

Grand Master Announces Appointments

M.:W.:SCHNEIDER and R.:W.:CRAWFORD RE-ELECTED



R.W. Gordon Hoag
D.D.G.M. 1st Monroe District

R.W. Gordon L. Hoag was raised in East Rochester Lodge #1020 in 1965, and served as Master in 1973. He also served as Secretary of the Monroe County Masters and Wardens Association during his Master's year, and spent the next 3 years as Advisor to the 1976 Masters. Since leaving the East, he has served his lodge as Secretary. A member of the Rochester Scottish Rite Bodies and Damascus Temple of the Shrine, R.W. Bro. Hoag is presently in his apprenticeship in the Shrine Clown unit. His hobbies include hunting and camping. He has owned his own manufacturing and construction companies, and is presently construction supervisor for the Renaissance luxury high-rise apartment house at 2500 East Ave., where he resides with his wife Dorothy and their youngest son Scott, of two older sons, Dale is Service Manager for Campers at Hoselton Chevrolet, and David is in kitchen contracting.



R.W. Earl C. Steffen
D.D.G.M. 2nd Monroe District

Churchville Lodge #667 raised R.W. Earl C. Steffen in 1956, and has kept him busy ever since. He served the lodge as Master for two terms, one in 1962 and again in 1968. He has served two 3-year terms as a Lodge Trustee, and has been the Ritual Director for the past 10 years. He is a member of the Rochester Scottish Rite Bodies, Lalla Rookh Grotto, and the Kodak Park Square Club. In his community life, R.W. Bro. Steffen has served on the Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church in Greece, and is presently a Trustee of the Town of Parma Library. He is also Vice President of the Northstar Sportsmens Club. An Area Foreman for the Construction Division of Kodak Park, R.W. Bro. Steffen and his wife Arlene have 4 sons and a daughter. They live at 129 Collamer Rd. in Hilton with their two youngest children, Diane who is a Junior at Hilton High School, and Neil who is in 7th grade.



R.W. Leon R. Perkins
Grand Sword Bearer

R.W. Leon R. Perkins spent 4 years in the Army Air Corps during World War II, and subsequently was mobilized from the Reserves to spend another 7½ years on active duty during the Korean Conflict.

He was raised in Ancient Craft Lodge #943 in 1951. R.W. Bro. Perkins first served the lodge as Master in 1965, and is presently serving again in that office, having also served 3 years as Trustee in the interim. He is a member of Ionic Chapter #210, R.A.M., and Lalla Rookh Grotto, and at one time was a Daddy in Kanandaqua Triangle #139 for his niece. A former Little League Commissioner, R.W. Bro. Perkins is a member of the 1st United Methodist Church in Victor. He has been employed by IBM for 19 years, and is now a Systems Engineer. He resides at 6527 Break of Day Road in Victor with his wife Dona and their youngest daughter Ruth. They have 3 married children, 2 sons and a daughter.



R.W. Melvin L. Simmons
Grand Director of Ceremonies

R.W. Melvin L. Simmons was born and raised in the Watertown area, and came to Rochester in 1949. He and his wife Millie lived for some time on Sahara Drive, but even in Rochester that sounded too hot and sandy, so they recently moved to 675 Hinchey Road. Henrietta Lodge #526 raised R.W. Bro. Simmons in 1965, and elevated him to the East in 1975. Since his Master's term he has served as a Trustee of the lodge. Active in York Rite Masonry, R.W. Bro. Simmons was Commander of Monroe Commandery Knights Templar in 1975-76 and has been High Priest of Hamilton Chapter #62, R.A.M. since the first of this year. He is also an active member of Doric Council #19, R. & S.M. and a former member of the Shrine and Scottish Rite Bodies. R.W. Bro. Simmons is employed as a Sales Representative for Oxford Chemical Co., which is based in Atlanta, Georgia.

The final session of the 196th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, held on Thursday, May 5, 1977, was the scene of the re-election and installation of M.W. Albert W. Schneider as Grand Master, R.W. William R. Punt as Deputy Grand Master, R.W. R. Kenneth Crawford as Senior Grand Warden, and R.W. Andrew F. Haynes as Junior Grand Warden. The Grand Treasurer, R.W. Max L. Kamiel, and the Grand Secretary, R.W. Wendell K. Walker, were also re-elected and installed.

