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Masonic Home Building Fund Drive

Fidelity Triangle Donates Checks

The girls earned the money for these gifts, by holding car washes, & charity bazaars, waiting on tables, collecting old newspapers and selling candy, cookies, fruitcakes & calendars. The retiring Queen presents the gifts, from the money that is earned during her term.



R:W: William Zufall accepts check for \$200.00 for the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, from Beloved Queen Diane Reitz, also \$160.00 for the Masonic Service Bureau and \$50.00 for the Monroe Masonic News.

R..W.. GORDON L. HOAG
D.D.G.M. FIRST
MONROE DISTRICT



The presenting of the Fifty and Sixty year pins is one of the most enjoyable jobs a District Deputy Grand Master has. Surely this must be a memorable milestone in any Masons' life. It should bring to mind the good years as well as the bad. Our Lodges have withstood the ravages of fire, flood and financial problems over the years past. The Brotherhood is a strong band among men that causes them to pull together and overcome the hardships in troubled times.

These men had energy and perseverance and as Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe once wrote "There are but two ways which lead to great aim and achievement- Energy and perseverance. Energy is a rare gift, it provokes opposition, hatred, and reaction. But perseverance has within the affording of everyone, its power increases with its progress, and it but rarely misses its aim."

This leads me to the Utica Home. I can not help but think, as these Brothers stand before me, the energy and perseverance they had when they built and maintained this wonderful home. They had an aim of providing a home for the elderly, the sick and the orphans of the Masonic family and they achieved this aim. Now it is our turn, the so-called younger generation to carry on this aim, to continue the home as one of the finest in the United States. We are mandated by the State Health Department to upgrade the facilities we have there in Utica. Berroom Hall, which is one of the oldest buildings there, has to be shud down, as it does not lend itself to remodeling to meet the State Health requirements. To replace this building, we have to build a new wing to Wiley Hall and also to the Acute Care Health Facility building. To do this the Trustees have

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MASONS IN THE TWO MONROE DISTRICTS have joined their Brethren across the state to raise \$7.5 million over the next three years for a major Masonic Home building program according to R:W: William R. Punt (left), N.Y. State Masonic Deputy Grand Master and building fund drive chairman. R:W: R. Kenneth Crawford (right) N.Y. State Masonic Senior Grand Warden, will serve as chairman for the Eastern Division of the Western Region of the state. R:W: Punt explained the aims and purpose of the drive in a personal communication.

MASONIC BROTHERHOOD FUND

R..W.. EARL C. STEFFEN
D.D.G.M., SECOND
MONROE DISTRICT

One of the many jobs of a Staff Officer in the Monroe Districts is being the District Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund.

There are about 200,000 Masons in the State of New York with only about 80,000 contributing which leaves 120,000 not contributing. Freemasonry is the largest and greatest Fraternity in the world and one of our main functions is the Brotherhood Fund. We always prided ourselves in being able to take care of our own. With rising cost and other pressures of today's living it becomes more expensive and difficult. At the same time, we, none of us, have any guarantee that we won't need help, ourselves, someday. We can't let our brothers in need, now, down.

Each Lodge Chairman needs help in his venture to do the job so how about joining him on a committee basis and personally contact your brethren especially those not responding to your letters for donation.

There are still some lodges who have not returned the form with the name of your chairman. We must keep our records up to date and we as District Chairmen, need this form to do this.

Fraternally,
Mel Simmons -2nd Monroe
Lee Perkins -1st Monroe

Greetings,

As I write this it is hard to realize that it is almost the end of the year. It seems like such a short time ago that the fall season started, with the Official Visits bringing to all the Grand Master's Message. I would like to again thank all the officers and brothers for the warm welcome given on these visits.

During this month every brother should do his best to attend his annual meeting for the purpose of electing the officers for 1978. Remember they will be the leaders of your lodge and deserve your support and vote of confidence to enable them to do a good job for you.

If you would like to go on the annual trip to the Masonic Home on Dec. 17th, get in touch with the Service Bureau, 473-4351, as soon as possible as there is only room for eighty passengers on the buses. This is an opportunity to spread cheer to the guests at the home. While thinking of Holiday Wishes and cheer let us not forget the brothers in our own lodges who are shut-in. I am sure they would appreciate a visit from their lodge brothers at this time of the year to let them know we are

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LET'S GO VISITING

- 1 - Webster - Grotto Patrol.
- 2 - School of Instruction at Northfield Lodge.
- 5 - Valley - 3rd Degree.
- 5 - John A. Robertson - 3rd Degree.
- 5 - CoCinthian Temple - Annual Meeting.
- 6 - Penfield Union 3rd Degree, Dinner 6:30.
- 6 - Charlotte - Open meeting - Movie on Russian Weapons.
- 6 - Clio - 3rd Degree, 2nd Section by Webster Fellowship.
- 6 - Yonnonadio - Service Award & Past Master's night.
- 7 - Union Star - Annual Meeting.
- 8 - Zetland - Annual Meeting.
- 8 - Hamilton Chapter - Annual Meeting.
- 9 - Cyrene Commandery - Annual Christmas Toast.
- 12 - Rochester - Annual Meeting.
- 12 - F.R. Lawrence - Annual Meeting.
- 12 - Etolian - Election of Officers.
- 12 - Wakan - Annual Meeting & Election of Officers.
- 13 - Fame - Turean Supper, 6:30.
- 13 - Frank L. Simes - Annual Meeting.
- 13 - Orpheus - Annual Meeting.
- 13 - East Rochester - Election of Officers.
- 13 - Flower City - Annual Meeting, Election of Officers.
- 14 - Churchville - Annual Meeting.
- 15 - Webster - Annual Meeting.
- 15 - Zetland - Special Communication, 3rd Degree.
- 15 - Northfield - Annual Meeting.
- 16 - Monroe Commandery - Open Meeting, guests welcome.
- 17 - Bus trip to Utica Home.
- 19 - John A. Robertson - Annual Meeting.
- 20 - Penfield Union - Annual Meeting & Election of Officers.
- 20 - Charlotte - Annual Meeting & Election of Officers.
- 20 - Seneca - Annual Meeting
- 20 - Yonnonadio - Annual Meeting.
- 20 - Clio - Annual Meeting & Election of Officers.
- 23 - Masonic Service Bureau - distributes Turkeys.

D.D.G.M. GORDON L. HOAG

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instituted a \$7,500,000 Fund Drive, which I know everyone is aware of. This drive is to run for three years and it is requested that we pledge as much as we can.

The first Official Visits are over in the First Monroe District and there are a few lodges suffering from the lack of support - that spark - the magic ingredient - that holds our lodges together. We must RENEW our interest in Blue Lodge and revitalize our Brotherhood with the most sincere effort. Our Lodges are crying out for our support. The Masonic Home in Utica is in need of our attention. It behooves us all to carry on the good work of our predecessors, in order that all Masons may benefit.

There are too many of our members who, because of the pressure of work, or for other reasons, are card carrying Masons, but not involved Masons. We are looking to these men to get involved. Do not allow the certain few regular members to reap the entire harvest of Fellowship that is available to all members.

Get Involved - Support Your Lodge - Think Big and Build. Fraternally,

Gordon L. Hoag
District Deputy, First Monroe District

Masonic Education

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

The final 1977 session of the School of Instruction will be held on Friday, December 2 at 7:30 pm. at the Northfield Masonic Temple, 17 Church St., Pittsford, N.Y.

The following speakers and topics have been arranged by our Director, W. Ronald D. Mertens:

R.W. I. Vincent Lloyd - The Third Degree Scripture.

W. Horace Denton - Masonic Etiquette.

In addition, there will be one or possibly two other speakers on topics of interest to all Master Masons, one of which will be a description of the variety of Masonic charitable activities.

This meeting is limited to Master Masons, and we especially urge you to bring your newly raised members. Everyone who has attended either of the two meetings on the First Degree and either of the two meetings on the Second Degree can earn an Attendance Certificate by attending this meeting also.

Fraternally,
William R. Zufall
Executive Secretary

LAST CALL FOR MASONIC HOME TRIP

At this writing (Nov. 16) there are still 20 seats available on the two buses going to the Masonic Home and Trinkaus Manor on Saturday, Dec. 17. Don't lose out by getting your

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SCHOOL OF LODGE ADMINISTRATION

The final 1977 meeting of the School of Lodge Administration will be held on Tuesday, November 29, 1977 at the Rochester Masonic Temple, 875 E. Main Street.

Our Director, R.W. Herman A. Sarachan, has chosen the following topics for discussion:

1. The Annual Meeting: Reports, Election, and Installation.
2. The Lodge and Grand Lodge: Masonic Discipline & Protocol.

These very timely subjects will be most helpful for every lodge officer preparing for the Annual Meeting of his lodge, and will also promote greater understanding of the necessary procedures and elements of the Annual Meeting for all Master Masons.

As usual, the meeting will be informal, and there will be ample opportunity for questions.

Fraternally,
Sy Kopen
Executive Director

reservation in too late. The cost is \$8.50 per person, and checks should be sent to the Masonic Service Bureau as soon as possible to secure your reservation. Bring along sandwiches OR cookies to SHARE for lunch. The buses will leave PROMPTLY at 8:30 A.M. from the Masonic Temple parking lot, and will return to Rochester at approximately 10 P.M. Dinner at Trinkaus Manor is Dutch Treat, but the real treat is to see their outstanding display of Christmas lighting and to see the happy faces of the residents of the Masonic Home when we serenade them with Christmas Carols. Please join us, but get your reservation and money in NOW.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

by Rev. William H. McKee

One of the songs which we are apt to sing at this time is "Watchman tell us of the Night."

What its dreams of promise are.

We are all interested in knowing what is in the future. It is not a new thought in the year 1977 but a desire of many centuries. About 2400 years ago, Israel had a great prophet, Jeremiah who was striving to help his people. On one side was Egypt, on the other Babylon. At first Egypt had attacked and then Babylon came to their rescue - help that was not appreciated. With the threat of Babylon facing him, the King asked Jeremiah if he had any word from the Lord and was told he had - Babylon would invade and they would become prisoners, the word was not good.

