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Districts

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## Masons of the Monroe Districts to Provide Holiday Joy for Canandaigua Hospital

My Dear Brethren:

December brings us near the close of another Masonic year and before it is too late I would like to say that in November I was the guest of Fidelity Triangle No. 4 at their installation of officers and was presented a check for \$200.00 to be turned over to the Brotherhood Fund. This is part of the proceeds from the girls sales of candy, fruit cakes and serving dinners which should give you an idea of how their diligent efforts and hard work is put to good use. Thank you girls.

Also in November I had the pleasure of being the recipient of a plaque presented to me at the Wardens Seminar, held in Jamestown, N.Y. The plaque was presented for the attendance record, and I'm happy to say 11 Senior Wardens were present out of a possible 15. So I wish to thank the Senior Wardens for their support, and a special thanks to Senior Wardens Chic Becker and Larry Geith for taking care of the arrangements.

With December bringing the close of the year it also brings annual meetings and the election of officers. For the Master it means the end of a year of hard work and the addition of the word "past" before Master, and hopes that his year was successful. For the Senior Warden of course it means the beginning of something challenging and with hopes that it will be a successful year.

It is a wonderful thing to be a builder, and if we think back we should remember that our Fraternity was begun by builders. So as the new Master tries to build his Lodge to greater heights the familiar term, support is the strength of all organizations should be remembered, because it is going to take the support of his brothers to accomplish this. Those who have been to my official visits know that this is one of the concerns of the Grand Master, to build up the Lodges and to get more Masons, not just lodge members. It would be nice to help the Master in his efforts so that all men can follow the precepts of our fraternity and meet upon the level of equality, live by the plumb-line of virtue, and act on the square.

Brethren don't forget your brothers who are sick or in distress. Try and take time to call on them, give them a happy smile, help to lighten their troubles, and give them words of cheer and encouragement.

With this in mind I want to wish every member a most happy and joyous Season.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Myron L. Dox, D.D.G.M., First Monroe District

**MYRON L.  
DOX  
D.D.G.M.  
1st MONROE  
DISTRICT**



Masons from the two Monroe Districts joined by members of Triangle and DeMolay will assist with the annual Christmas Holiday Party for veterans at the Canandaigua Hospital. This is an annual affair sponsored by many fraternal, veterans and service organizations each year.

This involves three dates, and we can use all the volunteers we can get for each one. First is "Wrapping Day," Tuesday, Dec. 11th., when we will be going to Canandaigua early in the morning and spending the day wrapping presents for the more than 1000 patients. Each patient receives an average of three gifts, usually things like shirts, handkerchiefs, de-

oderant, slippers, etc., so you can see there is a great deal of wrapping involved. Are any of you housewives or retirees interested and available? If so I will be glad to give you a ride on Dec. 11 if you will let me know. Call 473-4351.

The second date is Sunday, Dec. 23rd, when we will have our Ward Christmas parties with ice cream and cake, and carol singing and other entertainment in each of the wards. Finally on Christmas Day, we will be distributing the presents to each of the patients, starting at 10:30 a.m. I know it is hard to leave your families for even a few hours on such a festive day, but are we really asking too much

for you to give up 3 hours of this important holiday to brighten the lives of these lonely men? Christmas with your family is one of the brightest occasions of the year; Christmas alone in a hospital can be one of the most depressing occasions of all. Please help us as you have helped so generously in the past.

All Masons are most welcome to participate. We will meet at Bldg. 5 at the hospital and then adjourn to Wards 33 and 34 for the party. We are looking forward to the members of Triangle and DeMolay to carry the tune for the Christmas Carols.

Hope to see you there!  
Fraternally, Ken Kingston

### INSTALLATION DATES

#### LODGE

Valley  
Yonnonidio  
Genesee Falls  
Rochester  
Germania  
Frank R. Lawrence  
Corinthian  
Flower City  
Seneca  
Ancient Craft  
Zetland  
Warren C. Hubbard  
Craftsman  
Frank L. Simes  
John A. Robertson  
Orpheus  
Penfield  
Monroe  
Union Star  
Northfield  
Fairport

Etolian  
Henrietta  
Webster  
Churchville  
Oatka  
Clio  
Fame  
East Rochester  
Wakan  
Charlotte

#### SR. WARDEN

Ivan Ball  
Frank Kelsey  
Larry Geith  
Richard Zorn  
Norman Hegadorn  
Edward Rubel  
Edward Shaw  
Joseph Klein  
Harold Miller  
Glendon Ramsay  
Ronald P. Meier  
Salvatore Spano  
Vernon Goodrich  
Bruce Harrington  
William Gersley  
Robert Holler  
Wayne Slack  
Joseph Matela  
Harris Nesbitt  
Frank McConnell  
Gerald Becker  
(Public Jan. 19 7:30p.m.)  
William Mason  
John Armendinger  
Donald McTarnaghan  
Norman Morgan  
  
Stuart Brickman  
Richard Schoenburger  
Robert Emmons  
John Tijou  
Robert Thrash  
(Public Jan. 19 7 o'clock)

#### INSTALL. DATE

Dec. 17  
Jan. 15  
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My Brethren:

The next few weeks will be busy ones for most of us as we prepare for the joyous holiday season. It is a time for friends and relatives to join together to celebrate and rejoice.

This holiday season may be some what different than others with the Energy Crisis upon us, but I am confident we all shall surmount our problems.

It is also a good time to think of the less fortunate, the ill, the elderly and the shut-ins.

If you know of such a person, especially a Brother Mason, try to call him and brighten his holiday season by letting him know you care.

I am looking forward to joining many of you on Saturday the 15th for the Annual Christmas Trip to Utica. This promises to be one of the highlights in December and certainly in keeping with this true spirit of Christmas and Masonry as we spread Holiday Greeting to the guests at the Masonic Home in Utica.

On December 4th, we shall visit Charlotte Lodge #1088 for our last official visit. All our visits have been extremely pleasant, interesting and we trust the message of our most Worshipful Lloyd S. Cochran has had some positive effects upon the Brethren of our fraternity.

In closing, I extend my sincere wishes to each of you and your love ones for a most joyous Holiday Season and I am looking forward to visiting with you again soon.

Fraternally yours,  
John T. Skalny, D.D.G.M., Second Monroe District

**JOHN T.  
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**LET'S GO VISITING**

**DECEMBER 1973**

- 2 - Churchville - Communion Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.
- 3 - J.A. Robertson - Third Degree.
- 3 - Corinthian - Regular Meeting.
- 3 - J.A. Hard Post-Memorial Service - Valley Lodge.
- 4 - Clio - 1st & 2nd Sections of Third Degree by Shrine Past Masters Degree Team.
- 4 - Penfield - Official Visit of D.D.G.M.
- 4 - Charlotte - Official Visit of D.D.G.M. Skalny.
- 5 - Oatka - Rehearsal for Third Degree.
- 6 - Fame - Euchre with Webster Lodge - 8:30 p.m.
- 6 - J.A. Hard Post-Memorial Service-Genesee Falls Lodge.
- 6 - Northfield - Third Degree.
- 9 - Webster-Christmas Party
- 10 - Etolian - Master Mason Degree - Dinner 6:30 p.m. Election of Officers.
- 10 - F.R. Lawrence - Election of Officers.
- 13 - Zetland - Installation of Officers.
- 13 - J.A. Hard Post - Post Meeting.
- 13 - Tall Cedars - Regular Meeting and Testimonial Dinner honoring R:W: Ken Crawford, R:W: Bob Zabel and R:W: Myron Dox - dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- 13 - Northfield - Christmas Party.
- 14 - Charlotte - Christmas Party - 7:30 p.m.
- 15 - Clio - Christmas Party-2-5 p.m.
- 15 - J.A. Hard - Christmas Trip to Utica.
- 18 - Seneca - Installation of Officers 7:30 p.m. - Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- 21 - W.C. Hubbard - Installation of Officers.
- 23 - J.A. Hard - Christmas Party at Canandaigua.
- 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS
- 27 - Joint Investitures Service for incoming Masters - Masonic Temple.

**DID YOU KNOW**

Vice Presidential nominee **GERALD FORD** was a member of the class of 33° with R:W: Robert Zabel and illustrious Bro. August Kuhn in 1962?

**MASTER'S & WARDEN'S ASSOCIATION WINTER BALL**  
**JANUARY 12, 1974**  
**LOGAN'S PARTY HOUSE**

**WITHERSPOON CITED BY NATIONAL SOJOURNERS AT THEIR ANNUAL CONVENTION IN MIAMI**

Retired Naval Chaplain, Captain Maurice M. Witherspoon, was this week cited by the National Sojourners at their annual meeting in Miami. (The National Sojourners consist of some 25,000 officers of all services who are members of the Masonic Fraternity). The 500 members present were unanimous in choosing Captain Witherspoon for the annual Achievement Award for his work with the Laymen's National Bible Committee during the past 15 years. The presentation of the Award was made by Colonel Clint Phillips at the meeting of the Brooklyn Rotary Club this week of which Captain Witherspoon is Executive Secretary. Captain Witherspoon has long interested himself in publicity for the Laymen's National Bible Committee as its Treasurer and one of its Directors.

Bible Week, an interfaith effort to motivate the reading and study of the Holy Scripture, is sponsored by the Laymen's National Bible Committee in cooperation with the American Bible Society, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of the Laity, the Jewish Committee for National Bible Week and the U.S. Center for the Catholic Biblical Apostolate. In promoting Bible Week, the Captain will work with Bud Wilkinson, football coach and Radio Commentator who is the National Chairman of Bible Week this year, November 15-25.

Captain Witherspoon, a native of Chambersburg, Pa., now resides in Brooklyn, (68 Montague Street), where he is Executive Secretary of the Brooklyn Rotary Club. He was an All-American football tackle at Washington and Jefferson College and following graduation from McCormick Seminary, Chicago, he was ordained in the Presbyterian Church and immediately joined the Navy as a Chaplain.

His 30 years Naval Service spanned Two World Wars for which he received many Commendations and Citations and was also recommended for the DSM for his relief work in Nicaragua. Retiring from the Navy he served as Editor of the Empire State Mason and was Director of Public Relations for the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of New York. During this period he also served as the Protestant Consultant for the interfaith, prime time, commercial TV series, CROSSROADS, which dramatized the lives of famous clergy.

Captain Witherspoon is active in some 20 well-known organizations in New York City.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**MASONIC GRAND BALL**  
**MAY 18**  
**1974**

**INTERLODGE FELLOWSHIP**

Most Masonic Lodges of the two Monroe Districts may or may not be aware of the position of The Interlodge Fellowship Committee at present. For several years the attendance has been very poor. Out of 31 Lodges in the District, the average attendance has been less than 10, usually 6. The Masters and Wardens Associated has been contacted several times without any noticeable results.

It is the duty of the Master of each Lodge to appoint at least one representative of his Lodge to the Interlodge Fellowship Committee which meets on the 4th Thursday of each month except July and August at the Masonic Temple. The Grand Lodge has appointed two Grand Lodge Representatives to oversee that the Committee functions according to the Grand Lodge regulations and see that Grand Lodge Certificates are awarded for prizes in Interlodge competitions.

It is imperative that improvement be forthcoming or at the present rate of decline, this aspect of Masonic activity will die. Several suggestions for improvement have been advanced:

- (1) Better attendance of Lodge representatives as well as that of the District Deputies and the Grand Lodge Representatives.
- (2) Better communication between Lodge representatives and their Lodges.
- (3) Better selection by the Masters of Lodges of their Interlodge Fellowship representatives.
- (4) Better understanding by Lodge members of the function of the Interlodge Fellowship Committee.
- (5) Prompt distribution of Grand Lodge Certificates and prizes following competitions.

The Interlodge Fellowship Committee welcomes suggestions for the improvement of this phase of Masonic activity.

