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Dear Brethren:

As of the first of December I will have made thirteen Official Visits. I also had the pleasure of celebrating a 50 Year Anniversary with John Robertson Lodge, a 60 Year Anniversary of Flower City Lodge and the 125th Anniversary of Penfield Union Lodge. It was also my honor to present a 50 year pin to Henry L. Tholstrup of Social Lodge No. 48 of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota at my Official Visit to Fairport Lodge.

SEPTIMIUS A.
DI LAURO
D.D.G.M.
1ST MONROE
DISTRICT



The Grand Lecturer's Convention on October 24 and 25, with R.W. Howard Potts presiding, was a great success. Anyone at the Friday night session will agree that Howard gets better with each succeeding year. The Lodges that participated in the ritual work are also to be commended on their good performance.

November 16th I attended the Grand Lodge Wardens Seminar in Corning, New York. We left Rochester with 34 on the bus and six driving separately. I'm pleased to report that the First Monroe District received second place in the attendance awards. The meetings were very useful to everyone present and particularly in instructing the Wardens in their future duties.

The attitude and interest in Masonry here is good. Our Lodges are taking in candidates and conferring Degrees. The business of running the Lodges keeps the Officers very busy. Particularly at this time of year, with new Officers to be installed, they need all the help they can get. Let's all help in getting more members involved and giving them our whole hearted support.

The traveling gavel is held by Craftsman Lodge in the Second Monroe District, and has been in their possession for a long time. How about an effort to bring it back to a Lodge in the First Monroe District?

My best wishes are extended to each of you and your families for a Happy Holiday Season and a most prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,
Septimius A. DiLauro, D.D.G.M., First Monroe District

Brethren:

With December comes the end of another Masonic year, and the start of busy weeks, as we enter into the Holiday Season. This is also the time to remember our ill and elderly Brethren, and brighten their day by a call or a visit. Saturday, December 21st is the date of the Annual Christmas Trip to Utica. May many of you join in as we journey to spread Holiday Greetings and Christmas Spirit to the guests at the Masonic Home.

WALTER A.
LINDEMUTH
D.D.G.M.
2ND MONROE
DISTRICT



I was a guest of Fidelity Triangle No. 4 at their installation of Officers and was presented a check for \$200.00 for the Brotherhood Fund. It took many hours of hard work and many projects to raise this money, and the girls are to be congratulated. Thank you girls.

This is the month for Annual Meetings and the Election of Officers. It has been a pleasure working with the 1974 Masters the last half of the year, and I am looking forward to next year with the Sr. Wardens as they prepare to become Masters of 1975.

The final Official Visit will be on December 3rd at Charlotte Lodge No. 1088. I have enjoyed the Visits, and thank everyone for the manner in which we were received, and assure you, I will be visiting with you again.

In closing, I extend to every member and their families my sincere wishes for a Happy and Joyous Holiday Season.

Fraternally,
Walter A. Lindemuth, D.D.G.M., Second Monroe District

CHRISTMAS UTICA TRIP BUSSES NEARLY FILLED

The trip will be made on Saturday, December 21st. We have only three seats left to fill 2 buses.

The buses will leave from the Masonic Temple, 875 East Main St., at 8:30 A.M. and should arrive at the Home at approximately 11:30 A.M. non-stop. We plan to leave the Home at approximately 3:30 P.M. and arrive at Trinkhaus Manor around 4:00 P.M. to eat at 5:00 P.M.

This trip is open to Brothers and Sisters. Last year we

had two bus loads also.

To make a reservation, call the Masonic Service Bureau, 473-4351, or Harry Kennedy, 586-1873.

We ask that each person bring some sandwiches or cookies so that we can share with each other when we eat lunch in the Administration Building dining room.

We are looking forward to having good fellowship in aiding Santa, in giving out gifts and singing carols.

Harry Kennedy, Chairman

Fidelity Triangle Girls Make Check Donations



Jr. Past Beloved Queen Anne Hassoldt presents checks to W. William Zufall, Director of Masonic Service Bureau. \$136.00 to buy a wheelchair and \$50.00 for the Monroe Masonic News.



R.W. Walter Lindemuth, D.D.G.M., receives check for \$200.00 for Brotherhood Fund from Jr. Past Beloved Queen Anne Hassoldt.

The girls earned the money for these gifts by holding rummage sales, charity bazaars, waiting on table, hat checking, collecting old newspapers, and selling candy, cookies, fruit-cakes and calendars. The retiring Queen presents the gifts from the money earned in her term.

MASONIC BROTHERHOOD FUND

Brethren:

Last month I told you a little about the Brotherhood Fund and its goals; to date, I have visited most of the 2nd Monroe Lodges with the District Deputy and told those present even more. I think you all know something of the fine work financed by these donations.

It is a little early in the campaign to generate reports in this paper, so with your indulgence I'd like to digress from the Brotherhood Fund in this issue. As I have accompanied the District Deputy(s) in their travels, a generous estimate of the total combined attendance for the Official Visits in our District will probably reach 300-350 for 16 visits, an average of about 20 per meeting. When you consider that a full line of Officers would provide 13 members, you can see that the sidelines have not been overflowing. Obviously, the old cliché, "We're talking to the wrong people" applies to those in attendance at the Official Visits.

It has been my opinion over the years that the quality of our Lodge programs and ritual is directly proportional to sideline support. Your Blue Lodge attendance and support provides an incentive to the Line Officers to generate their best efforts and among these efforts is the Brotherhood Fund Campaign. I guess I didn't digress after all.

Support your Blue Lodge, your Line Officers, and the Brotherhood Fund.

Fraternally,
William W. Mason, Grand Director of Ceremonies
Chairman, Second Monroe Brotherhood Fund.

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE

MASTER MASON NIGHT

CATHEDRAL HALL

Masonic Temple
Rochester, New York

THURSDAY DEC. 5
8:00 P.M.

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LET'S GO VISITING

DECEMBER 1974

- 2 - Corinthian Temple - Third Degree by Master.
- 3 - Yonnonodio - Third Degree.
- 3 - Rochester - Annual meeting.
- 3 - Charlotte - Official Visit of D.D.G.M.
- 3 - Clio - Third Degree by 1972 Past Masters Degree Team.
- 3 - Penfield Union - Official Visit of D.D.G.M.
- 5 - J.A. Hard Post - Memorial Service-Genesee Falls Lodge.
- 5 - Webster - Open meeting.
- 6 - Monroe Commandery - Re-dedication meeting.
- 6 - W.C. Hubbard - Annual meeting and election of Officers.
- 6 - School of Instruction - 7:30 P.M. at Masonic Temple.
- 9 - HAPPY HANUKAH
- 9 - Etolian - Election of Officers.
- 10 - Webster - Annual meeting with dinner 6:30 p.m.
- 10 - Ionic Chapter - Annual meeting.
- 10 - Fame - Annual meeting.
- 10 - Flower City - Annual meeting and election of officers.
- 11 - Ancient Craft - Annual meeting.
- 11 - Oatka - Annual meeting and election of officers.
- 12 - J.A. Hard Post - Post meeting - 7:30 p.m.
- 12 - Webster - Past Masters Dinner.
- 12 - Hamilton Chapter - Annual meeting.
- 13 - Cyrene Commandery - Pot Luck Dinner at Temple. 6:30 P.M.
- 16 - Corinthian Temple - Annual meeting and election of officers.
- 16 - J.A. Robertson - Annual meeting and election of officers.
- 17 - Charlotte - Annual meeting and election of officers.
- 17 - Penfield Union - Annual meeting and election of officers.
- 19 - Genesee Falls - Annual meeting and election of officers.
- 20 - W.C. Hubbard - Annual meeting and election of officers.

INSTALLATION DATES

LODGE

Valley
Yonnonodio
Genesee Falls
Rochester
Germania
Frank R. Lawrence
Corinthian Temple
Flower City
Seneca
Ancient Craft
Zetland
W.C. Hubbard
Craftsman
Frank L. Simes
John A. Robertson
Orpheus
Penfield Union
Monroe
Union Star
Northfield
Fairport
Etolian
Henrietta
Webster
Churchville
Oatka
Clio
Fame
East Rochester
Wakan
Charlotte

SENIOR WARDEN

David C. Clarke
Robert P. Galloway
Norman L.J. Smith
George M. Adams
Frank J. Arnold
Robert B. Rubel
Daniel E. Nesbitt
Seymour G. Kopen
Bruce E. Hansen
Delmar Miles
Theodore Z. Theodore
Robert C. Adams
Alan Doud
George H. Gray
Lloyd E. Walker
William Dworkin
Eric W. Zaenglein
Wilbur Paine
Raymond Sipple
Robert E. Phelps
James E. Comstock
Willard Goodridge
Melvin L. Simmons
Kenneth Hutchinson
George Simon
Edwin T. Laydon
Robert E. Stevens
Dale Lawson
Thomas G. Formicola
John J. Rees
Leonard Mack

INSTALL. DATE

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PAST MASTER'S SUPPER CLUB

The Past Master's Supper Club will **Not** meet at the Moose Hall on December 27 for the regular monthly dinner meeting, but will join with our newly installed Masters at the Temple for the annual Investiture Service held on that night. A dinner precedes the service.

Our next regular meeting will be held on Jan. 24, 1975 when the new Officers will be installed under the direction of W: Bro. Ralph Bigger. This is the beginning of a new year with new programs being developed by your Executive Committee. All Masters are cordially invited to attend. A new roster is now being prepared, a sure way of getting your name on this monthly mailing list is to become a paid up member. The dues are only \$3.00 a year. Come and meet with your fraternal brothers, who like you, have worked long and hard for the benefit of the Craft, and are now enjoying a wider range of friends and fellowship among the thirty one Lodges that comprise the Monroe Masonic Districts.

Fraternally yours,
Adrian DeVisser, Pres.
Robert Hebner, Vice-Pres.

- 21 - Christmas Trip to Utica.
- 21 - Masonic Stamp Club - Annual meeting and election of officers for 1975.
- 22 - J.A. Hard Post - Christmas Party at Canandaigua Veterans Hospital.
- 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS
- 27 - Investiture Service - Masonic Temple - Dinner.
- 28 - Masonic Blood Bank Day at Red Cross on Prince St. 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

MASONIC BLOOD BANK DAY

My Brethren:

On Saturday the 28th of December at the Red Cross Headquarters on Prince St. in Rochester from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. will be our first Masonic Blood Bank Day. Our M:W: Arthur Markewich has urged his Deputies in each District to set a day aside to give blood.

We in the Monroe Districts are most fortunate, as we may receive blood at no cost to us. This is set up through the local blood bank of the Red Cross. In the lower New York Districts one has to pay for the blood. If he repays it back it must be 2 for 1.