We have much in our news that is not good. But also much to remember and rejoice about - especially two important religious festivals in this month of December when we see so little of the sun. Both of these services emphasize light.

Jeremiah was correct. The Israelites were enslaved. Their temple desecrated and an attempt made to force them to reject God. However under Judah Macabee they were organized and after three years fighting drove out the Syrians using a military tactic that George Washington found very successful.

In cleansing and restoring the Temple, a bottle of holy oil, enough to burn one day, miraculously burned eight so that a new supply was prepared to keep the eternal light burning.

The promise of Christ was also a time of new light in the world, and is called Advent.

During the Hanukkah Season Dec. 5-12 there is a candle lighting ceremony, one the first, two the second continuing until all eight are burning.

In the Advent season one candle is lighted on the first Sunday, two the second and continuing until the four are lighted before Christmas.

Truly the darkest month of the year is one of light for all the children of God.

D.D.G.M. EARL C. STEFFEN

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thinking of them and wishing them well. Remember this is the season of good cheer for people of all faiths.

From my wife Arlene and myself may I wish you and yours many Happy Holiday Greetings.

Earl C. Steffen, DDGM 2nd Monroe



GROTTO

The Officers of Lalla Rookh Grotto No. 3,
M.O.V.P.E.R. wish to all their members and friends

*A
Happy Holiday Season
and
A Prosperous and
Healthy New Year*

George Buekner, Monarch
P.M. Ernest Wilson, Secretary
P.M. Raymond Morrison, Treasurer

Don't forget the December meeting. A home-cooked Turkey dinner will be served to all members holding current dues cards, followed by election of officers.

George Francis, Publicity



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.

"From a Past Master", anonymous

Q. During this year our Master, when balloting on petitions, would not allow anyone to relieve the Tiler so that he could vote. It is my understanding that all brothers present must vote on any petition. This would include the Tiler as he is at his appointed place in Lodge even though it is not in the room. Could you clarify this matter in your column

A. You are entirely correct. Every member of the Lodge who is present in the lodge room when a ballot is taken on a petition for Initiation or for Affiliation, must vote. It is a Masonic offense to refuse to vote. But the Tiler is not present in the Lodge. He is in the anteroom and like any other brother present in the anteroom is not obliged to vote (handbook Sec. 547)

However, if the Tiler informs the Master in advance that he desires to ballot upon a Petition, the Master cannot deny him the right. (Handbook sections 961 & 1038).

At the appropriate time the Master should request a brother to relieve the Tiler.

The procedure is as follows: The Brother designated proceeds to the alter, salutes and retires. The Tiler enters, proceeds to the alter and salutes. The Master then states, as follows:

Bro. Tiler, we are balloting upon the application of Mr. (or Bro.)-- on whom the committee has reported favorably (or unfavorably). A white ball elects, a black ball rejects. Proceed to ballot. The Tiler ballots, salutes the Master and retires. The replacement enters the Lodge, proceeds to the alter, salutes, and takes his seat.

Q. (From New York) The Jewish members of my Lodge are confused. They have just started the year 5738, they come to Lodge and they hear that the year is 5977. Can you explain the difference of 239 years?

A. The year 5738, designated A.M. (Year of the World) is based upon computation upon the number of years that had elapsed since the creation, as depicted in the Old Testament Chronicles. This is the year used by Scottish Rite. It should be noted that the Jewish year begins in September and in Scottish Rite the year also changes in September. The year 1977 is therefore A.M. 5837-5738.

The year 5977, designated A.L. (Anno Lucis, Year of Light) is based upon a calculation made by a Christian Theologian, Bishop James Usher, in 1621, who announced that the world was created exactly four millenia, (4000 years) before the birth of Jesus. It is our guess that the good Bishop was certain that the "coming of Christ" occurred exactly 4000 years after the creation, and that the chronology in the Old Testament erred by 239-240 years. Actually the good Bishop erred since the birth of Jesus is placed at 4 B.C.

This computation was accepted by the Christian world, and later adopted by our Masonic forebears. Thus the year 1977 is on the Masonic calendar 4000 plus 1977 or A.L. 5977.

Of course, science has proved that the earth came into existence for millions and perhaps billions of years ago.

LODGE news and views

PENFIELD UNION LODGE
No. 154

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Brethren:

December 6 will be our Third degree, Lodge opens at 7:30 with dinner at 6:30. Reservations are a must, call J.W. Duane Rubenstein at 586-3599. Don't delay. Let's support our officers and attend Lodge. December 20 is our annual election, come to lodge and exercise one of our cherished rights, the right to vote and elect your officers.

The holiday season will be here soon and I wish all Brethren Happy Holidays. Since this will be my last article as Master, I would like to thank all the officers and Brethren for all the help this year. Time passes so fast, one hardly has time to do all the things he has planned. Many thanks to all the Brethren for making this year a very enjoyable one for me, one year I shall always remember.

Remember the Brotherhood Fund has started, let's have 100% this year. Our Brothers need our help.

Happy birthday to all in December.

Albert Clark, Master

FROM THE RECORD

As you read above December is the month of the annual meeting, the election of officers is the major business with reports taking up some of the time. Penfield Union Lodge is fortunate, in the last years the line has been full and we have not had to resort to the use of those dedicated men called retreads to fill the chairs. In the past it was not always so. The first Master, J.F. Beach served in 1849 and 1850, H.N. Curtis served in 1859, 60 and 61 and then I believe demitted to Webster and served as their Master for several years after they were chartered. During the civil war Benjamin Crippen, who is honored in the certificate framed on the dining room wall, was Master in 1862, 63, 64, and 65. George W. Clark was Master in 1875 and 76, again in 1880 and again in 1885. Several others served two and three terms up to world war one. After that date, with only a couple of exceptions, each year the lodge had a new Master. The new Master, however, was not always the senior warden. When some of the old timers were asked why a warden was dropped they said, "Well, some of them got too porky and this was the way we kept them under control." A year or so later they would show up as Master. We don't expect that to happen this year.

Bruce Brainerd, Sec.

ROCHESTER LODGE
No. 660

2nd Monday

ANNUAL SUMMONS

You are hereby Summoned to attend the Stated Communication of Rochester Lodge No. 660 F. & A. M. to be held in Doric Hall, Masonic Temple, Rochester, N.Y. on Monday, the 12 of December 1977. A.L. 5977 at 7:30 PM. for the purpose of electing the Officers for the ensuing year and such other business as may regularly come before the Lodge.

By order of:
Worshipful Master

Leo F. French
W.B. George M. Adams, Sec.

Brethren:

As all Past Masters have performed this duty I now must do, I have one regret, and that is my time was limited and had to be planned accordingly. In the latter part of my term as Senior Warden, I had many more plans prepared for the Trestleboard, in the event that I received the honor of being elected Master. Due to the fact that we had only one meeting a month in 1977 instead of two, regretfully, some of these plans could not be carried out, although I am happy to say, we did use part of them most successfully with the cooperation of the untiring efforts of my line officers.

I also appreciate the interest shown by all Brothers that attended Lodge and supported the meetings with much concern, and the many Lodge social events which took place.

I am very grateful for the encouragement, advice, and most generous help received from the Past Masters. A "thank you" to the Secretary and to the Treasurer for the labors and duties rendered, and to Past Master Edward Garrett and Past Master Kenneth Moore, our Chaplains that guided us in such a Devout manner.

I have one more writing for the Monroe Masonic News. Please accept this article in part as my "Swan Song" as your 1977 W: Master.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY 1978 TO ALL OF YOU!

TRESTLEBOARD:

Dec. 12- Annual Meeting.

Jan. 9, 1978- Installation of Officers for 1978.

Fraternally,

Leo F. French, Master

FROM THE SECRETARY

I do not know what happened to last months column, so I better take care of November first. Congratulations to the following Brothers who I hope enjoyed

CHURCHVILLE LODGE

No. 667

2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Brethren:

For those of you not present at the last meeting, we had our official visit from DDGM Earl Steffen. Besides delivering the message from the Grand Master, R.W. Earl related some of his experiences and impressions of the past few months.

Churchville's annual Communion Breakfast is planned for December 4th. The 8 am service at the Union Congregational United Church of Christ will be followed by breakfast at the Lodge Rooms. Our guest speaker will be Rev. James Braker from the First Baptist Church in Chili.

Our only meeting in December is our annual meeting and the usual summons are being sent to the membership.

Since we have conferred the first degree on one candidate, we can look forward to the second and third degrees after the first of the year.

Fraternally,
Rod Meier, Jr. Warden



their birthday in November: Leland McClellan 11/1; Harold Stafford 11/3; Arthur Gartshore in Florida 11/8; Carl Schottman in Florida 11/8; Cosmo Ange 11/9; Walter Kerbs 11/10; Raymond Pearson 11/11; Edward Smith 11/18; George Bradshaw 11/20; Dr. Gordon Boyink 11/21; John Mutrie 11/28; and William Sherman in Florida 11/30. Now to get up to date, congratulations to the following Brothers who celebrate their Birthday in December: Henry Darwent 12/2; Charles Adams in Arizona 12/3; Robert Burkhardt in Pennsylvania 12/4; Glen Murat in Florida 12/5; Samuel Freeland 12/5; W.B. Donald Leisten 12/6; Donald Woodruff 12/9; Alfred Hogg 12/11; Harold Webster in Colorado 12/13; Mark Smith in Michigan 12/14; Earl Pearce 12/15; Harvey Feldman in Florida 12/16; Martin Feinberg 12/17; Andrew Thomolaris 12/17; Theodore Hamilton in California 12/19; David Adams 12/20; Max Barwald 12/24; Sidney Grossman in Florida 12/26; Emanuel in Florida 12/27; Leroy Wilson 12/27; and Ralph Rowlingson 12/31.