**Masters & Warden's Receive Award for Seminar Attendance Brethren,**

It is with pleasure that I can announce that at the Warden's seminar held in Jamestown on Saturday November 3rd that the 1st Monroe District of Masters & Wardens was awarded the Grand Masters plaque for the greatest percentage of Senior Wardens in attendance. R: W: Myron Dox will agree with me that this plaque should be an honor to both the Monroe Districts as in reality we are a group of one. As president of the S.W. of Monroe 1 at this time want to thank all who attended including the J. W. who brought this honor to the Monroe district. R: W: John Skalny, R: W: Fred Stahl and R: W: Frank Fulreader also accompanied us.

Also I would like to inform all who attended our pancake supper at the District Convention that a profit of \$64.00 was turned in to the Brotherhood Fund to be divided equally between the two districts. A big THANK YOU to all who attended. Sincerely & fraternally, Jerry (Chick) Becker, President, S.W.



**Dear Brother Herman**

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

**Q.** Is there a new regulation about the wearing of the apron at a Masonic meeting?

**A.** The Grand Master has approved a recommendation of the custodians of the work that, at a meeting of a Masonic Lodge, regardless whether the coat is single- or double-breasted, the apron shall be worn outside the coat.

**Q.** A central character in a degree which I witnessed recently was a man named Zerubbabel. Is he a historical character? Are the events portrayed true?

**A.** Zerubbabel was the leader of the Jews who returned to Jerusalem, following the Babylonian Exile, to rebuild the temple. He was the grandson of King Jehoiachin, who ascended the throne of Judea in 598 B.C.

Jehoiachin ruled for only three months when Judea was invaded by the Babylonian forces. He immediately surrendered, and was deported to Babylon with his family and a large portion of the nobility, the army, and the craftsmen. This constituted the first Babylonian Exile, which occurred in 547 B.C.

The last king of Judea was Jehoiachin's brother Zedekiah, who ruled for ten years to 586 B.C. In that year, Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians, and the king, blinded, was exiled to Babylon, and with him the entire population, except the very poor.

According to the Biblical account in Ezra and Nehemiah, when Babylon was conquered by the Persian, Cyrus, he granted permission to the Jews, in 538 B.C., to return to their homeland and rebuild their temple. An impressive exodus to Palestine began, led by Zerubbabel, who was appointed governor.

When the returnees arrived in Jerusalem, they were sadly disillusioned. The city was a heap of ruins, covered with debris, and the countryside round about, which had been assigned to them, was bare and waste.

The settlers faced many hardships, droughts, failure of crops, plus heavy taxes. Added to these difficulties, they were constantly harassed by unfriendly neighbors, Edomites, Samaritans, Moabites, Ammonites, so that while about half the males endeavored to erect shelters and till the fields the other half stood guard to fight off the continual attacks.

Zerubbabel did his utmost to encourage the people in their struggles, but such were the hardships and difficulties, that it was a full fifteen years to the year 520 B.C., that work on the temple was finally started and then only because two prophets Haggai and Zechariah upbraided Zerubbabel for the long delay.

While the work was slowly progressing, their enemies carried evil reports to Babylon, and orders came for stopping the work. But when Davius came to the throne he granted permission for the work to proceed.

In 516 B.C. the temple was completed and dedicated, it was plainly constructed, and the older settlers wept as they remembered the beauty and glory of the Temple of Solomon.

It would appear that a power struggle arose between the followers of Zerubbabel, who may have had visions of an independent country with him as king, and the followers of Joshua, the High Priest. Joshua won out, and the last of the Royal House of David disappeared from the scene. It is probable that in his disappointment, Zerubbabel left the settlement, and returned to Babylon.

It should be pointed out that the dramas in our degrees in which Zerubbabel is a central character, like all other portrayals, are Ritualistic Dramas.

A Ritualistic Drama is one in which a historical person and/or a historical event, is used as the basis for building a story which is intended to teach a particular lesson. It is not to be taken as history.

**MASONIC SERVICE BUREAU**

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all those who responded to last month's appeal for funds for a whirlpool bath, especially the 1973 Masters group who paid over 2/3rds of the cost. I am very happy to report that the little girl who needed it so badly is now enjoying the therapeutic benefits of this device through the generosity of so many individuals and groups.

We have three major charitable projects this month to which I would like to call to your attention. The first is the annual Christmas trip to the Masonic Home in Utica on Saturday, December 15. This is always a very rewarding as well as enjoyable trip.

Our second project is the distribution of Christmas bas-

kets to those who would otherwise not be able to provide a nice dinner for their families at Christmas time. Here we need several things. Most important, we need the names of people who for one reason or another are not financially able to afford a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. Secondly, we need contributions of groceries and money to distribute to these needy families. And finally, we will need volunteers to help in the distribution of Christmas baskets on Saturday, December 22nd.

Our third project is to help in providing a nice Christmas for the patients at Canandaigua Veterans' Hospital.

William R. Zufall,  
Executive Director



# CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

by Rev. William H. McKee

## A TRIP SHEET FOR LIFE

When planning a long trip by car, we are apt to consult the Automobile Club where members are supplied with a map and trip sheet which enables us to have a safe and happy journey using the best roads as well as the most direct and also avoiding certain dangers which have been reported by others passing that way. Sometimes there are towns which maintain "speed traps" as a source of income at such places there are circled red warnings so that the traveller may act to live within their interpretation of the law.

Life is a much longer journey and there are often stretches of the road which cannot be avoided-places where we face difficulties which require courage and faith to go on to the next place. There are "Speed Traps" on the road of life which also need to be carefully avoided.

It is impossible to get help from our auto club here but there is direction available. We have the Holy Writings of the ages which definitely note the dangers awaiting us from neglect of right living as well as the rewards of listening to our Creator.

There is a great testimonial thro' out both the Old and New Testament. Very early in the history of the Chosen people, God called Abraham to journey to a far country where he would find a nation. He had no map, he travelled by faith. Scholars have disputed the route of that journey, however, in very recent years our great archeologists have found the remains of the places where he paused and lived, remains of the dwellers preserved to this day - covered by the desert sands - a preservation that left evidence which enables us to comprehend the wisdom and faith that Abraham was endowed by God's care for that remarkable trip.

Later when the 12 Tribes were held in slavery in Egypt, God commissioned Moses to lead them to their new home promised long before to Abraham. Again to map or careful their goal.

Those who accept the name Christian recall how the wise men, following the Star journeyed to the place where the Christ child was to be found. Also lacking maps they stopped at King Herod's palace for directions. He was greatly interested because he could not nor would not permit a rival to live in his realm who might threaten his absolute power. Herod's palace would have been marked with red had those wise men been travelling westward with directions supplied by the International Auto Club. God appeared in a dream and warned the travellers to return home another way thus permitting God's gift to the world to grow in stature and wisdom in preparation of fulfilling the mission which He came to carry out. It may well be that the wise men, also saved their own lives by going back another way.

We need to use this great travel guide of the ages which does not condone or gloss over evil. We have the reports of those whose travelling was not in God's path as well as many who chose to walk where the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man was their chief pride and joy.

Remember the Scriptures are our road map thro' out our whole life, not for a short trip never to be repeated.

If you have wandered even a little off that path, return now and pursue that course all the days still given you here on earth. It is a beautiful road because so many fine people have used it and improved it.



# GROTTO

Brethren:

For the past few months we have tried to tell all of our readers a little of what "Grottoism" is. We have had a series of questions and answers - what some of our activities are (both for members and their ladies) - and just a few of the benefits that a brother who is a member of the Grotto derives.

We have told you about our charitable activities (our main one being the support of the Foundation for Cerebral Palsy). We helped put up one of the buildings for the Rotary Sunshine Camp and hope to continue this when they move to their new location. We also contribute to various other organizations.

We have told you that the business of the Grotto is conducted by the Board of Governors under the leadership of the Monarch which enables us to conduct our meetings in a fast and efficient manner so that our members may partake of the social hour which follows.

We hold our meetings on the third Wednesday of each month. Our initiation fee and annual dues are kept to a minimum and we would be very pleased to greet you as a new member in one of the "greatest organizations in the Masonic world."

The Grotto stands for all of Masonry and for wholesomeness in life. We are proud to be known as "the fraternity that friendship built."

In conclusion, may I wish every brother a happy and a healthy holiday season.

Fraternally,  
George W. Francis Membership Publicity Chairman

# LODGE news and views

## UNION STAR LODGE

No. 320  
1st Wednesday

Brethren:

What has been happening at Union Star Lodge during the past few meetings? On October 17th we had the Second Degree and Bro. Ray Sipple did a fine job in the East. Our many thanks that evening go to Bro. John Tijou, Wakan #1054 for his presentation of the Middle Chamber Lecture. The only thing lacking on that evening was the heat. It seems we are doing our part in the Energy Crisis.

On November 7th, the Past Masters were treated to a dinner put on by Bro. Boyd Gray. (We're still having problems with reservations). The officers were then treated by the Past Masters, who then took over the chairs and Lodge for the evening. It was a real pleasure to see all the R: W:'s and W:'s out and to witness their excellent ritual work. Many thanks to W. Tom Southern and W. Dick Arnold for making this night a success. The other Past Masters that were present and my thanks to them: W. Charles Lord, W. Don Magruder, W. Jackson Valley, W. Charles Swartz, W. Ralph Kennedy, W. Carlton Lester, W. Don Shirley, R: W: Harley Rittenhouse, and R: W: Ralph Gray. Thanks also to Bro. Ernie Johncox who filled in at Tyler and made it possible for Bro. Charles Scott to be in Lodge one of the few times in twenty some years.

A Special Communication for the Third Degree was held on November 28th. Thanks to our Chef, Bro. Boyd for an excellent Ham Dinner. Thanks to all officers and Past Masters for their excellent parts in the Degree. Our congratulations to our Newly Raised Bro. Ron Bartoo.

## ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

On December 5, 1973 is Union Star Lodges Annual Communication. Your attendance this night is greatly needed and requested. Your officers for the ensuing year will be elected on this night. Preceding the meeting will be a Roast Beef Dinner at 7:00 P.M. (All you can eat). Let's have a large turnout this evening.

Bro. Ray Sipple is our Brotherhood Fund Chairman this year. Your help and support is needed so that we may have a record year for our contributions. Set aside a little change each day or week and in a little time your gift will be realized. Support the Brotherhood Fund. Thank you.

Bro. Harwood Menz is at home recovering from a disc operation. Bro. William Seitz is recovering from a bout in the hospital also. Take time and drop your Brothers a note or stop by.

Congratulations Bro. Charles Scott on your 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Lets all keep Masonry at the top of our list to think about and to set our values on. I'm sure we can all do much in keeping Masonry a-

## ROCHESTER LODGE

No. 660  
2nd and 4th Mondays

Brethren:

At our Communication of Oct. 22 we conferred the First Degree of Masonry on Richard Henry Fuller. Our Senior Warden, Bro. Richard Zorn, was in the East and W: Brother Lewis Fonte was Senior Warden. A very fine exemplification of the Degree was performed by these Brothers as well as by all the other Officers and Brothers taking part. We repeated part of this October 25 at the Grand Lecturer's District Convention by doing the second section of the First Degree (Obligation to finish) with the same Brothers taking part. I would like to again thank and compliment Brother Zorn, W: Brother Fonte and all the other Brothers for their fine performance.

A very impressive Memorial Service in the memory of our Brothers who had been called home by the Supreme Architect of the Universe during the past year was conducted by W: Brother John Waldo with the assistance of our Past Masters at our Communication of November 12.

Since our last publication Brother John W. Heckler, raised 10/22/45 and Brother Sidney W. Stauber, raised 10/26/42 had been called home and were included in the service. The Past Masters, with W: Brother Richard Kassel in the East, also Closed the Lodge. I would like to again thank all these Past Masters for putting on the Service and I wish to compliment them on the fine work they did.