This blood we give will be kept in the county and be available to anyone. If other districts develop an emergency it can be shipped there. What better way to celebrate Christmas, the birthday of Christ, than to give so that someone, maybe even a loved one, might have the chance to live. I am personally looking for a figure of 350 pints of blood from our dedicated Brother Masons here in Monroe County.

I have been appointed Chairman of this project by R:W: Septimius A. DiLauro, D.D.G.M., First Monroe. I will be working with W: Garry Lind, member of the Grand Masters State Committee. I am therefore appointing the Senior Deacon from each Lodge to be its Chairman. I will be working with the new Junior Wardens for the next three years as their advisor and feel that it is appropriate they assume this great new responsibility.

Sincerely & Fraternally,
W: G.K. Becker, Chairman

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

The final meeting of the School of Instruction for 1974 will be held at the Masonic Temple, 875 East Main Street on Friday, December 6th at 7:30 p.m. PROMPT with the following Agenda:

W: Jack Teibault:

Rights, Privileges of a Master Mason; Masonic Etiquette.

W: George Stear:

Interpretation of the Ritual of the Third Degree.

R:W: John Skalny:

Organization in a Masonic Lodge.

This meeting is open to Master Masons only, and will be adjourned no later than 9:30 p.m.

Fraternally,

Maurice Solomon, Executive Secretary

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

by Rev. William H. McKee

WITHOUT WALLS

One of the prophets whom we rarely read about is Zeckariah, and yet his prophecy is one which is among the best documented as to date of writing. He begins by saying in the 4th year of King Darius, on the 4th day of the ninth month, which historians tell us was 520 B.C., that at that time he had a vision of the Lord who had not forgotten his people, promising if they would repent, his care would be continuous.

At that time, part of the exiles had returned to Jerusalem and were trying to rebuild the Temple, and in those days, the great walls of the city. It was a very discouraging task; many years had passed, and neighboring people had taken from the ruins as well as nature in a warm climate. The surrounding tribes did not want to see it rebuilt and added to the troubles.

In his vision, the prophet saw a young man carrying a measuring line; and being asked where he was going, replied, "to measure Jerusalem and see what should be its breath and length." The angel who had been talking to the prophet started to leave; another came out to meet him and said, "run to the young man there and tell him that Jerusalem shall be a city without walls - so numerous shall be the men and cattle within it." "I will be a wall of fire around her," said the Lord, "and a glory in the midst of her."

A city without walls must have seemed utterly impossible in those days, and in some places, it still is considered so, for the question of armed safety-national security is apparently uppermost in nearly all the earth. We do not surround our cities with walls, instead we stockpile vast armories with the means of destruction on land, sea, and in the air. The greater the store, the more afraid we become; and this in 1974.

The message given Zeckariah was that Jerusalem would have no walls except the wall of fire provided by God to surround and protect that city.

We have not attained that vision of almost 2500 years ago, but the writer of Revelations reminds us that the promise is there when the vision of the new heaven and the new earth is envisioned, with the passing of the first earth and heaven. Nineteen centuries later we still await the new heaven and earth but the promise remains. It will require the working together of all the world to abolish hatred and warfare; to give all mankind the rich, full life promised by God from the very dawn of history. We are our brothers' keepers and with untold millions in every part of the world threatened by starvation, with an estimate of over 20 million alone in our country living below the poverty level, we need the vision given the prophet and the vision afforded John who gave us Revelations.

Instead of storing the means of destruction, we need to till, plant and share in producing the food needed so that there shall be none starving in any place of this world of the Supreme Architect. When we do this, we shall find ourselves surrounded by the wall of fire of God - His love burning brightly in the lives of men who have chosen His way without any reservation for all days.



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Dear Brother Herman

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

Q. I was present in your Lodge when a Brother on his feet referred to it as a "Jewish" Lodge. What is a Jewish Lodge?

A. The Brother is misinformed. There is no such Lodge as a "Jewish" Lodge, or a "Christian Lodge." Masonry, in this country and in most of the world, is non-sectarian; and admits worthy men, regardless of race, creed, or color.

True, there are Lodges in which a majority of the Brethren are of the Jewish faith, as in this case, or the majority may be Episcopalians, or Baptists, or Veterans, or employees of a particular plant, or stemming from a particular national origin, or whatever. But all are Masonic Lodges.

Likewise non-sectarian, are the Bodies in the Scottish Rite, and two in the York Rite, - Royal Arch and Royal and Select Masters. The only exception is the Commandery, Knights Templar, which is Christian.

It may be noted that Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Israel conform to the basic principle and are non-sectarian, and include members who are Jewish, Christian and Moslem. Some conduct their work in Hebrew, and others in English, and one, I believe, in German.

In our own Grand Jurisdiction there are Lodges which conduct their work in foreign languages. Our own Germania Lodge No. 722, for many years conducted its work in German, has been and is one of the finest Lodges in Monroe Masonry, and has contributed great Masonic leadership.

Q. I attended a Lodge meeting where two Officers were present wearing their side arms. Was this proper?

A. One of the basic traditions of our fraternity is that "nothing offensive or defensive shall be carried into the Lodge room." In the case of our candidates we observe this prohibition so far that we request the candidate to remove even the ring on his finger, or if this is not possible, to cover it up.

It is in our opinion that military or police officials should not enter a Lodge room with weapons exposed. Such weapons should be left in the custody of the Tiler.

Q. As Secretary of my Lodge, at the close of 1973, I received a request for a Dimit after our Annual Communication in December. We read the request at the first stated Communication in January, but did not collect dues for 1974. Were we wrong?

A. You were not wrong. In our opinion, the Brother did not owe dues for 1974.

Sect. 660, Handbook of Masonic Law, states in part, as follows: ... Upon proper application ("requested in writing", Sect. 666) any member of a Lodge ("whose indebtedness to the Lodge is discharged," Sect. 663) may withdraw from membership and be entitled to a dimit ... It follows that when such a request is presented to an appropriate officer of a Lodge in his official capacity, compliance with the request is conclusively presumed ... and the requesting Brother **automatically** ceases to be a member of the Lodge, and is **thereupon** entitled to a dimit setting forth the fact."

This means that when you received the request, and if the dues for 1973 had been paid, the brother ceased to be a member of the Lodge, and was entitled to his dimit.

In other words, any request received in writing up to and including December 31st has the effect of immediately removing the Brother from the rolls. However, before the dimit is actually issued, present law requires that the Brother be contacted by a Committee, to endeavor to learn the reason for the request.

The request for the dimit should be read at the January Communication to put it on official record.

MASONIC SERVICE BUREAU

Christmas will be upon us almost before we know it, and I am repeating the request I made last month. We need the names of needy families who are in financial distress, so that we can provide them with a Christmas food basket. We need to know the names and addresses of these families, also the number of children in each family and their ages. Please call the Service Bureau at 473-4351 with the names of any people you think would qualify. We are also happy to receive any contributions of food and toys you may be able to give, and we will need some volunteers to help us distribute the baskets on December 23rd.

December also brings a variety of Christmas activities on behalf of the patients at the Canandaigua VA Hospital. Tuesday, Dec. 10th, is "Wrapping Day", when over 3,000 presents for the more than 1000 patients will be wrapped by volunteers at the hospital starting at 9 A.M. If any of you wives, widows, retired people, or **anyone** whose schedule is "open" enough to help us on a weekday - would be able to come along and give us a hand, please call me at 473-4351 and we'll see if we can't arrange a ride for you.

On Sunday, Dec. 22nd (the day after our Christmas trip to the Masonic Home at Utica) we will be going back to Canandaigua for the Christmas Party for the patients. We will sing carols, serve egg nog, fruit cake and generally have a festive time. We would appreciate it if you could join us on that day to help make the Christmas season a little brighter for these men who must spend the holidays away from their families and loved ones. We will meet in the Auditorium (Bldg. 5) at 12:30 P.M., and that's Sunday, December 22.

Finally, on Christmas Day, we need as many volunteers as possible to distribute presents to the Canandaigua patients. I know it's tough to leave your families on Christmas morning, even just for a few hours, but the more volunteers we have, the less time the job will take us, and the sooner we'll be back home.

Please keep all these dates in mind,
Fraternally,
William R. Zufall,
Executive Director

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FAIRPORT LODGE

No. 476

2nd and 4th Mondays

Dear Brethren:

As this will be my last letter to you as a group there are several things I would like to cover. First I would like to thank all my committees. I think they all did a great job. One committee in particular is the T. Board. To Tom, Carl, Jim Goff, Jack and any others who sold ads, I owe my sincere thanks, as well as the Lodge owes thanks. For without your help we could not have achieved what we did.

This has not been an easy year. We have suffered many hardships. We have taken in a great deal of candidates, which has meant lots of hard work. But we also lost a few members. To W: Rog Scott who volunteered his services after the sudden loss of W: Carl Throwbridge, our Secretary, all I can say is thanks. Words cannot express how I feel about this.

To my Jr. Warden Nels Venette and his committee on the Arts Festival, a big Thank You. Also to Bob Goldstein who did all the buying, etc. To Ben Greene on being so faithful for every meeting as our Tiler, Thanks. Also my thanks to the protoms for filling chairs when needed.

476 and myself could not get along without the help of our P.M. To R:W: Dar, W: Al and R:W: John and W: Ben. For there continued support for the Temple in building affairs as well as ritual work and for the sad duty of funerals. I say Thanks.

My Brothers, I have tried to do my best for all concerned this past year. For the success goes to the Committee. For the failures, I will take the sole blame. But I do ask some of you to search to God and seek some answers for some actions that have taken place this year. Have we been fair to those we have condemned. I am truly sorry to those who I may have hurt this past year. Even when treading lightly someone's toes may be stepped on. I am sorry.

In closing may I just give special thanks to my '74 Masters who have been so good to me as well as R:W: Mike Dox, R:W: John Skalny, R:W: Fred Stahl and R:W: Sep DiLauro. May God Bless you all. A special thanks to sister Betty Reynolds and the O.E.S. for all the wonderful dinners prepared.

Don't forget that Dec. 2nd will be our final degree with the 74 Masters doing the honors. Also Dec. 9th will be our Annual meeting.

I wish all the new Officers the best in 1975 and may the good Lord watch over each of you.

Sincerely & Fraternally,
G.K. Becker, Master

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ROCHESTER LODGE

No. 660

2nd and 4th Mondays

Dear Brethren:

Since this is my last message in the Masonic News as Master of our Lodge, I want to express my gratitude to all the members for their help and cooperation in the past year. I had heard that it would be rewarding and educational - it has been all that and more and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to sit in the East. It has been an experience I'll never forget.

We ended the last meeting of last month with a cake provided by the "master baker" of Humber Lodge in Toronto. It was brought with us on our return from their Lodge, frozen and kept to eat as we talked over the enjoyable visit "up north." I'd like to commend our members on the really excellent work they did in Canada, we were all proud of it.