Rochester Lodge oldest member Amon B. Oakley passed away September 13, 1977. Brother Oakley would have been 100 years old on January 7, 1978. He attended Lodge on June 13th to receive his 70 year pin. Brother William J. Kewin passed away June 30, 1977. Thomas B. Steckel passed away October 4, 1977. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the families of the Brothers.

TUXEDO JUNCTION

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DEC. 3 - 10 to 9:30
DEC. 4 - 12 to 5:00



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WEBSTER LODGE

No. 538
1st and 3rd Thursdays

This is my last communication to you as Master of your lodge in this paper. I leave the station of Master with mixed emotions. Reflecting on the past year, I saw some of the major goals of the year turn into accomplishments. The decession on the building, the building fund, and the dept fund. There were great goals and they were finalized this year. There also seems to be so many things that are left undone and also many others that we could do much better.

The running of a Lodge reminds me of sailing on a particular lake where we spent our vacation last summer. When we first launched our boat the sail was hidden from the wind by the trees near the shore and movement was very slow. Soon we would be in the open area and the sail will balloon and the boat would get faster and faster. After a short distance the lake had a narrow entrance to the main lake and again the asil would luff and progress would slow. At this time there was always doubt that the wind would pick up and fun would lie around the next turn. This summer it truely happened. Each time we came to a bend the sail would fill and fun begin. The running of the Lodge needs more than a person at the rudder to make the ship sail gracefully along, and Webster Lodge has done just that - sailed along well. For this to happen, the Master's Hat must be tipped many times. To each and every one of you from the Line Officers, Fellowcraft Club, Eastern Star to the side liners I say a deep and hearty "Thank you good and faithful servant." It certainly has a very humbling effect on myself reflecting back on the outstanding support that I received from you this year. This is also a time that we should look to the future. The 1978 Officers are well prepared and able to have an outstanding year for Webster Lodge. They also need your help and support. Don't let the sail of Webster Lodge rest on its past successes and just luff. With each person contributing just a little push the Lodge will sail gracefully into the future.

The month of December will bring the Grotto Patrol to the Lodge for the 1st meeting. This is something different that has not been done before so let's give it our good support. December 15th will be our annual meeting and election of officers. Other activities of the month will include the Fellowcraft annual meeting Wednesday Dec. 7th at the Heritage House and also the Christmas Party Dec 11th at the Lodge. Call Jr. Warden Paul Moore for reservations for the Christmas Party and the

F. R. LAWRENCE LODGE

No. 797
2nd Monday

Dear Brethren:

December 12 is the date for our annual meeting. Please call Junior Warden Rudy DeCarlo for a reservation for the dinner which will precede the meeting. (Time 6:30) New officers will be installed under the capable leadership of R. Wor. Fred Beluscio.

The third degree was well done by a large group of respected past masters and line officers. Many thanks for your support in helping make it a memorable occasion for our new Brother, Howard Beck. It is always a pleasure to see so many faces on the sidelines.

This year has rapidly come to an end. It has been a pleasure to serve my lodge and its brothers. I hope that the lodge will prosper under our new master. We have had our ups and downs and I know he will need all our support to help fulfill the expectations from Grand Lodge, our Masonic facilities in Utica as well as here in Monroe County.


Thank you for a memorable year and may I wish you all a happy holiday season.

Fraternally,

Theodore J. Snyder, Master

TRESTLEBOARD:

- Dec. 5- Officers' Rehearsal
- Dec. 12- Annual Meeting.



Annual meeting dinner. Fellowcraft President Gerald Mackwood will also be happy to take your reservation for the Fellowcraft annual meeting.

The Friday night Fish Fries are going to continue to support the building. Come out and give these your support. By the way, have you signed up to be chairman of one of these Fish Fries - if they are to continue we need your help - Please call Gerry Mackwood or myself and say you would like to chair one of these dinners.

In closing again let me express my sincere thanks to everyone who helped make this year the success that it has been, but above all thanks to you for the priviledge of being your Master. It certainly has been a very rewarding experience for me. I certainly wish the officers of 1978 the best wishes for a great new year, and to the Bretheren - Don't let the sail of Webster luff - give the next years officers that little extra effort in 1978.

E. Robert Wyble, Master

TRESTLEBOARD:

- Dec. 1- Grotto Patrol
- Dec. 2- Fish Fry
- Dec. 7- Fellowcraft Annual meeting.
- Dec. 9- Fish Fry
- Dec. 11- Christmas Party
- Dec. 15- Annual Meeting and Dinner.

CHARLOTTE LODGE

No. 1088
1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Brethren:

I wish to thank everyone for the "get well" cards that I received during my recent bout with pneumonia. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

As this is my last letter as Master of Charlotte Lodge, I look back on one of the most rewarding experiences of my life and also the fastest year that I can remember. I thank all of the Officers, the Past Masters, the committees and all of the Brethren for their help and support.

On Nov. 1, JW Bro. Duane Manchester was in the East for the 2nd degree, 3rd class. A fine job was done by all. A special thanks to SM Bro. Rick Bedoar for an excellent presentation of the Middle Chamber Lecture. Brad-docks Bay Park was the focal point on Oct. 23 for our clam bake and steak roast. Due to my recent illness, I was not present, but by all reports, everyone attending had a good time and plenty to eat and drink. Due to the hard work of the committee, headed by SM Bro. Rick Bedoar, it was a great success. My thanks to all of them. SW Bro. Bob Forest was in the East for the 3rd Degree, 3rd class. Everyone did an outstanding job. Dec. 20 will be one of the most important Communications of the year. It is the annual summoned meeting and the election of Officers for 1978. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there.

CALLED HOME BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

Bro. Paul Pundt, Jr.- Raised May 21, 1974--Died Oct. 30, 1977. A Masonic service was held at Dreier Funeral Home.

Bro. William G. Moore-Affl. March 20, 1928--Died Nov. 4, 1977 at Dunedin, Fla. Sympathies of the Lodge were sent to their families.

In closing, I would like again to thank everyone and especially my wife, Mary, for all of the help and support in the past year. I also want to take this opportunity to wish all of yu a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,
Robert B. Straton, Jr. Master

TRESTLEBOARD:

- Dec. 6- Open meeting. Movie on Russian Weapons.
- Dec. 11- Annual Christmas party. 2:30 pm. Sunday.
- Dec. 20- Annual Sum-moned Meeting & election of officers 1978.
- Jan. 3- Installation

D. Manchester, Jr. Warden

SUPPORT THE BROTHERHOOD FUND CAMPAIGN

ETOLIAN LODGE

No. 479
2nd and 4th Mondays

Dear Brethren:

I just realized this will be my last attempt at writing for the news. It sure has been a short year and once again I wish to thank you all for making it happen. I didn't get all the things done that I wished to but a few things were accomplished that made me happy. I will say it again Etolian Lodge is one of the greatest. I would like to wish you all A Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. I would like to thank Bro. Floyd Holmes for a good job on the 2nd degree and to all the Bros. that took part- Thank you- it was a beautiful job.

My Cabletow was a little short the nite of official visit so I would like to say thanks to Bro. Holmes again and the the Bros. that filled in.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the family of Bro. Alfred Tuble who went to meet the Supreme Architect. We also hope this finds Bro. Alfons K. Waechter in much better health.

If you know of a brother in need of our aid or sympathy, please contact W. Bro. Dale Rankin, 352-4183 or W. Bro. Clark Kunes, 352-6629.

TRESTLEBOARD:

Dec. 12th- Election of officers for the coming year.

On Dec. 19th at 6:30 Etolian Lodge #479 and Etolian Chapter 308 will hold an Adults only Christmas party at the Masonic Temple in Spencerport. Music-cards- games- dancing if you choose. You are asked to bring a dish to pass. Meat will be provided by Lodge & Chapter. No gifts will be exchanged, but please bring a gift of food to be put in a basket for a needy family. We think this will be a fun nite so plan to attend. It would be helpful if you let the Master, Matron or Patron know if you are going to attend.

Fraternally,
Dale Rankin, Master

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SENECA LODGE

No. 920
3rd Tuesday



MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren:

Where did the year go? It seems like a few months ago I was viewing my year as Master of Seneca Lodge with a great deal of anxiety and some misgivings. But I have so thoroughly enjoyed this year I am almost sorry to see it end.

It has been enjoyable because of the great cooperation I have received from everyone. Seldom was I turned down when asking someone to chair or serve on a committee and on those few occasions I was refused it was always for very valid reasons. For this I will be eternally grateful.

At our November Communication our Sr. Warden Bro. Jim Scobell conferred the Third Degree. We had several visitors at that meeting and I was especially proud of the excellence of the ritual work and of all those who participated in the dramatization.

Our December 20th Communication will convene at 5:30 pm. for the election and appointment of officers and financial reports. Dinner will be at 6:30 and the Installation at 8:00 pm. Please make an effort to attend this Communication. It is a very proud occasion to be installed as Master of your Lodge and especially so if you can look out from the East and see a large number of friends and Brothers who cared enough to be at your Installation.

Fraternally,
Loren Snodgrass, Master

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

Dear Brothers:

When this letter reaches each of you, Thanksgiving will be past history and the Christmas and New Years Holidays fast approaching. While I am on this subject I want to wish all of you the Happiest of Holidays and may the New Year be a good one for all Master Masons and their families. We are sorry to report the death of Bro. William Ladd who passed away Oct. 30, 1977. Sympathies of the Lodge were sent to Bro. Eugene Hart on the death of his wife, incidentally Bro. Hart is seriously ill at Park Ridge Nursing Home. Condolences of the Lodge were also sent to Bro. Terry Lee Ramsey on the death of his father, and to R. Wor. Garson Meyer and Wor. Ivan Meyer on the death of their sister.

Our Tiler, Bro. Alfred Triest is going into Park Ridge Hospital for major surgery on Nov. 15, and I know that he would appreciate a "Get Well" card. I am also happy to report that Bro. John Allan, and Bro. Malcolm Pollock are both feeling fine.