Our particular best wishes and congratulations go to our own R.W. R. Kenneth Crawford of Rochester, who now embarks on his second year as our Senior Grand Warden. A Past Master of Zetland Lodge #951, and a Past District Deputy of the 2nd Monroe District, R.W. Bro. Crawford has devoted many years and a great deal of time and energy to the support of Masonry in this area, and we are all very proud of his present position.

M.W. Bro. Schneider, Grand Master, announced the following appointments to Grand Lodge office: R.W. Gordon Hoag, DDGM, 1st Monroe District; R.W. Earl C. Steffen, DDGM, 2nd Monroe District; R.W. Leon R. Perkins, Grand Sword Bearer; and R.W. Melvin L. Simmons, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to each of these new Grand Lodge officers, and wish them all success in their coming year in office. We urge the offices and members of their lodges and other lodges to attend the Investiture ceremony in Utica on St. John's Day, June 18, to see them receive the jewel and charge of their respective offices.

MONROE COMMANDERY CELEBRATES 150th ANNIVERSARY

During the weekend of June 11-12, 1977, Monroe Commandery No. 12 will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary having been chartered by the Grand Commandery of the State of New York on June 8, 1827. The charter bears the signature of His Excellency DeWitt Clinton of Albany, Governor of New York and also the first Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New York. The early officers of Monroe Commandery represented some of Rochester's most eminent citizens. The first commander was Rev. Francis H. Cuming, also the first rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, with Monroe's second Commander being Jonathan Child, the first Mayor of Rochester and nephew of Nathaneal Rochester. Also prominent in the early establishment of Monroe Commandery was Abelard Reynolds, for whom Reynolds Arcade is named and who remained active until his death in 1878. Having hardly gotten established when the anti-Masonic hysteria struck the country, Monroe relinquished its charter in 1829 and remained dormant for some nineteen years; however, it reapplied and was re-issued its original charter in 1848. Since then Monroe Commandery has

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BASEBALL NIGHT
June 10th

A TOTAL
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NIGHT

GIGANTIC AUCTION

The **BLUE JAYS CLUB** of Monroe District (which includes every Eastern Star member in Monroe County) is holding another great auction this year to raise money for the Grand Matron's charitable projects next year--when our own Bettie B. Jurs will be the Most Worthy Grand Matron of New York State. This year's auction will be on **SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, from 10 AM** until everything is sold, and will be at the home of R.W. Merle E. Rodger's, 2804 Baird Rd. in Fairport.

We need many items, both large and small, and we will need items for the Baked Goods and Knick Knack Booth as well as things to be auctioned. Ask your Butcher, Baker and Candlestick Maker, and save everything for us.

If you can be a worker, have a place where articles can be stored, have a truck available, or can work in the Telephone Committee, it would be appreciated. We need your help to make this a success. Please contact any of the following: Auction Chairperson - Loretta Bowers, 663-0569; Assistants - Merle Rogers, 586-5564 and Clara Fritz, 663-5916; Auctioneer - Col. James Merrick.

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LET'S GO VISITING

- 1 - Retiring D.D.G.M. dinner.
- 2 - Webster - Hot dog roast.
- 2 - Northfield - Sport Shirt Nite.
- 3 - W.C. Hubbard - Final meeting before summer recess.
- 3 - Monroe Commandery Order of Malta.
- 4 - Clio - Special meeting. Third Degree.
- 6 - John A. Robertson - Sport Shirt Nite.
- 7 - Charlotte - Tartan Square Club - Scottish 3rd Degree.
- 8 - Ancient Craft - 1st degree.
- 8 - Germania - Buffalo Night.
- 9 - Genesee Falls - 3rd degree.
- 9 - Zetland - Final meeting before summer recess.
- 10 - Masonic Baseball Night.
- 11 - Valley - Paint & Picnic Party at Salvation Army Camp.
- 11 - Monroe Commandery - 150th Anniversary Celebration.
- 13 - Etolian - 50 yr. pin presentations.
- 13 - Rochester - Awards Nite.
- 13 - Fairport - General meeting.
- 13 - Wakan - Strawberry festival.
- 14 - Fame - Strawberry Festival.
- 14 - Flower City - Strawberry Festival.
- 14 - E. Roch. - Jenny Nite.
- 21 - Clio - Final meeting before summer recess.
- 21 - Charlotte - Sport Shirt Nite; Bill Zufall speaks on "Morgan Incident".

