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HAPPY NEW YEAR

INSTALLATION DATES

Plan to support the new Master and officers of your lodge at Installation. Remember, for your new Master-elect, this will probably be one of the greatest experiences in his Masonic life, and he would really like to have you there to share it with him. Each lodge does things just a bit differently, so visit some of the other lodges listed below in addition to your own, and see how they work. Your presence will be greatly appreciated, whether as a member or a visitor.

Dinners, where indicated, all begin at 6:30 P.M. Call one of your lodge officers for a reservation.

- Jan. 3 Corinthian Temple #805
John A. Robertson #1032
- Jan. 4 Penfield Union #154 - Dinner
Yonondio #163
Clio #779
Charlotte #1088
- Jan. 5 Union Star #320 - Dinner
- Jan. 6 Northfield #426 - Dinner
Webster #538 - Dinner
- Jan. 10 **Fairport #476 - Dinner
Etolian #479
Rochester #660
Wakan #1054 - Dinner
- Jan. 11 Monroe #173
Henrietta #526
Flower City #910 - Dinner
Fame #945 - Dinner
*Frank L. Simes #990
East Rochester #1020
Orpheus #1082
- Jan. 12 Churchville #667 - Dinner
Germania #722 - Dinner
Oatka #759 - Dinner
Ancient Craft #943
- Jan. 13 Genesee Falls #507 - Dinner
- *Jan. 15 Frank L. Simes #990 - Public Installation
- **Jan. 22 Fairport #476 - Public Installation

Remember that your families and non-Masonic friends are welcome at the two Public Installations. This might be a good chance to demonstrate to a friend or neighbor something of what we do.

Brethren:

"I have always thought of Christmas as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of in the long calendar of the year when men and women seem, by one consent, to open their shut-up hearts freely."

These thoughts were written by Charles Dickens. I am certain that we all feel much the same way as Charles Dickens felt at Christmas time so many years ago.

The Holiday Seasons bring us spiritually and physically close to our families, friends and Masonic brothers. Let us, also, give our aid and love to those who are less fortunate than we are. We are thankful to end our 1976 year with a feeling of brotherly love. How gratifying it would be if all people carried this spirit of peace and good will throughout the year.

Congratulations to all the 1977 Masters and their Officers, who at this time are so enthusiastic and eager, I wish you

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THOMAS L.
DAVIS
D.D.G.M.
2ND MONROE
DISTRICT



BROTHERHOOD FUND

As 1977 dawns bright, clear, full of hope, do not forget those less fortunate than you, those who spent this past Christmas at the Masonic home in Utica. It has been said that the average stay in a hospital is 14 days and in a nursing home it is 6 months. The guests at the Masonic Home will be there for the rest of their lives. Your Help, Aid and Assistance is needed, not only now, but throughout the year.

When you see a child today isn't it comforting to know that the study going on at the Masonic Research Lab. will help free that young life of some of the medical cares we know today, Cancer, heart trouble, vision problems; research is for use in the future but it must be done and supported today. Ask yourselves, brethren, Have I done all I can to honor my obligation to Masonry and those in need?

Your brotherhood fund chairman will contact you, DO NOT WAIT FOR THAT. You were not asked to become a Mason, why wait now?
R.W. Bert Steene
R.W. Bruce Brainerd
District Chairmen.

FLOWER CITY LODGE TO SPONSOR ANOTHER ART AUCTION FOR BROTHERHOOD FUND

Following the successful Art Auction last year, Flower City Lodge is again sponsoring another Auction to aid the Brotherhood Fund, this time with the participation of the Lodges in the Districts.

The date is Saturday, February 19, at Beth Shalom, 1161 Monroe Avenue, at 8 p.m. Admission is \$1.00, which includes refreshments, and the opportunity to win an art object.

All members of other Lodges making purchases at the Auction will have the proceeds of their purchase credited to their Lodge's Brotherhood Fund.

Once again, there will be a comprehensive selection of fine paintings, etchings, etc.

Tickets are available from the Senior Wardens of most of the Lodges, or from Flower City Lodge.

It is the custom of all successful organizations to take an inventory around the beginning of a new year in order to determine present conditions. It is also important to prepare a profit & loss statement and compare it with those of previous years. Let us likewise take an inventory of ourselves and see where we stand in our effort to live a better, more useful and happier life.

So let us each, as we go about our Masonic task of building a house not made with hands, continue to pursue excellence in our work. If we each reach for a little more than we can grasp, there is no end to what we can accomplish.

As I was preparing this message, I happened to look down at the pencil in my hand, and I thought how similar that pencil was to the challenge that we face. A pencil seems to be a very simple thing, indeed, but it has been a very powerful tool in shaping our civilization.

It was a pencil that wrote the Magna Carta and the Declaration of Independence. It was the mark of a pencil on a sheet of paper that brought an end to World War I and II. It was a pencil that wrote Einstein's Theory - just a simple, powerful pencil. Yet the pencil may not be so simple at that. In its center is the "lead" - a rod of graphite that may have come from Wales. But the graphite rod is brittle and must be supported by two pieces of wood - perhaps coming from the cedar forest of Arkansas or Georgia. The pencil would not seem finished, though, unless covered by a bright coat of enamel that may have been produced in Japan. On the end of a pencil, we usually find an eraser made from rubber, perhaps coming originally from Malaya, and refined in Akron, Ohio. Surrounding the rubber is a piece of tin that may have been mined in Bolivia.

The different parts of this pencil came from all corners of the world, but they have been combined to form an instrument of power used correctly. And so it is with us in Masonry. We come from all parts of this nation, different homes, different religions, and different occupations, youth and adults alike, but together we can form a powerful tool, useful and beneficial to all.

Try something different - if you don't, you will get into a rut. You know, there is a difference between a rut and a grave. They tell me it is the dimensions. I think a rut is a grave with the ends knocked out. You can get into a rut very easily and the only way to get out of it is "to try something different."

To the "76" Masters, thank you for all of your courtesies. You have just completed a very wonderful and historical year of your life. You have joined one of the noblest groups of all, Past Masters, but status is by no means a vacation because a good Past Master will still work as hard for the honor and prestige of joining their company.

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LET'S GO VISITING

- 3 - Corinthian Temple - Installation of Officers.
- 3 - John A. Robertson - Installation of Officers.
- 4 - Penfield Union - Installation of Officers; Dinner.
- 4 - Yonnonadio - Installation of Officers.
- 4 - Clio - Installation of Officers.
- 4 - Charlotte - Installation of Officers.
- 5 - Union Star - Installation of Officers; Dinner.
- 6 - Northfield - Installation of Officers; Dinner.
- 6 - Webster - Installation of Officers; Dinner.
- 7 - W.C. Hubbard - Euchre Tournament.
- 7 - Monroe Commandery - Past Commander's Nite.
- 10 - F.R. Lawrence - Open meeting; card party - Euchre.
- 10 - Fairport - Installation of Officers; Dinner.
- 10 - Etolian - Installation of Officers.
- 10 - Rochester - Installation of Officers.
- 10 - Wakan - Installation of Officers; Dinner.
- 11 - Webster Chapter - R.A.M. Installation of Officers.
- 11 - Monroe - Installation of Officers.
- 11 - Henrietta - Installation of Officers.
- 11 - Flower City - Installation of Officers; Dinner.
- 11 - Fame - Installation of Officers; Dinner.
- 11 - Frank L. Simes - Installation of Officers.
- 11 - East Rochester - Installation of Officers.
- 11 - Orpheus - Installation of Officers.

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To the "77" Masters, all of the Wardens, and appointed officers, as our ancestors gave to us the present, we, in our turn, become the ancestors of the future. May we look back, in future years, with pride and humility on our contribution to the furtherance of Masonry.

Try Saying this little Scotsman's prayer, "Please, Dear Lord, keep me alive as long as I live, and I will be forever grateful".

William R. Wood, D.D.G.M.
 First Monroe District

D.D.G.M. 2nd MONROE *Continued from page 1*

"Good Luck and Success" in the coming year. With their confidence and spirit and optimism, we can expect to meet our goal, "The Further Pursuit of Excellence."

To the retiring Masters, who have done such an excellent job, I offer my sincere thanks for having the opportunity of working with you. May you continue to contribute your time and efforts to your lodges in the future.

During December and January all lodges will be installing their newly elected officers for 1977. Please plan to attend their installations. It is my desire that all Masons make a resolution to support and be more active in their Lodges during 1977.

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All.
 Fraternally,
 Thomas L. Davis, D.D.G.M., Second Monroe District

- 12 - Churchville - Installation of Officers; Dinner.
- 12 - Germania - Installation of Officers; Dinner.
- 12 - Oatka - Installation of Officers - Dinner.
- 12 - Ancient Craft - Installation of Officers.
- 13 - Zetland - Rededication Nite.
- 13 - Hamilton Chapter - R.A.M. Installation of Officers.
- 13 - Genesee Falls - Installation of Officers; Dinner.
- 14 - Cyrene Commandery - Annual Conclave.
- 15 - Frank L. Simes - Public Installation.
- 17 - John A. Robertson - Open meeting.
- 18 - Seneca - Open meeting; Film "Tall Ships".
- 18 - Charlotte - First Degree.
- 18 - Clio - Rededication Nite.
- 20 - Webster - Open meeting; Wine tasting.
- 20 - Northfield - Open meeting.
- 21 - W.C. Hubbard - Open meeting.
- 22 - Fairport - Public Installation of Officers.
- 25 - Ionic Chapter R.A.M. - Installation of Officers.
- 27 - Zetland - Open meeting.
- 27 - Genesee Falls - Open meeting; cards.
- 27 - Hamilton Chapter R.A.M. - Short meeting; Officer Proficiency.

MASONIC SERVICE BUREAU

A new year has now begun, and we hope it will be a bright, healthy and happy one for each of you. Warmest congratulations to the 1977 Masters and Matrons and their officers, and we sincerely hope that all your programs will be successful and your plans fulfilled.

We would like to thank all those who supported our various Christmas projects so very enthusiastically. So many of you did so much to bring cheer and the holiday spirit to the folks at the Masonic Home and Canandaigua, and it was all greatly appreciated.

