  
To undertake research in burns therapy to advance medicine's ability to care for and treat children with burns.  
To instruct medical personnel in the care and treatment of burned children.
- 2. Why did the Shriners CHOOSE "children's burns" as an extension of the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children?**  
Severe burns in children, unless properly treated, are our country's greatest unmet medical need. Some authorities call burns the largest single hazard of childhood.
- 3. What is UNIQUE about a Shriners Burns Insitute?**  
Special equipment and facilities enable the staff to provide superior observation at all times and electronic monitoring devices attached to a patient under intensive care transmit heart beat, temperature, blood pressure, and respiration to a central station. Special beds facilitate handling patients when necessary. Laboratory teams will constantly evaluate the patient's condition. The research program studies ways to improve the treatment of all types of burns.
- 4. What SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS are taken in treating burns?**  
Infection is one of the serious hazards in burns cases, therefore, unusual features for its control have been planned in the Institutes. Visitors are separated from patients under intensive care by a glass partition. A visit to a patient is by permission of the Director only.
- 5. What is a SEVERE BURN?**  
Second and third degree burns affecting 15% of the body or more.  
Second degree burns, with good care, will recover without difficulty.  
Third degree burns damage the skin in depth and must have skin grafts to cover the wound.
- 6. What is the size of the STAFF?**  
The staff will number about 200 per institute, including surgeons, nurses, technicians, orderlies, food and maintenance personnel.
- 7. How many PATIENT DAYS have been registered in the Shriners Burns Insitutes?**  
Almost 30,000
- 8. How can individual Shriners HELP?**  
The most urgent need is for blood donors. A patient may need as many as 50 pints of whole blood in the intensive care period due to loss through the open wound before skin can be grafted. A Shriner and his friends can donate blood for use in a Shriners Burns Insitute through any hospital that is a member of the American Association of Blood Banks accreditation program. This program allows the transfer of blood credits from a member hospital to one of the Shriners Burns Insintutes.

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