Congratulations of the Lodge go to our Jr. Deacon, Bro. Terry Ramsey on the birth of his 1st son, also congratulations go to Bro. Young Willis on the marriage of his daughter. In addition Bravos go to our Sr. Warden Bro. Frank Zaffino and to Bro. William Plews to important new assignments at Kodak.

The complaint is often heard that "people don't care anymore", especially the young ones, but I know that some of us care by the dedication that you see with some people who come to Lodge regularly, support the Brotherhood Fund and various Masonic Functions. These people are properly motivated and are the support of our institution.

The ability to motivate people is a constant problem to all Masters of Lodges at the present time, and I sincerely trust that the future Masters of our Lodge will be able to properly motivate people so that once again our Lodges are filled to overflowing.

We are going to put on the 3rd degree Dec. 5, and past history indicates that we will not have enough side liners to take the Craftsman parts in the dramatic section of this degree. Our Degree Team is the best, so please come out and support them and renew your faith in Masonry.

Birthday greetings are extended to the following Brothers whose Birthdays fall in December. I am looking forward to talking to each of our local Brothers by phone. To you Brothers who have not heard from me in

GERMANIA LODGE
No. 722
 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Brethren:

I hope you and your loved ones had an enjoyable Thanksgiving, and since Christmas is only around the corner, I would like to wish you and your family a joyous Christmas season. It seems only like yesterday that I was installed as Master of your lodge and the year is almost gone by, I would like to thank all the officers, Past Masters and Brethren for the help and support they have given me.

It certainly has been an honor to serve you as Master, I have enjoyed every minute of it and tried my best, Brethren you all received your "Annual Summons". It is a must for everyone to attend the election of officers and the reading of the annual reports on Dec. 14.

Our Annual Christmas party is being held on Dec. 10 at 6:30 pm. at the Masonic Temple. Please bring a gift plainly marked with his or her name so that Santa can call them. This party is financed by voluntary contributions by members of the lodge. If you have not already donated, please send your check to: Wayne Cowell, 115 Hinchey Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624

Please come and give the children a good time.

TRESTLEBOARD:

Dec. 6- Officer Rehearsal.
 Dec. 14- Election of officers and reading annual reports.

Fraternally,
 Heinz Gunkel, Master



1977, there are a few whose Birthdays are not on record, so an especially Happy Birthday to you.

12/1, Francis X. Montbach, 12/4, Ed H. Drojarski, 12/5, Walter H. Swail, 12/6, Stewert E. LeBarron, James J. Passarella, 12/8, John F. Willis, 12/11, Urban H. Knight, 12/13, Newell A. Ferris, 12/14, David E. Cross, 12/15, Robert J. MacAdam, 12/16, William Hnatiw, 12/17, Leslie E. Leaty, Kenneth W. Thomson, 12/18, Frank M. Baron, 12/20, James N. Gilzow, Gordon W. Watts, 12/23, Richard G. Gundry, 12/25, Arthur W. Gundry, 12/26, Wm. J. Greenwood, Jr. 12/27, Edwin J. Smith, 12/27, Elwin A. Smith, 12/30, John H. Auer, Jr., Clifford N. Hayner, Donald F. Kohler, Russell H. Rankin, 12/31, Arthur B. Daughton.

TRESTLEBOARD:

Dec. 5- 3rd Degree.
 Dec. 19- Annual Meeting.
 Jan. 2- Installation of Officers for 1978.
 Once again, "Holiday Greetings."

Fraternally,
 Ed Walker, Master

FRANK L. SIMES LODGE
No. 990
 2nd Tuesday

Brothers:

The sun of 1977 is traveling toward the West. I am satisfied with the work of the craftsmen in following the designs upon the trestleboard; however, the designer for 1978 is about to leave the West to travel East. The plans for next year are surely promising and will tax the skill of all the members.

We have, yet, some things to accomplish this year. December 13, 1977 is our annual Summoned Communication, and a fine time to renew an old acquaintance, and incidently, pick up your copy of the By-Law Book and Membership Roster. This will be your chance, as they will not be mailed to our local members.

It was good to see Cliff Jennings, Bob Bishop and Paul Modern during October, They got their books, you get yours!

I am looking forward to renewing our annual children's Christmas Party on December 17, 1977 at 2:00 pm. at the Masonic Temple. Bring your young and young at heart and a gift for Santa to pass out to each and every child. The Lodge will provide the cake and ice cream.

The December 20th Fellowcraft Meeting will be held at Brother Robert Anderson's home, 1204 Wall Road, Webster. This will be a fine social evening, and all Fellowcrafts are urged to bring their ladies. Our thanks to Brother Frank Foote for hosting us during November.

Officers elected for 1978 are: President, Richard Snyder; Vice President, Henry Massecar; Treasurer, Ed Willis; Secretary, Joe Bishop. They have many plans for next year, and have adopted as their slogan, "Frank L. Simes, On The Move". They urge your support in helping them get Masonry on the go in Monroe County.

Once again, we will have a public installation of the Officers of Frank L. Simes Lodge for 1978. This will occur on Friday, January 20, 1978. This follows our tiled installation on the 10th. We will hold a First Degree on the 24th, so get in those outstanding petitions.

It has been a pleasure serving you.

Fraternally,
 Bo Anderson, Master

ORPHEUS LODGE
No. 1082
 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Dear Brothers:

It is with great pleasure and honor that I write this final article for the year 1977. It has been a year of hard work and dedication by many members of this lodge and a year that all of us can be proud of.

It was our 50th year as a blue lodge, a milestone celebrated by our wonderful anniversary dinner in September. It was a year in which we initiated, passed and reised several fine new Masons. It was a year in which we were able to meet the financial crisis of the Temple's back taxes without a special assessment for the members. Above all it was a year when Orpheus exhibited its true mettle, a year in which everyone from the Master to the newly raised brother contributed his efforts and energies in making 1977 a truly Golden Year.

The year is not at a close yet, we have our Annual Communication to go. It will be Tuesday, 13 December, at 8:00 pm. The election of the new officers along with the 1977 lodge reports will be the highlights of the evening.

The Annual Installation of course will take place at our first meeting in January, on the 10th of the month.

We hope that everyone will enjoy and have a happy holiday season.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you, who when asked, did his part in making this my year as Master an easy and pleasant task and hope that you will assist our new Master with the same zeal. Thank you.

Fraternally,
 Vito W. Cimino, Master

GENESEE FALLS LODGE
No. 507
 2nd and 4th Thursdays

Brethren,

It is with deep regret that I write this, my last article as Master of this Lodge for the Monroe Masonic News. Like all Masters, my year had its ups and downs. I have strived to increase attendance with special programs (i.e. Polish Nite, special dinners, etc.) and for a few meetings it looked good. But, for Genesee Falls to survive it will require more than special programs. It requires the undivided attention of every dues paying member to insure that in 2061 there will be a 200th anniversary for this lodge. I am sure that all of you will support your incoming Master, W. Harold Metzler. I know that the lodge will be in capable hands under Harold's leadership.

In my last article I neglected to report that Brothers Jerry Wilson, Charlie Parnell, and W. Bor. Lester Predmore were ill. My humblest apologies to these Brothers, especially to Jerry who is current officer in this lodge. They are all recuperating at home and I am sure will enjoy your salutations either by phone or mail.

Our clambake was a real success and am looking forward to doing it again next year. Special thanks go to Ron and Barb Mertens, Bill Zufall, Larry Geith, Harold Metzler, Fred Birr and Nobby Smith, who all ably assisted during an unforeseen emergency.

Brethren, your dues and Brotherhood fund contributions are now due and would be greatly appreciated.

Once again I thank you for the honor and privelege of being your Master for the past year. All I can say is I tried hard.

Fraternally, John R. Faro

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Dear Brethren:

This is my last news article and I feel a great regret that "my year" is just about gone. I've enjoyed being Master of Northfield tremendously. It truly ranks among the greatest experiences of my life. Last January I set a goal for myself; a goal of bringing a special feeling of brotherly love and happiness to Northfield. I sincerely hope this goal has been realized. I can see that many brothers really enjoy coming to lodge, and meeting their brethren. More and more brothers are staying after lodge meetings to enjoy each other's friendship. I've tried to project a positive outlook as Master. The lodge-room should be a place of happiness and good feelings. Ours certainly is.

For me, serving as Master is the culmination of a long period of personal growth. How different my views and feelings are today, compared with when I first became a Mason. Each Mason should strive for the ultimate, getting in line and becoming Master. The opportunity is there for all of us; a very unique and rewarding opportunity for growth and fulfillment not obtainable elsewhere. What man can say that he is mature and needs no further improvement in the most quiet and subtle of ways. Every man needs a set of moral and ethical principles to challenge him. This is what Masonry teaches - that all men are on the level - equal to another.

I'd like to thank all the brothers who have helped this year; especially Bob Campbell, a great job on all the parties, and Bud Pierce, our Mr. Everything at Northfield. We have two new brothers who need your encouragement. Please greet them and make them feel at home. My thanks to Roger and Earl Lowry, Frank McConnell and Bill Ramsdale for their parts in the recent Third Degree.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/2- School of Instruction at Northfield 7:30 pm.
 - 12/6- Officers Meeting at Master's house, 7:30 pm.
 - 12/15- Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, 7:30 pm.
 - 12/16- Installation of Bro. Bob Lauzon as Master
 - 12/23- Masonic Service Bureau distributes Christmas Turkeys - Let's HELP.
 - 1/5/78- Installation of Officers.
- Gone to see our Heavenly Father is Bro. Jim Burdett - Please pray for him and his family.
Peace, Love and Joy,
William S. Frost Master

CLIO LODGE
No. 779
1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Dear Brethren:

As the old saying goes "all good things must come to an end", but before they do, I would like to thank all of you for your support during my term in office. The assistance of the Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren has been a most rewarding and enjoyable experience for me. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as Master of Clio Lodge.