Fraternally,
 William R. Zufall, Ex Dir

PAST MASTER'S SUPPER CLUB

When: January 28th, 1977
 Where: Moose Club
 Why: For fellowship
 Let's start 1977 off with a large turn out. Would like to see all 1976 Masters. There will be either a speaker or pictures. I am sure you will enjoy yourself. Cocktails - 6:30 P.M., Dinner - 7:00 P.M.
 Frank McConnell, Pres.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE
by Rev. William H. McKee

From Fear to Courage

Many years ago a whole nation was held captive in a foreign land. The children of Israel had gone down to Egypt when there was a famine in their homeland and were made welcome because they had been of great service to the ruler as slaves by later rulers who treated them very badly.

God sent Moses to lead them to a new homeland and after a long period of discussion, permission was given to leave but they were barely out of sight when Pharaoh realized he was losing a valuable asset - a whole nation of free labor. The Egyptian army was sent in pursuit and the fleeing Israelites crying to Moses why had he brought them out to die?


We are entering a New Year after a whole year of celebrating 200 years of political freedom. Now we are facing a change in leadership not to be sure as those frightened Israelites on the West Bank of the Red Sea - there is no army coming after us even though we have too many unemployed and know other nations have similar difficulties. We sincerely hope that a new administration may have some solutions, and know it will take more than just those men and women even as it took more than just Moses to save 12 tribes.

The Creator of all mankind gave direction to Moses and they were lead safely across the Red Sea on relatively dry land - apparently a wind storm divided the sea but it ceased as the pursuing soldiers entered and they were drowned. We cannot expect such a miracle here but we can reason together, plan, cooperate, as new plans are advanced to provide greater employment, whether by a shorter work week or some new ideas not used now.

Long ago those twelve tribes, a motley, disorganized body left the bondage of one of great ancestral powers of the world and found freedom and a new homeland - a place to live, work, and grow in stature wisdom and forth in their Creator. We have the same opportunity facing us in 1977. The brotherhood of man is best served and more fully achieved by taking every opportunity to work at it.

Likewise greater worship of the Creator who long ago guided a distraught people to freedom will do so for all mankind today if we use the coming year as one of attainment by increased reliance and worship of the Father of all mankind.

A very Happy New Year for every one of it's 365 Days!

 **GROTTO**

CONGRATULATIONS TO '77 GROTTO OFFICERS
 At the annual meeting and election of officers held on December 15, the following officers were elected by Lalla Rookh Grotto.

Monarch - George Buckner; **Chief Justice** - Robert Young; **Master of Ceremonies** - Kenneth Milner; **Treasurer** - Raymond Morrison, P.M.; **Secretary** - Ernest Wilson, P.M.; **Venerable Prophet** - Charles McClary; **Marshal** - Daniel Geska; **Captain of the Guard** - Merhcant Merritt; **Trustee (3 years)** - Gilbert Hess; **Orator** - Ronald Bishop; **Steward** - Harold Davis; **Board of Governors** Robert Uteritz (3) George Knierim (3) Roy Slack (3) George Francis (3) Sam Freedland (2)

We wish to congratulate these officers on their election and hope for a very successful year in '77. Remember, brethren, any organization - in order to be strong - must have the support of every member. So, we urge you to support them and Lalla Rookh will have another banner year.

To the officers of '76, we say "well done" and trust you will go on to higher laurels.

COMING EVENTS
 Jan. 22 - Installation of Officers. (All officers have tickets for the "After-Party" - Contact them.)
 Jan. 29 - Joint Unit Installation Dinner and Party Mapledale Party House. (All officer and unit heads have tickets for this event.)

Brethren-The Monarch has seen fit to appoint me as writer for the Monroe Masonic News for 1977. I hope this column will be interesting to all. If you have anything of interest to the Grotto and you want to see it in print, please contact:

George Francis
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A DATE TO REMEMBER
 1976 has to be a hard act to follow, never the less here we are in 1977 and, looking ahead to Sat. April 16, our 18th Annual Grand Ball will be held at the Maple Dale Party House. Why not plan to attend and build some memories this year, mark your calendars in advance. Further announcements will be made.

Grand Ball Committee



Dear Brother Herman

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

Q. I work in a Plant which has a number of Blacks on its staff. A number of them are members of one or the other of the two Prince Hall lodges in my city. How much Masonry can I discuss with them? Can I visit their lodges?

A. In our country, Masonry operates on the principle of Territorial Jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge of New York is the sole and sovereign authority within the state of New York. Similarly with every other state where a Grand Lodge exists. Every other Masonic body claiming to confer the three degrees of Masonry such as the lodges in Prince Hall Masonry are therefore classed as "clandestines."

The only Masonry you can discuss with a Prince Hall Mason is the same as you can discuss with a non-Mason or with your wife; riz. The principles and ideals of Masonry, which have been printed in hundreds of books and pamphlets, and the charitable projects of Masonic bodies.

Visiting a Prince Hall lodge in session, is of course prohibited.

INTERLODGE FELLOWSHIP

The First and Second Monroe Districts held their annual Skeet and Trap Shoot on November 21st, at the Outlet Rod and Gun Club. Winning the Charlie Jutsum Trap Trophy was W. Robert Zollweg of Wakan Lodge. Bro. Richard Halifax, Eagle Lodge, Honeoye, N.Y. won the Skeet and Trap Trophy. Bro. Kieth Stambach of Charlotte Lodge was the Class "C" winner.

All participants expressed an interest in promoting a Tourney again next year with Wakan Lodge as sponsor, in conjunction with the Interlodge Fellowship Club. W. Ed Lange of Wakan has agreed to be the chairman once more. Plans so far call for an earlier date for the event with all Lodges being notified prior to the summer recess. So all shooters watch this column next spring for the date and details of the 1977 SKEET AND TRAP SHOOT.

SUPPORT THE MASONIC BROTHERHOOD FUND

HIDDEN MEANING

"Allegory" is a form of literary expression very uncommon nowadays, and consequently it is a story, usually a long story, with a hidden, secondary meaning; a literal meaning, which is a "fairy tale," and a more serious meaning which we are expected to deduce for ourselves. Its purpose is to teach some moral truth.

The best known example in English literature is John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," written about 1680, in which the experiences and adventures of the hero in his journey from the "City of Destruction" to the "Celestial City" are figurative representations of the joys and sorrows experienced by the ordinary man in his journey through life.

Shorter and more easily understood forms of allegory are "fable" and "parable," many examples of which are found in the Volume of the Sacred Law.

Freemasonry uses a long allegory to teach the same moral truths as Christ taught by means of shorter parables. The "Parable of the Talents," for example, is an imaginative and picturesque way of teaching us that we must use the natural gifts with which God has endowed us to the best of our ability for the good of our fellowmen.

LODGE news and views

FAME LODGE No. 945
2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Brethren:

Let me say first to serve our Lodge as master is indeed an honour and a privilege. In these past few years we've gone from strength to strength, this wasn't achieved without effort, a fine officer line worked hard on your behalf plus active support from our members, this could be seen from our degree work, euchre tournaments and ladies night etc. It is in this spirit that I feel my task will be to consolidate what we've done and break new ground. With the number of young candidates we've been fortunate to have join our craft, we're becoming a young lodge. This is good news as we approach the 80's, it means Masonry and 'Fame' are still growing. With this growth in mind, I am aiming to start up the fellowcraft club which, was quite active in 'Fame' at one time. The primary activity of the club is to dramatize the second section of the third degree also, any other such activity be it social or otherwise, whereby the lodge can call on the club as needed. I will obviously need help to get this going. I will be asking ideas from our Past Masters, so be ready! To me there is no such thing as a sideline, you'll be members of the fellowcraft club, so we can all get involved in activities, if you're left out it'll be your choice. We have two important functions coming up in January. First our installation of officers on Tuesday January 11. Lodge will open at 6:00 p.m. At 6:30 the ladies of Culver Chapter O.E.S. will be serving roast chicken with trimmings. The second event will be a social evening at the Lyon Den on Saturday January, 29. A dinner and fun Bowling Party has been arranged for you and your lady. A choice of Prime rib or veal parmesan, salad bar and 3 games of bowling for \$6.75 per person. Cocktail hour is at 7 o'clock, and dinner at 8:00. Look forward to an evening of fun and let your hair down. Your telephone committee will be calling you for dinner reservations for each event, if not contacted please call me Bill Bailey at 338-1510. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!
Fraternally,
Master-Elect Bill Bailey

SICKNESS & DISTRESS
If you know of any Brother who is in need of our aid or sympathy, please contact any of the officers.

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

Brethren, it is with deep sincerity and humility that I write this, my first article for the Monroe Masonic News as your Master-Elect. I want to thank all of you for your support.

Installation Night will be January 13, 1977. Lodge will open at 6 pm, followed by dinner at 6:30 with installation commencing at 7:30. Our second meeting of the new year will be an open meeting on January 27th. After the meeting cards and fellowship will prevail and I am sure that a good time will be had by all.

In order to infuse some enthusiasm in attendance, I am instituting a series of dinners on open meeting nights (at a nominal sum) which will coincide with a special program for that particular night. The menu, I assure you, will be far different from anything you have had at a lodge dinner before. I will inform you of these special nights in future articles.

As you are all aware, Genesee Falls Lodge at present is practically in a state of dormancy. Our membership is on the decline due to deaths and relocations and there are very few petitions being presented. Even a lack of enthusiasm from some of the appointed line officers has been evident in the past year. It is sincerely hoped that this problem can be rectified during the coming year.

At this writing the Brotherhood Fund is in full swing. Our lodge has had 14 contributors for a total of \$200.96. It is needless to remind you of the end result of your contribution to this great cause. I urge each and every one of you to search your hearts and wallets to support this drive.

Brethren your 1977 dues are now due. Each year it has become necessary to unaffiliate several brothers because they allowed themselves to become two years in arrears. I should remind you that by being unaffiliated you automatically lose your membership in all concordant bodies. I am sure that none of you would want this to happen to you. I strongly urge each and every one of you make out your check for the Brotherhood Fund and your check for your dues and mail them today.

Although the holiday season is now past, I extend to each of you and your loved ones a prosperous New Year.

WAKAN LODGE No. 1054
2nd and 4th Mondays

MASTER'S MESSAGE
My congratulations to Master-Elect Gene Brown and all of his officers, may they have a very successful year.

I would like to thank the Officers and Brethren for all of their help in the past year. I feel proud to have served Wakan Lodge as their Master and 1976 will always be a memorable year for me.
Fraternally,
Frank Denton, Master

Brethren:
As master-elect for the year 1977 I want to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. Your new line of officers will be S.W. Donald Brugger, J.W. Graham Smith, S.D. John Lawrence, J.D. Webb Sheehy, S.M.C. Leonard DuBois, J.M.C. Fred Hild, Stewards James Fischette and John Beck, Marshall Vincent Micciche, Jr. Tiler will be Henry Leiske, Treasurer Robert Orne and Secretary Edmund Lange.