The Annual Communication of our Lodge will be held Monday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. We shall also have a dinner preceding the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Please call Brother George Adams at 244-3068 or me at 458-6687 for reservations. NO CARDS WILL BE SENT TO YOU. This is the Communication that ALL the Brothers, when within the length of their Cable Tow, should attend. Fraternaly,  
Willard E. Garrett, Master

## TRESTLEBOARD

Dec. 3-Fellowcraft Club Meeting.

Dec. 10-Summons Communication - Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

live and moving forward with large steps. Stop and think about it, and then get involved.

Sincerely & fraternally,  
Kenneth E. Buckland, Master

## MEDITATION

It's a busy world we live in, We get caught up in the race, And sometimes our sense of values, Slips a little out of place. It's a good thing to pull over To the roadside now and then, And get our thinking straightened out Before we start again.

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**MASTERS MESSAGE**

Tuesday Dec. 4th is the official visit of Rt. Wor. John T. Skalny D.D.G.M. of the 2nd Monroe District. His message will be interesting and informative and will include many of the hopes and concerns of our Grand Master Lloyd S. Cochran.

Each lodge in the two Monroe Districts has been in contention for the attendance award that we have been able to win for the past two years. If we can win again this year the award will be ours to keep. Your attendance is earnestly requested.

By now you have received the summons for the annual meeting and election of Officers on Dec. 18th. I hope that all members will give serious consideration to this summons and plan to take part in the election of officers for 1974 and hear the reports of the various committees.

The Holiday season is rapidly approaching and I wish all a very merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,  
Gordon G. Davidson  
Master, 1973

**FROM THE SOUTH**

Dec. 4-Official Visit D.D.G.M. A final reminder about the official visit of our D.D.G.M. This year, we have to work harder to have the best attendance as every lodge will try to beat us. This beautiful trophy will be ours to keep if we can duplicate the last two years. Bring a brother with you and fill the lodge to capacity.

Dec. 18-Annual Summoned Meeting and the election of officers. This is the time when all of the committees give their final report and we find out how our lodge stands financially. This should be of great concern to every brother. Election of officers will be held also.

**SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK**

Have you forgotten your Dues for 1973? Some of you have for I have your cards. Wont you get them paid before the end of the year? Mail them to Charlotte Mason Temple, 4550 Lake Avenue, P.O. Box 4765, Rochester, N.Y. 14612.

The Officers of Charlotte Lodge invite you to join us on December 4, 1973 when R: W: John Skalny the District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Monroe District will pay his Official Visit to Charlotte Lodge. Your presence will help Charlotte Lodge to win the trophy for the third time in succession.

Don't forget the Annual Summoned meeting on December 18th. Your attendance should be a must.

The Holiday Season is fast approaching, and I wish all my Brethren a Very Merry Christmas and a Most Happy New Year.

Fraternally,  
Everett Van Putte, Sec.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Dec. 14-Our annual Christmas Party will be held this evening at 7:30. We will have singing of Christmas Carols and some entertainment for the kids. Santa will be there to give out toys for all of the

**CHURCHVILLE LODGE**  
No. 667  
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Brethren:

Our Lodge activities for this year will soon be over, and our faithful officers will be ready to start a new year. I urge all to attend our annual meeting and express your wishes for the new year.

Remember our communion breakfast on Sunday, December 2, with Harris Wilcox as speaker.

Our "Ladies Night" was a great success. There were thirty who gathered at our home for a fellowship hour. Then we went to the Eastman Theatre to enjoy several quartets, and out to dinner after the show. We had a fine evening of fun and fellowship. I wish to thank all who came.

Our euchre players did it again. They brought the plaque back to Churchville. The tournament was held at Etolian Lodge, Spencerport. Even though I do not play much euchre, I enjoy the good fellowship that an evening of fun provides.

To our Brothers who live in other states, or a distance too far to join us, we would like to hear from you. Let us know what you're doing. Then your news can be put into the Masonic News and our own trestleboard. In that way, everyone can be in better contact with one another.

I hope I am not forgetting anyone. If any Brother knows of a Brother in sickness or distress, please call me at 889-9194.

This being the December issue, we are approaching the holiday season, when we should think of the need of all our Brothers. Remember it is more blessed to give than to receive.

I wish each and everyone a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year.

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Dec. 2-Communion Breakfast - 8:00

Dec. 12-Annual Meeting  
Fraternally,  
Sim Daugherty, Master

children. Let's get in the holiday spirit and have a wonderful evening. Bring some neighbors' children and friends along and have a joyful holiday party.

Jan. 6-Open Installation - Family and Friends. On Sunday evening, at 7:00 p.m., Wor. Bro. Robert Thrash is holding an open installation--the first of its kind in Charlotte Lodge. As a personal friend of Bro. Bob, I would like to congratulate him for the splendid work he has done as a line officer and, without a doubt, he will make an excellent master. Families and friends are invited and I hope that we can have a large turn-out for this event to honor Bob as this will be a day in his life that he will always remember.

Fraternally yours,  
Leonard Mack, Jr. Warden  
Charlotte Lodge #1088

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**WAKAN LODGE**  
No. 1054  
2nd and 4th Mondays

Brethren:

The year is fast coming to a close and this will be the last communication that I will be writing to you. I have found 1973 exciting and interesting as Master of the Lodge, and the time has sped be very swiftly. Every outgoing Master reflects on his term of office with some regrets, some pride, some happiness and some sorrow, but most assuredly with a great thankfulness. The job cannot be accomplished alone, and I wish to thank all who have helped during this past year. The officers, past masters, and all the brethren showed great willingness to help and support all the activities and functions and programs, and to all I offer my most sincere thanks. I truly appreciate the opportunity I have had to serve as your Master.

You should have all received your summons to the annual meeting on Monday, December 10. At this meeting officers for next year will be elected and the budget adopted and expenditures reviewed. This should be of interest to all of you, and I urge you to attend. This is the last meeting of the year as well; the next communication will be on January 14, 1974 for the installation of the new officers.

At this writing Junior Deacon Frank Denton is in the hospital with a heart condition but is coming along fine. Best wishes for a speedy recovery Brother Frank. Also the Secretary's wife, Belva, was hospitalized for an appendectomy while visiting in Wisconsin. We trust that she is home by now and well on the road to recovery.

In closing, I would like to wish each and every Lodge member and their families the very warmest and happiest of Holiday greetings. Also my congratulations and best wishes to the officers of Wakan for 1974.  
Robert F. Zollweg,  
Master

**FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK**

As always, there are a few brothers who have not paid their dues, and indeed a few are so delinquent that they may be unaffiliated as of the end of the year unless they get those checks in. It is always sad to lose brothers in this way. Please, those of you who are in arrears, try to get those checks in right now.

Brother Roy Connolly has been doing an outstanding job keeping track of our sick brethren this past year, and as of right now all the ailing brethren are doing fairly well, for which we are all thankful.

I would like to take a moment for personal thanks to the Lodge and the many individual members who were so thoughtful during my wife's hospitalization. I am sure that the profusion of cards and flowers helped a great deal in speeding her recovery.

My best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.  
Robert C. Pettit,  
Secretary.

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**FAME LODGE**  
No. 945  
2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Brethren:

This will be my last article to you as Master of Fame Lodge and I wish to express my appreciation to all those who have helped me through this year. My special thanks goes out to my officers and the Past Masters of Fame Lodge who really helped make this an enjoyable experience. It has been my pleasure to serve you as Master for the year 1973 and I hope that I can continue to be of service to the Lodge and you, my brothers, in the ensuing years. During the course of this past year, I found the lack of attendance at meetings and functions an increasingly bitter pill to swallow along with the fact that our Ladies Night was again cancelled for the second year in a row due to lack of support. Unfortunately, this trend is prevalent throughout Masonry and I sincerely hope that it will be reversed in the coming years. Masonry has something to offer to each of us and it behoves us to take full advantage of the opportunity. I sincerely hope that you will support next year's Officers and give them every encouragement. The brotherhood is there - all we need is you.

Congratulations are in order for our three newly raised brothers, William Kalsuga, James LaDelia, and Bailey Dean. The Third Degree was conferred upon them on November 27. My thanks go to the Past Masters for their fine job on the second section. Our annual Memorial Service was held on November 13 and Wor. Bro. Heber is to be congratulated on his fine job.

Our annual meeting will be held on December 11. This is a SUMMONS meeting and all brothers should be interested in hearing the reports given by our Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustees. Financial arrangements for a new air conditioning system will be discussed so please try to attend. This will also be the night that we elect officers for the coming year.

If first you don't succeed - well we're going to try again. On December 6th, Fame Lodge will try to regain its winning euchre ways. We will play Webster Lodge at Webster Lodge starting at 8:30. All you euchre players, save the date; let's finish 1973 with a victory.

If you collect old stamps and have some duplicates, why not put them in an envelope and send them to the Masonic Temple. The Masonic Stamp Club will collect them and send them to the Utica Home and Shriners Hospitals for the benefit of the patients and guests who collect stamps.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the members of Fame Lodge and their families a very happy holiday season and best wishes for the coming year.

Fraternally,  
John Dense, Master

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Wor. Bro. Raymond Riker has been ill with a kidney infection and is now home recovering.

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

Brethren:

As the year draws to a close I wish to take this opportunity to thank members of Fairport Lodge for the opportunity of serving as Master this past year. To my line officers, committee chairmen, side liners and all who have supported our endeavors I am extremely grateful to you. It is you who have made this lodge as great as it is; and it will be your lot to continue in its greatness. A Master can have the best possible program but it goes for naught if it is not supported. I urge you to support your Master next year, participate in his programs and let's work together to make 1974 the best year Fairport has ever had. I can assure you that to the best of my ability I will continue to support the efforts of our incoming Master and all who are to follow him.

Our annual meeting, Dec. 10th will be a summoned communication and I urge all who can to attend; besides election of officers for 1974 we will consider changes in our by-laws concerning meeting time and initiation fees for new members. I have requested our Secretary and Senior Warden to get this information to you for your consideration before our annual meeting.

In closing, I would like to pay tribute to the memory of Bro. Steve Glaze who would have served as Master this year except for his early call to that undiscovered country from whence borne no traveler returns. I am proud to dedicate my services this year to his memory.

I wish to all a Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy 1974.

Fraternally,  
Roger H. Scott, Master

**FROM THE WEST**

Brethren,

At this time I would like to thank our W. M. Roger Scott for allowing me the privilege of assuming the East at our last meeting on Nov. 12th. It was move up nite and each officer did a very commendable job.

The Rev. James Doelfield who affiliated with us attended this meeting and it was a privilege for me to welcome him. Rev. Hugh Chittenden was also a guest of the evening, so Brethren there was no shortage of Chaplains.

Bro. Frank Woods is in Northside General and came thru his operation in flying colors. I know Frank would like visitors and cards. Bro. Carl Mosher reported on Frank as well as W. B. Bert Eberts and Bro. Paul Cairns and their families as Carl called on them when in Florida recently. I would like to hear from these brethren myself as well as many others who live far away.

At our last meeting when we met to plan next year, the officers discussed trying to open Lodge earlier and would make for an earlier closing. This could make for betterment of lodge attendance because the Brethren who stay home and watch football and baseball could still make Lodge and be home in time for the Monday nite

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

Here we are in mid-November and its time again for the Lodge's News-Item for the Monroe Masonic News for December.

This will probably be the last time that this will bear my signature as your Master.

There are only two meetings left for me to preside, the first will be on Thursday, December 6th when we will have a Memorial Service for our 1973 departed members, which will be conducted by the Masonic War Veterans, under the capable direction of Worshipful Brother Thomas Heller, Adjutant of the group and his assistants.