At this time I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to the 1978 Master, Bro. James Wells and his Officers and wish them much success in the ensuing year. We have just completed 100 wonderful years of Masonry in Hilton, but why not make the next Century even better?

For anyone who was unable to attend our Centennial Banquet on Oct. 29th, there are still some programs and souvenir glasses available (\$1.30 a piece). If you are interested in having either a program, or a souvenir glass, please write to our Secretary.

"Congratulations" to W: Herbert MaCauley, and Bro. Floyd Burger who received their 50 year pins and certificates. Also to Bro. George Roller and Bro. Arthur Phillips who received their 40 year certificates. We hope that you brothers will continue to enjoy many more years of Masonry.

Your 1978 Dues notices have been sent out, and we hope that you will respond as soon as possible. With the addition of ten new members for the new year, we are in a very good position to increase our membership rolls for a change. Please try to get your dues in on time, and save me the embarrassment of having to call you.

And now to wind up a most enjoyable year as Master, I would like to wish all the members of Clio Lodge and their families a Very Merry Christmas, and a Most Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Peace, Love and Joy,

Jim Cochran and Family

TRESTLEBOARD:

- Dec. 4th- Rehearsal for the 3rd Degree at 6:30 P.M. Sharp!
- Dec. 6th- 3rd Degree. 2nd Section will be conferred by Webster Lodge Fellowcraft Team. There will be a dinner at 6:30 P.M. by Leah Chapter, OES. Please call Bro. Dave Upham at 392-6316 for dinner reservations.
- Dec. 11th- Children's Christmas Party starting at 2 P.M. at the Lodge. Please bring a gift not exceeding \$2.00 for each child attending. Please call Bro. Dave Upham so that he can give Santa a head count.
- Dec. 20th- Annual Summons and Election of Officers.

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

Brethren:

I know it is asked every year at this time, but where has the year gone? Here we are only a few weeks away from 1978 and my year as Master is drawing to a close. It really seems like such a short time ago that I was the Junior Deacon and thought that every Past Master had his fifty year pin.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the officers of the lodge for the fine job they did in exemplifying the first part of the third degree at the district convention. Also thanks to Bro. Pay McNeeney who filled in as Junior Deacon with very short notice. East Rochester lodge also received the attends banner which we will hang in lodge for a year and hopefully we can win again next year.

The Past Masters met with a stock broker last month to review the lodge's stock portfolio. It was generally agreed that a closer review and recommendation should be made. A committee to investigate our stock investments has been made consisting of the lodge trustees and other interested brothers.

Brother Alex Arthur did a fine job in exemplifying the 2nd degree last meeting. The 3rd degree will be held on the second meeting in January.

The Rotary Dinner Chairmen for December are
Dec. 1st- Bob Emmons
Dec. 8th- John Weekes
Dec. 15th- David Williams
Dec. 22nd- Alex Arthur
Dec. 29th- Merle Rogers
It was good to see Bro. Paul Lane and W. Bro. Walt Shafer back in lodge.

I hope this communication finds you healthy, and I am also wishing for you, peace, love, and joy and Merry Christmas.

Fraternally,
John E. Weekes, Master

TRESTLEBOARD:

Dec. 13th- Election of Officers.

FLOWER CITY LODGE
No. 910
2nd Tuesday

TRESTLEBOARD:

- Sat., Dec. 3- Ladies Night Dinner-Dance.
- Tues., Dec. 13- Annual Meeting - Election of Officers.
- Tues., Dec. 20- Fellowcraft Club.
- Tues., Jan. 10- Installation of Officers - Dinner.

Our November meeting saw Wor. Gerald Glaser in the East to confer the First Degree on his son and son-in-law, a unique occasion, who were part of a class of three. Because of other commitments, there will be no further degree work until February.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13, when we will elect our Officers for 1978, and proceed to install them on January 10, with a dinner preceding both meetings.

At the December meeting, a 60-year certificate will be presented to Bro. Max Gordon.

LADIES NIGHT

Our Dinner Dance is being held on Saturday, December 3, and while it is now too late for reservations, we hope all present had a good time.

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S PARTY

The Annual Children's party will be held at Brighton Town Hall on Sunday, December 11, and you should already have received full details in the mail.

We mourn the passing of Bro. Louis Solomon, and extend our sympathy to his family.

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



On Monday, December 5, 1977, the current state of the Lodge will be discussed and the ultimate decision will be in the hands of those Brethren who present themselves at the meeting that night. If you want to be heard and your ideas discussed on the fate of your lodge, then you must make the effort to be present. With just under 200 Brothers within traveling distance from the Lodge we should be able to get enough members to show up who love their Lodge as I do. The lack of interest in the well being of your Lodge and the lethargy that our members show will only leave the final outcome to those few who show up and who will have the final say. Bestir thyself and expiate thy sin.

Birthdays congratulations to the following Brothers

Isaac Scheerens 12/1; Harry Kipp, Donald Scheerens 12/5; Jon Alexander, W. Ralph Jenkinson 12/8; John Joseph 12/10; Milton Klick, Gerald Kressman 12/14; Walter Herman, Wor. Frederick Newman (Master 1937), 12/18; Rt. Wor. Bertram Steene (Master 1966) 12/21; Charles Vaughn 12/25; and Frederick Walker 12/26.

Wor. Edward R. Shaw wants me to remind the Past Masters that our annual dinner will be held at the Colonial Hotel, 1129 Empire Blvd. on December 11th with cocktails at 6:00 pm. and dinner at 6:30 pm. Post cards will be in the mail for reservations. The Hotel telephone number is 288-9767 in case you have to be reached while you are there.

IN OTHER WORDS

Do not become intoxicated with the excessive exuberance of your own inexhaustible verbosity. In promulgating your esoteric cogitation and articulating your superficial sentimentalities and amicable, philosophical and psychological observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosities. Let your conversational communications possess a clarified conciseness and a compact comprehensibility and a concatenated cogency. Eschew all conglomeration of garrulity and bombastic loquaciousness. In other words, say what you mean, mean what you say, and abstain from ponderous phraseology.

Bertram M. Steene, Sec.

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

Brethren:

This will be my last message to you through the Masonic News as Master of the lodge.

I want you to know that I have enjoyed the past two years of governing the Lodge. I have met a lot of fine Masonic friends in my passage through the chairs and enjoyed their company, encouragements and social times in Masters and Wardens.

I particularly wish to thank the past masters who were all too willing and able to help me in the Lodge when sickness and business made it impossible for line officers to take their respective chairs. Without your help times could have been near catastrophe.

To my successor I wish the best of luck in the coming year and pledge my support in every way for the benefit of the Lodge. He will need the help and cooperation of each and every member of the Lodge during the trying times ahead. Remember my brothers, one man cannot run a Lodge alone. He can only lead and guide.

On Tuesday, December 13 we will have our summoned annual meeting for the election of officers. WE should have a good turnout for this event especially from those brothers who are behind in their dues by a year or two. A new change in our by-laws will automatically bring about unaffiliation by any member whose dues are not paid by the end of the year.

Retain your membership brothers by paying your dues when due. Not only will this be a benefit to you but will save our secretary a lot of time and money between sending out special letters and trying to untangle forms at Grand Lodge when you wish to reaffiliate.

TRESTLEBOARD:

Dec. 6- Trustees and Fellowcraft.

Dec. 13- Election of Officers.

Fraternally,

Larry Millerd, Master

WAKAN LODGE No. 1054
2nd and 4th Mondays

Brethren:

I would like to thank all the brothers, their wives and guests of the lodge who attended the Master's ball on November 19th. I hope everyone enjoyed the dinner and dancing and small talk that followed this annual affair. I do know that I for one certainly enjoyed every moment of it.

I wish to thank the lodge for the support and help that has been extended to me during the last year as Master of the lodge. I will not enumerate them here, but wish to say, Thank You one and all.

The third degree of masonry was exemplified by the Shrine Past Masters Degree Team on November 28th in their usual fine manner. A thank you to all the members of the team who turned out for our candidates in such a fashion. It will be something for them to remember on their travels throughout all of their masonic life.

Our annual meeting and election of officers for the coming year will be held on December 12th. All the brothers desiring to show support for the new line of officers should make every endeavor to try to attend this very important meeting. Also at the same time the budget for the coming year will be adopted. Show your concern for the lodge affairs by attending this all important meeting.

CALLED HOME BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT

Clarence J. Hargather on October 25, 1977 in Long Beach, California.

As of this writing past master W. Edmund Lange has been hospitalized for an operation in connection with his heart. He is or probably was in Highland Hospital. Hope you are feeling better by the time this gets into print. Wish you a speedy recovery. Also past Master W. Charles H. Farrel is recovering from a stroke. He was hospitalized but is now at home recovering.

Fraternally,

Eugene M. Brown, Master

NEWS & VIEWS

We are glad to hear that W. Charles H. Farrell is home again after a brief stay in hospital, we look forward to hearing of your continued improvement Charles.

The Wardens always tell us that they work very hard, we have had moments of doubt but now thats all dispelled. Bro. Don Brugger has been

working so hard at his jogging that he managed to break a bone in his foot a couple of weeks ago, glad to hear that he is making a rapid recovery.

Junior Warden Bro. John Lawrence has done it again, I had an opportunity to talk to his lovely wife Nessie and she tells me that he went of on a short vacation to his native Scotland all by himself last month, just shows how hard those Wardens work.

Many thanks to W. Ed Lange for sitting in for the undersigned at the meeting last month, we took a short fishing vacation with Bro. John Rice in Florida, more news on this later.

Bro. Webb Sheehy our Senior Deacon has matters well in hand, we are receiving a flood of letters from his office telling us of all the changes and news of other brothers on his call list and his efforts are much appreciated, however we must mention that it is very nice to have a secretary around Webb.