On January tenth your new officers will be installed in their stations and places during the regular meeting which will be preceded by a dinner served by the Irondequoit Chapter Order of Eastern Star starting at 6:30 P.M. All those wishing to attend the dinner please make reservations when your officer calls his call list.

Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund this year will be J.M.C. Fred Hild.
Fraternally,
Eugene Brown, Master-Elect

Also to those of you who celebrated birthdays and/or anniversaries during December and January, congratulations and felicitations. I also congratulate W. Bro. Harold Metzler and Bro. Loren Alexander of their election to Sr. and Jr. Warden respectively, and to W. Bros. Tom Heller, Bill Zufall, Cliff Pitt and Bros. Jerry Wilson and Ed Foster on election to their offices. To W. Bro. Ron Mertens what more can be said? The lodge extends its sincerest thanks and deep appreciation for a year and a half of strong unselfish leadership. To Ron and Barbara and their children, the best always in the years to come.

If there is any brother in need of our aid and sympathy, please notify me at 266-3440 or 338-3493 or our secretary, W. Bro. Tom Heller at 621-5737.

In closing, I want to thank all of you once again for your support and lets look onward and upward and make Genesee Falls once again number one.
Fraternally,
John R. Faro, Master-Elect

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No. 722
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Brethren:

As your incoming Master I would like to express my appreciation for the trust you have placed in me. It is with a great deal of pride that I will serve you this coming year. The year 1977 will be a year that I will hold very special in mind and heart and hope to be worthy of. The officers that are coming up in our Lodge are one of the greatest group of men that any Master could have. The master is only as good as the men behind him so with these officers, the past masters and the Brethren I see no reason why 1977 can't be a great year.

Each year the incoming Master tries his best to help the Lodge do just a bit better than the year before this year is no different. One of my thoughts is to improve on the attendance problem and live up to some of the parts of our obligation.

In the rush of everyday living, sometimes we are so busy rushing to get here and there we forget all about the one's we love. My Brothers if each of us slowed that pace down the minute we pulled into the parking lot on Charlotte St., went up to the 5th floor and talked to a brother and showed him we care about him, I know he will take the time for another brother. This may not pack our Lodge room but the thought alone of spending a few relaxing minutes with a brother is reward enough for anyone. At any time to help one another to enjoy oneself is worth while. We all have the feeling of brotherhood so let's express it here and at home. Bring a brother to Lodge, show him a good time.

The Brotherhood Fund Chairman is Larry McDonald our Marshall. I hope you will join with me and help him put 1977 on the calendar as a bumper crop year for the Brotherhood Fund.

Larry Wiler
Still St. Warden

"FROM THE SECRETARY"

The past year has seen a great many Masonic changes. We could do well to consider some of them by reading the past issues of the Empire State Mason, the issues of this paper, and other related publications. The Bicentennial is now history. Lets consider carefully our Fraternal ties, the meaning of our reaction to this Fraternity. Then really lets reaffirm those ideas we had when we joined.

Some of our Brothers have passed on and we have several new ones-not to take their place, but to establish new places. We embark now with a new set of Officers and the Leadership changes.

FROM THE EAST

The year has gone by very fast. Our newly elected officers, Heinz Gunkel, W.M. John Arnold, S.W., David Foster, J.W., Donald Freeman, Sr. Treas., Harold Weimer, Sec., Donald Krech, Trustee, and Donald Walzer, Rep. to Temple Assoc., deserve and will have the support of all the Brothers. They are a fine, strong, active group of Masons. I am most appreciative and grateful to all of the line, and to the Brethren who have made my work possible. The Lord has guided me through the year, and it is my prayer that He will continue to oversee the work of Germania Lodge. Charles W. Pflaum, W.M.

FROM THE WEST

Brethren:
I am honored to be your newly elected Master for the year 1977. I think we have a good line of Officers for the ensuing year.

We are going to work together and work hard to make this a successful year.

Jan. 12 is the Installation of Officers with a dinner preceding at 6:30 p.m. For reservations call me at 265-1999 for that night and thereafter I hope to see the side lines filled. To support your new officers and your Lodge. Let's each one, bring one other Brother along Heinz Gunkel

I would like to thank all those who contributed to our Xmas party. Special thanks to Lauweret's Garden Store and to Walter Wahl, Norm Hegedorn, John Arnold. Fraternally, Wayne Cowell

SPECIAL NOTES:

Fruit Baskets were given to eight of our Brethren who are in Nursing Homes, or ill at home.

Our installation will occur January 12, 1977. Please plan to attend. Call John Arnold or Heinz Gunkel for dinner reservations.

Walter Wahl, our Tiler will be entering the hospital Dec. 29 for a hip operation. We wish him well.



The Secretary's reports is now a matter of record. The books have been balanced and audited. I have a clean new sheet upon which to enter New Business. Thanks again for your confidence in me to carry on as Secretary. I restate one item. Please advise me if I have not provided correct records or credits. I try to make no mistakes but sometimes a difference of opinion can creep in. Patience on your part and mine is worth much. GC Mosher

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

Brethren:

We welcome to our Lodge, Brother Richard Gundry, Brother Wayne Gundry, and Brother Richard Militello who were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on December 6. Our Degree team did an excellent portrayal of the second section, with W.B. Al Connon as King Solomon and W.B. Ed Walker as King Hiram. Archie Barbour was outstanding as Senior Deacon. I wish to thank particularly, Rt. Wor. Connie May for giving the charge; Brother Sam Grover, DSA, for the Bible presentation; Bro. Ed Walker for the Historical Lecture. I wish to acknowledge and thank for their support the many Brothers who came out and assisted in the non-speaking rolls.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Brother Les Leaty's wife is hospitalized as we write this column. Sure hope she is feeling better. The sympathy of the Lodge was extended to Brother Frank Woodward whose wife passed away. Wor. Bro. Paul Robertson's mother's death was also reported.

CONGRATULATIONS to Beverly and Frank Zafino (he is Senior Warden - Elect) on the birth of a Son, their first child.

Happy January Birthday to the following Brothers: 4-Charles Thomas; 6-Russell Ferry, Norman Millard, Frederick Sullivan; 8-Ed Walker, Ned Wylam; 15-Donald Rogers; 17-Joseph Mosar, Adren Sutliff; 18-Frederick Harris; 20-J. Edwin Olsson; 21-Rudolph Elliott; 24-Ernest Burkhardt, Samuel Eleoff, Kenneth Skidmore; 25-Carl Silvio; 26-Oran Kissinger; 27-Albert Connon, William Miller; 30-Irwin Delinsky.

If you try to keep track of our members as they move around the country, you will be interested to know that W.B. Vic Anderson now resides in Honeoye and W.B. Theodore Parker is now living in Twinsburg, Ohio.

I would like to close this, my last column for the News, with an appeal. The Brotherhood Fund drive is under way again, and I appeal to you to give this worthy cause every consideration as you plan for 1977.

Finally, I ask you to support W.B. Ed Walker and his line of officers for 1977. Come when you can and as often as you can. It really helps to see many Brothers in the Lodge room. You can begin with the Installation of Officers January 3. I'll be looking forward to seeing you, too.

Best wishes, Brothers, for a successful and prosperous 1977.

Skip Waterstreet, Master

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

Brethren:

This will be my last communication as Master of your Lodge.

It has been a honor to have served you this year, an experience I will never forget.

I want to thank my officers and members for all the help and support given to me. It is commonly said a Master is as strong as its weakest link. I must say we had a good strong chain. The Lodge is greatly indebted to Bro. Everett Bardon and his wife Laura, for giving of their time to set up and prepare the Rotary dinners. We want to thank you very much.

Jan. 11 we will have our installation of officers, please come out and meet your new officers and give them the support you have given me.

It sure was nice to see W. Walt Shafer and Bro. Roderick Neven back in Lodge after their heart attacks. Also a great surprise to see W. Joe Holcomb from Romulus, N.Y.

Our Brotherhood chairman reports that we have over \$300.00 donated, let's go over the top next year.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Bro. Arthur Prentice is in the hospital.

TRESTLEBOARD

Jan. 11 - Installation. Thanks again Brethren. Fraternally, Merle H. Rogers, Master

Brethren:

I first want to thank the Brethren of East Rochester lodge for their trust and confidence in me, by electing me to the seat in the East. I am looking forward to 1977 with anxious anticipation. To serve as your Master is, indeed, the greatest happening in my masonic life. I will work to the best of my ability, to keep the faith you have shown in me.

I have some very big shoes to fill as I follow in W. Merele Rogers steps. He has exemplified my ideas of what a Master should be. In a way, I do feel very fortunate, because I know that Merle and other past Masters will be there to advise and assist me in the governing of our lodge. I am also very fortunate to have a full line of ambitious officers to keep the lodge strong.

The officers for 1977 are as follows: S.W. Dave Williams;

J.W. Alex Arthur; S.D. Bill Carpenter; J.D. Herb Warner; Sec. W. Gordon Hoag; Tres. Paul Lane; Chaplin, Ardell Goudl; Marshall, Arthur Shaw; Senior M.S. Bob Taft; Jr. M.S. Dick LeClair; Stewards, Jesse Glesppie, Loren Blood; Tyler, W. Bob Emmons.

I am presently planning the events of this year and I'll communicate a calendar of events when it is complete. To make the meetings more interesting, I am planning several talks to be given during the meetings, on Masonic history. We will also have the traditional events of ladies night, past masters night, move up night, picnic, etc.

I thank you brethren again, for your trust and I will remain.

Fraternally,
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FLOWER CITY LODGE
No. 910
2nd Tuesday

MASTER'S MESSAGE

One of my last official orders as Master of Flower City Lodge is that OUR lodge continue to strive for degrees of excellence in all its undertakings. Whether it be in ritual work, Brotherhood Fund Drives, Social functions, or in furthering the principles of Freemasonry, let us set and attain new goals. I urge each and every one of you to show your concern for the future of OUR lodge by supporting the Master-Elect, Bro. Erwin Newell, and his line officers. The best possible way your interest can be shown is by ATTENDANCE.

1976 for me has been a rich and rewarding one. I thank you, the Brethren of Flower City Lodge, for affording me the opportunity of serving you, and learning the true understanding of FRIENDSHIP, MORALITY and BROTHERLY LOVE. My sincere thanks to all my officers for their efforts this past year, the many "siders" who stepped forward when needed, and special thanks to the Past Masters who gave so freely and generously of their advice, guidance and support.