The second event of that evening will be the presence of the Past Masters of Genesee Falls Lodge, who we hopefully expect will be present, to tell us of some of their outstanding events during their particular year.

The third will be the reading of the 1972 Budget which will be acted on at the Annual Meeting of the Lodge on Thursday, December 20th.

There will be no Degree work that evening so I hope there will be a good attendance to support the efforts of those taking part that evening.

I hope you all had an enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday and I now take these means of wishing you and your loved ones a most enjoyable and Merry Christmas and the hopes of a healthy, happy and prosperous 1974. Sincerely and fraternally,  
George H. Schneider  
Master, 1973

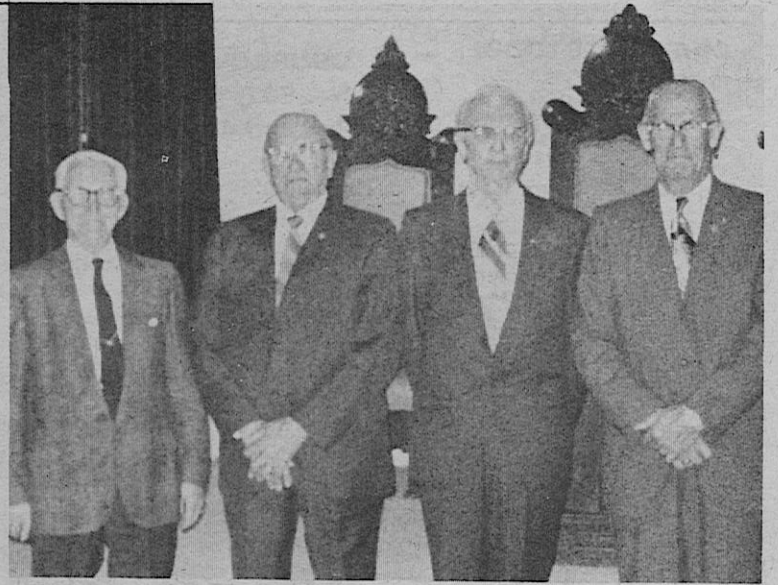
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Our By-law Article 1, Sec. 3 reads our meetings to open at 7:30 P.M. An amendment has been submitted and will be voted on at our annual meeting in December.

Brethren:

You are hereby summoned to our annual meeting Dec. 10 1973 for the purpose of voting on by-law change. Article 1 - Sec. 3 to read as follows. Fairport Lodge #476 to convene at 7:00 P.M. at its regular meeting on the second & fourth Mondays. See you in Lodge.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
G.K. Becker, S.W.



Fifty Year members present at Etolian Lodge on Official Visit Night of Rt. Wor. Myron Dox, D.D.G.M., First Monroe District. Left to Right - Wor. Bro. Allen Speer of Clio Lodge; Brothers and members of Etolian Lodge; Bro. Clifford F. Warner; Bro. Gena V. Warner, and Bro. Harry C. Warner.

**ETOLIAN LODGE**  
No. 479  
2nd and 4th Mondays

Brethren:

Since the last issue of the Masonic News, members of Etolian Lodge have enjoyed many hours of fellowship. Especially with its own surrounding lodges, and members of Stanley Lodge from Toronto, Canada. If you have not been able to participate in this fellowship, I hope it has not been due to illness.

Etolian Lodge would like to congratulate Churchville Lodge for winning the Inter Lodge Euchre Tournament Plaque.

With four fifty year members in attendance on Nov. 22nd, it gave me great pleasure to receive our Rt. Wor. Myron Dox of the 1st Monroe District on his Official Visit. Three fifty year members are Brothers and members of Etolian Lodge: Bro. Clifford F. Warner, Raised in 1918, Bro. Harry C. Warner, Raised in 1918, Bro. Gena V. Warner, raised in 1922. The fourth fifty year member was Wor. Bro. Allen Speer of Clio Lodge from Hilton.

On Dec. 10th we will hold our last meeting for the year of 1973. We will start by having the first section of the M.M. Degree at 5:30 P.M. at 6:30 P.M., we will have dinner at the Lodge; no reservations needed, and at 8:00 P.M., we will have the second section of the M.M. Degree. Why not come to dinner and meet the new Master Masons of Etolian Lodge! After the second section, we will have Election of Officers for 1974.

Fraternally,  
Wor. Master James J. Powell

**EAST ROCHESTER LODGE**  
No. 1020  
2nd & 4th Tuesday

Brethren:

As this is the last letter that I shall write as Master of your Lodge, I would like to thank all of you for the support you have given me. This has been a most rewarding year for me.

We have seen in the Lodge, brothers who have been absent from our ranks for a number of years, and we have new candidates now taking the degrees. Once a month we have had special entertainment. One of the outstanding months in my year as Master, was the September meeting honoring Brother Alex Arthur Sr. as a 50 year visitor. The other outstanding event was our past meeting on November 13th, honoring our 50 year members, and our official visit. R: W: Myron Dox, District Deputy of the 1st Monroe District presented the 50 year pin to Brother Dr. Karl Holzworth. R: W: Dox's presentation was an emotional experience for the entire Lodge. Brother Harry Seigert, our other 50 year member, lives in Anderson, S. C. and was unable to attend. We all regret that he had to miss this special event.

In closing I wish to say that my Year has been full of hard work, happy gatherings, and the best of all, the close bond of friendship with hundreds of brother Masons. I wouldn't have missed it for anything. My sincere wishes for a happy holiday season to all of you.

This month I extend my hearty congratulations to the following, who were raised or affiliated to East Rochester Lodge in the month of December. Leland Comstock, Affl. 12/5/53; Albert Truman, raised 12/11/31, Master 1939 Lyman Wall, raised 12/11/45. Fraternally,  
Gordon L. Hoag, Master

**CALLED HOME BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT**

W: Joseph (Pat) Lattin, Master of East Rochester Lodge in 1955, gave up the working tools of life on October 27, 1973. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

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**CLIO LODGE**

No. 779

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Brethren:

Alas and Alack, we lost the Plaque. The Euchre Plaque, that is. Our Brothers from Churchville Lodge now have it, but come spring we will try to have it hanging once again on the walls of Clio.

I hope all the Brethren enjoyed their Thanksgiving Holiday and wish you all a very Happy and Healthy Christmas season and a Prosperous New Year.

On Dec. 4th, Clio Lodge will host the Shrine Past Master's Degree Team who will put on the 1st and 2nd Sections of the 3rd Degree. Preceding the Degree, Leah Chapter will serve a Beef Dinner at 6:30. Please phone dinner reservations to Robert Stevens Tel. 227-1505.

Saturday, Dec. 15th there will be a Christmas Party at Clio Lodge from 2-5pm. If you plan to attend, please phone Robert Stevens Tel. 227-1505 or myself Tel. 621-1782 and let us know how many children there will be and their ages.

Don't forget Dec. 18th. this is our last regular meeting of the year. It is also our Annual Communications, and of course the election of officers. Please try to attend.

The first Tuesday in January would normally be our first regular meeting of the year. But because its being New Year's Day, there will be no regular meeting. The Installation of Officers will be on Jan. 15, 1974. Hope to see you there. Happy New Year.

Fraternally,  
David S. Partiss, Master

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

W. Bro. Silas Hulse is recovering from heart surgery at Northside Hospital.

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Dec. 4th-3rd Degree. 1st & 2nd Sect. by Shrine Past Master's Degree Team. Dinner at 6:30.

Dec. 15th-Christmas Party 2-5 P.M.

Dec 18th- Annual Communication.

**OATKA LODGE**

No. 759

2nd & 4th Wednesday

Brethren:

By the time you receive your Masonic News my year as Master will be just about finished. I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to each member of Oatka Lodge. Thanks first for the privilege of serving as your Master. It has been a year that I have enjoyed and will never forget. Secondly I would like to say thanks for the cooperation given me this year.

The 2nd degree was conferred on Nov. 14th by Jr. Warden Edward Laydon. A fine job was done by all the officers.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Seldon Crow is in St. John's Nursing Home. A visit or a card from any of the brethren would be greatly appreciated.

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Dec. 5th-Rehearsal for 3rd degree 7:30 pm.

Dec. 12th-Final Communication of 1973-Dinner 6 p.m. call W:M: Bob Trussell 436-7999 or Jr. W: Ed Laydon 889-2712 for reservation. 7:30 P.M. Lodge opens - Election of Officers for 1974. Conferring of 3rd degree by Wor. Master Bob Trussell.

Please get your reservations in early. Oatka Chapter of Eastern Star will be putting the dinner on. As you know they do a fine job and the meals support the Star and also your Lodge officers. Fraternally,  
Robert Trussell,  
Master

**JOHN A. ROBERTSON**

LODGE No. 1032

1st and 3rd Mondays

Dear Brethren:

Another year is drawing to a close and this will be my last entry in the News for 1973. We are planning to have the third degree on December 3rd and our annual meeting will be held December 17th. It is hoped that as many of the brothers as possible will be able to attend these meetings. Installation of Officers will be held on the 7th of January, 1974. This is always an interesting evening and your presence is certainly needed to help inspire the officers selected for the coming year.

There are still several 1972 and 1973 dues cards waiting to be picked up.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Our Brother Bill Presley is still more or less confined to his home and would welcome a visit from one or two brothers.

We were sorry to hear that Dr. A.K. Chapman had been injured on a recent vacation trip. We hope you are now feeling somewhat better.

**SYMPATHY**

Sympathy of the Lodge is extended to the family of Bro. Harold Lappla at his passing on Friday, November 9th.

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Dec. 3-3rd Degree  
Dec. 17-Annual Meeting  
Jan. 7-Installation of Officers  
Fraternally,  
Duncan MacPherson, Master

**FRANK L. SIMES LODGE**

No. 990

2nd Tuesday

Brethren:

Tuesday, December 11th we will have our official visit by R: W: Myron Dox, D.D. G.M. of the 1st Monroe Dist. and I urge all who can to please mark the date on your calendars to attend lodge. This is also our annual meeting for the election of officers. At our last stated communication two motions were put before the Lodge. One concerning our Dues and the other one initiation fees. Since both motions would amend the By-Laws they were tabled and laid over to our next stated communication, which will be our annual meeting December 11th. They will then be put before the Lodge for Discussion and Vote. Again, these are important issues to all and I urge the attendance of our Lodge Members.

It is difficult to realize this will be my last opportunity to communicate to you through the Masonic News as Master of our Lodge. The year has been a very busy one while serving as Master and probably is the reason the time has passed so quickly. It has been an honor to have been Master of Frank L. Simes Lodge for this past year. To the incoming officers I want to assure them that I will be available to lend assistance whenever they should feel it necessary to call upon me.

To the Past Masters, whose patience, understanding and assistance helped me through the past year. Many Thanks! I think my one greatest wish for the past year would have been able to see and meet more of our members in Lodge. I would leave this one thought with you -- support your Lodge and your officers, attend your lodge meetings and renew your own interest in Lodge. If our membership would do this, it would encourage the officers to develop more interesting meetings for you. No organization can continue to grow and flourish unless its membership will lend its support and interest by being active in their organization.

Fraternally,  
G. Wesley Mantz  
Master

**DeMOLAY**

During DeMolay's 50th Anniversary Installation, October 13th the CROSS OF HONOR, DeMolay's highest award to an advisor for meritorious service was presented to Dads Ike Schippers and George A. Stear. Bro. Ike was honored for his service to Rochester Chapter and Wor. Bro. Stear for service to New York State DeMolay. Also serving on the Senior DeMolay installing team were

**GERMANIA LODGE**

No. 722

2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Dear Brethren:

On Nov. 14th we had a 3rd degree on two candidates Nelson Bertch and LaVerne Hodaway. Again the Shrine Degree Team put on the 3rd degree for us and I want to thank each and every Shriner on the degree team for their excellent work.