A couple of weeks ago R.W. Charles Thompson turned up at the garage with a banded racing pigeon and asked me to see if it could be returned to its owner. Charles I haven't seen you so, the bird belonged to Mr. Urbonas, 215 Bakerdale Rd. in Greece who sends you his thanks for your kind assistance.

Card from Nancy and Bob Zollweg who are away on a sea trip, W. Bob attended a meeting on board ship and duly sent us a card, hope you both had a fine time.

Happy to hear that Bro. Walter Ellis is home after surgery and coming along quite well.

Fraternally,

A. John Tijou, Sec.

UNION STAR LODGE No. 320
1st Wednesday

Dear Brethren:

November 19, was our Ladies Night Dinner Dance sponsored by Union Star Lodge No. 320 and Union Lodge No. 45. I hope everyone who attended that evening had a good time. We are looking forward to making this an annual event between the two lodges.

The officers at our lodge and myself would like to again express our thanks for the excellent dinners provided by Millicent Gray and all the ladies who help prepare and serve these meals. We are indeed fortunate, our Degree dinners are a success due to their fine work.

I would also like to thank our Past Masters for taking over the November 2 meeting and for the terrific work performed that night.

Don't forget the Brotherhood Fund is now in progress, if you haven't received a letter yet, it will be arriving shortly. Let's all get behind W. Bro. Donald Magruder and make this year another success for Union Star No. 320.

SUMMONS

Dear Sir and Brother:

You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Stated Communication of Union Star Lodge No. 320 F. & A. M. to be held on Wednesday evening Dec. 7, 1977 at 8:00 o'clock for the purpose of electing officers and such business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge.

Fraternally,

Dennison J. Ripley, Master

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W. William E. Clark, Sec.

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VALLEY LODGE
No. 109
1st and 3rd Mondays

Brethren:
In 1927 Professor A.M. Low, a British scientist and inventor, made a splash in the newspapers with a prediction that in twenty years people would be routinely watching wireless moving pictures in their homes. He deserves credit for the accuracy of his timing but he could base his estimate on knowledge of the experimental work in electronics being done at that time. We can be prophets also, because what progress is made in Masonic work due to our own particular efforts in our own particular Lodge can be determined by the amount of effort put forth by each of us. You all remember the three classes of people--doers, watchers and wonderers. We are the #1 category. Be sure! Be safe! Be active!

Our Worshipful Master is gaining every day. Send a card or visit whenever you can.
Many thanks to all the brothers who spend so much of their time working for Freemasonry, and to those who work to help our youth, like Little Leagues, Scouts, Sunday School, etc. They are the unheralded ones who exemplify our creed of True Brotherhood.

All suggestions on any matter to do with our Brotherhood are urgently solicited and greatly appreciated.

Happy Birthday to all born in December and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

TRESTLEBOARD:
Dec. 5- Third Degree
Dec. 12- Fellowcraft
(Yearly Meeting and dinner at Kopper Kettle, Chili Ave. 6:30 sharp--

Then comes 1978-- Please copy the following for your appointment book.

Interlodge Fellowship--
March 4- Mixed bowling and dinner event.

April 29- Mixed card party.

June 3- Golf Outing (Salmon Creek)

Oct. 8- Trap and Skeet Shoot.

Fellowcraft Club

November 14th meeting was held as usual. Corned Beef luncheon put on as scheduled. Attendance was great. Annual meeting to be held at the Copper Kettle on Dec. 12. Election of officers will take place. Cocktail hour will be at 6:30 and dinner will be at 7 sharp. The meeting will be held at 7:30. You must make reservations. For reservations call Harry Coates at 621-8422 or Ralph Leffler at 436-9070. There will be a choice of Roast Beef or Roast Chicken. The price will be \$5.00 per person. Please plan to attend.

Pres. Harry Coates

ZETLAND LODGE
NO. 951
2nd & 4th
Thursdays



Brethren:
This will be my last communication to you as Master of your Lodge, and I want to share some personal feelings.

I have always felt grateful for the confidence and trust you have placed in me. I can sincerely say that it has been a joyful experience to serve my Lodge, which is you, the members. My greatest reward has been in getting to know may of you more intimately. We have shared our joys, sorrows and concerns and found strength in each other. We have been faced with challenges and met them.

With inflation and rising costs, it has become necessary to raise our dues for the coming year, and I am confident you will accept this with understanding.

I want to thank you for the response and support you have given me as I tried to do my best to serve you and our lodge, and I know you will continue in this same Masonic spirit to aid and support our new Master and his officers.

TEMPLE FUND COMMITTEE

I am happy to report that through your voluntary contributions, our Lodge has been able to meet its quota of \$1809 for back taxes. I am grateful to each of you who contributed, and a special thanks to Wor. Ted Theodor and all who worked with him to make it a success. Certificates of Appreciation are being personally given to each contributing member.

ANNUAL MEETING

On December 8th, we will be holding our Annual Meeting for the purpose of election and Installation of Officers and such other business as may regularly and constitutionally be brought before the Lodge. This will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 pm., 3rd floor dining room. Please let our Jr. Warden, Ted Theodor, know of your intention to attend the dinner by calling him at 342-7275. My Brothers, let us assemble, as one, and pledge our support to our new Master and his officers.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

After our Annual Meeting on December 8, I will have become a Past Master of Zetland Lodge 951. However, on December 15th, there will be a Special Communication at 7:30 pm. to confer the Third Degree. I consider it an honor and privilege to be allowed to confer this degree upon two Brothers who have come to mean a great deal to me. I hope we can have a good turn out to welcome these

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



My Brothers:
The year has flown swiftly by and annual meeting time is upon us again. It is time to elect new officers for 1978 and to hear from the Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustees about the condition of our Lodge. I urge all that can to come and take part in this meeting.

Don't forget the Brotherhood Fund when you are making out that Christmas list. The guests at the Masonic Home in Utica need your contribution to help keep the home in operation. When you think of the many wonderful things the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory has done, perhaps you might want to add it to your Christmas list. This is the month when, more than any other month, caring is uppermost in our minds. Think, then, of our Masonic charities, too. Our new Brotherhood Fund Chairman is Brother Joseph Mlayess, 327 Avenue A, Rochester, New York 14621. I'm sure he will be contacting you, but why wait? Send him a check or include it with your dues.

Let's get next year off to a good start by finishing this year with a good turnout. I want to see everyone from the Rochester area at our annual summoned meeting on December 14, 1977.

I am sorry to report that our Organist, Brother John Allan, will no longer be with us. He has not fully recovered from his mugging this Fall. He feels that getting to lodge this winter will be too much for him. We will miss him!!!

Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays to all.
Fraternally,
Leon R. Perkins, Master



new Brothers

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Wor. Bro. Ken Myers who is recovering from a heart attack is now able to work part time. We look forward to having him back in Lodge

Sympathy of the Lodge is extended to the family of Wor. Bor. Ron Meier whose father-in-law passed away recently.

I want to wish every member and their family a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. Looking forward to seeing you on December 8th and 15th.

TRESTLEBOARD:

Dec. 8- Annual Meeting.

Dec. 15- Special Communications to Confer the Third Degree. W. Don Joseph in the East.

Fraternally,
Don Joseph, Master

FAME LODGE
No. 945
2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Brethren:
What makes a Lodge successful? You do. There's no secret formula, no appealing for you to support your lodge, no coercion of any kind and yet, here we are making our meetings a kind of social evening--a place where we go and meet people from different walks of life and meeting on the same level, letting our hair down and doing our thing. I think it's great maybe this is what the Lodges of old had, bearing in mind they didn't have the Tube, or, for that matter many of the other affluent things we enjoy today. These are my thoughts which have accumulated over the year with the many helping hands which have come forward in assisting me in the many ventures we've tried, either Masonic Ritual work or just plain getting your hands grubby--I think fortune has smiled on 'Fame Lodge' getting together a group of guys that all get on so well; sure we have our rough spots, it takes all kinds so they say. The end product has been that Fame has prospered with good attendance.

Our 2nd Degree went over in great style with Jr. Warden Manny Syracuse in the East and Jr. Master of Ceremony Jimmy Fischette from 'Wakan Lodge' putting on the middle chamber and what a wonderful performance it was. p/m Wor. Dale Lawson performed the oracle in the kitchen and fed the hungry hoard with sausages and pancakes. It was appreciated by us all

The 'Piece de Resistance' of course, was our 3rd Degree you may remember we had the '72 Masters officiate for us in the spring. Now it was our turn, our 2nd Section 3rd Degree director p/m Wor. Bob Hebner certainly went to town putting us through our paces by organizing the floor work and taking one of the major parts. Everyone who took part has my deep gratitude and what made it all worth while were the 60 people who were in attendance. Our Degree director p/m Wor. Tom Huttemann also is worthy of my thanks for his time spent throughout the year by his perseverance to see we achieved perfection in our three degrees. The girls of Culver Chapter O.E.S. 816 maintained their high standard with the Roast Beef dinner we had.

Prior to the 3rd degree the 'Fame' Raiders slipped over to Northfield Lodge and picked up the Travelling Gavel, Flower City Lodge withered under our force of Numbers 11 to 9, our prize was displayed with pride during our degree.

The Brotherhood Fund drive is now under way, this

W.C. HUBBARD LODGE
No. 964
1st and 3rd Fridays

This my brothers is my last column as Master of Warren C. Hubbard lodge. I've enjoyed my year. Unfortunately we did not have any candidates this year. However, we did have a successful Scotch bowling party, annual fellowcraft dinner. But, outside of these two good attended activities our monthoy Fellowcraft meetings have been poorly attended only averaging 5 members. I hope next year there is a turn-about. More events are being planned for next year. There will be an annual fellowcraft dinner and election of officers in January. The December fellowcraft meeting is cancelled due to Christmas parties etc.