To my wife, Elaine, children Mark and Robin, a loving thank you for their support, understanding and assistance in all my undertakings these past five years, while I progressed through the Chairs.

Last but not least, it has been an honor and privilege to have been associated with the 1976 Masters and their Ladies, a fine group of men and Masons.

May the New Year bring to everyone a time of PEACE, LOVE and GOOD HEALTH. Fraternally,
Sanford G. (Sandy) Hoffman,
Master

ANNUAL INSTALLATION AND BANQUET

On Tuesday, January 11, the Lodge will hold its annual installation of Officers, with a Sherry Hour at 5:45 p.m., and dinner at 6:30 p.m. following which W. Myron Kleinburg will install the Master-Elect, Bro. Erwin Newell, and his Line officers. The Installation will begin at 7:30 p.m. and business will be conducted after the installation ceremony.

At the election in December, the following were elected: Master-elect, Bro. Erwin Newell; Senior Warden, W. Gerald Glasser; Junior Warden, Bro. Harvey Nusbaum; Treasurer, W. Myron Kleinburg, and Secretary, R.W. Philip Averbach.

ALL OFFICERS of the Lodge have tickets for the Dinner.

FAIRPORT LODGE
No. 476
2nd and 4th Mondays

Brethren:

First thing to say is thank you for voting me into office as Master of Fairport Lodge. This is a privilege that has been uppermost in my mind since joining our lodge. There are many events coming up in 1977. Hopefully, which will persuade you to come to lodge. Please do not be concerned about not working your way into the lodge, as there are many brothers anxious to help you.

Regular Installation Jan. 10, 1977 - 7:30, Dinner at 6:30. Call for reservations: Bob Cameron 377-7410. Reservations must be paid for. Come and meet your officers.

Open Installation Jan. 23, 1977 - 2:00 p.m. Come and meet your officers and families.

A special Bible Dedication will take place.

For reservations call Stewart Pedersen at 223-1987. Cards will be sent out. All reservations in by the 16th of January 1977.

Would like at this time to congratulate all my Fellow Wardens on their rise to Master of their respective lodges. My apologies to those I am unable to attend.

On Jan. 24, 1977 - 1st Degree by our Sr. Warden David Taber - lunch after.

TRESTLEBOARD

Jan. 10 - Installation 7:30, supper 6:30.

Jan. 23 - Open Installation 2:00 p.m.

Jan. 24 - First Degree.



SICKNESS & DISTRESS

We offer our sympathy to Bro. Stan Levinson in the passing of his Brother, and to Bro. Louis Kane in the passing of his brother. W. Meyer Fix, Bro. William Gallancy and Bro. Phil Baker are in the hospital; Bro. Saul LaVine is recuperating at home.

CONGRATULATIONS

Bro. and Mrs. Max Kravetz on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Bro. and Mrs. Len Gordon, on the birth of a Grandson. Bro. and Mrs. Milton, on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Jeffrey Korenstein. Bro. and Mrs. Gil Crane, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Allen.

A special thank you to Mrs. R. Rothstein, who made a generous donation to our Brotherhood Fund in memory of her late Husband.

TRESTLEBOARD

Jan. 11 - Annual Installation of Officers - Dinner.

Jan. 18 - Fellowcraft Club. Maurice Solomon Past Master.

NORTHFIELD LODGE
No. 426
1st & 3rd Thursdays



Instituted March 1857
Pittsford, New York

Brethren:

I want to thank you all for electing me Master of Northfield Lodge during 1977. This year the Christmas and New Year's Holidays have been particularly exciting times for me as I anticipated my January 6 installation.

I am especially proud of the excellent line of officers behind me. I have been to most of the other lodges in the 2 Monroe Districts and I assure you, there is no other lodge as blessed as we are. Each of Northfield's officers are not only very proficient in their degree work, but they are punctual in attendance, eager to help, fine gentlemen and outstanding examples of the kind of man a mason should be. It is an honor for me to call each and every one of you - "my friend" and "my brother".

Worshipful Glenn Hedges wants to extend his thanks to all the brother for their support during 1976. It was an exciting year for him and we - the brethren - want to thank W. Glenn for his industry and enthusiasm.

On Dec. 2 bros. Burt Lute, Glenn Trimble, Jim Wilcox, and Terry Winner were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason with the aid of the Northfield Past Masters and the Henrietta Lodge #526 Third Degree Team. Thanks to W. Jack Thibaut for his efforts. Please make a special effort to welcome these 4 brothers personally. Let's make sure they come back to lodge by showing them we care. How many of you noticed that they wore new slippers purchased with the proceeds from the Steak Roast?

Installation of officers will be on Jan. 6 - Steak dinner reservations should be made to Ray Beardsley 586-3675. Cost is \$5 each. There will be an Open House at my home directly afterwards, with everyone including wives invited - 151 Valley Rd. off Elmwood Avenue. Weezie and I hope you will all be there.

Peace, Love and Joy
William S. Frost,
Master-Elect

TRESTLEBOARD

Jan. 6 - Installation of Officers - Steak dinner @ 6:30 - Open House at Master's home following.

Jan. 20 - Regular Meeting.

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CLIO LODGE
No. 779
1st & 3rd Tuesdays

In just a few short days, God willing, I will be installed as the 100th Master of Clio Lodge. It is with a sincere feeling of both pride and humility that I "assume the gavel" for this historic year. Our Lodge has been blessed with extremely capable Masters in the past, and it will be my challenge to continue their fine work.

I urge all of you as members of Clio Lodge to lengthen your cabletow's and attend some meetings to keep Masonry alive for another hundred years in Hilton, N.Y.

As most of us are still in the "Holiday Spirit", I hope that you will find it in your heart to give just one more gift... to the Brotherhood Fund. Your contribution will go a long way to help some one who is less fortunate than us.

I hope that 1977 will be a year of fulfillment and enjoyment to each and every one of you, and especially to the '77 Masters of the Monroe Districts.
Fraternally,
James Cochran,
Master-Elect

CALLED HOME BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT

The Lodge was saddened at the passing of one of its great leaders - W. Bro. Donald N. Everts Sr. on December 6, 1976. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Lois, and his son Bro. Don Everts Jr.

The sympathy of the Lodge is extended to the families of the following brethren: Walter L. Hazard, Donald M. Caldwell, and O.J. Cowles. May their souls find eternal rest in Heaven.

TRESTLEBOARD

Jan. 4 - Installation of Officers. Dinner at 6:30. Call Bro. Jim Wells - 225-6513 for reservations.

Jan. 9 - Officer's meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Jan. 11 - Installation of Leah Chapter, O.E.S. officers.

Jan. 18 - Rededication Nite. Mini-Euchre Tournament.

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

Brethren:

Our line officers and I wish you all a prosperous New Year for 1977 and look forward to see your smiling face back in lodge. We are anxious to serve you and it makes our job much more pleasant and rewarding to have you with us on the second Monday of the month. Please mark it now on your busy schedule.

The January meeting will feature a card party and Euchre tournament after the meeting. Call your nearest brother and make a date to attend our meeting. It's much more fun to ride with someone and car pools are the in thing in today's world.

We are also in need of new members so please keep it in mind for that friend or associate who might be interested. Our secretary has petitions available so give him a call today.

We wish to welcome our new line officers into the chairs. Lou Bianchi, Stan Piccarelli and Michael Distanto will certainly be valued additions to a capable and responsive group of brothers. Frank R. Lawrence Lodge is looking ahead to a great year.

TRESTLEBOARD

Jan 3 - Officers' Rehearsal.
Jan. 10 - Lodge meeting.
April 16 - Dinner dance.
May 9 - Lodge Family Open House.
June 21 - Stag Steak Roast.

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VALLEY LODGE
No. 109
1st and 3rd Mondays

Brethren:

With a great deal of pleasure, tempered with a touch of anxiety and a sense of humbleness, I look forward to serving as your Worshipful Master in the East for 1977.

With the closing of the old year and the birth of the new, goes my most fervent hope that your Christmas Holidays were happy and healthy ones and the pleasures and good fortune that were yours then, will continue to be yours throughout the coming year.

At this time let me beg your help, aid and assistance in a continuing effort to rekindle the spirit of Masonry in the hearts of those of our brothers who have mislaid it through inactivity or apathy. In line with this thinking, I therefore ask each and every one of you to try your very best this coming year to communicate with them and each other -- giving it a second or even a third effort if need be -- to re-establish the rapport of brotherhood. In this way we can recreate the harmony that is the support of our institution and so vital to our continued existence in Masonry.

Let us make 1977 a bountiful year for Valley Lodge #109 by doing our best to bring in many new worthy candidates to replace those brothers we have lost.

Your continued cooperation in regular attendance at all communications is requested as a prime requisite to make ours a successful Masonic Lodge.

My Brothers, the Lodge needs you; for YOU are the Lodge. So make it viable by your regular presence within it.

With equal pleasure, I give you the names and telephone numbers of the following brothers who will honor me by their assistance during 1977: **Master** - W. James V. Barrett, 342-3291; **S.W.** - B. Cliff Merritt, 482-4205; **J.W.** - B. Ralph Leffler, 436-9070;

Secretary - W. Carl Piggage, 586-7477; **Treasurer** - W. Howie Belt, 225-1268; **Sr. Deacon** - B. Harold Bollotin, 342-5865; **Jr. Deacon** - B. Harry Coates, 621-8422; **Sr. M/C** - B. Bill Minor Jr., 288-9126; **Jr. M/C** - B. Gus Fleckenstein, 482-3017; **Sr. Steward** - B. Thomas Williams, 1-315-524-7697 (Home), 422-6331 (Work); **Jr. Steward** - B. Bill Babcock Jr., 586-7062; **Tiler** - W. Dick Oliver, 584-2380; **Marshall** - B. Ed Miller, 381-1585 (Brotherhood Chairman); **Organist** - W. Bob Cook, 473-0393; **Chaplain** - W. Matte Gingold, 266-6384; **Asst. Steward** - B. Richard Geidd; **Asst. Marshall** - B. Hans Lunsgaard.