On Nov. 28th we will have the final reading and the vote on a change in the by-laws. Please take note that the change in Sec. 23 does not affect any member who is already receiving a reduction in his dues.

Brethren, please make your check out or send your money for your dues to the secretary Harold Weimer, he is the one who you should pay your dues to.

You still have time to donate for the Xmas party. The party will be held on Sat. eve. 6:30 P.M. Dec. 8th. Please bring a gift for your children or grandchildren and be sure his or her name is plainly marked on the gift, so that Santa can call their name. The usual entertainment will be furnished by the Shrine Clowns. We will have Xmas stockings, cake and ice cream. Please come and enjoy the party.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

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Russ Hany - Home.  
Fraternally,  
Wayne Cowell, W.M.

Brothers Rick Horch, Steve Moore, Bruce Deck, Bob Anderson, all members of Simes Lodge. We are very proud of these Brothers and the work they are doing for DeMolay.

**CALLED HOME BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT**

We extend our sympathies to the family of our late Bro. Martin B. Becker who entered into rest on November 7th, 1973

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Dec. 1 - Officers meeting. Details to be announced.  
Dec. 11th-Annual meeting and official visit  
Dec. 18th-Fellowcraft- Bro. Frank Foote's Home-426 Woodland Lane-Webster.

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**WEBSTER LODGE**  
No. 538  
1st and 3rd Thursdays

Brethren:

My congratulations to our newest members Bros. Sidney Goldberg and Jim Hutton. They were raised at our Nov. 15th meeting with our Past Masters presiding. My thanks to Wor. Bro. Burt Payne and his officers for their fine work.

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers of the Fellowcraft Club will be held on Dec. 5th at the Landmark Inn. The social hour starts at 6:30 P.M. and the cost including 1974 dues is \$6.00. A slate of candidates have been nominated. So come out and get on the Fellowcraft Railroad. Call Bro. Doug Brummell at 872-5983 for reservations.

Fame Lodge #945 from Sea Breeze will be our guest on Dec. 6th for a Euchre Tournament. Get a partner and help Webster keep the trophy that Wor. Bro. John Dense and company hope to win. The tournament will start at 8:30 P.M.

Bro. Ken Hutchinson is busy arranging our Christmas Party which is to be held on Dec. 9th. Entertainment will be provided by the Damascus Clowns.

The Lodges Annual meeting and election of officers will be held on Dec. 20th with a Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner preceding the meeting. This is one you don't want to miss.

As this will be my last opportunity to address each of you as Master of your Lodge, I want to thank everyone who has come forth and participated to make this a rewarding year for me. Without my officers and you brethren none of it would have been possible. To list the names of everyone who supported me throughout the year would be a big mistake. I would surely leave someone out, so I thank you one and all.

To Wor. Bro. Donald McTarnaghan, my sincere best wishes as Master in 1974. I encourage every brother reading this column to "Attend More in '74."

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a most prosperous and Happy New Year. Fraternaly,  
Ronald Turney, Master

**CALLED HOME BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT**

Bro. DeForest Colegrove Raised 10-27-27, Passed on 7-28-73; Bro. Kenneth G. Wetlake Raised 5-1-47, Passed on 9-24-73.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Bros. Jim Eaton and Harry Greer. Wor. Bros. Jim Fordham and Percy Markell.

**TRESTLEBOARD**

Dec. 5-Fellowcraft Party at Landmark (Stag) 6:30pm.  
Dec. 6-Euchre Tournament with Fame Lodge 7:30 pm.  
Dec. 9-Christmas Party.  
Dec. 20-Annual Meeting and Election of Officers-Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner, 6:30 pm.

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



Dear Brother:

You are hereby SUMMONED to attend the Annual Communication of Yonnonodio Lodge No. 163, F. & A.M. to be held in Gothic Hall, Masonic Temple, Rochester, N.Y. on Tuesday evening, December 18, 1973 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving reports from the various Officers and Committees, electing officers for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the Lodge.

Brethren,

This will be my last opportunity to communicate with all of my brothers as Master of Yonnonodio Lodge. Each retiring Master does his utmost to give thanks to all of those that supported him through out the year. Certainly I am no exception.

First and, foremost my brothers is my everlasting gratitude to all of you for allowing me to have served Yonnonodio from the East. I cannot bring to mind the words that would be adequately descriptive to convey to you what this honor has done for me as a man and Mason. My greatest reward, if it can be summed up into a single thought would be that from the East I have gained a real insight and, definitive meaning of "The Fatherhood of God and, The Brotherhood of Man." Again my everlasting gratitude to all of my brothers. To all of my officers, a sincere thank you for your splendid cooperation and, unselfish enthusiasm. You have worked diligently to exemplify what Yonnonodio has come to mean. It is my opinion that all of you are displaying the fibre and character of potential elected officers.

The various committees and, representatives that work behind the scenes can be assured that your work has not gone unnoticed. The officers are only as successful as their support from these unsung workers make them. We, your officers thank you one and all.

To the officers and members of The Fellowcraft Club for their most active support in social functions, funerals and, dramatization. Thank you for a grateful Master.

To all the aforementioned take note. Your Senior Warden Bro. Frank Kelsey is a fine hard working sincere person. I urge all of you to give him all the cooperation and support that you can. He will be giving his utmost for all of us and, is most certainly most deserving of our reciprocation along that line.

Finally and, certainly of paramount importance I must present symbolically Orchids to all of the wives of my line officers for their support. Without them surely there would be "Confusion in The Craft." And to my wife Gloria, Thank You Sweetheart.

In closing I would like to extend the wishes of my family to the families of all of my Brothers a sincere hope that all of you may enjoy a Happy Holiday Season and May The Blessing Of Heaven

Be Your Most Cherished Gift. Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Edward W. Pullen-Master

**FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK**

As we close the year of 1973, it is always good to review the events and operation of the Lodge.

Of primary concern is the Raising of eleven new members which is not a record but it helps off-set the three "D's" - Deaths, Dimits and Drop-outs.

While attendance has been low, we have had some very interesting meetings, a highlight was the visitation of R: W: Bro. John Foster, D.D.G.M. of Section A, in the State of Connecticut, who spoke about the differences in Masonry in several states. Other programs were arranged by the officers and were very interesting.

Our social events were well attended and enjoyed by all, being the Lodge Picnic and Ladies' Night Dinner Dance.

As for our operations financially, we have lived within our budget. We do have problems when dues are not paid and you have read the expression "we know who, so do you."

Few realize that the Grand Lodge dues and Temple rent must be paid on a per capita basis, this means that the Lodge must advance for every unpaid member the sum of \$11.43 and when a member is two years in arrears, this amount is doubled.

Brethren, especially those who have not paid their dues, carry a current card and be "Clear on the Books."

Make an effort to attend the Annual Communication and learn first hand all about your Lodge.  
R: W: Barton S. Horner  
Secretary

**FROM THE SOUTH**

Our Annual Ladies Night was held at The Party House on Beahan Road on Nov. 10th. Many guests were in attendance and, coupled with our regular members they represented a large turnout. A wonderful time was had by all.

**FELLOWCRAFT CORNER**

On Nov. 27th. The Fellowcraft Club held their meeting at the German Club on Gregory St. The meeting was preceded by a fine dinner. All of the brothers that were in attendance that evening were the recipients of a two dollar reduction in the price of their dinner which was made up by The Fellowcraft Club. Thanks to Bro. Bill (Doc.) MacVay who was in charge of the dinner arrangements.

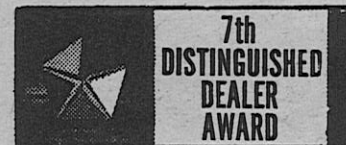
**TRESTLEBOARD**

Nov. 6th First Degree by Master  
Nov. 10th Annual Ladies Night (Party House-Beahan Road)  
Nov. 20th Second Degree by Junior Warden  
Nov. 27th Fellowcraft Club (Dinner Meeting - German Club)  
Dec. 4th Third Degree by Senior Warden  
Dec. 18th Annual Summoned Communication (Election of Officers)



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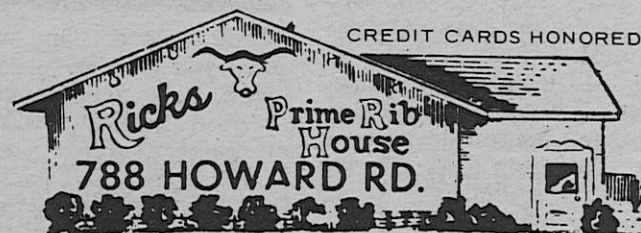
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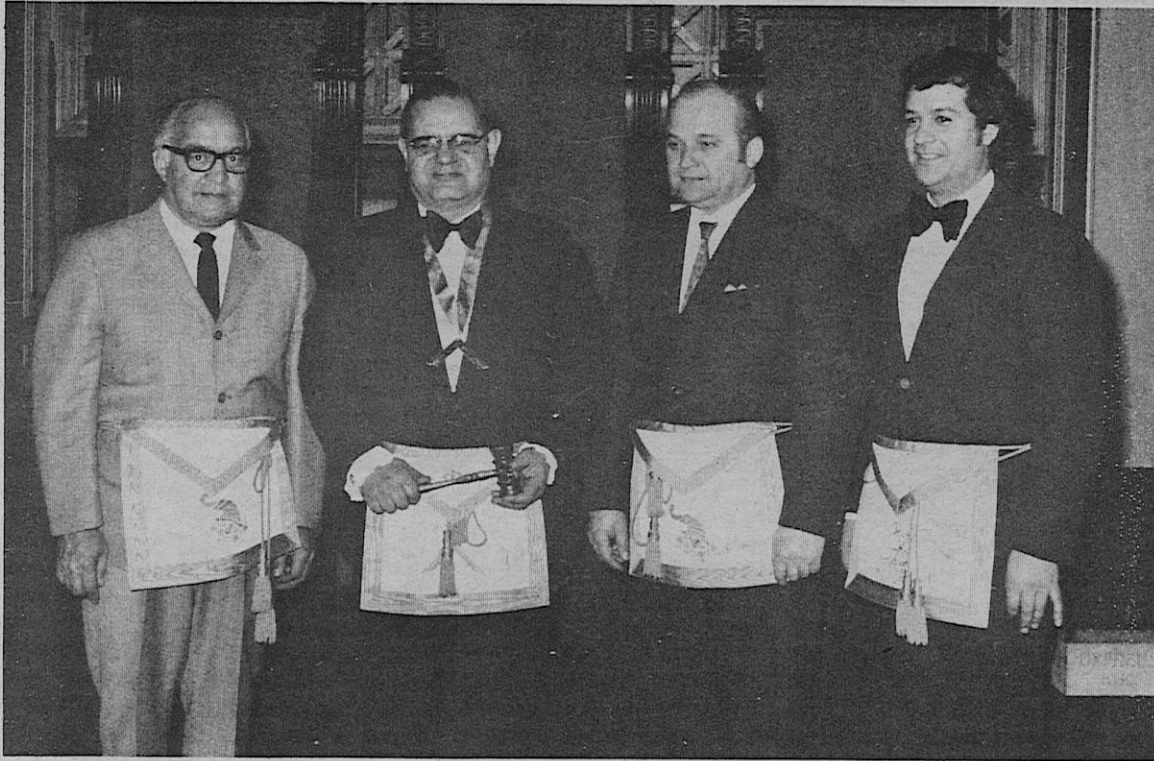
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From left to right - Bro. John Dorr; Wor. Master John Decker; Bro. Norrbitt Roland and Bro. Isaac Echevarria.