The staff of the Monroe Masonic News wishes you all a happy and safe summer. SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER.

ANNUAL Family Style

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

by Rev. William H. McKee

HOW DO YOU PLANT?

The parables are an excellent form of story telling used by story tellers and teachers in many fields. In the first book in the New Testament, we read one which records how seeds of tares a rank weed, were planted in soil already sown for wheat. When both were discovered growing above the earth and field worker who made the discovery told the owner of the evil which had been done, the response was that all were to remain until harvest at which time the worthless weeds would be destroyed before the wheat harvest.

I was reminded of that lesson a short time ago when we were clearing the matted covering of leaves which had protected the flower beds, roses, and bulbs during the winter. There was a great amount of weeds which had benefited from the coverup and which would crowd and damage the damage the beautiful flowers through depriving them of nourishment in summer. Those weeks had prospered during the summer months - now there was no alternative but to get rid of them to protect the beautiful flowers which bring joy later on.

Life too, may follow that course. Years ago there was a tale that everybody spent a certain amount of time sowing "wild oats" which seemed to a wide expanse of living, and then settle down to be respectable. Unfortunately to many did not arrive at the decision to change their ways for they made an unexpected, unplanned exit from the midst of human endeavor, like the tares bundled and destroyed rather prematurely.

In the agriculture world we are presently in the midst of the planting season. All of life is also a time to plant and plan so that at the harvest we shall not be listed as weeds and found wanting. Rather we should seek to be listed as some of the better grain cared for and produced under the eternal care of the Father who has planned, planted, and cared for and fed all the creatures of this globe since the very beginning of time and will continue to do so to the end of eternity.

Summer is ahead, a time of growth, in stature, wisdom and knowledge of your Creator. Whether at work or play, home or abroad, wherever you may be, keep in touch with the source of "Life Unlimited".

Then you will not be found in the bundle of tarws on the day of final harvest.

"Four things a man must learn to do
If he would make his record true;
To think without confusion clearly;
To love his fellow man sincerely;
To act from honest motives purely;
To trust in God and Heaven securely."
Henry Van Dyke

Brethren:

On the evening of October 9, 1976 the 1st and 2nd Monroe Districts sponsored the first Masonic Apron Presentation Night for your Grand Lodge Officers. This was a very special evening for me and I hope that all the people in attendance, families, friends and Masonic Brothers enjoyed the evening's program.

In my remarks, after being presented with my apron, I stated that I was very honored to assume the responsibilities of this position as District Deputy in the 2nd Monroe District and thanked my own Lodge, J.A. Robertson, for this opportunity. I did not want to be a District Deputy in name only and therefore it was my goal to help all Lodges to continue to strengthen their position in Masonry.

My year is now completed and even though I have no yardstick to measure our accomplishments for the year, I have sincerely tried to meet all the challenges by clarifying uncertainties and solving problems. This I could not do alone. The cooperation which I received from both the 1976 and 1977 Masters and their officers was outstanding and I owe all of the a great deal of thanks.

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



At the end of a fiscal year, or at the end of a calendar year, or at the end of a life-time, we look back on our minor accomplishments, our major accomplishments, our disappointments, our failures and successes. Robert Lewis Stevenson made a statement, one time, which I think gives us hope. "To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive. And the true reward is labor."

WILLIAM R. WOOD
D.D.G.M.
1ST MONROE DISTRICT



This will be my last attempt in the field of Literary Arts. I may not have arrived, but the true reward is the labor put into the writing of the monthly District Deputy's message.

This has been a wonderful year, a busy year, a year filled with the making of many new friends throughout the State, hopefully new friends wherever the "Monroe Masonic News" was delivered and read.

I can't say that the '77 Master & Wardens are the greatest because I haven't had the pleasure of meeting all the preceding Masters & Wardens, however, a District Deputy couldn't have a finer group than the 77's. With Masters & Wardens such as these, Masonry will continue to grow.

Thanks to my traveling companion, body guard, and Staff Officer, R.W. Bruce K. Brainerd, Grand Director of Ceremonies. R.W. Brainerd visited all the lodges in First Monroe, many of the lodges several times, all the lodges in the Second Monroe and many outlying lodges. He is a credit to Masonry and particularly to Penfield Lodge.