Nov. 11th was our Move Up night and proved that next year our Lodge will be in very good hands, they are a fine group of Officers and its going to be a very good year. This night was also our Annual Memorial Service, led by the Master with the assistance of R:W: Frank Fulreader and Bro. Connie Behage.

We combined Ladies Night and Past Masters Night on November 25th. The evening started with a dinner, followed by a talk by Martha Crawford, the Home Economist at Wegman's store in Pittsford. Next, we went up to our Lodge room where a "special Degree" was conferred on R:W: Myron E. Wilkes by many of the Past Masters.

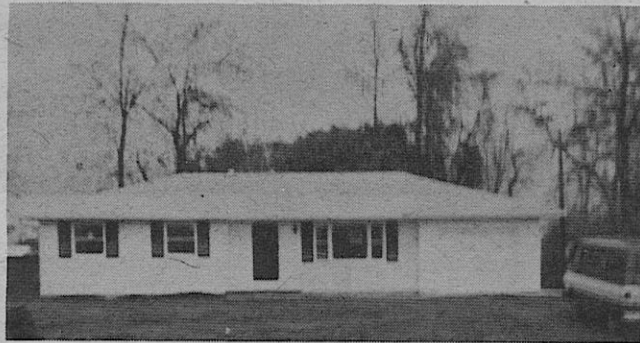
Although there was quite a bit of humor in the "Degree", the intent was to honor a Mason who has devoted a lot of time and worked very hard for us. Thanks again, R:W: Myron Wilkes. The evening concluded with gifts for all the wives present - they deserve a little remembrance for all they do for the Lodge too.

This paper should arrive in time so that you can still make it to the Third Degree for our Candidate at Valley Lodge on the fifth floor, Monday, December 2nd. The entire Fellowship will start their meeting at 7:15 p.m. and go in a group to attend this Degree. Try hard to be there and support our candidate.

You have all received the notice about our Annual Summons meeting on December 9th. This is the most important meeting of the year as far as Lodge business is concerned. Please attend.

It has been a very enjoyable year, thanks again for your support. As we approach this Holiday Season my wife Dorothy, my family and myself wish each and everyone of you a Blessed and Happy Christmas and a Wonderful New Year.

Fraternally,
Richard W. Zorn, Master



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Left to Right: - William Mason, Master and W. W. Lessord, Past Master of Etolian Lodge No. 479 display Attendance Banner won at convention.

ETOLIAN LODGE No. 479

2nd and 4th Mondays

Dear Brethren:

My year as Master is fast coming to the end. I would like to thank the members for their cooperation and participation. I also thank the lodge for giving me the opportunity to serve as Master. This was an experience I will always remember.

December 9th will be a Third Degree, with a dinner at 6:30. It will also be election of officers.

The lodge will have a family Christmas Party with the Star on Monday, December 16, 1974, 6:30 p.m., at Spencerport Masonic Temple. It will consist of a Tureen Supper. There will be a Christmas Tree, Clowns, and of course, Santa Claus! Meat, coffee, and rolls will be furnished. Bring table service, a dish to pass, and a gift for your child with his or her name to put under the tree. \$1.00 donation per family for Masonic Service Bureau. For further information, call Eileen Peckham at 594-9119.

Your Master,
Bill Mason

SECRETARY'S CORNER

The week of October 21st, 1974 was a very active one for Etolian Lodge No. 479 F. & A.M., Spencerport, N. Y. It also was a rewarding one. Never have so few brought honor to so many. The officers were called upon by Grand Lodge to exemplify the First section of the 2nd Degree. Willard Goodridge, Sr. Warden, assembled enough officers to fill all the stations and places and drove them to Rochester in his camper to the Temple where the district convention was held. The convention is held for the examination of the work done by various lodges. Friday night after a pancake sausage supper the work at convention was completed and Etolian won the Attendance Banner to be held for one year.

Saturday, October 26, 1974 members of Etolian Lodge travelled to Toronto for the annual visitation to Stanley Lodge of Toronto. This year it was held on Stanley Lodge Ladies Night. The combined venture was attended by 200 members, their wives and

friends. October 27, 1974 was annual Communion breakfast for Monroe County Masons. This year their wives joined them, also members of the Knights of Columbus. The annual Civic award was presented by Hon. Frank Horton to F. Ritter Shumway.

Monday, October 28, 1974 was our regular meeting and a report on the previous week's activity was given. W: Wallace Lessord, Asst. Sec.

Etolian Lodge No. 479 will hold its regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. at the Temple in Spencerport, N.Y. Willard Goodridge, Sr. Warden, will preside in the East. A class of five will have the Second Degree confirmed upon them. Raymond Burroughs, P.M. will be acting Chaplain in the absence of W: Wallace Lessord, P.M. who will be out of town.

On Nov. 4th, the members of Etolian were entertained by Chapter 308 O.E.S at a program honoring William Mason, the present Master. Token gifts were presented to each Master Mason attending.

Plans are being made for a joint Lodge and Chapter Christmas Party at which all the family will join (wives, children, grand-children, and friends.) A gift of limited value will be brought by each person attending and should be marked Boy; Girl; Man; Woman; or it may be marked that it is suitable for anyone. The date will be decided and announced through this paper.

Members of Etolian should plan to attend the next three meetings as they are the last for 1974; December 9th being election of Officers.

It is hoped that Bro. Floyd Seeley who is a member of the Shrine Clowns will be present at our Christmas party to entertain with his balloon act. In our many social affairs during the year he has brought much joy and laughter with his talent.



EAST ROCHESTER LODGE

No. 1020

2nd & 4th Tuesday

Brethren:

Since this will be the last monthly article for your Masonic News I will have the privilege of writing as Master of your Lodge, I want to express my most sincere thanks for the honor of having had this year in the East. I also want to thank all in the Lodge that made it possible and helped in all the different ways. Though I will be moving out of the big chair in the East, each time I enter the Lodge room that station will have its own significance to me personally. I will always try to do my best to support whomever is seated in the place of honor.

Our Past Masters' Night was a very interesting event. Many small but important highlights were told about from each of the Past Master's year in the East - by they themselves with reminders from others and many notes Most Worshipful Arnold Mundy had spent time reading up on from past records. My heartiest thanks to Arnold for the splendid job in the East, Robert Pendlebury in the West, Stan Wright in the South and Alex Peters - Sr. Deacon, Walt Shafer - Jr. Deacon, Gordon Hoag, Secretary, Bob Cartwright - Chaplain.

Our Brotherhood Chairman Merle Rogers reports the contributions are coming in well. But let's not feel that as long as others are giving no one will miss my small donation. Each and everyone who can, should try to help this very worthwhile cause. By sending your contribution in early can save Bro. Merle the extra work of contacting you a second or third time by mail, phone or in person which we will be doing as the campaign nears the close. So Brothers, mail back your envelope with something in them to the Lodge, Brother Merle or to me. Call us on the phone if a call is more convenient.

Election of Officers is the first meeting in December. Remember the summons you have all received by now and remember your obligation. Come out and let your newly elected officers understand your Lodge is voting them into their new offices as a whole body not by just a few regular members who attend every meeting.

A few of our Brothers have been reported as being in poor health or hospitalized. This information is getting back to your Lodge Brothers sometimes too late for us to offer our help or sympathy when it is needed at the most important time for you. Please Brothers, have a member of your family drop us a note or call someone in the Lodge so we may have this information to act upon in your behalf. It may not seem important to you to let us know but sometimes we might be able to help your loved one when they need it most.

Special Note: H.C. the ceiling is completed.

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

Fraternally,
Robert A. Emmons, Master

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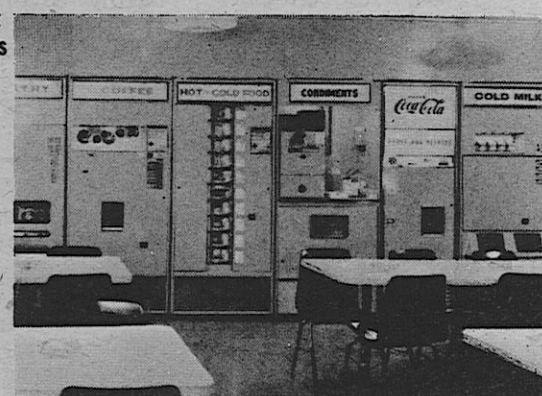
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YONNONDIO LODGE
No. 163
1st and 3rd Tuesdays



Brethren:
This as most of you know will be my last article as Master. I thought that it would be the easiest thing in the world to sit down and write it, but I find it very difficult to start to tell you my thoughts and feelings. It has been one of the roughest and perplexing years of my life. Maybe this was due to my lack of experience and wide eyed innocence in these matters. I have always been very proud to be a member of Yonnondio Lodge and wherever I went as a representative of it I tried to conduct myself in a gentlemanly like manner and not bring scorn or disgrace upon the Lodge or the Fraternity. I feel that the support from all Lodge groups could have been an awful lot better and hope with all my heart that it improves next year. Enough of my lecturing, the year is almost over and I would like to thank the members of Yonnondio for the honor of being its Master for 1974. I also thank all of the Line Officers and Fellowcraft Club Officers for their help and guidance and to the four Past Masters without whose help this Lodge would not operate - a special Thank You, and to the wives and families also - Thanks. In closing remember the Brotherhood Fund. Send your checks to Larry Wiler. Remember in 1975 Yonnondio Lodge is 125 years young so make a New Year's Resolution to attend Lodge and take part. Fraternally, Frank Kelsey, Master

NOTICE OF SUMMONS
Dear Brethren:
You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Communication of Yonnondio Lodge No. 163, F. & A.M. to be held in Gothic Hall, Masonic Temple, Rochester, New York, on Tuesday evening, December 17, 1974 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. W: Bro. Frank Kelsey, Master
Attest: R:W: Bro. Barton S. Horner, Secretary

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK
The 1975 dues bills have been mailed and to date, many of the Brothers have responded with their payment and some with questions. Your Secretary has tried to answer the questions as to the action of the Lodge taken at a summoned communication last June, at which the Grand Lodge dues and assessments and the Temple rent were separated. The answers to this action were given at the meeting but to explain further to those who were not present we will try to clarify it. First, Grand Lodge dues and assessments are fluctuating amounts and to eliminate the changing of the By-Laws each year, it is now permissible to increase or

CLIO LODGE
No. 779
1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Brethren:
Those of us who participated in the semi-annual Clio-Etolian-Churchville-Monroe Euchre Tournament had a very enjoyable evening. In all Clio Lodge had 16 Brothers turn out which enabled us, along with some skillful play, to return the plaque to our Lodge Walls. This Tournament provides us with an excellent opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of other Masons in Monroe County. There will be a Third Degree at Clio Lodge on Dec. 3rd. The Degree will be conferred by the '72 Masters Degree Team. Brethren, now is the time of year that Dues become payable. Please fulfill your financial obligation to your Lodge. Your Lodge requires capital to operate. Fraternally, Stuart Brickman, Master

SICKNESS & DISTRESS
Bro. Stan White is at home following a heart attack. Bro. Harold Brown is at home recuperating from hip surgery.