Fraternally yours,
James V. Barrett,
Worshipful Master

HENRIETTA LODGE No. 526

1973  1973

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Brethren:

I sincerely hope that the Holiday Season gave us all time to reflect upon the finer ways of life. People tend to be more responsive to others needs during this season of the year. Speaking of being responsive have you sent in your donation to the Brotherhood Fund yet? Send or bring your check, cash or money order to W. Bro. Martin Reitz. One word of caution, send SEPARATE checks for the Fund and your dues as it causes a lot of confusion on the part of our secretary and treasurer if they have to split a check made out to the Lodge. This is a lot of extra bookkeeping that is unnecessary.

On Nov. 23rd our Lodge had the great pleasure of having the Brothers from Northfield Lodge in Pittsford for dinner after which they exemplified the second section of the third degree. What a pleasure and thrill it was to have so many in the Lodge at one time for refreshments and fellowship. Many thanks go out to W. Bro. Jack Thibaut, the degree director and ALL of his members for a very fine job.

Also on Nov. 23rd I had the pleasure of presenting Bro. Elmer Ellis with his 50 year Certificate. The pin was presented by R.W. Francis Raab. Bro. Elmer has been a real supporter of Henrietta Lodge and can be relied upon when needed. Elmer, I hope I am around when you receive your 60 year Certificate.

Thursday Dec. 2 a group of 14 Brothers travelled to Northfield Lodge for dinner and put on the second section of the 3rd Degree. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner, an excellent degree and renewed old friendships. Many thanks go out to the Brothers who took part in this project.

Congratulations to W. Harold Gruschow on his election as president of the Fellowcraft Club, W. Lloyd Weston as Vice President and W. Robert Sanford as secretary-treasurer.

Our Installation of Officers will take place in the Lodge on Jan. 11, 1977 at 8:00 P.M. I hope that many of the Brothers will be able to come out as we have several new Brothers in the line.

Special congratulations go out on Jan. 8, 1977 to Bro. & Mrs. William A. McDonald on their 56 years of wedded bliss.

Fraternally,
Larry Miller, Master

TRESTLEBOARD

Jan. 4 - Fellowcraft meeting & Trustees meeting.

Jan. 11 - Installation of Officers.

Jan. 25 - Open meeting.

ROCHESTER LODGE
No. 660
2nd and 4th Mondays

Dear Brethren:

At this time I wish to congratulate the Master-Elect for 1977, Senior Warden Leo F. French, on his being given the privilege to serve as the Master of Rochester Lodge for 1977.

I know Leo will do a superb job as Master. Also, congratulations are in order to all the other elected and appointed Officers for 1977. The Installation will take place on Monday, January 10, 1977.

Again, I wish to thank the Rochester Lodge Brethren for the honor and the privilege of serving as your Master during the Nation's Bicentennial year.

Please keep in mind the Lodge Installation meeting and come to see Master-Elect Leo French and the other 1977 Officers installed. Fraternaly,
Edward John Garrett,
Master

SENIOR WARDEN

Brethren:

As your Senior Warden for 1976, my year is coming to a close. I want to thank all Brothers for the support which I have received in the West. This station and your kindness will be remembered by me for a long time to come.

I also want to thank you for the manner in which you eased my job as Chairman for the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. You brought happiness and comfort to so many of our Brothers and Sisters that look to us each year for our aid, and through our hearts, our contributions with extended hands of Brotherly Love.

I am sure you will give our new 1976-77 Chairman, the same support which I realized. As the Campaign is now open, please send your contributions to his address as follows:

Alberto G. Echevarria
44 Citrus Dr.
Rochester, N.Y. 14606

As of this writing, Rochester Lodge has not held Election of Officers. Election Night will be on Monday, December 13. I have never used the statement that I would be Master of Rochester Lodge in 1977. Some of the Brothers have said something regarding the fact that I might be, but I am waiting for December 13 Election.

If I should be Elected your Master of Rochester Lodge for 1977, I will accept all obligations, and carry on all work expected of me as your master, to the best of my ability and with much enthusiasm on Installation Night, January 10.

This is a December deadline letter notice to you for the January issue of the Monroe Masonic News:

If all good things come to pass, there will be a

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



Brothers all,

I wish to thank the Lodge for electing me Master for 1977. We have a difficult year ahead of us, but I and my officers will do our best to serve you.

For too many years the membership and attendance of all Lodges has been declining. Therefore, the first priority of your officers will be to try to slow this trend, if not reverse it. But this should not be the task and goal of just the officers. Each and every one of you, my Brothers, took an obligation which said something about cabletow and square and angle of your work. If you but lived up to that vow and attended just one meeting a month, your officers would feel that somebody besides them cared about Ancient Craft.

I am sure that in your circle of friends there is one man that would make a good Mason. Get him a petition and get him into Ancient Craft. We need him! Ancient Craft is a dying Lodge. More than three quarters of our members are over fifty years of age, and we need a transfusion of younger blood. More on this subject in another article.

We, the officers, are dedicated to doing something about these problems, but we can't do it alone. Come to meetings and let us discuss and plan together.

Don't forget to call your Junior Warden, Brother Al Johnson and make reservations for the installation dinner January 12, 1977. This will be a joint affair with Germania Lodge and will start at 6:30 P.M.

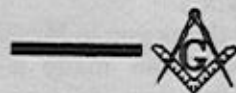
Our Brotherhood Fund Chairman is Brother Bob Lockhart. I'm sure that many of our older brothers know Bob. Give him your contributions and support for this most worthy of causes.

Fraternaly,
Lee Perkins, Master-Elect

TRESTLEBOARD

Jan. 12 - Installation of officers preceded by dinner in 3rd floor dining room at 6:30 p.m. For reservations call Al Johnson at 224-5061 (prior to Jan. 5th).

Special P.S. - To those we haven't seen for a while - would love to have you there.



Friendship and Fellowship Night on February 14. I am asking each Brother to bring a Non-Masonic friend on this evening.

On March 14, Open Meeting and Hobby Night. Fraternaly and Sincerely,
Leo F. French, Sr. Warden

WEBSTER LODGE
No. 538
1st and 3rd Thursdays

Brethren:

This is a new year and I sincerely hope you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The holiday season is a great one and it brings us to think about New Year's resolutions. Have you considered making some resolutions to make you a better person and some to improve your family life a little better. Think of how much better the world would be, to live in and raise our families. While you are thinking of doing things better, would you give consideration to your lodge. What can you do to make your lodge better and a more enjoyable fraternity? There are many things that you could do. The first one that comes to mind is to support the activities. Your officers have spent long hours preparing a program that we hope will be of great interest to you. All we are asking you is to support these activities and let your officers know what we can do to make your lodge a place that you want to go to and actively support. Webster Lodge is at a crossroads in its history right now. The decisions that we are going to make in the next few months are very critical in the direction that the lodge will go in the future. Webster is one of the strongest lodges in the county, and we are dedicated to keep it a leader in the future.

The activities of the year start off with a dinner and installation January 6th. The Fellowcraft Club will start its very new and active year January 13th. Remember that great Winetasting Party two years ago? We are going to have another January 20th. This night will be started off with a dinner at 6:30 P.M. and while we are meeting the wives will be instructed on the care of house plants, then prepare yourself for a fun evening of instruction on the various uses of wines and tasting the newer varieties.

I wish to thank all of the people in the past who have worked to make Webster Lodge what it is today. A special thanks to our Master Horace Denton for his leadership and fantastic ritual work.

TRESTLEBOARD

Jan. 6 - Installation & Dinner.

Jan. 13 - Fellowcraft Club.

Jan. 20 - Open Winetasting.

Fraternaly,
Robert Wyble, Master Elect.

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UNION STAR LODGE
No. 320
1st Wednesday

Brethren:
Well by the time you read this column, the Holidays will be over, and I hope that they were the best and a joyous one for you and your family. And the very best to you and yours for the New Year 1977.

I would like to thank everyone who in some way had a part in the 3rd degree December 15th, everybody did a fine job. Also to Mrs. Ralph Gray and her helpers for putting on a fine meal.

Installation of Officers will be January 5th with a dinner before, dinner starting at 7 o'clock. Call Mrs. Gray at 624-3186 or Bud Ripley at 624-1218 for your reservations, just in case you forget, come to dinner any way, I know that Mrs. Gray will be glad to serve you. You all were sent a summons in the mail and all should try to attend.

I still have shares of stock for sale in the Temple Association, with the proceeds to go for Paneling the Dining Room which needs paneling very bad. Remember this is your Lodge let each and everyone of us help. The stock is only \$10.00 a share. PLEASE HELP US OUT.

At this time I would like to say a few words in my last column as outgoing Master. I would like to say THANK YOU to every member of Union Star Lodge for not only making this past year a year I will never forget, but also for all the backing everyone gave me. The only regret I have is that I wish I had another year to go, now that I understand the ways and means of lodge I feel that I could really do a better job for the lodge itself. Things I believe I should have done this past year. I guess every Master before me wanted like myself to set the world on fire and do so much for the lodge, but only to find out before you can even get started the year is over as Father Time slips by. May I say at this time I sincerely want to express from the bottom of my heart to all of you my most sincere appreciation for the honor and privilege of serving Union Star as Master. I really regret stepping down. I know that the year 1977 will have a good line of Officers, and I give them my very best and to the new Master Bud Ripley. Sincerely & fraternally,
Jack McGirr, Master

SENIOR WARDEN

Brethren:
I would like to thank the members for electing me to be master of Union Star 320 for 1977. I think we have an excellent slate of officers for the upcoming year and we have a lot of activities planned, many of which will include your family and friends.
If you have any suggestions

SENECA LODGE
No. 920
3rd Tuesday



MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren:
First, I would like to congratulate Wor. Ray Whitley for the excellent guidance he gave to Seneca Lodge during the past year. It has been an active and productive year and all of the many hours and hard work he devoted to Lodge affairs have been evident in the outcome. Thank you Ray for a job well done.

I feel confident that this will also be an active and productive year. I say this because of the members who have so willingly agreed to serve as chairmen of our various committees.

Bro. Bob O'Hara will be chairman of the Fellowcraft Club and some of our most active members have volunteered to work with him. I think we can look forward to some interesting programs.

Bro. Ray Lewis has accepted the chairmanship of the Brotherhood Fund. I urge all of you to support him in this very important fund drive to support our Masonic Home and Hospital in Utica. Having twice visited the facilities in utica, I am very impressed with the good work that is being done there and it is entirely supported by the Blue Lodges in New York State.

Our January meeting will be an open meeting with our ladies invited for dinner and entertainment. Dinner will be at 6:30 P.M. and during the business meeting our ladies will be entertained in the Oasis Room. Afterwards the ladies will join us in the Lodge Room to see the I.B.M. color film "Tall Ships". I have been told that this is an excellent film and I will be looking forward to seeing you there.