Our Brotherhood Chairman, Bill Nopper has the kit and will be getting out his information within the next few weeks. Please give because this is something that is very important for the good of the fraternity. December 2 will be the presentation of 50/60 year pins and certificates with D.D.G.M. Gordon Hoag doing the presentations. The dinner originally scheduled is cancelled due to circumstances. On December 16 will be our annual Communication and Installation of Officers. Before this meeting there will be a dinner at 6:30 pm. For reservations call Bill Hopper at 334-2776. Bob Lauzoh will be installed as Master. All things going as planned. I hope you all give Bob all the support you have given me. Especially from the Past Masters which was greatly appreciated. To each and everyone of you my sincere thanks. Once again my brothers thank you for allowing me the great honor and privilege of serving as Master of Warren C. Hubbard.

Let me wish you all a joyous and safe Holiday Season and may the Blessing of God be upon all of you and your families.

Peace, Love and Joy,
Robert G. Helmes, Master

TRESTLEBOARD:
Dec. 2- Meeting 50/60 year pins.

Dec. 4- Cancelled. Fellowcraft.

Dec. 16- Annual meeting & Installation.



worthy cause needs no explanation other than, do your best and give your backing to our chairman Jr. Warden Manny Syracuse December 13, meeting will be a Tureen Supper & social get together to round off the year, wives & ladies invited.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS
Our Sr. Deacon Brother Ken Rhodes has made wonderful progress after his knee operation.

TRESTLEBOARD:
Dec. 13- Tureen Supper 6:30 pm.

It's been a real pleasure serving you and the lodge, wherever has my year gone? Merry Christmas & a prosperous New Year!

Bill Bailey, Master

YONNONDIO LODGE
No. 163
1st and 3rd Tuesdays



Brethren,
When I sat down to write this article for the Monroe News I suddenly realized that this is the last article I would write as Master. With this thought in mind it leaves somewhat of a strange feeling inside me like a void. In looking through the calendar of events for 77 I found so many good things that happened to me and the Lodge that it can't be summed up in one article. Some important things that come to mind are the nights that Tiler Bro. Don Ballou presented the Lodge with a beautiful new American Flag, Bro. Ballou also proudly wears a dedicated service apron. The night Bro. Ryal DeVoist received his dedicated Service apron and also when our solvist Bro. Andrew Merkel received a plack honoring him for his many years of music in our Lodge. These are just a few of the many memorable things that happened this year.

One other thing that's on our mind is the increasing cost of operating our Lodge. These increases have raised many questions in the past. I have a feeling the Lodge can make some money to help offset some of the cost and possibly make a contribution to the Brotherhood Fund by collecting waste paper. With the present demand for scrap paper which is used to make insulation, the price has increased to the point where we can make money selling it. If the local membership of our Lodge would save their old papers and magazines and or collect them from friends, bundle them up and bring them to Lodge on Tuesday. If this is inconvenient for you there are several brothers with trucks that will be happy to collect them. All you have to do is call me at 225-3034. This will be a Fellowcraft project so a report will be made on the progress of this project. Next meeting on December 6 Service Awards and Past Masters night with a Dinner at 6:30 call Bro. Harold Wieser 271-6763 for reservations. Dec. 20 Annual Meeting.

Fraternally,
Lawrence Wiler
Almost Past Master
P.S. Don't forget your contribution to the Brotherhood Fund.

FELLOWCRAFT CLUB

The Annual Steak Roast was held on Oct. 29 at Hamlin Beach Park. The Committee should be commended on the fine job, Donald Hoge and Frank Kelsey with the usual help and advise of Master Larry Wiler. The salad was a special, made under the direction of Past Master Everett Hoak, thanks to all. The Annual Fruit Cake

sale is in progress, if you haven't picked yours up yet, Chairman Donald Hoge will provide you with your supply.

The Nov. meeting - changed from the 4th to the 5th Tuesday of the month due to Thanksgiving - was a dinner meeting at the Brookhouse Restaurant.

The Telephone Committee will be happy to know the first draft of the new list is out, and ready for additions and corrections.

Pres. Don Ames

TRESTLEBOARD
Dec. 6-Service Award & Past Master night.
Dec. 20-Annual Meeting.

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**NOLA CHAPTER
NO. 368
Order of the Eastern Star**

Dear Members,
The year seems to be coming to an end all too fast. We are a little belated in wishing our Dear Sister Nellie Aradine a happy birthday. We will have our annual meeting on Dec. 6th, after which we will have a Christmas party. There will be a \$1.00 exchange gift for those who care to exchange. Past Matron's Christmas party will be Dec. 7th at the home of Jessie Johnson's. There will be a \$1.00 exchange gift. Officers Club will hold their Christmas party Dec. 20th at the Chapter rooms. There will be 7:30 dessert and a \$1.00 exchange gift. The beautiful Christmas season is very near and I want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a most Holy Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.
Fraternally,
R.W. Lucile Mason, W.M.

AN EVENING OF ENJOYABLE MUSIC

Through the efforts of Bernard Bonnington, we take our Hats off to the men and women of the Rochester Gas and Electric Choruses and Band, who gave a concert at the Masonic Temple, Nov. 9th, in the Big Ballroom at 875 Main Street East. Those who did not attend surely missed an evening of fine music, by people who play and sing for the love and happiness of others. They are all employees of the Gas and Electric and get no money for these concerts. They play for charity, good causes, for the elderly, handicapped, at hospitals, nursing homes, Veterans Hospitals, etc., with no thought of pay. The Concert the other night was for the Order of Eastern Star and the proceeds went to help support their home in Oriskany. It was only a \$1.50 donation and if you were not there it was your loss, as it was a beautiful evening. There will be another concert in the Spring so watch the paper for it. The Big Band Leader is Jack End. The Choruses are lead by Louis J. Ugino. The Master of Ceremony is also the drummer, Thomas Powell.

MONROE DISTRICT PATRONS ASSOC.

From the President's Chair.

Brothers:
Another year has passed and we now have a new slate of Officers. On Sunday, November 13 at a very nice chicken dinner, served by the Masons of Fairport Lodge, the Patrons Assoc. had their election of Officers. These are: W. Ed Wood, Pres.; W. Ken Hutchinson, Vice Pres.; R.W. Clifford Swope, Secretary-Treasurer; and W. Earl Branch is our Chaplain. Please help support your Patron's Assoc. and the new Officers. 1978 will be a busy year for all of us, having Most Worthy Bettie B. Jurs as our own from Monroe District - so please be sure to pitch in the help when you get a call from one of the Officers.

We have planned some social activities in conjunction with our fundraising so that we can all have fun while we are working. We'll try and keep everyone informed through the Masonic News, so watch for our articles.

We were very pleased that the Grand Officers could be with us with the exception of Most Worthy Bettie who was ailing, but we hope that by the time you read this, she will be on the road to recovery.

If you have any items of news concerning the Patron's Assoc. please call me at 872-3732; we need many ideas also, so if you feel you can contribute anything to the success of our organization, give me a call.

Here's hoping we can all pull together and have a happy and successful year.

Fraternally,
W. Bro. Ed Wood President
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Fidelity Triangle Past Karen Midgley, new Jr. Advisor of the Monroe, Ontario, Steuben Districts.



B.Q. Laurie Arthur and honor guard.

LILAC TRIANGLE

Lilac Triangle #121 has been busy doing just about everything there is to do. On October 29th they paid their annual visit to the Rochester Friendly Home on East Avenue. Most people including their own parents might not be able to recognize them. You see, they were all dressed up for Halloween. The reason? To spend the evening singing Halloween Carols for the residents of the home. When they were done everyone returned to the Masonic Temple in East Rochester for a party.

Saturday, November 5th finally arrived. Miss Laurie

Arthur was crowned Queen and distinguished guests were honored in the East. Members, Parents, family and friends filled the sidelines. It was another beautiful installation for Lilac Triangle Girls.

Monday November 7th. Beloved Queen Laurie Arthur performed her first official duty by introducing her officers and members at the Monroe District Reception. Lilac Triangle was pleased to be asked to present R.W. Jane Rogers with a degree. Mrs. Rogers is a former Junior Deputy of Lilac Triangle.

Watch for further news about the happenings and ideas of B.Q. Laurie and her officers.

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FIDELITY TRIANGLE

Nov. 12- The new Beloved Queen, Eileen Dimino and her staff of officers, were installed in Cathedral Hall, by Jr. Deputy, Mrs. Helen Paget.

The installing marshalls were, Kathy Krogemen & retiring Queen Diane Reitz. The installing Chaplain was Past Queen Mary Kay Jackson.

The organist was Mr. Robert Clowe & the soloist was Diane Webster.

The color guard of the James A. Hard Post of the Masonic War Veterans presented & retired the flag.

Members of Fidelity Triangle & Rochester DeMolay formed a special honor guard for the new Queen.

Special guests included, R.W. Jane Rogers, District Deputy Grand Matron, Mr. John Werner; Asst. Grand Lecturer of Amaranth, Elaine Orman; Exalted Star of Frances Hitchcock Shay Constellation, Karen Midgley; Jr. Advisor of Triangle, R.W. William Zufall; Executive Director of Masonic Service Bureau, Don Hollander; Master Councilor of Genesee Valley DeMolay, Paul Harrington; Master Councilor of Rochester DeMolay; Rev. Evertt Fitts, Pastor of Covenant United Methodist Church; W. Barbara Bassert & W. Joseph Dimino, Matron & Patron of Irondequoit Chapter; & W. Audrey Zufall, Matron of Rochester Chapter. Grand Matron, M.W. Bettie Jurs was too ill to attend, and sent her regrets.

Reverend Fitts gave the Benediction.



HAMILTON CHAPTER NO. 62

ROYAL ARCH
MASONS



2nd and 4th
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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 Convocation 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 8, 1977 at 7:30 pm., at which time officers will be elected for the ensuing year, and such business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

Ex. Melvin L. Simmons
High Priest

Attest:
R:E: Richard J. Oliver
Secretary

Companions:

Where has the year gone? December, the last month of the year and the last month of my treasured term as High Priest. I suppose every High Priest had the same feeling, how do you sum up your year? We never get to do all the things we had hoped and planned to do.