TRESTLEBOARD
Dec. 3 - Third Degree - conferred by '72 Masters Degree Team.
Dec. 17 - Annual Meeting.
Jan. 7, 1975 - Installation of Officers.

reduce this item. The same policy is in effect for the Temple rent and taxes. The Temple rent also fluctuates with the Consumers Index and the Temple has passed a tax assessment of \$1.80 per member to the Lodges and Concordant Bodies. This was levied when the real estate taxes had to be paid by the Temple in an amount in excess of Thirty Thousand Dollars, and is due in 1975.

To explain further, you no doubt have noticed that the dues of the regular members is Twelve Dollars and a Life Member pays one-half of the regular members dues or Six Dollars per year. The amount of dues that the Lodge retains hardly covers the expenses such as the cost of the Masonic News, postage and supplies, contributions for the memory of deceased brothers, services for the Lodge, and a small budgeted amount for social expense. The answer to the above is not to dimitt or drop-out but to think of the advantages of being a Mason, to 'help, aid and assist' your Lodge in this financial crisis. Think also of the possibility, in later years, of the Masonic Home in Utica, if the need should be for a place to live, you know the cost of nursing homes and few can afford this service. In closing, if you have suggestions as to how to cope with the problems of your Lodge, write or call your Secretary. R:W: Barton S. Horner, Secretary

TRESTLEBOARD
Dec. 3 - Third Degree.
Dec. 17 - Summoned Annual Communication.
Jan. 7, 1975 - Installation of new Officers.



Clio Lodge No. 779 - Presentation of Grand Lodge Award to R:W: Dennison Wright in recognition of 16 years of dedicated service on the Grand Lodge Fellowship Committee. Left to right: - R:W: Septimius DiLauro, D.D.G.M., First Monroe; Wor. Stuart Brickman, Master Clio Lodge No. 779; R:W: Dennison Wright, Past D.D.G.M., First Monroe; R:W: Marvin Beattie, Grand Lodge Fellowship Committee.

ZETLAND LODGE
NO. 951
2nd & 4th Thursdays



Dear Brethren:
It is with deep feelings that I pass the honor of Master of Zetland Lodge to Bro. Ted Theodore. This past year has been full of new experiences and I am deeply grateful to everyone, for having given me the honor of sitting in the most important chair in our lodge. I have tried my best to serve as Master of Zetland and to live up to the reputation of my predecessors. I thank all of you for your help during this past year. Dave, who also was Master in 1968, for the inspiration he gave me on going through line and becoming Master of our great lodge. Thank you. Fraternally, Ron Meier, Master

TRESTLEBOARD
Dec. 12 - Annual meeting; Dinner at 6:30. Officers formal. (only one meeting for December)
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
To the following Brothers celebrating December birthdays:
1 Glen Morey
1 Victor Lindboe
4 Donald Beldue
9 Donald Griffith
9 Howard Pulver
10 Maurice Despard
19 Hazen Coulter
22 John Braund
23 Ray Marvin
25 Sidney Crossing
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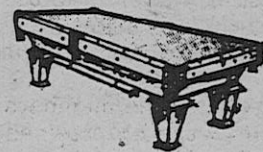
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Charlotte Lodge No. 1088 - Wor. Robert L. Thrash receives "Gold Shovel" from Dale Lawson, Sr. Warden, Fame Lodge. First place winners - (on left) - Rt. Wor. Lawrence Alman, Fred Ogborne. Booby Prize winners - (on right) - Bob Forest and Walter Pagel.

CHARLOTTE LODGE No. 1088 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Brethren:

As we near the coming holidays, it is unfortunate that others in the weeks ahead will not share in the good fortune bestowed upon many of us by the Supreme Architect. The Brotherhood Fund provides us with an avenue to share our rich blessings with others for the youth programs of our affiliated orders; equipment for the vital studies conducted for all mankind at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory; gifts and assistance for our soldiers and veterans; and care and services for our guests at the Home in Utica. Share your good fortune thru the Brotherhood Fund this season. Contact Bro. Albert Padget, 626 Magee Avenue, Rochester, N.Y. 14613.

The "Gold Shovel", which is the symbol of the Euchre Champions of Monroe and Wayne Counties is now in possession of Charlotte Lodge after another victory over Fame Lodge.

Our D.D.G.M. Walter A. Lindemuth, will be making his Official Visit on Dec. 3rd. Even though there is no trophy at stake, let's show him that we are ready to hear his message with a full Lodge room.

You can also show your interest in your Lodge and its officers by being present on Dec. 17th. when we will have the honor of electing our 1975 leaders.

I would like to make an appeal to any brother who has any knowledge of upholstery to give me a call at 254-9215 to discuss having our Officers chairs re-done.

Our organ fund is off to a good start and I would like to remind you that if you would like your name or a name of a loved one to be added to our permanent plaque please contact Wor. Gordon Davidson at 225-4782.

Wishing each and everyone of you and yours a Very Merry Christmas. Hoping to see you and your little ones at our annual Christmas Party, Sunday, Dec. 15th. Fraternally,
Robert L. Thrash, Master

FROM THE SOUTH

Brothers, I am proud of you although you have tried

hard, you still have not embarrassed your Jr. Warden because we have run out of refreshments. Time is running short and we have coming up communications that require your attendance, so call a Brother and both of you attend.

Dec. 3 - Official Visit of the D.D.G.M.

Dec. 15 - Annual Christmas Party (Sun. 2:00 P.M.)

Dec. 17 - Annual Summoned meeting and Election of Officers.

Jan. 7, 1975 - Installation of Officers.

I would like to thank the Lodge Brothers for their fine support and help this year, particularly our Stewards Jim Veomett and Russ Berry.

Each and everyone of our great fraternity - have a most enjoyable Holiday Season.

A pledge for 1975, "To better support my Blue Lodge."

Fraternally,
Pat Long, Jr. Warden

SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

Have you forgotten your Dues for 1974? Some of you have for I have your cards. Won't you get them paid before the end of the year? Mail your check to: Charlotte Mason Temple, 4550 Lake Ave. P.O. Box 4765, Rochester, N.Y. 14612. Your 1975 Dues are also due and I would be happy to receive them. It will save me from having to bill you. The Brothers of the Lodge have been saddened by the death of two Brothers in November. Bro. Gordon A. Pearce and Bro. Marlin A. Toombs. We shall miss their presence.

A reminder that our District Deputy R.W. Walter A. Lindemuth will pay his Official Visit to Charlotte Lodge on Dec. 3rd. We will look forward to seeing you then and also on Dec. 17th, at the Annual Summoned meeting. These meetings should be a must on your calendar of events.

It was reported that Bro. Fred Herrington, 94 Ingomar Dr. 14612, is ill and that Wor. Bro. Erney Hopkins, 394 Brandon Rd., 14622 is at home with a bad case of ulcers. I'm sure a Get Well card from you would be appreciated by both of these Brothers.

Fraternally,
Everett Van Putte, Secretary

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

Dear Brethren:

It seems impossible that this will be my last message as Master of our Lodge in the Monroe Masonic News, but the year has gone by very quickly. It has been a very busy year but could not have been successful without the help of all our brothers. There are many things that I hoped to have done and didn't and I am sure there are some things that I have done that I should not have, but I am very happy to have had the pleasure to have served you as Master. I will continue to be active in Lodge, the good Lord willing, and I hope that all of you will give your heartfelt support to our incoming Master.

Of course this is all thinking ahead to January 1975, but we still have work to be done in 1974. Our annual Memorial Service will be held on Dec. 5th, which will be handled by the James A. Hard Post, and the reading of our budget for 1975 will also take place at this time. Dec. 19th will be our annual meeting and election of Officers. I hope that many of you will be able to come. I would like to remind all of you, that because of the Christmas Holidays, our Fellowcraft Club will move its meeting to Dec. 12th.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Shrine Past Masters Degree Team for conferring the Third Degree for us on November 21st. Their work is always interesting and well done. Thanks again my Brothers.

I would also like to thank our guest speaker at the Nov. 7th meeting who spoke on Alcoholism. We had a small crowd, but those that did attend had a very enjoyable evening, also thanks to Bro. John Faro for obtaining this speaker for us.

I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and to all our Jewish brethren, a very Happy Hanukah.

To all our sick and shut-ins, God bless you and make you well and may He always be with you.

Fraternally,
Lawrence F. Geith, Master

TRESTLEBOARD

Dec. 5 - Memorial Service and reading of budget - 7:30 P.M.

Dec. 9 - Happy Hanukah.

Dec. 12 - Officers and Fellowcraft meeting - 7:30 P.M.

Dec. 19 - Annual meeting and election of Officers - 7:30 P.M.

Dec. 21 - Christmas visit to Masonic Home in Utica.

Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas.

Jan. 1 - Happy New Year.

Jan. 2 - Installation of Officers.



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

Dear Brethren:

For a long time many of us will have joyful memories of the good time we had together at our Lodge's 125th Anniversary Celebration. I congratulate the committee in their effort to plan a celebration offering fun and entertainment for everyone. How wonderful it is to have a celebration that everyone can enjoy! We were so happy that W: Bro. Herb Hamsher, 94 years young, could come and be a part of this event. We all enjoyed our toastmaster, R.W: Ralph Kellogg, and the excellent message of W: William Zufall, as well as the entertaining, talented and humorous Sunnysiders. Thank you all for coming. Wasn't it worth the effort?

I am happy to report that I have talked with Bro. Leopold, who is now on the mend after an extended illness and is anxiously awaiting the green light to return to work. I am sorry to report that Bro. Ronald Lyons is experiencing much pain with a slipped disk. We all wish him well and hope he can be back with us soon.

I extend my congratulations and love to those brothers who rearranged their priorities and attended our first meeting in November. It was such an uplift for your Master to see the sideliners who came. The representatives from the Grotto and Shrine made us aware of the wonderful work and benefits that our fraternity provides for humanity. Brother Pierre Fenster's beautiful slides and informative talk made us feel that we ourselves were in the Canadian Rockies.

Remember our Official Visit on December 3rd. Come if you can. Also keep in mind our summons meeting and election of officers, Dec. 17th.

Since the Lodge participation and attendance is partly the responsibility of the Master, I have given considerable thought to how a Master may fall down or not meet his responsibilities. I have also given the same to the responsibilities of the Brethren. I hope our Lodge attendance does not reflect how many of us may have forgotten our obligation to the Craft and each other.