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



**SUMMONS MEETING**

You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Communication of Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943 to be held at Masonic Temple Rochester, N.Y. on Wednesday December 12, 1973 at 7:30 p.m. to elect the officers for the ensuing year. And to act upon such other business as may come before the Lodge. By order of John H. Decker, Master, Frederick G. Hartley Secretary

Brethren,  
As my year as Master is quickly drawing to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Officers and Brethren who have helped me over the past year. I want to especially thank the Past Masters of Ancient Craft Lodge for their outstanding help in filling the chairs on short notice, and their excellent degree work. I feel proud that I will become a Past Master of Ancient Craft Lodge. These men are of the caliber that have made Free Masonry the great institution it was, is, and will be, for it is Quality and not quantity that distinguishes men and Masons. We are proud of the three new officers, Bro. John Dorr, Stewart; Bro. Norrbitt Roland, Stewart; and Bro. Isaac Echevarria Junior Master of Ceremony. I had the honor of appointing these men in line at the beginning of this year and they have served Ancient Craft well.

I would like to congratulate the fourteen members of Ancient Craft Lodge who received their fifty year pins. Three of these men were able to attend lodge and receive their pins from R: W: Myron L. Dox, D.D.G.M.  
Shortly you will have a new Master, I ask all of you to support him. Bro. Glen Ramsey who I expect will be your new Master for the coming year will be a great asset to Ancient Craft. Glen has been a great help to me, able to take the East over

**HENRIETTA LODGE No. 526**  
1863  1973  
2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Brethren:  
On October 23, 1973 three brothers were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. They were Bro. Dennis Coons, Bro. and Rev. Charles Grimm, and Bro. William Summerhays. My congratulations to each of these new brothers. May each of you enjoy the fellowship of this great fraternity of ours.  
A summons letter is on its way to each brother. The purpose is the election of officers for the ensuing year. December 11, 1973 will be my last meeting of the year.  
Move up night was November 13, 1973 and Bro. John Armendinger, with his new officers, did a commendable job. I am sure with men like these Henrietta Lodge will be alive and active for a good many years.  
It has been a privilege to serve as Master of Henrietta Lodge for 1973. Your support in lodge functions has made this a great year that I will long remember.

Ladies Night was well attended and enjoyed for fellowship, food and the dancing.  
May I take this opportunity to wish all of you Season's Greetings and may the New Year be even better than this year has been for Henrietta Lodge.  
Bro. Richard Conrad has been visited at his home by several brothers.  
W: Bro. Harold Gruschow asked me to express his thanks to the Fellowcraft members and their wives for making the Ham Dinner so successful. December 4, 1973 will be the election of officers for Fellowcraft.  
Fraternally,  
Martin Reitz, Master

in my absence. One way to show you care is to come to lodge, it is very depressing to sit in the East and look at an empty lodge.

To all my Brothers, I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to have served you this passing and most wonderful year, and I Master of the Lodge would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Fraternally,  
John H. Decker, Master

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

Brethren:  
As the year approaches its end we are tempted to reflect on the things which were done rather than that which is left to do. We have two new Brothers, Gary Langdon and Lloyd Noland, who received their third degree on Nov. 20. Lets make them feel at home and become active members. Two most important meetings are still ahead, the Official visit of our DDGM on Dec. 4, and the election of officers on Dec. 18. Please make a special attempt to make the Dec. 4th date, support your Lodge and our own past DDGM.  
Our secretary W. Jim Nielsen informed me that the November 20th Meeting was our 2000th Communication, and Jim swears that he counted every one. What better way was there to celebrate than to confer a third degree? Adding new life to the Masonic Fraternity is a necessity if we are to survive.

Brother Dick Trombly will be having an operation and perhaps a card or a visit would be welcome. W. Ivan Forslin is still at the Canandaigua Veterans Hospital holding his own, I know a Christmas card would cheer him up.

The By Laws were changed recently to allow the omission of a meeting if it fell on New Years Day. This happens in 1974, so the first meeting and the installation of officers will be on Jan. 15th 1974.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you wherever you may be a very Merry Christmas and a pleasant and Happy New Year.  
Fraternally,  
Bruce Brainerd, Master

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**SENECA LODGE No. 920**  
3rd Tuesday



**MASTER'S MESSAGE**

Brethren:  
This year 1973 is nearly over and with that end, my year as Master of Seneca Lodge draws to a close. It has been an exciting year - a challenging year - and indeed a rewarding and satisfying year.

In retrospect - in my first message as Master I stated that in the year ahead your Lodge would need your help, aid and assistance. What a joy this year has been! As expected, the response of Seneca Brethren to any call for participation in any and all of our varied activities, proved always to be within the length of your Cable-tows. It was also a year made easier because of the continuing aid of a dedicated group of supporting officers and Past Masters. My deepest appreciation to all of you who have made this year a memorable one for me.

Our December 18 communication will be a Summonee one for the purpose of electing and installing the new officers for 1974. What a distinct pleasure it would be for me to greet a large delegation of Seneca Brothers at this meeting, so that by our very presence in a spirit of unanimity we may, as one, pledge our unqualified and undeniable support to our newly elected and installed Master for the year 1974.

To all of my Brethren, please accept my best wishes to you and yours for a Happy Holiday Season and a Joyous New Year.  
Fraternally,  
William H. Russell, Master

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

The November meeting saw Bro. Hyman Ralph (Red) Graver raised to Master Mason, with W: Maurice Solomon conferring the Degree, and the second section handled by the Fellowcraft Degree Team. The occasion was also move-up night, and all our officers are to be commended for their fine performance. 1974 promises to be a good year. The many visitors were very impressed with the fine degree work.

We extend our sympathy to the family of our late Bro. Robert Blume; to Bro. Sam Rockowitz in the passing of his brother; and to Bro. Sam Lambert in the loss of his brother.

W: Jack Reitkopp is recuperating at home, as is Bro. Jack Elias. Bro. Phil Levy, who was to have received his Gin Rummy trophy instead spent his time at home recovering from minor surgery.  
William R. Dunskey, Hospitaler

We extend congratulations to Bro. and Mrs. Wm. Lewis on the graduation of their son, Peter, from Columbia University, and daughter Barbara from Lindsay Hopkins School of Nursing, Miami.  
Maurice Solomon

**TRESTLEBOARD**  
Dec. 11 - Annual Meeting, Reports, Election of Officers.  
Dec. 18 - Fellowcraft Club.  
Dec. 23 - Annual Children's Party.


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**ZETLAND LODGE NO. 951**  
2nd & 4th  
Thursdays



Brethren:

My last message to you as Master is very difficult to put into words. Having served this Lodge twice from the East is an honor which I shall never forget. I have not been the best Master Zetland Lodge has ever had, but I have tried to live by the principles of what masonry stands for. I am proud to be a Mason. From my heart I say to you, that I sincerely pray that the Supreme Architect will allow me to continue to serve this great craft of ours. I hope more members will attend Lodge regularly and assist the 1974 Master and his officers to give us programs which we will all enjoy.

I would like to thank all the members who attended our meetings and supported your Master throughout this year.

I extend a safe and Merry Christmas to all members and their families.

I pray that each of us will be able to find masonry in our hearts, and at the beginning of 1974, we will be able to renew friendships, and inform everyone that masonry is alive and still growing and will continue to be a part of us all of our lives.

Fraternally,  
Fred Ambeau, Master

Dear Sir and Brother:

You are hereby summoned to attend the 1113th stated communication and 56th annual communication of Zetland Lodge #951, F. & A.M. to be held in the Masonic Temple, Rochester, New York on December 13th 1973 at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of election and installation of officers and such other business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge.

Fraternally yours,  
Fred C. Ambeau, Master

**FROM THE WEST**

With this, my last message as Senior Warden, I would like to express my gratitude from everyone in Zetland for making it a rewarding year.

I am looking forward to serving you as Master in 1974.

"Have A Happy"  
Fraternally,  
Ron Meier

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Brother Harold Neun has been in the hospital but is now at home. Also Brother Isaak DeVisser. The Lodge wishes both Brothers a speedy recovery.

**TRESTLEBOARD**

December 13- Annual Installation and election of officers. Lodge opens 6:00 P.M. & Dinner 6:30 P.M. Officers formal.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

To each of you who have birthdays during the month of December, the Lodge officers and members extend Best Wishes.

Dec. 1-Glen D. Morey, Victor Lindboe, 4-Donald Beldue, 9-Donald C. Griffith, Howard K. Pulver, 10-Maurice R. Despard, 19-Hazen L. Coulter, Charles E. Kelso, 22-John D. Braund, 23-Ray Marvin, 25-Sidney Crossing, Theodore W. Fuller, 26-Ralston A. Weston, Fred Ambeau.

**CORINTHIAN TEMPLE LODGE NO. 805**  
1st and 3rd  
Mondays



**FROM THE EAST**

As the season of Christmas approaches, I take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 1974!

On December 3rd, we are planning a Christmas dessert after the regular Lodge meeting. Please bring your wives for this occasion plus a \$1 gift for a child to be distributed to needy children through the Masonic Service Bureau. As a special treat, Bro. Al Falk has offered to bring his movies of recent Lodge activities to show us.

December 17th is the Annual Meeting and Election of officers. This is an important session, and we have the opportunity of hearing reports of committees at that time.

I wish to express my thanks to Wor. Bro. Bertram Steene, Secretary and Wor. Bro. Donald Fox, Treasurer and Chaplain, who have been carrying out their respective functions magnificently. Their advice, encouragement and love of Masonry have been of inestimable value to me over the year. Also a word of thanks to our Junior Warden, Bro. Dan Nesbitt, for a very special Ladies' Night this fall -- a good time all around.

I have the pleasure in announcing the following line appointments: Bro. John Webster, advanced to Jr. Deacon; Bro. James Bushart, Sr. Master of Ceremony; and Bro. Robert VanKeuren, Steward.

Our prayers and good wishes go out for those who have been ill, especially Wor. Bro. Charles McCracken and his wife.

Fraternally,  
Blair P. Cosman, Master

**FROM THE WEST**

To call your attention to the Frank M. Totten Memorial Scholarship Contest, the topic of which will be "THIS IS MY TASK," the essay to be approximately 300 words in length. Any son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter of a New York State Mason who is a high school senior and anticipates entering an institution of higher learning in the fall of 1974, is eligible.

Essays should be mailed to the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Youth Commission not later than February 1, 1974. The essay must be accompanied by a letter from the Master or Secretary giving the name and number of the Lodge to which the father and grandfather is or was a member of, and the name and address of the contestant.



Left to right - R:W: J. J. Skalny, R:W: W.R. Chapman, W: James M. Craib, presenting 50 year pin certificate to Wor. Chapman on October 8th.

\$1500 will be distributed in prizes as follows: \$600 for the first essay, \$400 for the second, \$300 for the third and \$100 each for the fourth and fifth, making five prizes in all.

Edward R. Shaw,  
Senior Warden

**SECRETARY'S CORNER**

Again I have to remind some of the Brothers that dues are due for 1973. There are some who still owe 1972. Please Brothers, try to at least pay one years dues so that it will not become necessary to unaffiliate you. Enough said.

Congratulations to Worshipful Bernard Bonnington on the birth of a granddaughter and to Brother Allen Kressman on the birth of a daughter. Brother Kressman is married to Worshipful Bonnington's daughter.

Since our last communication we lost one of our Brothers who has been called home by the Supreme Architect of the Universe. Brother Peter C. Albright who was raised on June 20, 1921. Farewell good and faithful servant.

I have received two answers to my call for members who do not have birth dates in the lodge records. Brothers Leonard I. Hall and Philip A. Ripson. I still would like to hear from Brothers Ballarian, Bemish, Brindley, Gailey, Hodges, Jemison, Nunez, Sullivan, Weidel and Zapf.