We did confer the degree of the Holy Royal Arch degree twice this year, on March 24th and again on October 29th, exalting 15 new companions into our Chapter. Unfortunately, we had six deaths which always hurts us when we lose a companion this way. Our prayers and condolences go out to their families.

There are so many companions and we all owe gratitude for their extra help in the years' activities and on committees.

For information of our new companions the story of the Royal Arch is laid amidst ruins. It is a story of rebuilding a temple from the ruins of an old temple. Cyrus in 536 BC., founder of the Persian Empire, issued an edit permitting the Jews to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the house of the Lord. At the same time he restored to them all the sacred vessels and precious ornaments of the first temple which had been carried away by Nebuchadnezzar. The leader of the Jews was Prince Zerubbabel.

There are four banners in a chapter room ritual as only four principal tribes are represented, Judah, Reuben, Ephraim, and Dan. These appear in the veils with the figures of a Lion, an ox, a man and an eagle. The degree of Royal Arch Mason is often referred to as the Royal Arch of Zerubbabd.

York Rite News

**IONIC CHAPTER
No. 210
Royal Arch Masons
2nd and 4th Tuesdays**

Companions:
This will be my last message. The next issue rightfully belongs to your next High Priest. Our next meeting will be for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. It is important that all of you make it. It is equally important that our new companions give serious consideration to accepting some of the responsibility of administrating the chapter. The election will be preceded by a dinner to be held at Trebor's on State St. Same place as last time. Time- about 6, this will give us time to unlimber before eating at 6:30. Your choice off the menu again. Make reservations with me before Dec. 10.

I have no news or starting announcements to make this time. As usual our capable Secretary is fielding all the minor business. I, certainly, have to thank him for his seemingly unbounded enthusiasm. Well, I don't want to ramble like I did last issue so- See you at Trebor's.
George Lynch, High Priest



Throughout the capitular degrees, reference is made to the Marks and Characters. It was through the use of characters, traditions say, that the secrets of the craft were presumed. Throughout the ages there has been secret writings or methods of conveying information to only those who possessed the secret alphabet. Freemasonry has its secret alphabet which has come down to us and by which our legends say, we have preserved the great and sacred name of Deity. Some of these characters appear on a substitute Arch. There are also characters on the Keystone but not in the secret alphabet. They are intelligible to those who receive the explanation.

For the benefit of our new companions we meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month and we open at 7:30 pm. in Cathedral Hall where you took your degrees.

On December 8th will be our annual summoned meeting for our annual reports and election of officers.

It was an honor and pleasure to exalt you new companions into our Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and we are all looking forward to seeing you regularly. We are

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November has been one of the busiest months in our Templar year. I want to thank all of the officers and knights who represented our Commandery at the Special Zone visitation of the Grand Commander. Then on November 19 we conferred the Order of the Temple on the class of candidates at the annual Commandery Pilgrimage. We extend a hearty welcome to all our newly knighted Templars to attend our December meetings.

Our first meeting in December on Friday the 2nd will be devoted to a full-form opening under the direction of E.S.K.C. Leslie Brown. The second meeting on December 16 will be preceded by a dinner with the ladies. This will be an open meeting dedicated to our annual Commandery toasts. Guests and friends are always welcome at this ceremony; refreshments and Christmas cheer will conclude the evening.

Recently an unfortunate incident was brought to the Commander's attention. A knight who had been ill in the recent past wrote that he had received no attention from any of the members. This is regrettable and we hope will not occur again. But it points out a critical problem in our communications. Any knight who is ill or in need of our assistance is urged to contact the Commander or other member, who will insure that a proper response will be executed.

As 1977 draws to a close may we all be thankful for the blessings we have received and look forward in 1978 to a prosperous year for Templary
Raymond R. Beardsley
Commander



ready and anxious to answer any questions for you.

We know that you have now received the Master's Word, travelled in foreign countries, worked and received Masters wages (mark), and have seen the temple completed in the Most Excellent Master Degree and have at long last obtained the long lost Master's Word and have been exalted to be a Royal Arch Mason in the second temple. Now you can understand thoroughly the third degree.
Fraternally,
Mel Simmons, High Priest

**CYRENE
COMMANDERY
No. 39
KNIGHTS
TEMPLAR**



At this time I want to thank all who attended our Zone 11 Festival on Nov. 11th. Thanks to the Schieker Club for the very fine dinner before our conclave. Always enjoy their dinners. Thanks to our Grand Commander, S.K. Herbert A. Belden for being with us that night and choosing our Commandery for his Official Visitation in our Zone. Thanks to all our visiting Commanderies for attending also.

Hope that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving this year. One more thank you for now is: Thanks to all for all your help at our fall festival for the Commanderies. Greatly appreciated.

Here is what is coming up in December. The 9th will be our Annual Christmas Toast for Christmas. Conclave at 8 pm. All the ladies are invited to be with us that night and take part. Come on out and enjoy this night together. Howard Hornik is going to show slides of their trip to the Orient on Dec. 9th.

There will be no conclave on Dec. 23rd as that is Christmas time. One conclave only in Dec.

All members and friends are invited to take a look at our York Rite Bulletin Board in the Lobby of our Masonic Temple. It is for your information of what is going

on in our different bodies. Think that you might be amazed at the different events that are taking place all the time.

Our Grand Commander, S.K. Belden had a wonderful short speech for us that evening, greatly appreciated by all. What follows is from his speech, very appropriate: "Plan your work & work your plan, grab a petition & get your man and after you've had him, kneel at your Altar make him your friend, don't let him falter, show him how we fellows mix and train him now for 77-78. Just take his dues would be much too simple, but that's not the way to make him a Templar. He's got no uniform, well get him one. He's got a right for some of the fun. Don't let him go along just for the ride, fill him full of Templar pride, and one he has that in his heart he will always take an active part. Soon he will bring in another entreaty and before you now it, you will have a Find Commandery." How about trying that out for size.


Our Recorder says there are a few who still have not paid their dues so please do so ASAP. Thanks. There are no deaths to report

Everyone have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God Bless all of you,


Believe that is all for now so, have fun until our next writing in the Jan. issue.
Fraternally yours,
Em. Comm. Ernest A. Stelianou
S.K. Roy E. Huff, Reporter

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GREATER MASONIC COOPERATION MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Hal Miller, Chairman

In this article we are listing all the Representatives from the 31 Lodges of the 1st and 2nd Monroe Districts. We would like all the Brothers to get to know who they are and call on them for any assistance needed.

These Representatives will have in their possession not only Petitions for the Shrine, York and Scottish Rites, but also a supply of "Masonry, What is it?" sheets and Primers of Freemasonry to give out to any hoped for members. Other items they will have are the following:

Copy of the letter from Bishop Hogan expelling any fears of Catholics from becoming a Mason.

Information sheets explaining all about the following bodies: Shrine, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Grotto, DeMolay, Eastern Star, Constellation, and Tall Cedars.

Information sheet on how

to restore Masons from Demit or Unaffiliation to active status. This sheet explains the procedure to use for every major Body of Masonry.

As you can see, this representative can be of value to give our Masonic Family the Cooperation it so desperately needs today. May I urge all Masters of Lodges to call on these Brothers at every meeting for a report.

In closing the Committee would like to thank all the brothers who were willing to serve as representative for their Lodge, and we all hope by working together along with all the Brothers of Monroe County we can help get Masonry back on the road of increased Interest and participation, and most important, more membership.

May I wish all a Happy Holiday, and a great Masonic New Year.



Harry Kittredge - President

**MEETS EVERY MONDAY
12 NOON
AT ROCHESTER CLUB**

Dec. 5- Open
Dec. 12- William M. Hobbs, Service Engineer for General Motors- "The Battle Against Corrosion."
Dec. 19- Christmas party and election of officers.

Dec. 26- Holiday.
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The Masonic Service Bureau

It seems difficult to believe that we're already past the middle of November, and now we must begin planning very seriously for Christmas, which will be here almost before we know it. As always for the Bureau, Christmas consists of five separate and distinct activities, three of which involve the Canandaigua VA Hospital. The first of these is Wrapping Day, which is Tuesday, Dec. 13. On this day we gather as many volunteers as we can and leave early in the morning for Canandaigua, where we spend the morning with volunteers from other organizations wrapping some 4000 Christmas presents for the patients, eat lunch at the Hospital, and return shortly after lunch. On Sunday, December 18 we will again go to Canandaigua for the Christmas parties in the wards, singing carols and distributing fruit cake and egg nog to the patients. Then on Christmas Day, it's back to Canandaigua to distribute

the presents we wrapped on Wrapping Day. Won't you please help make the Holiday season brighter and more meaningful for these veterans of our nations military service by participating in at least one or more of these events? If you are unable to participate, perhaps you could obtain some volunteers for us from your Lodge or Chapter. We particularly need a few people who can play Christmas carols on the piano or some other instrument to help us on Sunday the 18th. Between Wrapping Day and the Canandaigua Christmas party will be the annual bus trip to the Masonic Home and Trinkaus Manor. As you know, the cost is \$8.50 per person, payable in advance. At the present moment we have 58 reservations, which is more than 70% of our anticipated 82 seats, so if your reservation is not in yet you'd better hurry. The other Christmas activity is the distribution of

food baskets to needy families. For this effort we solicit contributions of money, food, and toys, but we can't use any of those items unless we also receive - from you - the names of needy families who are worthy to receive the baskets. We give baskets only to those people who are recommended to us from within the Fraternity. Contributions of food, of course, should be non-perishable such as canned goods, and contributions of toys or other gifts should be new items, not used. The names of any needy families should include the ages and sex of any children so that we can provide a suitable present for each child. We anticipate distributing these baskets on Friday, Dec. 23, and again, we would appreciate any assistance we can get in delivering the baskets, beginning at 1 pm. on that day. Fraternally, William R. Zufall Executive Director



Seasons Greetings

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