It seems too early to wish you a Merry Christmas. However, if I wait until the next issue goes to press, Christmas will be a thing of the past.

Fraternally,
Wayne H. Slack, Master

GERMANIA LODGE No. 722 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

ANNUAL SUMMONS

Dear Sir & Brother:

You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Slated Communication of Germania Lodge No. 722, F.&A.M., to be held on Wednesday evening, December 11, 1974, at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of electing officers and reading of annual reports.

Signed,
Norman F. Hegadorn,
Master
ATTEST:
Harold R. Weimer,
Secretary

MASTER'S MESSAGE

On December 11th, it is very important that you attend Lodge this night, for the election of officers. The Officers that are elected will govern the Lodge for 1975. So let's have a good turnout.

The Children's Christmas Party to be held Saturday evening, Dec. 7th at 6:30 P.M. is financed by voluntary contributions of our Lodge members. Please make your check payable to Wayne Cowell, 115 Hinchey Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624.

If you bring a gift for your child or grandchild the night of the party, please mark his or her name plainly.

I want to thank all my Officers and Past Masters for all the help they have given me this year. Also the Brothers on the sidelines, with your help you have made it possible to complete a good year. Thanks again. See you next meeting.

Fraternally,
Norman F. Hegadorn,
Master

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Bro. Russ Haney, 255 S. Goodman St.; Bro. Charles Pflaum, Genesee Hospital.

CALLED HOME BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT

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BROTHERHOOD FUND

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WEBSTER LODGE
No. 538
1st and 3rd Thursdays

Dear Brethren:

Since this will be my last column for the News as Master of Webster Lodge, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to each and every one of you for this privilege. It is unfortunate that I have not had the occasion to greet each of you personally, but time did not permit that. I have enjoyed this year and have tried to do my best.

Webster Lodge presented still another 50-year pin. The recipient of this honor was Bro. John Schenck. It is truly an outstanding achievement for a man to have supported the goals and values of Freemasonry for this long a period and these awards are deserved. Congratulations and best wishes to all of our long service award recipients.

A well-deserved thanks also goes to all the brothers who supported the Fellowcraft club in their latest work project. The hall is much brighter with its new ceiling and freshly painted walls.

Welcome to our five newest brothers who were raised at our November 21st meeting.

This column will have as honor years 1924, 1919, and 1914. In 1924, W: Bro. Luther Curtice was Master. No members survive who joined in 1924 although W: Bro. Curtice is still an active attending member. In 1919, W: Bro. Howard Nobles was Master and the only survivor is Bro. Herbert J. Rambert who was raised 7/3/19. The Master in 1914 was W: Bro. Walter Lauer and again there is but one survivor. He is Bro. Glenn Bancroft who was raised 7/30/14.

Brethren, I would like to close this column by extending to all of you, wherever you may be, a very Happy Holiday Season and the best in the year 1975.

TRESTLEBOARD

- Dec. 5 - Open meeting.
 - Dec. 8 - Children's Christmas Party.
 - Dec. 11 - Fellowcraft dinner and Annual meeting.
 - Dec. 12 - P.M. Dinner.
 - Dec. 10 - Annual meeting with Dinner at 6:30; Officers formal.
- Fraternally,
Donald A. McTarnaghan

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

Dear Brethren:

You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Communication of John A. Robertson Lodge No. 1032 at the Masonic Temple, Rochester, N.Y. on Monday evening, December 16, 1974. The election of officers, committee reports, and the general transaction of such business as may be brought before the Lodge will be the finale of the year of 1974.

This will be my last communication to you as Master of 1974. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all who have helped me through the year. History has been made within our Lodge this year with the celebration of our 50th year of existence, and I feel great to be a part of it.

Our future officers are full of enthusiasm, they have a lot going, their sights are being trained high; so let's all, Brethren, get behind them and support them wherever they go. January 6, 1975 will be Installation Nite, so let's all get together and make this a big night for your new 1975 Master.

May I leave now with the wish that you all will have a happy, healthy and prosperous holiday season.

Fraternally,
William K. Gersley, Master

SECRETARY'S DESK

The Masonic Service Bureau has a Christmas visit scheduled for the Masonic Home in Utica on December 21, 1974. W:B: Bill Gersley and wife, Bros. Malcolm Pollock, Archiblad Barbour and their wives plan to make the trip and visit with as many guests as time will permit. Our own Lodge member, Bill Pressley, and other district guests will be awaiting their arrival to renew hometown chatter.

Bro. George Barlow recently contacted W:B: Milt Kingsley in Florida, and we get the word that Milt is feeling much better. Milt, we all wish you a happy holiday

season, along with a more stable recovery from your ailment.

W:B: Malcolm Nulton and his wife, Joanne, attended a Funeral Directors Convention in Las Vegas recently, and we trust you had an enjoyable time there. Did you win any bets?

Bro. Warren Doerrer has recently moved his jewelry business to the Temple Building. We all wish you success in your new location.

Bro. Anthony Bartusek has recently moved to Summerdale, Alabama on Route #1, Box 73A, zip 36580. He is now enjoying being nearer his daughter, and he would like to receive any card or correspondence that his friends may have to offer.

Brethren, by this time, you will have received your summons to the Annual meeting on December 16, 1974, at which time the election of officers for 1975 will take place along with the financial report of your lodge for 1974. This being the Master's final meeting, let us show him we appreciated his work of the year by attending a dinner at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting at 7:45 p.m. For dinner reservations, please call W: Bro. Merl Nulton, 436-3311; Bro. Skip Waterstreet, 381-8028; or Bro. Ed Walker, 647-2382.

Brethren who have not paid their 1973 dues by December 31, 1974, are subject to unaffiliation, so please make an effort to pick up your dues card on or before December 16th. Our box score at the present time stands as such: 9 unpaid dues for 1973, and 25 unpaid dues for 1974.

Fraternally,
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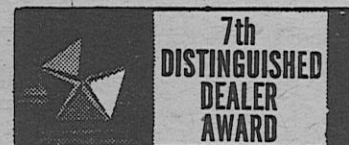
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3rd Tuesday

MASTER'S
MESSAGE

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Brethren:

Alas, I have come to my last message in this Monroe Masonic News. On December 17th we will have our Annual Reports, Election, and Installation of the new officers for 1975.

I cannot begin to express all my thanks and gratitude for all the cooperation I have received from every Brother in Seneca Lodge. Everything went just as I planned at the start of 1974. That "Spirit of Seneca" that I have referred to in past articles is definitely a real thing and I sincerely feel is present in all Seneca Brothers. My officers were excellent, not only in their flawless Lodge work, but even more important in their willingness to get behind every program that was planned. I will never forget how great they were. The Past Masters were also a terrific bunch of Brothers, always giving you encouragement, co-operating in every program, and giving wise counsel whenever needed. They definitely are the rudder that seems to keep Seneca Lodge on such a great course. And last, to the Brothers on the sidelines I want to say, without you nothing would succeed. You were all great, and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I was extremely pleased how everyone got behind the Reunion Class Idea, and it was a great thrill for me to greet, month after month, brothers we have not seen for some time. The month of October did the most outstanding performance with a 77% attendance.

To all my committees, may I express my thanks for jobs well done. The Brotherhood and Fellowcraft Committees were outstanding in their performances.

The first "Seneca Lodge Church" Sunday was a great success with over 50 attending the service and 46 joining in the Maplewood for dinner. It was a great inspiration to all who attended. Also I want to thank W: Bill Staples and all his cohorts who did a superb job in presenting the drama of the Third Degree for the District Convention. All who were present were mighty proud of Seneca Lodge.

I sincerely wish all the incoming officers the very best for 1975. I know our Sr. Warden will be an excellent Master, and all the other officers will get behind him just as they did for me. Please plan to join us on December 17th for the Election and Installation, for a great turn out will be very encouraging for the incoming officers.

In closing I want to say that it has been a great honor and pleasure to serve as your Master. I will never forget this year and it will always remain as the highlight of my Masonic career. May I wish you all the most Blessed Christmas, and a very happy and prosperous New Year. Fraternally,
Hal R. Miller, Master

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No. 805

1st and 3rd

Mondays



FROM THE EAST

As we approach the Holiday Season, it brings to mind that my tenure as Master is fast coming to a conclusion. Therefore I wish to remind you of two important events:

Monday, December 2nd - Third Degree by Master. Spaghetti Dinner prepared by John Gionta, Master of Culinary Arts at 6:30 p.m. Cost to be prorated - Lunch to follow.

Monday, December 16th - Annual Summons Meeting and Election of Officers: Dinner 6:30 p.m. Lunch to follow.

The custom of bringing a gift at this meeting for a child (nominal value) for the Masonic Service Bureau Christmas Baskets would be appreciated.

But now that my task as Master is coming to a completion, I feel like joining in the familiar hymn that "the toils of the road seem as nothing when you get to the end of the way."

May I wish to you and your families the Happiest Holiday Season. Fraternally yours,
Edward R. Shaw, Master

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren, the 1975 Dues Statements are in the mail now. Returns are being received daily and it is hoped that all will take care of this at their earliest convenience. A word of explanation is necessary as to the increase in the Per Capita Rent. The Board of Trustees of the Temple Civic Center has found it necessary to ask for a raise in the rent due to the rise in the Consumer Price Index. We have been fortunate that these raises were not asked for in some prior years but it is now starting to catch up to us.

Our share of the City, School and County Tax bill was to have been \$1.80 assessed to each member but your W:M. and the Trustees have decided with the Lodge's consent to pay this money out of the interest received from investments for this year only. What will be in the years ahead is too early to know. With this fact in mind, each member is saving \$1.80 on his 1975 dues and I would like to suggest that \$2.00 be sent to help the Brotherhood Fund Drive for this coming year. Bro. Elmer Keller is Chairman of this drive and would like to see all previous years results surpassed. Please give this your earnest consideration.

Birthday congratulations to those of you who celebrate in December as follows: Bros. Jon Alexander, Emil Grunberg, Walter Herman, W: Ralph Jenkinson, Harry Kipp, Milton Klick, Gerald Kressman, W: Frederick Newman (Master - 1937), Donald Scheerens, Isaac Scheerens, W: Bertram Steene (Master - 1966), Charles Vaughn, and Frederick Walker.

Notices of indebtedness have been mailed to 10 brothers and I sincerely hope that

they will be able to remain with us. If one of these brothers would like to be dropped at their own request and remain in good standing until such time as he desires to return to this lodge or any other lodge, it will be necessary to pay for 1973 and 1974 dues before December 16, 1974. A Dimit will be issued at that time. Within a period of one year he is entitled to visit other lodges. After the year is up he will not be able to visit any lodge or join in a Masonic procession, nor be entitled to receive Masonic relief or burial. After this period of one year, a brother becomes known as a non-affiliated Mason. At any time thereafter he is eligible to join any lodge that he sees fit to do so.