Thanks to R.W. Thomas L. Davis, District Deputy Grand Master of Second Monroe and his lovely wife, Sally, for their help in making our year a wonderful one.

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GROTTO

At the last meeting of the Board of Governors it was disclosed that our Prophets, led by P.M. Jay Painton, have finished 18 walkers - 8 small and 10 large - which are to be distributed - 4 to the Al Sigl Center, and the rest to the Strong Memorial Hospital - to be distributed by them to handicapped children as needed. Brethren, this is one of our favorite charities which is made possible through your support of the Grotto Circus. Please won't you help us to keep up this good work by supporting our Grotto in these endeavors.

**SUPPORT THE GROTTO CIRCUS
AUDITORIUM THEATER, SEPT. 10**

Another surprise at the meeting was a presentation by Charley McClary to P.M. Earle French. It seems that Helen, Earle's wife - unbeknown to him - bought an Enchanted Lantern - and had it presented for faithful service to the Grotto. Earl is a Past Monarch and a long-time representative to the Temple Civic Center. Well done, Earle.

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It has been announced that Lalla Rookh Patrol in conjunction with Zuleika Patrol of Buffalo will hold its 2nd annual family picnic on July 23 in Buffalo.

The Greeters have also announced their family picnic to be held on June 7 at Hazelwood Cabin in Ellison Park.

The Legion of Honor will hold their annual family picnic on June 26 at the Harris-Whalen Park in Penfield. All are invited. Contact Gary Hargrave for details.

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AUDITORIUM THEATER, SEPT. 10**

Last, but not least, the annual Grotto outdoor meeting will be held on June 15 at Powder Mill Park. The usual dinner of hots, baked beans, salads and plenty of refreshments will be served. Our Band will serenade us during and after the meal. This is the time when through the efforts of the various units 32 members (or friends) will be made very happy. Why don't you attend and hear the happy results.

**SUPPORT THE GROTTO CIRCUS
AUDITORIUM THEATER, SEPT. 10**

Prophets, this will be our last column until Sept. We hope you have enjoyed the news we have brought you. If you have any hot news tips, please contact us. Have a happy summer.

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Dear Brother Herman

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

Q. I was raised last year and was told that the meetings are conducted strictly according to the ritual prepared by the Grand Lodge and taught by the Grand Lecturer. Recently I visited a Lodge in Ohio, and found that the ritual is quite different from ours. Which is correct?

A. They are both correct, each in its own State: The explanation is rather involved.

Masonic ritual did not spring from the brain of one individual or group of individuals. It represents a gradual development, and along several paths. As you have doubtless learned, our Masonry is descended from the Cathedral builders of the Middle Ages, whom we call Operative Masons. They were actual workmen, who joined themselves into "lodges," similar to the trade guilds of the period. They had one simple ceremony or "degree," by which they inducted new apprentices. When Masonry changed to a purely fraternal organization, with the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1717, the simple ceremonies had become more elaborate and consisted of two degrees, Entered Apprentice and Fellow of the Craft. They consisted of a series of Questions and Answers, and explanations of Masonic symbols which had been gradually adopted. In due time the Second Degree was elaborated and divided into Fellowcraft Degree and Master Mason Degree.

In 1751 a rival Grand Lodge came into existence, with its own ritual, and the two Grand Lodges did not merge until 1813 as the United Grand Lodge of England.

Meanwhile Grand Lodges were established in Scotland and Ireland, and each developed its ritual. Each of these Grand Bodies chartered lodges in the colonies. Following the Revolution, each State set up its own Grand Lodge, sole and sovereign within its jurisdiction, and with its own version and development of the ritual.

As new territories opened up, lodges were chartered by the existing Grand Lodges, who taught them their particular ritual. When a State was formed the lodges established their Grand Lodges, each following the ritual of its Mother Grand Lodge. Today there are 49 Grand Lodges, one for each State (except Alaska and Hawaii) and the District of Columbia.

It should be noted, however, that certain fundamental principles are the same. All are governed by a Master, assisted by Wardens; all lodges are guarded by a Tiler at the outer door; all have an altar, usually at the center, upon which rest the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses, with the three lesser lights at the corner or located at the stations. All lodges have three degrees, and all (with one exception) dramatize the Thurd Degree; all have a ceremony for opening and closing, all receive petitions from men only; and the ballot must be unanimous. All require that a petitioner express belief in a Supreme Being.