Congratulations to the following Brothers whose birthdays fall in December: Jon Alexander, Emil Grunberg, Leonard Hall, Walter Herman, W. Ralph Jenkinson, Harry Kipp, Charles Klem, Milton Klick, Gerald Kressman, Wor. Fred Newman (Master 1937), Donald Scheerens, Bertram Steene (Master 1966), Isaac Scheerens, Charles Vaughn, Fred Walker, Cecil Weeks. Bertram M. Steene, Secretary

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

Dear Brother:

The tenth stated communication and annual meeting of Frank R. Lawrence Lodge No. 797 F & AM will be held in Ionic Hall, Temple Civic Center, Rochester, N.Y. on Monday December 10th. 1973, at 6:00 P.M.

Included in the business for the evening will be the reading of the various annual reports; the presentation of the 1974 Budget; the election and subsequent installation of Officers for the ensuing year. The Incoming Master will be outlining his program for Lodge and Social functions for 1974.

After the formal opening of Lodge, we shall break for dinner which will be served in the third floor dining room. Reservations are requested for the dinner which should be made directly to the Junior Warden at his home phone number 381-7255.

Formal dress is requested for all Officers at the annual meeting, and the latter are reminded that the rehearsal will be on Monday December 3rd.

Fraternally,  
James M. Craib, Master

Dear Brother:

You are hereby summoned to attend the stated communication of Frank R. Lawrence Lodge No. 797 F & AM to be held in Ionic Hall, Temple Civic Center, Rochester, N.Y. on Monday evening December 10th. for the purpose of electing and installing Officers for the ensuing year of 1974.

By order of  
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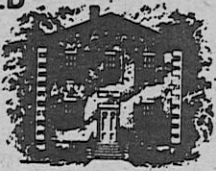
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**NORTHFIELD  
LODGE  
No. 426  
1st & 3rd  
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The year is rapidly drawing to a close but we do have a few more lodge activities before we ring in the New Year.

On December 6th the Third Degree will be conferred upon Brother Jim Holzworth, Dave Bishop, Ron Karachan and Jim Hutchins. The 1972 Masters Group will be putting on the degree, with W: Maurice Solomon (Flower City) as master, R: W: George Wetzel (Genesee Falls) as Sr. Warden and W: Albert Connon (John A. Robertson) Jr. Warden in the first section. In the second section the Senior Deacon will be W: Robert Jackson (Craftsman), Solomon, King of Israel will be R: W: George Wetzel and Hiram, King of Tyre will be W: Albert Connon. There will be a dinner at 6:30 put on by the Northfield Chapter of Eastern Star with the degree to follow at 7:30. Lets have a good turnout to welcome our new brothers and the 1972 Masters.

On December 13 we will have our Lodge Christmas party jointly with the Northfield Chapter of Eastern Star. Save the date.

Our Annual Meeting and election of officers will be December 20.

We are reminded that the annual trip to the Utica Home for the purpose of the Christmas party for the people in our home and hospital will be December 15. W: Bill Zufall says that they have filled one bus and he has reservations for a second. Anyone who wants to attend please call W: Brother Zufall at the Masonic Service Bureau or myself.

The Joint Investiture Service will be held for the incoming masters on December 27 at the Masonic Temple. Fraternally,  
L. P. McConnell, Master

**JENNIE M. LORD**

**CONSTELLATION No. 5**

On November 3, 1973, the Jennie M. Lord Constellation #5 held its Annual Birthday Banquet. Peg Dobbartin was in charge and we had a delicious spaghetti dinner. After the dinner we held a meeting for the purpose of Initiation. Three new girls were initiated into our Constellation. It was a very lovely evening.

Our Charity Bazaar was held at Eastview Mall on Thursday & Friday, November 1st and 2nd. There were many nice things for sale and we made a total profit of \$218.50.

November 16- There will be a get-together at Barb Nash's home.

December 1- We will hold a meeting for the purpose of giving reports and holding elections.

## Ladies Organization NEWS

### FIRST CONSOLIDATION OF O.E.S. CHAPTERS

On Monday evening November 12, 1973, Golden Rule Chapter #59 and Amo Chapter #547 were consolidated into one chapter to be known as Golden Rule-Amo Chapter #59.

Golden Rule Chapter was chartered in 1886 and Amo Chapter in 1914. Amo Chapter was considering giving up its charter and disbanding as a small number of other chapters in Monroe District have done recently. However a committee from Golden Rule Chapter attended a meeting of Amo Chapter late last spring and invited Amo Chapter to consolidate with Golden Rule. A committee of seven members of each chapter was formed to meet and select a new name and draw up a set of By-Laws agreeable to each other. Both committees meet and in less than one hour and a half all this was accomplished. Then separate stated meetings were held by both chapters to vote on the proposed By-Laws and consolidation, which were approved by both chapters and Grand Chapter.

Both Chapters have retained their original charters and a new charter was issued by Grand Chapter in the name of Golden Rule-Amo Chapter #59.

The Consolidation Ceremonies were held in Room A Masonic Temple, Rochester, N.Y., before a gathering of over 250 members from various chapters in New York State which included our Grand Matron, Grand Patron, several Grand Line Officers, Past Grand Matron Jennie Lord, several Deputy Grand Officers from Monroe and surrounding districts. There was a large turnout of present Matrons, Patrons and Past Matrons and Patrons. Our Grand Matron Agnes Enlund presented the new charter to the present matron of Golden Rule Chapter and said she was very pleased to be able to come and present the charter to two fine chapters who saw fit to carry on the good work of our order by consolidation. A reception was held in the Star Dining Room after the ceremonies.

The present officers of Golden Rule will carry on for the balance of this year, and an election of officers for 1974 will be held in December.

The present officers of Golden Rule-Amo are W. M. Virginia Switzer, W. P. Ernest E. Wilson, Asso. Matron Grace Rowles, Asso. Patron Austin Garlic, Conductress Susan Wilson, Asso. Conductress Harriet Riggs.



Fidelity Triangle new members. Anne Hassoldt, Gloria Rupert, Karen Galvin, Wendy Beard, Sue Kulp, Nancy Kohlmetz, Karen Midgley and Beloved Queen Renea Seeber.

### NOLA CHAPTER

**NO. 368**

**Order of the Eastern Star**

Dear Members:

The members of Nola Chapter wish to extend congratulations and very best wishes for a most happy and successful union of the members of the newly chartered Golden Rule-Amo Chapter No. 59. It is most encouraging to find two chapters who are able to amiably work out their problems and consolidate to form a working chapter.

At our next meeting we will observe our Memorial Service for Sister Marion Frey who passed away since our last Memorial Service.

December 4th will be our annual meeting with all reports of the year, and election of officers. We will have our Chapter Christmas party with an exchange of gifts.

The past matron's of Nola Chapter will hold their Christmas party at the home of W: Lucille Mason on December 6th at 7:30. There will be an exchange of gifts.

Officers Club will meet at the Chapter rooms on December 18th at 7:30 for their Christmas party. Bring a \$1.00 exchange gift.

I would like to thank all the girls who furnished food and helped with the Masonic dinner on November 14th. December 2nd we will serve breakfast to our brother Masons following their annual Communication breakfast.

Thank you one and all for your cooperation and support-may your Thanksgiving, truly be one of Thanksgiving. Sincerely and fraternally,  
Demaris Girven, W.M.



Mr. & Mrs. Holger Krogeman leaving the Altar.



Mr. & Mrs. John Wilbert leaving the Altar.

### FIDELITY TRIANGLE

Oct. 6- Past Beloved Queen Elaine Watson and John Wilbert were married in a lovely ceremony in Webster United Presbyterian Church. Reception & dinner followed the ceremony. Best wishes to John and Elaine.

Oct. 13- Formal meeting. 7 new members initiated. Refreshments & social hour followed.

Oct. 16- Fidelity presented the Lord's Prayer Degree for Monroe Chapter.

Oct. 20- Kathleen Dimino

and Holger Krogeman were married in a lovely ceremony in Covenant United Methodist Church. Reception & dinner followed the ceremony. Best wishes to Holger and Kathy.

Oct. 26 & 27- Fidelity participated in the Giant Charity Bazaar at Greece Town Mall and raised \$285.00 for our regular charity program.

Oct. 27- Election and Pant suit night.

### TERM PLANS

Dec. 1- Triangle rummage sale.

Dec. 8- Regular meeting.

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Sir Knights:

I would like to compliment our Ladies for a job well done. The dinner they served on October 19th was exceptionally good. The reports I've received certainly will make all the Ladies happy. Thanks are in order to the Chairlady, Mrs Millie Simmons and her Co-workers, Mrs. Dorothy Morgan and Mrs. Ruth Ball, for a job well done.

After the dinner, the guest speaker, Mrs. Carolyn Schulte, from the "Red Carpet Agency" talked about her main job to make Hotel and Motel reservations for their largest customer, Eastman Kodak Company. "Red Carpet" is a Travel Agency specializing in Corporate Business, yet proudly caring for the smallest details of an individual's travel plans. On two occasions, my wife Kay and myself have used their services and can vouch for all the arrangements with the Motels.

On October 20, 1973 twenty-two Sir Knights and their Ladies from Monroe Commandery #12, attended the reception of Rt. Em. S.K. F. William Young, Grand Commander, of the Grand Commandery, State of New York, in Canandaigua, N.Y. Your Commander and his wife Kay are overwhelmed with the wonderful turnout and support the Sir Knights and their Ladies are showing not only in the temple, but through-out the State.

Sir Knight Generalissimo Ralph Biggar has filled in as Commander for the past two meetings as I am working nights. I must admit I'm out of circulation and contact with you. However, I am hoping its only for a short period of time.

As we approach our Holiday Season this year, my wife Kay, my Family, and myself wish each and every one of you a Blessed and Happy Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year.

**NOTES FROM THE  
RECORDER**

The Season of Christmas is almost with us, and we are again reminded that it is "more blessed to give than to receive." Many of our Sir Knights need our aid and help particularly at this time of the year. I hope that you will be able to give some small donation for the aid and comfort of our ill and shut-ins. The response has been very gratifying so far. If you have not contributed, and wish to do so, I will be very happy to hear from you. Will you please notify me of any Sir Knight who should receive our benevolence now.

Your response to our request for dues has been very good. If you have neglected this responsibility, will you please attend to it.

Our December 7th meeting will be a full form opening. Come out and help us on this occasion. I am sure you will enjoy it.

# York Rite News

**HAMILTON CHAPTER NO. 62 CYRENE**

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Dear Companions:

It has been a great honor and a real privilege to serve as High Priest of Hamilton Chapter during the past year and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for granting me this opportunity. It has been a wonderful experience and one that I will always remember with pleasure. What made this a most pleasant year was the outstanding help, support, cooperation and fine work of the officers, the Past High Priests, and many Companions, all of which was given most cheerfully. A special "thank you" to each and every one of you.

To the incoming High Priest and the fine line of officers I extend my sincere congratulations and best wishes for the coming year.

Our only meeting in December will be the annual meeting for which the following summons is issued.

**SUMMONS**

In compliance with Section 33 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, Royal Arch Masons, you are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Stated Communication of Hamilton Chapter No. 62, Royal Arch Masons to be held in Cathedral Hall, Masonic Temple, 875 Main Street East Rochester, New York on Thursday evening, December 13, 1973, at 7:30 o'clock at which time officers will be elected for the ensuing year, and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

Joel T. Johnson, High Priest  
Attest: Richard J. Oliver,  
Acting Secretary

(The above is a true copy of the original summons on file in the Chapter Records.)

Lunch will be served following the meeting.

To all of the Companions of Hamilton Chapter I send my warmest wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally yours,  
Joel T. Johnson, High Priest

On December 21st there will be a full form opening, the regular business meeting, and the Christmas toasts to our leaders. If you have never participated in this ceremony I am certain that you will find it a pleasant and interesting experience.