DUES BOX SCORE

1973 - 10

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Bertram M. Steene, Sec.



Bro. Harry Marshall

HARRY MARSHALL
RECEIVES SERVICE
AWARD

Presentation of a Fifty Year Pin commemorating 50 years as a Master Mason was made to Bro. Harry Marshall by R:W: Walter Lindemuth, D.D.G.M. representing M:W: Arthur Markewich, G.M. of Masons of the State of New York, Monday evening, Nov. 18th., in Corinthian Temple Lodge No. 805 at the Masonic Temple.

Bro. Harry Marshall was born in a little village in England called Wicken, a place now in the Historical Society, in 1890. He came to the U.S. in 1911, worked on farms in Irondequoit and soon after started work at Kodak where he stayed for 40 years.

Bro. Marshall was raised in Corinthian Temple Lodge No. 805 on June 2nd, 1924. His hobbies are gardening, traveling, playing cards and bowling.

One of the highlights of his life was a visit to a Masonic Lodge in London, England having been vouched for by a nephew.

Bro. Marshall will be 85 years of age in July of 1975 and has always felt it an honor to be a Mason and especially a citizen of this good old U.S.A.

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No. 964

1st and 3rd Fridays

MASTER'S MESSAGE

As this will be my last communication to you as Master, it hardly seems possible that a full year has passed since I was first installed as Master. I would like to say that this year has been a thrilling experience for me and one that I'll always remember.

BROTHERHOOD FUND

As you all know, the 1974-1975 Brotherhood Fund is underway and your contributions may be sent to Bro. Michael A. Rapson, 5839 Chili Ave., Churchville, New York 14428. All contributions will be appreciated.

FELLOWCRAFT

The Fellowcraft is forming a Camping Club within our Lodge. Any Brethren interested should contact Brother Franklin J. Austin at 594-4989.

I would like to take this opportunity to mention that the December 6th meeting is a Summons Meeting for the purpose of voting on a change of By-Laws. The December 20th Summons Meeting is our Annual Summons meeting for the purpose of Election and Installation of Officers.

TRESTLEBOARD

Dec. 6 - Summons meeting-annual Reports and Budget presentation - 7:30 P.M.

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

Dec. 20 - Summons meeting-Election and Installation of Officers - 7:30 P.M.

The Annual Children's Christmas Party has been cancelled for this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Brethren who have given so much of their time and have worked so close with me to make this a successful year. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve as Master of Warren C. Hubbard Lodge No. 964.

In closing I would like to extend my best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to everyone.

Fraternally,
Salvatore Spano, Master

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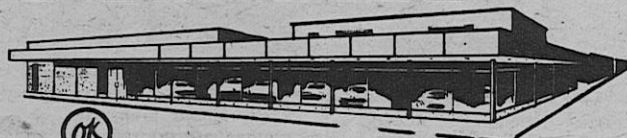
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Dear Brethren:

At our November meeting we were furnished with some very fine entertainment by the Tartan Square Club which included some exceptional Scottish harmonizing.

At the November meeting we also voted an approval of the change in our By-Laws to raise the dues and increase the initiation fee.

We had a fine attendance that evening which included our D.D.G.M., R:W: Walter A. Lindemuth.

At our December meeting we will hold our election of officers for the year 1975. This is a summoned meeting making it mandatory that you attend. In as much as you have all received an Official Summons, I shall expect you all to be in attendance that evening and shall be looking forward to seeing you there. We will have ample seating available for all. Also at this meeting all committees for the year 1975 will be appointed.

Also at our December meeting, we will be visited by The Lalla Rookh Grotto and much will be explained about their Concordant Body. After the meeting we will be entertained by a movie that they will show us.

Is there any Brother in our Lodge who can play the piano and would be so kind as to volunteer to play the piano at our meetings and Degrees? If so, his services would be greatly appreciated. It would do much to enhance our meetings and Degree work.

If there is any Brother who has not paid his 1974 dues, would you kindly forward them as we are in need of the money at this time.

The time will soon be upon us when we will be wrestling with our Income Tax Returns and while few of us will ever admit that we have had a good year, still when April rolls around many of us wish that we had just a few more deductions to soften the tax blow. Now is the time to remedy this for 1974 -- Send your contributions for the 1974-1975 Brotherhood Fund to Bro. Jack McGirr III, 62 West Main St., LeRoy, New York 14482. Make the checks payable to 1974-75 Brotherhood Fund Campaign. It's fully tax deductible.

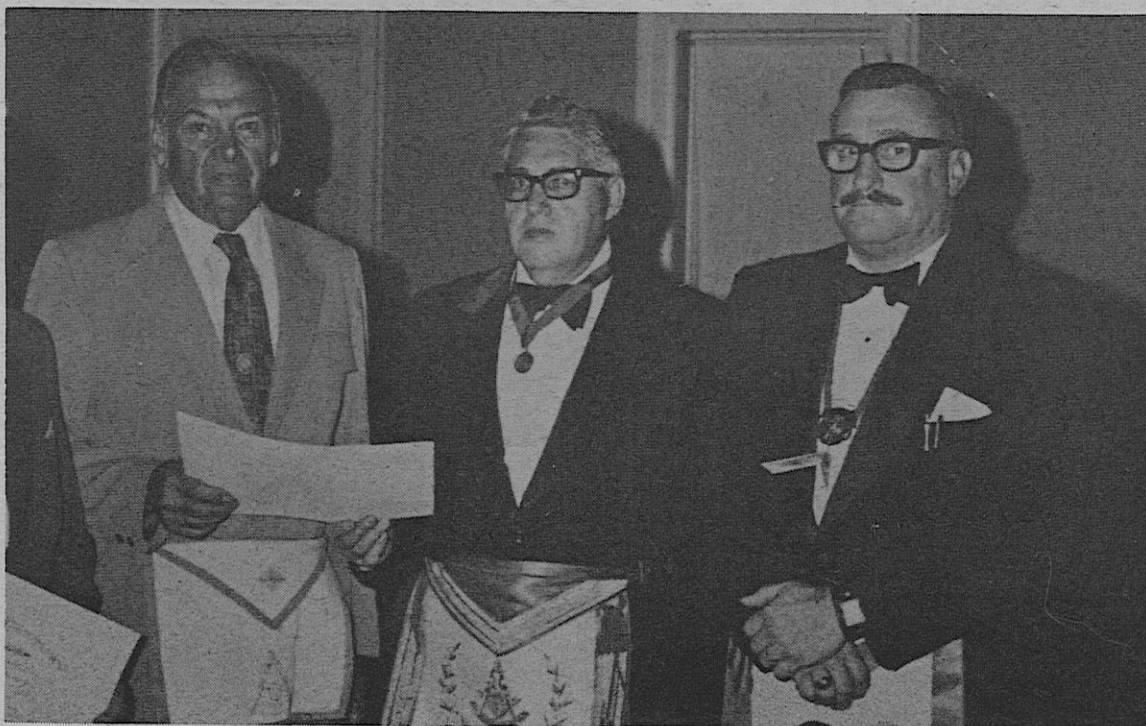
Under Sickness & Distress - Bro. Edgar Arnold is in quite a lot of pain. He has had severe hip pain and is under medication to reduce it. His trouble seems to stem from hardening of the arteries. Bro. Edgar I hope your pain eases off.

Due to the fact that our regular Communication in January would fall on New Years Day we will get special dispensation from Grand Lodge to have our Annual Installation of Officers on the following week, on January 8th.

I hope you and your families have a very Happy Holiday Season.

Fraternally,
Harris Nesbitt, Master

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Bro. Merritt Kimball and Wor. Bro. William Zimmer are presented Quarter Century Certificates by D.D.G.M., R:W: Walter A. Lindemuth. Pictured left to right: - Bro. Merritt Kimball, Wor. Bro. William Zimmer, R:W: Walter A. Lindemuth, D.D.G.M., and Wor. Bro. Harris C. Nesbitt, Master.

HENRIETTA LODGE No. 526

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2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Dear Brethren:

This being my last writing in the Monroe Masonic News as Master, I would like to thank the Officers and Brothers of Henrietta Lodge for your support and cooperation during the past years, especially 1974.

We have accomplished many physical improvements in our Lodge and our fellowship has grown at an even faster rate.

I urge each of you to give your support to our incoming Master and with your participation continue to give Henrietta Lodge a most friendly and cordial atmosphere.

A reminder that our December meeting is a Summoned meeting for the purpose of electing Officers for the ensuing year.

Please submit your 1975 dues to R:W: Francis J. Raab, Secretary.
Fraternally,
John L. Armendinger,
Master

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Wor. Bro. Harold Gruchow is recovering from a recent injury.

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OATKA LODGE

No. 759

2nd & 4th Wednesday

FROM THE WEST

Dear Brethren:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that Oatka Lodge No. 759 will be 100 years old in 1975. A dispensation was granted to a group of brethren to form Oatka Lodge on January 15, 1875. The Charter was granted June 9, 1875 by Grand Master Elwood G. Thorne.

Oatka Lodge No. 759 is planning a Centennial Dinner Party, to be held March 8, 1975, at Logan's Party House on Scottsville Road. Following the dinner, there will be entertainment and then dancing to Brother Bob Brethen's Orchestra.

Plan on attending this Centennial celebration. Information on entertainment, tickets and reservations will be following in the near future. Fraternaly,
Ed Laydon, Sr. Warden

TRESTLEBOARD

Dec. 4 - Fellowcraft Club meeting.

Dec. 9 - Auditing Committee Work evening.

Dec. 11 - Annual meeting and Election of Officers.

DUES ARE DUE FOR 1975.

Fraternaly,
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Brethren:

Ancient Craft Lodge was the scene of an excellent

Third Degree, put on by the Damascus Shrine Past Masters Degree Team, on Wednesday, Nov. 13th. Congratulations and thanks for a job well done.

Welcome to our four new Master Masons, Ron Kilmer, Fred Haddad, Al Johnson and Joseph Mlyass.

Wednesday, December 11 is our annual meeting and you are hereby summoned to attend. Election of Officers and the transaction of annual business will be the order of the day.

Under Sickness and Distress - John Hoth is at home and requests visitors. Ford Meyers is recuperating and hopes to leave for Florida in the near future. John Gucker is in Northside Hospital for surgery and our best wishes are extended to him for a speedy recovery. Warren

Rogers is recuperating at home. Best wishes to all of these Brothers.