What are some of the differences that a visitor may find when he visits lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions?

1. The altar may be in a different location.
2. The lesser lights may be differently arranged, or located at the stations.
3. The apron may be worn differently.
4. The signs, grips and words may be different.
5. The drama may be very different, though the same characters and events are portrayed.
6. Lodge may be opened on the Entered Apprentice Degree instead of the Third Degree, or it may be opened on the degree to be conferred.
7. Additional officers may be found, such as, Immediate Past Masters, Inner Guard, Director of Ceremonies.
8. The Bible may be opened at different passages or at random.
9. In saluting the Master, the due guard and sign may be used instead of the sign of Fidelity.

Finally, we exphasize, that within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York the Standard Work authorized by Grand Lodge, and taught by the Grand Lecturer and his Assistants, is the only work to be exemplified, except by special dispensation of the Grand Master.

LODGE news and views

CHARLOTTE LODGE
No. 1088
1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Brethren:

Can it be possible that summer is almost upon us and that five months of my office as Master are over? Much has been done and there still is a lot to do before the year is over. So far, we have had a number of activities - the bowling party, pancake supper, fish fry, Master Mason night, and the euchre tourney with Fame Lodge - all of which were a big success. Thanks to all the Brethren. It is this kind of cooperation that keeps a Lodge young, moving and active. We have seen eight new Brothers raised this year, and we also have a full class for the Fall. The Past Masters of Charlotte Lodge exemplified the 3rd degree, 2nd class; and the 1974 Past Masters who participated.

My trip to Grand Lodge in New York City was an experience that I will always remember and I wish that all of you could have been there to share it with me.

By the time you read this letter, our Ladies Night will be a passed event, and I am certain that everyone who attended had a good time. I am sure the activities that the Fellowcraft have planned for the Fall will be of interest to all of you. We will keep you posted - better yet, come out and join in on the final plans - the more the merrier!

Brethren, if you know of any Brother in sickness and distress, please call me at 663-4502 or Wor. Verne Halter at 663-8589.

In closing, I wish all of you and yours a safe and happy summer.

Robert B. Straton, Jr.,
Master

FROM THE SOUTH

I hope that everyone who participated in the May festivities enjoyed themselves. If not please let me know.

TRESTLEBOARD

June 7 - Open meeting; the Tartan Square Club will demonstrate a Scottish 3rd degree.

June 10 - All Masonic Bodies Baseball Night, 7:00 p.m. at Silver Stadium. All seats \$2. For tickets call Don Dietschler - 225-1827.

June 21 - Open meeting, (Sport Shirt Night). Wor. Bill Zufall will be speaking on the "Morgan Incident".

Oct. 22 - Clam & Steak Bake. Time & place to be announced.

I wish everyone a joyous and event filled summer recess.
Duane Manchester, Jr.,
Warden

WAKAN LODGE
No. 1054
2nd and 4th Mondays

Dear Brethren:

It's not too soon to begin to think of the Annual Interlodge Fellowship Skeep Shoot sponsored or under the auspices of Wakan Lodge. It will be held this year at the Outlet Gun Club on September eighteenth. Anyone desiring more information contact W. Brother Ed Lange.

We will have only two more Lodge events before the summer recess. The first being our annual Sports Night and Strawberry Shortcake at the regular meeting on June thirteenth followed by Wakan Lodge annual family picnic on June twenty-fourth. I hope to see all those brothers present who can possibly make these two events.

I also would like to say that it is nice to welcome back in lodge a few of the snowbirds who have spent the past winter months in the Southland.

I am pleased to announce that in our recent Euchre tournament with Fame Lodge we were able to claim the trophy for Wakan Lodge. Total points were not spread too much but we did have a few more than they did. Individual points for first prize were taken by Zonner and Krakel for Fame and by Orne and Brugger for Wakan. Booby prizes went to Prince and Benke for Fame and Leiske and Brown for Wakan.

One last time the Brotherhood Fund closes on June sixth for this year, any and all additional contributions must be before that date. Please brothers don't be like the ball team and let it "Wait 'till next year!"

CALLED HOME BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT

W. A. Reid Voorhees, P.M. 1943. The only information I have is: in Florida during March.

Have a happy and safe summer recess.

Fraternally,
Eugene M. Brown, Master

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Brethren, have you seen S. Warden Don Brugger's new car? Nothing special about it except how do you manage to get a long guy into a short Honda?