Fraternally,
Loren Snodgrass, Master



or activities you would like the Lodge to try, please get in touch with me or any of the other officers and we will do our best to have them.

We are going to have a family bowling party at the Bronco Bowling Lanes, Sunday afternoon, January 16th at 3:00 p.m. till ?? If we do not call you by phone, please call us. We are hoping for a good turnout and a good time. I was very pleased by the large participation we had at the Communion Breakfast on November 21st. Mrs. Ralph Gray and her helpers did an outstanding job cooking breakfast.

I hope we will see you on the sidelines on January 5th, Fraternally,
B. Ripley, Sr. Warden

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



Dear Brethren:

I would like to thank you all for the privilege of being the master of your lodge during 1976.

Since this will be my last letter to you, may I also thank the officers and committee chairmen for their help and support this year. The Past Masters deserve a special "thank you" for their invaluable service to us.

Let's support the 1977 Master and officers with greatly increased attendance at our meetings!

Happy holidays to all.
Stanley C. Allen, Master

SECRETARY'S CORNER

My Brethren, I have been asked by some of you the significance of the Penny that each of you received in the Lodge Dues mailing. This was to remind you of the First Degree when a demand was made of you for some metallic substance. When you nodded your head that you had none you were told that this was to teach you that if you were to meet someone who was destitute it would be your duty to contribute to his relief. This was your lodges pitch to remind you to contribute to the Brotherhood Fund. 1977 date books and literature is being mailed with the Dues Cards

Birthday congratulations to the following Brothers: Walter Falen, George Reiner - 1/1; Edward Huck - 1/2; Robert Allen - 1/4; Donald Allen - 1/6; William Lewis, Charles Stubenrod - 1/7; Harold Arlidge, Sr., David Cordy, Wor. Stuart Evans (master 1946), Carl Hjertstrom, Thomas Robertson - 1/8; Alois Mauser, Walter Shields, Robert Van As - 1/12; Karl Janson - 1/13; Kenneth Butters - 1/14; Wor. Paul Kopp (Master 1965), Roger Van Wuychhuysen - 1/16; Paul Missal - 1/17; Leonard Schmeer, Sr. - 1/19; William Borate, Bernard Meyer - 1/21; Arthur Argyries, Irvan Kressman - 1/22; Elmer Carrol - 1/24; Donald Judd - 1/25; Leonard Treman III - 1/26; Norman Shapiro, Raymond White - 1/28; Stanley Hoke, Rt. Wor. Edward Lamb (Master 1927) - 1/29; and Earl La Force - 1/30.

WHAT SAYING IS THIS?
Finishes this month.

Answer to last months saying - A rolling stone gathers no moss.

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Fraternally,
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FRANK L. SIMES LODGE
No. 990
2nd Tuesday

R.W. William R. Wood, District Deputy Grand Master of the First Monroe District presented Fifty Year Pins to Brother Rudy W. Haefele and Brother Oscar Kolthoff at the November 23rd and December 14th meetings of F.L. Simes Lodge #990. Receiving Twenty-five year Pins from R.W. Wood were Brother Walter Eddy, Brother Frederick A. Jakob, Brother Richard Kleinhans, W. Robert L. Anderson, W. Harry L. Ketcham, R.W. Frederick A. Stahl, W. Richard Van Zandt, and Brother Richard C. Morrow. The members receiving the awards were commended on their service to the Lodge. The Brothers in attendance were admonished to follow in the footsteps of these honored Brethren.

At the December meeting the brother elected new Officers for the ensuing year 1977. They are:

- Master Elect:**
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- Treasurer:**
Edward A. Willis
1046 Genesee Street
Rochester, NY 14611
Home: 436-7197

These brothers, and the appointed Officers will be installed at the meeting January 11, 1977, and they will be publicly installed on Saturday, January 15, 1977. This installation will be in Doric Hall at 8:00 P.M. and will be held in conjunction with a Public Appreciation of six hard working Lodge Members. Prior to the ceremonies, there will be a dinner in Ballroom B.

We enjoyed seeing the many Brothers who were able to attend the Annual Meeting on December 14th. Along with regulars there were W. George Roesch, Brother Dick Snyder, Brother Bob Bishop who nominated his brother Glenn for Junior Warden, Brother Bill Dubill, and Brother Dick Morrow and Brother Oscar Kolthoff, who received their pins on that night. The "regulars" included R.W. Fred Stahl and W. Bob

ETOLIAN LODGE
No. 479
2nd and 4th Mondays

Dear Brethren:
A new year is just beginning, let us all start it with a big smile and pray it will be as prosperous as past years. Happy New Year.

How about bringing that big radiant smile to lodge, the light is greatly needed and missed when not present. Ask a brother to join you and he a brother also. The more smiles on the sidelines or working on committees and in Degree work can be pleasant and contagious. Please try it one time.

To all of the new Masters which I have met at Master & Warden's meetings, I wish you all, the best of luck.

To the Brothers and Past Masters of Etolian Lodge #479, I hope I can live up to your expectations and make this a pleasant year.

On November 22, the Shrine Degree Team put on a remarkable 3rd degree at which time the following brothers became Master Masons: Bro. Raymond Greene, Bro. Jerry Luedemann, Bro. Elbert Melmes, Bro. Edward Schmitt, and Bro. Robert Warner.

Congratulations Brothers and thank you all on the Shrine Degree Team for a fine job!

To those with birthdays in January, a happy Birthday and enjoy your day!

Brothers do not forget the Brotherhood Fund. Give generously, please.

Fraternally,
Dale Rankin, Master-Elect

TRESTLEBOARD
Jan. 10 - Installation.
Jan. 24 - Regular meeting.

SMILE
A saleslady in a hat shop gushed: "That's a darling hat! Really, it makes you look 10 years younger!" The customer retorted: "Then I don't want it. I can't afford to put on 10 years every time I take off my hat!"



Anderson, who were on hand to nominate their sons to Senior Warden and Master for 1977, and W. Harry Ketchum, who received his Twenty-five Year Pin. Other "regulars" present were W. Tim Grey, W. Bruce Harrington, W. Bernie Lind and his son W. Gary Lind, W. Dick Dutcher, and Brother Bob Walker. We hope to see you in January.

JANUARY EVENTS
Jan. 4 - Officers Meeting.
Jan. 11 - Installation.
Jan. 15 - Public Recognition and Public Installation.
Jan. 18 - Fellowcraft Club.
Jan. 25 - Regular Meeting.
Fraternally,
Robert L. Anderson II
Master-Elect

CHARLOTTE LODGE
No. 1088
1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Dear Brethren:
As Master-Elect, I wish you and yours a very happy and prosperous New Year. I thank all the members for affording me the honor of serving you during the coming year as Master of Charlotte Lodge. It will be a busy year ahead and we will need support in '77 by your attendance at the Communications. I hope to be able to renew old acquaintances and make some new friends as Master in 1977.

On Dec. 12, we held our annual Christmas party and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Bro. Bob Forest, Bro. Stan Geer, and Bro. Bob Jesmer and everyone who lent a helping hand for a job well done.

Fraternally,
Robert B. Straton, Jr.

TRESTLEBOARD

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the many Brethren who contributed so generously to this year's Christmas Party for the children. Our appreciation also to Brothers Robert Jesmer and Stanley Geer (Santa Claus) of Charlotte Lodge, who so willingly entertained the children, and to the Damascus Temple Shrine Clowns for the fun and happiness they always provide. Our party was well attended and provided a delightful afternoon for the children (as well as their parents and grandparents).

Jan. 4 - Installation of Officers.

Jan. 11 - Fellowcraft Meeting at Lodge, 7:30 p.m. (Why don't you come out for an evening of good fellowship?)

Jan. 18 - 1st Degree, 1st Class. Worshipful Master Robert B. Straton, Jr., will be in the East.

Jan. 25 - Officers Meeting at Lodge, 7:30 p.m. sharp.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 12 - First Annual Bowling Party at the Redmen's Club on Lexington Avenue. \$12.00 per couple; \$6.00 per single. This includes three games of bowling and a buffet supper, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Jim Veomett, 342-5570, for reservations.

Charlotte Lodge again was the victor of the semiannual Euchre Tournament with Fame Lodge. This is always an evening of good fellowship. The "Gold Shovel" was presented to us by three members of Fame Lodge at our December 7th meeting.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
Bob Forest, Junior Warden

SUPPORT THE BROTHERHOOD FUND

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

My brothers this is my first opportunity to address the lodge as a whole since I was installed last month. I wish to thank all of you for the trust and faith you have put in me by elevating to Zenith of one's Masonic travels within the blue lodge. For those of you who weren't at the annual meeting and election of officers your officers for the year are: Master - Bob Helmes, Senior Warden - Bob Lauzon, Junior Warden - W. Ray Jay, Secretary - Bernie Smith, Treasurer - Wally Losinger, Senior Deacon - Bill Nopper, Junior Deacon - Dick Ludeke, Sr. M. of C. - Arnie Frear, Jr. M. of C. - Joe Orians, Steward - George Graf, Marshal - Don Hilliker.

The officers and myself have planned what will hopefully be an enjoyable, interesting and rewarding year. Hopefully more of you will become involved and come out and support your lodge. Speaking about involvement many people tend to shy away from becoming "involved" because of its many untrue connotations and possible consequences. My brothers if we do not become involved with lodge, not by being a "card carrying" member, but by being ready to support the lodge and its officers. There is nothing worse than to come to lodge on a degree night and sit in the east with no sideliners. Disgusting, just plain horrible. My brothers I hope to rectify this situation one way or another. It can be accomplished only if you all help. So, sometime during this year if you are asked to participate on a committee, degree whatever, I urge you look deep into your heart and mind and think about the obligations you once took and say yes. Not just for the sake of shutting me up and getting me off your back, but for the sake of Warren C. Hubbard. Lodges in the downtown area are dying and grasping for a last breath, we, for the moment are fairly healthy, but in the last couple of years our health has started to fail, due to demits, deaths, arrears etc., and to complete the cycle no new members to replace the departed, brothers. Youth and creativity are the answers, new blood. If something does not in the immediate future we will be singing "swing low sweet charriot " Life or death? The choice my brothers is yours and yours alone.