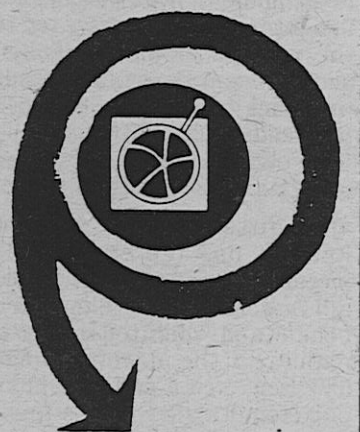
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Beloved Queen Yvonne Asselin of Lilac Triangle No. 121 and her staff of officers.



Beloved Queen Yvonne Asselin of Lilac Triangle at her Installation November 8th.

THE ROCHESTER MASONIC STAMP CLUB

The following information was contained in a letter from R.W. Frank Fulreader to a Brother who had requested some information about the Masonic Stamp Club. The Brother felt the letter might be of interest to the other readers of the Masonic News.

Dear Bro. Jay W. Stalker:

The Rochester Masonic Stamp Club is a small organization of Masons who gather for the fellowship, and exchange of information about the hobby of collecting stamps. Each of the members usually contribute U.S. and Foreign Stamps which they have gathered. The club is a place where duplicates are exchanged or presented to the various members. Talks, slide presentations, and other material of interest to those interested in philately usually take place at the meeting. The object of the club is to collect and disseminate U.S. and Foreign postage stamps, old picture post cards, old albums, stamps catalogs, and books and philatelic newspapers to the Masonic Home at Utica, N.Y., and the Shriners Hospitals in Springfield, Mass., and the Burns Institutes of that organization, for the use of their guests.

At the Masonic Home in Utica, their members, and guests derive pleasure, and therapy from the soaking these stamps off from the backing paper, sorting them, adding to their collections from the items received, and disposing of the surplus of those in good condition to wholesale dealers for money. The damaged stamps are cut into the designs by those members and guests which are either bedridden, or confined to wheel chairs, or otherwise infirm, and then pasted on the background cards. This provides occupational therapy for these guests, and gives them a community of assembly with a common purpose. You can readily appreciate the great good this does for those who participate.

The organization (The Rochester Masonic Stamp Club) recognized at its inception that it could not hope

FIDELITY TRIANGLE

Nov. 9 - Mary Ann Farrell, the new Beloved Queen of Fidelity Triangle, and her staff of officers, were installed by Jr. Deputy Mrs. Helen Paget, in a formal ceremony in Cathedral Hall.

The installing Marshalls were, Michelle Borland and Jr. Past Beloved Queen Anne Hassoldt.

The installing Chaplain was Past Beloved Queen Debra Mason.

The organist was Daddy Martin Reitz and the soloist was Past Beloved Queen Patti Roffe.

The color guard of the J. A. Hard Post of the Masonic War Veterans presented and returned the flag.

Special guests included: R. W. Walter Lindemuth, D.D. G.M.; W. William Zufall, Director of Masonic Service Bureau; W. Kenneth Hutchinson & W. Edna Hutchinson, Patron & Matron of Webster Chapter; W. Lois Hassoldt, Matron of Northfield Chapter; Beloved Queen Yvonne Asselin of Lilac Triangle; Karen Brethen, Exalted Star of Constellation; Larry Beikirk, Master Councilor of Rochester DeMolay; James Weick, State Program Director for DeMolay; and Rev. Fay Cleveland, Pastor of Grace United Methodist Church.

The Benediction was given by Rev. Fay Cleveland.

A reception, social hour and refreshments followed the meeting.

to exist only for its own selfish purpose, but that it needed something greater than its own self perpetuation. It was for that reason the members heartily endorsed the program of assistance to the Masonic Home and Shriners' Institutions. That the Great Architect of the Universe looks kindly on such an endeavor, and meets with His approval, can only be judged by the continued contributions by individuals, such as yourself. It is a charity that you can enjoy with others and which costs you nothing but a few moments to gather the material.

The Stamp Club has now crossed the border of the United States and Canada to solicit postage stamps for our Club. Rochester Lodge No. 660 recently visited Humber

JENNIE M. LORD CONSTELLATION No. 5

On Oct. 5, we held a reception in honor of Miss Brenda Miller, Grand Star of Reliance and Miss Margret Rainey, Grand Star of Faith. Many people attended and a good time was had by all. Along with the reception that weekend, was our Charity Bazaar at Greece Town Mall. It turned out very successful.

Oct. 18, we had a Get-Together, at which we practiced for our Initiation. On Nov. 2, we had our 24th annual Birthday Banquet. We had a delicious Ham dinner. We had many guests including three of our Grand Officers, and three Eastern Star Grand Officers. Following the dinner, we initiated two girls, Linda Beardsley and Gail Brueningsen.

On Nov. 24, we will visit the Brockport Fire Dept. and a Get-Together will follow.

On Dec. 7th we will be electing officers, for the next term. Hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving.

See ya next month!
Fraternally,
Heather Cooper,
Corresponding Secretary

LILAC TRIANGLE

Lilac Triangle No. 121 held its public installation of officers on November 8th at the East Rochester Masonic Temple. Miss Karen Leipold, Jr. Dep., was Installing Officer. Installing Marshalls were PBQ Valerie Smith and PBQ Linda Whitmarsh was the Installing Chaplain.

The newly installed officers are: Beloved Queen - Yvonne Asselin; Sr. Lady-in-waiting - Debbie Arthur; Jr. Lady-in-waiting - Kathy Bates; Guardian - Heidi Pulver; Chaplain - Linda Gurney; Trustee - PBQ Valerie Smith; Marshal - Sandy Arthur; Asst. Marshal - Lisa Wilder; Treasurer - Barbara Kester; Rec. Secretary - Kathy Doyle; Corr. Secretary - Laurie Arthur; Fin. Sec. - Holli Blohm; Flag Bearer - Debbie Peets; St. Bearer - Lorie Smith; Historian - Sue Burney; and Press Sec. - PBQ Lori Wilder.

Mrs. Asselin will be Chairman of Supervisors and Mr. Whitmarsh will act as Daddy of the West. Other Supervisors and Daddies installed were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur, Mrs. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Pulver, Mr. and Mrs. Gurney, Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Whitmarsh.

Mrs. Evie VanBuskirk was soloist for the evening. Mrs. Helen Ormsbee continues her many years of devoted service to our Triangle as Honorary Musician. In the Queen's Honor Guard were Laurie Arthur, Holli Blohm, Sue Gurney, Barb Kester, Lorie Smith, and Lisa Wilder. Miss Debbie Leipold, Jr. Advisor, was also present for the Installation.

Members of Lilac Triangle have recently attended the Public Installations of Agnes Poss Triangle in Hornell, Fidelity Triangle in Rochester, Kanandaqua Triangle in Canandaigua, and Genesee Valley Chapter, Order of DeMolay in Pittsford.

At our next regular meeting on Nov. 18, Beloved Queen Yvonne Asselin will present her term plans. Respectfully submitted, Lori Wilder, PBQ

FLOWER CITY LODGE

No. 910

2nd Tuesday

Dear Brethren:

Our November meeting saw two new members of the Lodge being raised by R.W. Herman Sarachan, who conferred the Third Degree on Bro. William S. Gerber and Bro. Arthur Brickman, with our Past District Deputies, R.W. Al Goldman and R.W. Joe Silverstein occupying respectively the chairs of Senior and Junior Warden.

The remaining offices were filled by the Past Masters. The Second Section was in the hands of our Fellowcraft Degree Team, and the Historical Lecture was delivered by Wor. Maurice Solomon. All in all, a fine evening with a good attendance. December, of course, is our Annual Meeting, when we elect a new Master for 1975, and we look forward to a good turnout for this meeting.

TRESTLEBOARD

Dec. 10 - Annual Meeting-Election of Officers.

Dec. 15 - Annual Childrens Party.

Dec. 17 - Fellowcraft Club.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Max Becker in the passing of his Mother.

Bro. Garry Ronner is recovering from a heart attack.

Bro. Abe Baker is in Strong Memorial Hospital with a heart attack.

Bro. Lou Herzog is recuperating after surgery at Park Avenue Hospital.

Bro. Saul LaVine is recuperating after surgery.

Fraternally,
William R. Dunskey,
Hospitaler

ANNUAL CHILDRENS PARTY

The Annual Childrens Party will be held at the Temple on Sunday, December 15th. Reservations **MUST** be sent in if you wish a gift for your child - there will be **no exceptions**. Contact Junior Warden Sandy Hoffman at 271-7834 if you have any questions.

Fraternally,
Maurice Solomon,
Past Master

WE CONGRATULATE

Hon. & Wor. Hyman T. Maas on his election as County Judge.

Bro. Marvin R. Stekolf, who has been appointed chairman, and Bro. Herbert F. Ross, who has been appointed co-chairman in the Insurance Division of the UJWF.

Bro. Hyman J. Mandel, who was chairman of the Sports for Israel Dinner.

Bro. Erle W. Scheller, manager of the Marine-Midland North-Hudson office, who has been appointed an Assistant Secretary.

Bro. Sanford J. Liebschutz who has been appointed co-chairman of the Professional Division in the UJWF.

Bro. William S. Gerber on his recent marriage. The lovely bride, Shelia Diane Litsinger.

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This being the time of the end of a year it calls for some thoughts of what has happened during the year. I hope that they have been good ones for all of us. Happy New Year. May all of you have a Happy and Merry Christmas on the 25th of Dec.

Now for the news of coming events of importance to all of us. On Dec. 13th we will have a Pot Luck Dinner here in the Masonic Temple, 3rd floor, at 6:30 P.M. All are invited to attend but you must make reservations and you may do so by calling our Em. Commander W. Scott Hollander, Jr. at 671-3281, or R.E. Huff on 663-7479. Please do so now while you are thinking of it. This is our annual Christmas night and toast to all. Fidelity Triangle will also be with us that night. Please, let's all attend.

On Jan. 10th, 1975 we will hold our annual conclave.

Many thanks goes to all who attended our Commandery Festival on Nov. 23rd. A great time was had by all and we had Candidates which we are grateful for. Now let's make sure that they are interested in what we are trying to accomplish as a Commandery. I am sure that we can.

We have two deaths to report at this time. The grim reaper has been with us and taken from us S.K. Harry E. Manzler on Oct. 22nd and Harry Temple on Nov. 11. Sympathy of all the members of Commandery has been extended to both families and a page set aside in the minutes of the Commandery. We will miss both of them.

Dues are still due. We can not operate without them as you know. Thanks.

Believe that is all for now so "Have A Happy."

Fraternally,
W. Scott Hollander, Jr.
Em. Comm.
S.K. Roy E. Huff,
Reporter

**HAMILTON CHAPTER NO. 62
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ANNUAL 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 12, 1974, at 7:30 p.m., at which time officers will be elected for the ensuing year, and such business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

Ex. Ellis I. Hormats,
High Priest
Attest: R.E. Richard J.
Oliver, Secretary

HIGH PRIEST'S MESSAGE

Companions:

May I call your attention to the attached summons for the annual meeting. My year as High Priest is just about finished and this will be the last column that I will be writing.