May each of us enjoy the Blessings of this Christmas Season, and be enriched by our Membership in this Fraternal Order, dedicated to Christian charity.

Fraternally,  
Howard Miller, Commander  
Walter Fotch, Recorder  
and Editor

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Your Commander extends to all Sir Knights who participated in our Annual Inspection on Nov. 9th 1973 to make it a success. We were very grateful to have Sir Knight F. William Young, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of New York, as our inspecting officer. We were also privileged to have Sir Knight Burr L. Phelps, Grand Sword Bearer and Sir Knight Carol A. Turck, Grand Warden, assisting. Thanks to all Zone Commanders and Sir Knights from our Sister Commanderies in Zone 11 who were present; to our organist Sir Knight Dave Cody from Monroe Commandery #12 and the ladies from the Schicker Club who prepared and Served a very delicious lunch.

A Masonic Service was held at the Corbett Funeral Home, Wednesday Nov. 7th for Sir Knight Fred P. Nuessle. He died on Nov. 4th in Aiken, S. Carolina while visiting with his son Sir Knight Fred A. Nuessle. Fred would have been 85 on Dec. 22nd 1973. Yonnonadio Lodge #163 had the Service for him. He received The Order of the Temple in Cyrene on June 11th 1920. There were 18 brothers who took part in the Service. He also was a member in Ionic Chapter #210, Doric Council #19, RAM and a member of the Damascus Temple and many other bodies also. A memorial page is being set aside in his memory and a donation to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is also being made in his memory. Thanks to all who attended. He will be missed for quite awhile around the Temple.

Many thanks goes to Sir Knight Edward J. Somerville, Warden and to Sir Knight John H. Perrin, H.P.C. our Prelate who are now Life Members in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

At our Conclave on Nov. 9th Cyrene Commandery gave special recognition to our Sir Knight Anthony J. Schatzlein, H.P.C. for having received the 14th Annual Distinguished Community Service Award at the 35th Masonic Communion Service and Breakfast on Sunday morning Oct. 28th. "Tony,!" a very dedicated Mason was the original organizer of this event, has given outstanding service to the many Masonic bodies he had been active in. A fifty-year award veteran, he is 82 years young and still participated in the Platoon at our Inspection. Wonderful to have you with us.

Many thanks to all the Sir Knights and Zone Commanders who participated in the Zone 11 Festival on Saturday Nov. 17th to make it a success. Cyrene Commandery was the host Commandery for this festival.

The only Conclave in December will be on Dec. 14th. We will celebrate our Annual Christmas Toast. The

**GERMANIA LODGE  
OF PERFECTION**



3rd Tuesday

Dear Brethren,

I want to thank you for the many kind comments made regarding my monthly is quite rewarding to find that the column is being read by more than just a few considering the Lodge's investment to have it published and delivered to our membership.

Our degree directors, in recent years, have been finding it more and more difficult to get parts filled in their respective degrees. There is much talent that enters into our membership rolls, that never get to display their specialties on the degree teams; very few care to volunteer! Many of our members who have been faithful for many years in constant performances, don't feel that they should be taken for granted anymore; and rightfully so. Therefore, new members and inactive members -- step forward and make your claim to your part or parts, now! Brother Graham Smith is directing the 12th Degree on December 18. Brother Graham is one of our last year's class and certainly would appreciate any and all the help that you would give him.

Many thanks go to Past Master Jake Vogel for representing Germania Lodge of Perfection at the Jamestown Area meeting on November 17.

Congratulations to Illustrious Fred Nielson having passed the "Probation Period" and receiving the 33° at the Supreme Council Sessions in Detroit, Michigan on September 26, 1973. At our meeting held in October, Illustrious Robert Zabel presented in a brief ceremony, a gift from Germania Lodge of Perfection to Brother Fred, his new white hat which

Schicker Club ladies will be our guests that evening. Special entertainment and lunch will be under the direction of our Junior Warden, Sir Knight Howard DeCave and his committee.

The Annual Conclave of Cyrene Commandery will be held on Friday January 11th 1974. Your presence is requested to hear the committee reports and to help make plans for more interesting conclaves during 1974. We will open on the new Ten Man Opening and lunch will follow. Let's all come out for this 1st conclave in 1974.

The wife of Sir Knight W. Scott Hollander Jr., has been sick and cards would be appreciated at this time. Hope she gets well soon.

Our Recorder, Sir Knight Gordon Mosher, P.C. will be sending out dues notices the 1st part of December. Your cooperation is requested in making payments as soon as possible after you receive them. Thanks.

Seasons Greetings from your Commander and wife Dorothy to all and may the New Year be one wherein our National and International problems may be settled peacefully and we may look forward to a brighter future for all of us. Fraternaly yours,  
E. Comm.

Frederick S. Holderle  
Sir Knight Roy E. Huff,  
Reporter, P.C.

identifies the recipients of this distinguished degree while attending Concordant Body meetings. It gives us much pride to have another member of our Lodge receive this earned conspicuous award. May you have many years of good health and happiness in the wearing of your new "crown."

At the writing of this message, we received word that Past Master Bob Pettit's wife, Belva, was visiting in Wisconsin and suddenly required serious surgery. We hope by this reading you have completed your convalescence and are back to your daily routines, Belva.

Progress has been slow regarding the Booster Fund for our 100th Anniversary Celebration. We had hopes that more people would be interested in making their contribution. Past Master Niel Kunst says only 5 persons have sent him their checks. With the holidays closing in, it becomes even more difficult to find "spare cash" for donations. Send your check now payable to Germania Lodge of Perfection -- 100th Anniversary and address to Mr. Cornelius G. Kunst, 347 French Road, Pittsford, N.Y. 14534.

Speaking of the Holidays, The Lodge will be distributing their baskets of cheer December 23, 1973. Do you know someone that you feel should be a recipient that the Lodge may not know about? Let the Secretary or myself know no later than December 16. May the coming season be joyous and healthful for all. Until the New Year -- and beyond -- may God be with you.

Fraternaly,  
Mathew L. Gingold  
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# DAMASCUS NEWS

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## THE PIPER'S CORNER

by Bob Borsching



Well its all history now. Unit competition night is a thing of the past. And it was fun! First of all I thought I detected a small spark of excitement, that ran throughout the meeting, over the competition. Good natured joshing with each other, and trading fun insults etc. And how about of the night before, many suffering the anxieties and uncertainties of job changes, and yet they were there! This is the kind of stuff real men are made of. They may fall down but they don't stay down. They get up and go on. One can only hope that their leadership is not lost to the people in that great desert of disappointment. It occurred to me also that there was a group there, although not a unit as such, and certainly not in the competition, who deserve prizes and accolades but seldom do they get it. I am thinking of Charlie Fowle and his green shirt and the other temple workers plus the stage hands of the Directors staff. Those silent behind the scenes, individuals who set the stage, days in advance, and who produce an extension cord, a piece of string, a paper bag and various and sundry other articles needed by a brother, usually on a panic basis, for his uniform or unit. And who would deny that the kitcheneers those indomitable producers of the delicacies who labor so long and so hard both before and after the meetings to cater to our palettes and our stomachs. Enduring the jibes "Hey cookie! there's no more cheese," or "Hey You! got any more sausage?" truly they are, in every sense of the word, a unit in their own right. There are others, such as the members of the I won etc who also deserve recognition for their efforts but, after all, isn't that what its all about? Brother helping

brother each contributing his share in his own way to the common cause we all call "the Shrine." In a way all those who sit in the galleries and on the side lines are a unit in themselves for without them it would be a bit pointless. Their applause, their enthusiasm and their contributions to the Hospital's funds are as lifes blood to the Shrine. Put it all together and it adds up to what lifes all about. Good fun, good food and the best of company dedicated towards a common goal of extending our hands towards the less fortunate.

## DeMOLAY

On July 7th the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, presented James Weick with the honor of the Chevalier Award. James has been the Senior Councilor for the Lakes Region of DeMolay and was recently elected to be the Master Councilor of the Lakes Region. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weick of Eastview Terr., Pittsford.

The Honorary Legion of Honor Award is granted by the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay to a Mason for unusual or meritorious service in behalf of DeMolay, Nominated by members of the Advisory Council for this award are "Dad" Harry Davis, past chapter Dad and past chairman of the Advisory Council. Mr. Davis has also been the past District Deputy of the Monroe District of the Lakes Region.

Also nominated for this award is "Dad" Jack Hultz. He has been a member of the Genesee Valley Chapter for four years and is a past Membership Advisor. Currently he is the Financial Advisor.

Conferral of the honors was on September 22 at the Fairport Masonic Lodge. The Conferral team was made up of senior or active DeMolays from the Rochester area. Most of the members hold the degree of Chevalier. Special visitors for the night were the many DeMolay leaders from Western New York State. Pittsford members of the conferral team included Past Master Councilors Robert Hultz, Douglas Riter and James Weick.

## TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON



Officers Meeting December 6th at my home-8:00 p.m. to discuss plans for Testimonial Dinner and Election of Officers.

Regular Meeting December 13th. This is a special meeting preceded by a Testimonial Dinner. We will be honoring R: W: R. Kenneth Crawford, R: W: Robert P. Zabel and R: W: Myron Dox. Dinner will be served by the Cedarettes at 6:30 p.m. For reservations call Guy Williams at 342-1505 or Vern Bishop at 225-8392. Please make every attempt to attend as these Woodsmen have brought High Honor to our Forest and deserve the recognition.

The Dinner will be followed by our Annual Election of Officers. Lets start out by showing our incoming officers the support they can expect next year.

Best wishes to all for a Joyous Holiday Season  
Bob Hebner, GTC

## SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Bro. Norm Fedreau is at home recovering from surgery.

Bro. Frank Denton is ill (unsure of diagnosis).

Bro. Gene Dixon is recovering from a recent auto accident. I am sure that cards and visits would be appreciated by these brothers.

## CEDARETTES

Dear Gals:

Due to illness, the November 20th meeting was changed to the home of Alicia Gears with Betty Fedreau and Ruth Meyer co-hosting.

You will be contacted by postcard (with reply card) for the Christmas Party on December 11th, in the event you did not attend the November meeting. It was decided at the October meeting that members could bring

## JAMES A. HARD POST #18

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2nd Thursday



November was a busy month for the active members of the Post. We assisted in flag presentations for installation programs for both Fidelity and Kanandaigua Chapters of Triangle along with participation at the annual Communion Service and Breakfast. December also promises to be a busy month!

Memorial services will be conducted on December 3rd for Valley Lodge and December 6th for Genesee Falls Lodge. Both services to start shortly after 7:30 P.M. Then on December 23rd we will assist with the Christmas Party at the Veteran's Hospital at Canandaigua. So, you see that there is plenty for each of you to do.

Commander Gordon Struck is finishing out his second year of office and deserves credit for his untiring efforts. Nominations for officers for the year of 1974 will be held at our regular meeting in January with an installation banquet to be held later in the month at the Inn on the Campus. More information will be provided in the January issue of this paper.

Don't forget. Things to remember for December:

December 3rd; Memorial Service, Valley Lodge.

December 6th; Memorial Service, Genesee Falls Lodge

December 13th; Post Meeting.

December 15th; Christmas Trip to Utica Home.

December 23rd; Christmas Party, Canandaigua

guests to the party. A \$2 grab bag gift is in order for guests and ones not having a secret pal, or a \$2 gift for the secret pals.

Don't forget your secret pal with gifts on Birthday and cards on other occasions.

Cedarettly  
Janet D. Whitney

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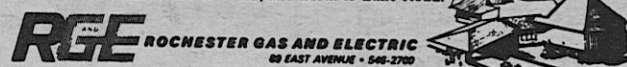


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