CHURCHVILLE LODGE
No. 667
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

This seems the time to say Hello and Goodbye. As, like all that have gone before. It's now my time to say Bye. It's been a great year for me and I once again thank the members for the opportunity to serve. It's been a fairly active one also. For those of you that for some reason haven't been active, here is a brief report.

Jan. - Installation & 2nd Degree.

Feb. - 3rd Degree.

Mar. - 1st Degree & Oatka visit.

Apr. - 2nd Degree & Churchville wins at Etolian.

May - 3rd Degree & Master visits Grand Lodge. Dedicated Service Award to W. Jim Brodie, Grand Lodge visits Churchville it seemed.

June, July & August - Lodge rooms are darken, but the spirit continues.

Sept. - The first meeting finds Churchville being awarded Brotherhood Plaque. The Master meets a few new faces.

Oct. - The annual Steak Roast is moved to Friday nite. District Deputy visit is well attended.

Nov. - Happy Thanksgiving and Hunting. Lodge rooms are kind of empty. A petition is accepted. First Degree to be second meeting in Jan.

Dec. - Annual Summoned Meeting with the reading of reports and Election of Lodge Officers.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to ALL not Goodnite, but rather SEE YOU IN LODGE.

COMING EVENTS

Jan. 12, 1977 - Installation, Dinner preceding.

Jan. 26, 1977 - First Degree.

1976-77 BROTHERHOOD Drive is on W. Bill Baxter is Chairman. 50 Standish Rd. - Rochester, NY 14626.

Please make your checks out to Masonic Brotherhood Fund.

To all our Brothers in Sickness or Distress. Be of good cheer, you have not to fear. The hand of GOD is near.

To the Master-Elect Br. John Briskie Good Fortune, good luck, and a GREAT year.

Fraternally,
W. Bill Baxter, Master 1976



TRESTLEBOARD

Jan. 7 - Euchre Tournament.

Jan. 14 - Fellowcraft - Annual Dinner (?)

Jan. 21 - Open.

Happy Birthday to all those who have a birthday in January.

Robert G. Helmes
Master

ZETLAND LODGE
No. 951
2nd & 4th Thursdays



Brethren:

You have bestowed upon me the honor of serving as your Worshipful Master, and I accept this commitment and responsibility in a spirit of joy, hope and expectation.

My Officers and I wish to express our deep gratitude to each of you who attended the dinner, meeting, election and Installation of Officers on December 9. There was representation from nine Lodges. A special note of thanks goes out to W. Ernest E. Wilson, Master who was the Installing Officer and R.W. John D. Braund who was our Installing Marshall.

The Esten A. Fletcher Fellowcraft Club will hold its annual dinner meeting at the Maplewood Inn on Monday evening, January 17th. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by a meeting at 7:30 p.m. I urge your attendance since the Fellowcraft Club does confer our Third Degree. Call W. Dave Francis at 392-9041 for reservations.

The Brotherhood Fund Chairman for this year is W. Ernest E. Wilson, and you will be hearing from him in the near future. How much each of you gives is not as important as whether or not we have given. Let's all remember our obligation and help to support this worthy cause.

If you have any knowledge of a Brother in sickness or distress, call me at home 467-4959 or at work 338-6245 so that your Lodge will be able to offer comfort and assistance where needed.

During January you will be receiving my program for the year along with a Lodge Roster which will contain all your Brother's names, addresses and telephone numbers so you may be able to contact them in case of need or for fellowship.

I have met with my Officers and have a tentative agenda for 1977. Much time and effort have been expended to create programs and social events that will be interesting, informative and entertaining. A losge should reflect the thoughts and desires of its entire membership. Come and join in the fellowship of the Lodge and bring your ideas and concerns with you. Your lodge depends on line officers and the support you give them.

What is masonic light? It takes different brilliance for each of us. For some a guiding light, for others barely an ember. It seems to burn brightest for those that take part in the fellowship of the craft. As a New Year has arrived, and we make various resolutions, I ask each of you to join me in stretching forth

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

Brethren:

The Holiday season has now passed and we have much to look forward to in this new year. I hope all Brothers and their families had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It is now time for all brothers to start this new year by coming out to Lodge, those that have not been out for some time are missing the fellowship and fun at Lodge. Tuesday, January 4, will be Installation Night which will be preceded by a dinner. Contact Bro. Jessie Mattson at 381-2107 for reservations. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM - come early for fellowship.

Remember, the Brotherhood Fund is in full swing and Bro. Jessie Mattson will receive all donations, give all you can afford regardless of how small or large, it will help.

Happy Birthday to all brothers having birthdays in the month of January.

Looking forward to seeing you in Lodge.
Fraternally,
Albert Clark



your hands in 1977 to bring true masonic light to the members of our craft, the community and yourselves.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge in January.

TRESTLEBOARD

Jan. 13 - Rededication night.

Jan. 17 - Fellowcraft Annual Meeting.

Jan. 27 - Open Meeting.

Feb. 10 - First Degree.

Fraternally,
Don Joseph
Master

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The rain lasted for hours and the water soaked through the wood. The log began to contract. The storm abated and the man tried to get out, but could not. He strained but to no avail. The log held him tight. He knew he would die of starvation unless he could free himself.

His whole life flashed before him, especially his mistakes. Suddenly he remembered he had not paid his Lodge dues. This made him feel SO SMALL that he was able to crawl out of the log.

The moral of this story is: Do not let your dues accumulate until you are in a tight pinch. Look at your dues card now. If it does not show 1977, send your check before you get stuck somewhere and can't pay.

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Brothers Horbert Green and Earl MacDonald passed away, we are sorry to hear that. Bro. Ray Goshell and his wife celebrated their 50th Anniversary Dec. 4, Congratulations. Brothers please keep me and the line officers informed of any illness or distress.



Ladies NEWS

**NOLA CHAPTER
NO. 368**

Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Members:

The banquet held Nov. 30th in honor of the Worthy Patron and Worthy Matron was a lovely affair and we want to thank everyone for such an honor. The entertainment was great and I didn't realize we had such talent.

I am sorry again to report the loss of another Sister this year, Sister Abby Willsey.

Our Chaplain, Sister Lepha Pringle is on our sick list, but it better and we have missed her. Word has come from Florida that R.W. Onnolee Daycock is having tests and we send her our best wishes.

We welcome our new member, June Melvin.

Thanks to R.W. Lucile Mason and her Comm. for serving the Mason's Communion breakfast.

Nola's Installation will be Jan. 4, 1977. A practice to be announced.

My best wishes to the new 1977 officers. I am very proud of Nola and hope we can go on for many years to come, but in order to do so each member in their own way must help us to preserve the past and contribute to a bright future.

To quote, Frances Willard, who was born in our town of Riga, "Character is bounded on the north by sobriety, on the east by integrity, on the west by industry, and on the south by gentleness."

Once again, I humbly thank everyone for everything you did to make my Matron's year one I'll long remember.

Fraternally,
Susan Skelton, W.M.

LILAC TRIANGLE

Lilac girls will long remember how they spent the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of December. But no-one complained when we totaled 313 dollars. Our friends all come from near and far. To buy our crafts at the Village Mall Bazaar. Our Senior Lady Kathy Doyle, we are proud to say has been elected Sweetheart of G.V.C. DeMolay. We wish you all Good Will and cheer. With all our best for this and every new year.

Lilac Triangle



Lilac girls at East Ridge Mall Bazaar.

ART AUCTION

Flower City is again sponsoring an Art Auction in aid of the Brotherhood Fund, to be held at Beth Sholom, 1161 Monroe Avenue, on Saturday, February 19, 1977. Admission is \$1.00, which includes refreshments, and all proceeds accruing to the Lodge will go to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. Other Lodges in the Districts are participating this year, with an opportunity to enhance their own Brotherhood Funds. Briefly, those who make a purchase at the Auction will have the proceeds from their purchase credited to their Lodge's Brotherhood Fund.

STATUE OF LIBERTY HAS MASONIC LINK WITH OUR COUNTRY

An exchange calls attention to the Masonic link with the famous Statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island, at the entrance of New York Harbor. The statue, it will be recalled, was the gift of our sister republic, France, by the French people after their own republic came into existence soon after the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71.

Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, a Mason, was commissioned to design the statue, and the cornerstone of its base was laid with Masonic rites by the Grand Lodge of New York on August 5, 1884. The cost of the statue which was paid for by the French, was \$430,000. The base was paid for by the United States at a cost of \$350,000. It was unveiled with great acclaim by representatives of both republics on October 28, 1886.

Ohio Mason

ROCHESTER CHAPTER



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WHEN

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FIDELITY TRIANGLE

Oct. 22 & 23 - Fidelity participated in the Giant Charity Bazaar held in the Greece Town Mall. All the girls & parents had been busy for several months, making home made articles to be sold at the bazaar, and the final results were very satisfactory. The proceeds were used for our regular charity program.

Oct. 23 - Regular meeting, election of officers & pant suit night, followed by a social hour & refreshments.

Nov. 4 - A delegation from Fidelity, attended the reception at Paul Chapter, held in honor of R.W. Winifred Chivers, who is the new District Deputy Grand Matron of Monroe District. The girls presented a special "Friendship Degree" to honor her. R.W. Winifred Chivers thanked the girls and then announced that she was a "Charter Member" of Fidelity Triangle and that she still is a "Triangle Girl".

Nov. 13 - Formal installation of officers in Cathedral Hall.

Nov. 19 - Fidelity girls attended the reception, at Henrietta Chapter, held in honor of R.W. Irene A. Darron, who is the new "Grand Martha". The girls presented her with a personal gift, and then, during her remarks, she recalled the fact, that, years ago, she joined the Order of the Eastern Star, because, her daughter was in Triangle, and she wanted to be able to attend the Triangle meetings.

Nov. 27 - Regular meeting & the new Beloved Queen, Karen Midgley, presented her term plans for the approval of the members.

Dec. 5 - A Triangle-DeMolay roller skating party was held at Olympic Park from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.

TERM PLANS

Jan. 8 - Regular meeting. Formal dress. Initiation. 8:00 P.M.

Jan. 21 - Craft party at the home of Mary Kay Jackson 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Jan. 22 - Regular meeting, Friendship night. 8:00 P.M. First half closed, second half open.