It has been a gratifying year, some good and some poor, but that is to be expected. The co-operation of the Past High Priests has been excellent and I pledge my own similar aid to my successors. I particularly extend my thanks to the various Past High Priests who filled the vacant chairs this year. My officers were most co-operative. There are some potentially excellent presiding officers among them, so I am leaving the Chapter in good hands.

To those companions who attended the meetings regularly - my thanks, and I wish that more of you will try to attend a few meetings a year.
Ellis Hormats

**MONROE
COMMANDERY
No. 12**



**KNIGHTS
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It is Christmas time - the time when we celebrate the birth of our Heavenly Master. The Word came to Life, and brought us the true Light. Should we not pause for a moment to honor Him? December is His month.

We will do this by re-dedicating ourselves to the Order of which we are members, dedicated to His service. This is the main part of our December 6th meeting. All the Knights Templar who can, should be present at this Service.

On December 20th, we will be celebrating His birthday. The program starts at 6:30 p.m. with a dinner with our Ladies, at the Temple. There will then be a short business meeting to clear up those things that must be done. The Ladies will then join us for singing, and a Christmas Message by one of Rochester's most popular speakers, following which we will have our usual Christmas Toasts. This is to be one of the feature meetings of the month.

Thus far, we have had an unusually active and successful year in our Commandery. May we put forward all possible effort to still further improve our Commandery during the coming months. There is still much to be done and there are happy events ahead. If you are not now active, tell us what you could be doing and we will put you to work, to the glory of our Blessed Saviour.

NOTES FROM THE RECORDER

I have been appointed Chairman of the Christmas and Charity Committee for this year. We have a larger number of our members than in previous years, who are in need of our aid and comfort at this Holiday Season. I hope that all who can do so, will be generous in your answer to our plea for assistance. We must not let the spirit of benevolence and Christian charity go unheeded, particularly at this time of year.

When this message reaches you, all will have received a letter explaining the reason for the increase in dues, and the new dues schedule. I am quite certain that the information was self-explanatory. However, if you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

May all experience the joys of the Holiday Season.

Ralph A. Biggar,
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Walter G. Fotch, Recorder

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**IONIC CHAPTER
No. 210
Royal Arch Masons**

Companions:

There will be a Summonee meeting, December 10, 1974 for the purpose of Electing Officers for 1975.

We are coming to the end of another year and I would like to see a good turnout. I hope that we will see some new people at this meeting.

We have ended up our Degree work for the Fall and it seemed to be quite successful to have the four Chapters work together. This has brought the Chapters closer together.

No meeting December 24th.

DATES AHEAD

Dec. 10 - Annual Meeting.
Jan. 28, 1975 - Installation of Officers.

Fraternally,
Ernest Stelianou, High Priest

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... And because Tall Cedars have a big job to do for humanity -- the elimination of Muscular Diseases which each year kill children and adults...

Dear Brethren:

I would like to thank Lilian and John Rees for hosting our Halloween Costume Party. Everyone in attendance enjoyed themselves. The four judges (2 women and 2 men) selected the winners for the best costume on originality - Lilian Rees as a 1920's Flapper and Ray Evans as Sherlock Holmes. Another highlight of the evening was Elenor Keller playing her guitar for a group sing-along.

Our next meeting will be our annual meeting and the election of officers. It will be on the 12th of December at the Fame Temple.

This being my last article, I want to thank the Forest for the honor and privilege of being Grand Tall Cedar for this past year. I want to thank everyone for their help and co-operation, especially Norm Fedrau for the many phone calls he has made for me. I also want to thank Janet Whitney for her work as President of the Cedarettes this past year.

The Holiday Season will soon be upon us and I want to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May your Christmas stocking be filled with many pleasant joys, and

**WEBSTER CHAPTER
No. 296
Royal Arch Masons**

Companions:

This is my last official article, and no doubt the most difficult to write. I guess the most original thing I can do is to do just what everyone else has done that has gone this way before me; say, THANK YOU.

The following are some selected definitions from Webster's dictionary: Friend, a person on the same side of the struggle. Brother, a fellow member of the same race, creed, profession or organization. Companion, a bread fellow, a mess mate, a person who associates with others, a person employed to live or travel with another, a thing that matches another in sort, color etc., one of a pair or set. Webster Chapter No. 296, Royal Arch Masons, is filled with Companions for me. If memory serves me correctly, many of us have eaten donuts, messed up Degree work, and gotten lost together on trips in my red station wagon. THANKS AGAIN.

Companions of Webster Chapter, I present to you Companion James O. Hughes, Jr., who, if all goes according to plan, will be your High Priest for 1975. Jim was raised in Webster Lodge, on May 15, 1969 and exalted, in Webster Chapter, on April 14, 1970. He is a Drafting Designer at Xerox and an ardent hunter and fisherman. He is 33 years old, married and has two children. Come on out and get to know him better. GOOD LUCK, Jim, I'm sure all the members of Webster Chapter join me in saying, "Just ask, I'll be glad to..."

In closing I would like to say, find a friend and invite him to become a Brother, then it is up to Webster Chapter to make him a Companion, or, find a Brother and invite him to become a Companion. Sincerely & Fraternaly,
George E. Gerken,
High Priest



the New Year hold an abundance of good fortune.
Fraternally,
Frank Denton, GTC

CEDARETTES

Dear Cedarettes:

The November meeting was held at the home of Helen Curchin on November 19th, with Jane Bishop and Betty Jane Tripp as co-hostesses.

Just a reminder to mark your calendar for December 17th, to attend our annual Christmas Party. The cards for reservations will be going out the first of December.

This will be my last newsletter as President of the Lilac City Cedarettes, and I would like to express my appreciation to you all for your loyal support during my two years as your President. I know that the office will be in capable hands under Jean Brown and I hope you will give her the same support you have given me. Once again, thanks for everything and the privilege of serving you all.

My sincere wishes for a Blessed Christmas and may the Lord be good to you all in 1975.

Cedarettely,
Janet D. Whitney

JAMES A. HARD POST #18

MASONIC

WAR

VETERANS

2nd Thursday



Like November, December promises to be a busy month for those members who participate in the Post's activities. When you receive a call to help, say yes I'll be there, and it will make your membership in the Post more meaningful!

This is the time of year when Lodges have asked us to conduct memorial services for them. This service requires your help. A service was conducted for Valley Lodge on Nov. 18th and a service is scheduled for Genesee Falls Lodge on Thursday, December 5th.

The annual Christmas Party for Veterans at the Canandaigua Hospital will be

held on Sunday, Dec. 22nd. Please arrive at Bldg. 5 by 1 P.M. Members of the Triangle and DeMolay will also be with us. Also, on Saturday, Dec. 21st the Service Bureau, through R.W. Harry Kennedy has planned their Annual Trip to the Utica Home. Details are listed elsewhere in this paper.

Our Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers will take place this year on Sunday, January 19, 1975. Set the date in your calendar. Details will be announced later.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Dec. 5 - Genesee Falls Lodge Memorial Service.

Dec. 12 - Post meeting, 7:30 P.M.

Dec. 21 - Trip to Utica.

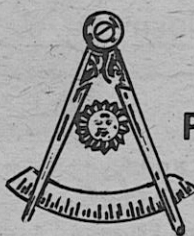
Dec. 22 - Canandaigua Hospital, Christmas Party.

Jan. 19, 1975 - Annual Dinner and installation.

To each of you and your families, may you have a most Joyous Holiday Season.

DAMASCUS NEWS

WITHIN THE BLUE LODGES



DAMASCUS PAST MASTER'S DEGREE TEAM

By Lawrence Alman



Front Row - New Brothers Fred Haddad, Ron Kilmer, Albert Johnson and Joseph Mlayess. Rear Row - R:W: Harry McKee, W: Glen Ramsay and Bro. Charles Frear.

The accompanying picture shows the four new Master Masons from Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943 on whom the Third Degree was conferred November 13, 1974 by members of the Damascus Temple Past Masters Degree Team. The Shriners shown in their fezzes are the Degree Team President, R:W: Harry McKee and the Divan representative Charles Frear, Marshal of Damascus Temple. The distinguished Mason in the center is the Worshipful Master of Ancient Craft Lodge, W: Glendon Ramsay, who is also a Shriner.

Due to conflicting dates and annual meetings of most Lodges, the Degree Team has no conferrals slated for December of this year. Several requests for the Degree Team for 1975 have already been received to date. Lodges contemplating conferrals by the Degree Team for next year are requested to contact anyone of the Officers or the Damascus Temple Shrine office so that their desires may be fit into the schedule.



OUR AMERICAN FLAG

Due to the many comments on the placement of the American Flag at the Masonic Communion Breakfast on Sunday, October 27, I would like to make the following comment. If the American Flag is placed on a raised dias it is on the right of the dias. If the dias is on the level with the audience the American Flag is also on the right of the dias, but if the dias is raised and the American Flag is placed on the level of the audience, it is on the audience's right. Because of the inconvenience of placing the American Flag on the raised dias of our stage in ballroom A, we follow this order, which I received from Marine Headquarters several years ago. I am very happy that enough of you were concerned about our American Flag to bring this to my attention.

Lawrence F. Geith,
Past Commander
James A. Hard Post No. 18
Masonic War Veterans



SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM DAMASCUS

INSTALLATION IS MOST IMPORTANT MEETING OF YEAR

There can be little doubt that the Installation Meeting is the most important in the Masonic year of every Lodge.

It is the meeting which marks the end of an old and the beginning of a new administration.

On the night of installation the new Master should realize that in elevating him to the important and distinguished position of leadership, the Lodge is conferring on him the highest honour in its gift.

He should, too, be deeply sensible that with that honour go serious duties and sober responsibilities.

Foremost among these is to preserve within his Lodge a sacred and unswerving loyalty of the craft.

Each Master in his own Lodge is the guardian of the Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry — a tremendous responsibility because these landmarks are so fundamental that if they were to be altered or changed Freemasonry in its time immemorial form would no longer exist.

It is, of course, assumed that in his years of preparation to fit him for the high responsibilities pertaining to the chair, the Master-elect will have become fully informed as to the Ancient Landmarks and their nature; and not only of these, but of the laws of Freemasonry generally.

Disregarding the fantastic lists of Landmarks enumerated by Masonic authors, it becomes the first duty of every worshipful Master to guard and defend with the utmost zeal and vigilance those Landmarks which are basic and about which there can be no dispute.

Among the important duties and responsibilities of a Master is the realization that he is the leader of his Lodge, and as such, is responsible for its conduct and work. - The Masonic Journal of South Africa

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