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Sir Knights

There are very few commanders that can boast of the fact that they have a father and son as members of their Commandery. But Monroe can and this was the month when we put them to work. Our first meeting in Dec. Ron Brown was our speaker and he enlightened us a little further on our history. I might say this was done in an excellent style, Ron, thank you. Our second meeting was turned over to Les Brown, Ron's father, who did a wonderful job coordinating our annual toast-night. If you missed this you missed something that those of us who attended will remember for a long time. Les put a lot of work into this program, which was laid out in an entirely different manner than we have been used to. It also was a success because we were able to have our ladies present with us that evening. On behalf of the Sir Knights, and their ladies, thank you, Les.

If you and your lady can join us at our dinner on Jan. 7th at 6:30 p.m. please call Ray Beardsley at 586-3675 for your reservations. This is the night awards will be presented to some of our outstanding Sir Knights. It will also be Past-Commanders night. The way I interpret this is that it is the obligation of a Past-Commander to keep in the opening of Commandery, if in no other way then by sitting on the side-lines. While we are in our meeting there will be entertainment for the ladies and after our meeting we will join them for refreshments.

January is the month to make our New Year resolutions. Why not make one this year that includes Monroe Commandery. Yes, I'm talking about your presence at our meetings. on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month. You pay your dues so why not get your money's worth and come soak up the best of the temple. On these cold night. We, the officers and regular attenders really miss you and would like to greet you on a regular basis. Why not mark your calendar for the full year now.

Happy New Year to all.
See you Jan. 7th.
Commander, Ray Morgan

"YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THIS COMMANDERY TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 14TH, 1977 AT 8:00 PM IN CATHEDRAL HALL, MASONIC TEMPLE, ROCHESTER, N.Y. FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING ANNUAL REPORTS AND OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS." Gordon C. Mosher, PC., Recorder.

This being the first Issue of the New Year, the time to try to do better than the last year is here. My Wife and I want to wish all of you a Happy New Year and a prosperous New Year. From our Em. Commander, Donald L. Evans and Wife.

In Jan. we will conduct two conclaves. The 1st is our Annual Conclave and the next will be rehearsal for our Inspection in February. More in the Feb. issue.

Please, all Officers be present at our next two conclaves in Jan. These rehearsals are very important for points for our Commandery. This is one way we can make our presence count. Thanks.

Not too soon to be thinking about Easter which this year is April 10th, 1977. Our annual Pilgrimage to Arlington for the Sunrise Service will be at this time. Your presence is requested and families are invited to attend. More about this in the coming Issues.

We have two deaths to report at this time. S.K. Omar Stowell Sr., P.C. died in Florida on Nov. 22nd, 1976. S.K. Harry Hardies died Nov. 23rd, 1976. Sympathy has been extended to the family and we will miss both of them.

We had four new members join our Commandery at the Festival in Nov. on Sat. the 20th. We are very glad to have them with us and let's make them welcome when we see them.

One little saying goes like this: If the family lives in harmony, all affairs will prosper.

Believe that is all for this time.

Fraternally yours,
Em. Comm. Donald L. Evans
S.K. R.E. Huff, PC. Reporter.

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Companions:

I really hope you Christians enjoyed the Birthday of our living God and pray you'll have a happy and healthy New Year for yourself and family. Let's all remember your Chapter can only have a good year if we all work together and make it so.

Remember the principal tenants of our profession are three-fold, Brotherly love, relief and truth.

By the exercise of brotherly love, we are taught to regard the human race as one family, the high, the low, the rich and the poor, tho created by on almighty parent and inhabiting the same planet, should aid, support and protect one another.

To relieve the distressed, it is incumbent on all men, particularly upon Masons, who are linked together by a chain of sincere affection, to soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to be compassionate of their miseries and restore peace to their troubled minds.

Truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry. While influenced by this principal, hypocrisy and deceit "should be" unknown among us, sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us. The heart and tongue join in promoting each other's welfare and rejoicing in each other's prosperity.

The duties of a High Priest is to preside over and govern the Chapter with fidelity - fidelity means integrity, faithful, adherence to obligation or duty, honesty, loyalty and reliability. He is to read and expand the law and offer up the incense of a pure and contrive heart to the Great 1 M. I want you to know what an honor it is for me to be able to serve you this year as High Priest of your Chapter. The name "High Priest" is symbolic only for this purpose. Our real High Priest is our Father in heaven.

Dates to remember: Jan. 13 - Installation; March 8 - Mark Degree in Webster; March 14 - P.M. Degree in Livonia; March 22 - M.E.M. Degree by Ionic Chapter in Temple and the H.R.A. Degree by Hamilton Chapter on March 24. Past High Priest Night on April 28 and May 12 will be a family night with dinner and entertainment for the whole family. Also our annual picnic on June 9. Follow your Monroe Masonic News as events approach and bring in the petitions.

See you in Chapter.
Fraternally, Mel Simmons

Dear Companions:

As this will be my last article for the Masonic News, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the Companions for their support during my time as High Priest of Ionic Chapter.

Our incoming High Priest Elect, George Lynch has set January 25, 1977, the 4th Tuesday as Installation nite. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend, further details will be forthcoming.

This past month of December had your High Priest and Companions Ernie Stelianou and Mike Oyer accompany our AG. Stan Peterson to Yonnondio Lodge #163 where he (Stan Peterson) gave and excellent talk on "York Rite" Masonry.

This past month we also had our good Companion Earl Vanderbilt retire and move out to Colorado.

We wish Earl lots of luck.

In closing, I wish to remind all Companions there will not be a scheduled meeting on January 11, 1977.

Fraternally,
James Nersinger
High Priest

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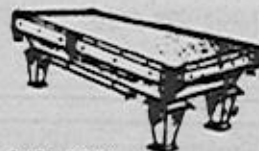
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**WEBSTER CHAPTER
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Royal Arch Masons**

Dear Companions:

This is my last message as High Priest. At this time I would like to thank all the Companions of Webster Chapter for their support this year. I would also like to thank all officers & companions of the 27th District for the common work we enjoyed and the many good times we had together.

Our Annual meeting & Election of Officers was held Dec. 14, 1976. The slate of new officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

High Priest - E. James O. Hughes; King - E. Donald Evans; Scribe - E. George Gerkin; Secretary - E. Howard Hornik; Treasurer - E. Willie Fuchs.

Webster Chapter will have a tiled Installation on Jan. 11, 1977, at 8:00 p.m. at Webster. Let all companions show their support to the Newly Elected Officers by coming out to our Installation and all future meetings.

Fraternally yours,
Jerome D. Pulver
High Priest

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DAMASCUS NEWS

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DAMASCUS TEMPLE GREATER MASONIC UNITY COMMITTEE

by W. Hal R. Miller

Our committee is looking forward to 1977, and hope that in 1977 this Committee and all its representatives will begin to function in the direction it was intended. Our entire Masonic community should begin to be brought closer together with a better understanding of all its different parts and functions. A general meeting of this committee will be held sometime in late January and its goals for 1977 will be discussed.

TO ALL BROTHERS THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS ARE OPEN FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND ENJOYMENT.

Jan. 21st, Friday - Damascus Temple Barn Dance Party. Admission - Free. At Masonic Temple Ballroom A & B. Fun-Dancing - Refreshments - Plenty of good fellowship.

Jan. 15th & 16th - 2nd Annual Greater Rochester Bowling Tournament. At Clover Lanes - Monroe Ave. - Saturday Jan. 15th - Team Event 2 P.M. - Sunday Jan. 16th Doubles & Singles - Times to be selected all in Afternoon. Get up a team of Masons and join this fun event. Every Symbolic Lodge has entry blanks available.

Feb. 16th to the 19th - THE GREAT SHRINE CIRCUS at the War Memorial. Make sure you and all your family come and enjoy this great Circus which helps support all the 21 Crippled Childrens Hospitals, and Burns Institutes in American.

March 16 - Stag Sports Nite - This Annual Father and Son Sport Nite co-sponsored by the Damascus Temple and the Rochester Consistory. For only \$7.00 per person a Buffet will be offered at 6 P.M. at the Masonic Temple 3rd Floor Dining Room, at 7:30 P.M. Chartered Busses will take all to the War Memorial to see our Rochester Americans Hockey Club play the Providence Reds - Game Time at 8 P.M. After the game the busses will return all to the Masonic Temple. This is a great time to take your Son or Grandson, or someone elses Son or Grandson to a great night's fun and entertainment. All the Dr. Elmer G. Seel Section DeMolay Chapters participate in this great event.

Tickets are limited to 250 so plan to get yours as soon as you can in January. They will be available in both the Consistory and Shrine Offices in the Masonic Temple.

TO ALL THOSE BROTHERS WHO PLAN TO GO FURTHER IN MASONRY IN 1977.

York Rite - The 27th Capitular District plan to start their degrees on March 8th - with the Mark Master Degree - at Webster Chapter - Dinner at 7 P.M. Place - The Webster Masonic Hall, Webster, N.Y.

Scottish Rite - On Feb. 3rd the 4th and 14th Degree will be offered at the Masonic Temple Cathedral Hall 7:30 P.M.

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CANDIDATE'S GLASSES PRESENT ODD PROBLEM

In answer to the query "At what stage in the ceremony of initiation are glasses restored to the candidate?" a New Zealand writer says common sense and prudence are the only guide.

Prudence suggests that the candidate's spectacles should not be restored before the end of the N.E. charge as the wording therein requires that he have nothing of value on his person, and it is always possible he could offer his spectacles as an article of value.

Notwithstanding this, it is often the practice for them to be restored at the conclusion of the obligation after he has seen the light, and should he be grossly dependent on them this may well be preferable. However, should it be done at this point it would be wise to remove them during the N.E. charge.

THE LAMB SKIN

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There are other things more useful, yet truly I state Of all my possessions, there's none can compare With the white leather apron, which all Masons wear.

As a young man I wondered just what it all meant When Dad hustled around and so much time was spent On shaving and dressing and looking just right Until Mother would say, "It's the Masons tonight."

And some winter nights she would say, "What makes you go? Way up there tonight thru the sleet and snow? You see the same thing every month of the year." Then Dad would reply, "Yes, I know it, my dear."

"For years I have seen the same thing, it is true And though they are old, they always seem new, For the hands that I clasp and the friends that I greet Seem a little bit closer each time that we meet."

Years later I stood at that very same door, With good men and true who had entered before. I knelt at the altar and there I was taught That virtue and honor can never be bought.

That spotless white lambskin all Masons revere If worthily worn, grows more precious each year That service to others brings blessings untold, That men may be poor, though surrounded with gold.

I learned that true brotherhood flourishes there That enmities fade 'neath the compass and square, That wealth and position are all thrust aside And there on the level, men meet and abide.

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