Do you know that Bro. John Lawrence is pretty good at putting up fences, we understand his charges are not too high. It looks real good John.

We wonder if Bro. Webb

UNION STAR LODGE
No. 320
1st Wednesday

Dear Brethren:

Once again it's that time of year when all the Masters come back from Grand Lodge in New York City, and most all of their letters will reflect that. My letter will be no exception. I thank all of the members of my Lodge for giving me the wonderful opportunity of attending the 196th convention of Grand Lodge. As all our Past Masters know, it is not an experience that is soon forgotten. I spent several hours going through the library and our Lodge's archives and could have spent more, had time permitted, as I am sure I had only scratched the surface.

If any member has any pictures, letters or anything he thinks should be added to our archives file, please get in contact with me and I will see that it gets there.

We have the proofs back from the pictures that we had taken of our Past Masters, so those who had their pictures taken please attend our June 1 meeting to check them. We will set another date for those who were unable to make the first sitting.

We will also have a Euchre party with Lima Lodge after our meeting June 1. We will keep the meeting short and to the point, so let's have a good turn out for our visitors. Refreshments will be served during and after the Euchre games. See you in Lodge.

CALLED HOME BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT

It is with deep regret we note the passing of Brother Leech Fifield. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

Fraternally,
Dennison Ripley, Master



Sheehy has got his boat into the water yet this year, we had heard him moaning about the amount of work he had to do to it.

Hope that Bro. Len Duboise has stopped stepping on his wife's toes. Seriously we are very happy to hear that Sally is improving.

Has anyone seen Bro. Fred Hild since his return from that convention in Ohio - we haven't - perhaps he's recuperating.

By this writing W. Bro. Bob Pettit should have taken his final exam for his pilots license. We are looking forward to a bird's eye view of the lodge hall with Bob soon.

We are glad to have W. Bro. Eugene Brown back from his trip to Grand Lodge. We understand that the whole group of 77 Masters had a fine time this year.

Let's hear from you fellows out there. We need all the news of our brethren for upcoming news.

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

This is my last column before the summer recess. It seems hard to believe that my year as Master is more than half over. Especially thinking about the year I would represent the lodge at the 196th communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. The following is a brief summation of what took place. Lodge was open on May 3rd with the Rt. W. Norman Vincent Peale giving the opening prayer. This was followed by the introduction of the dias and the Grand Master's message. It was basically the same ideas he has been talking about the past year. (Copies will be available at a later date.) Lodge was reopened on May 4th with all the committee reports. They all indicated Grand Lodge was in pretty good shape. But, declining membership is vast becoming a serious problem. On May 5th Lodge was reopened, with the conclusion of committee reports. The last report from the Director of the Masonic Home in Utica. The home has been running into a few financial problems the past few years. They have become involved with Medicare and Medicaid. This has led to a few conflicts with government. We have 3 years to raise 7½ million dollars to help in the expansion and updating of the home. If these conditions are not met, there is a good chance the home might become just another nursing home. This in addition to the annual operating expense of 7 million dollars a year. I hope you all give this situation some serious consideration. I have a copy of committee reports if any brother wants to read them. Attending Grand Lodge was a real learning experience and I sincerely express my thanks to the lodge for sending me.

By the time you read this article R.W. William R. (I've got the garter) Wood D.D.G.M. 1st Monroe will be out of a job. It was really great having Bill as D.D.G.M., his help and assistance to myself, the brothers and the 1977 Masters was truly fantastic and wonderful. On behalf of Warren C. Hubbard #964 we all express our thanks to you Bill, and wish you luck in the future. Of course the same goes to his better half, Jean. I'd like to express my thanks to Fellowcraft President for running the Scotch Twosome bowling and to Ray Jay for having the primary responsibility for the dinner and lodge events for our Reunion. Also to Bill Wood and Wally Losinger for lining up the Past Masters for conducting the meeting that night. I was also told that our Senior Warden Bob Lauzon did a great job on Move-up

ETOLIAN LODGE
No. 479
2nd and 4th Mondays

Brethren: Another very interesting month has past us by. For those that attended lodge meetings, I'm sure you had a very enjoyable time. For those that couldn't or didn't we missed you.

I would like at this time to thank the Brethren for letting me represent them at Grand Lodge. It was an experience I will never forget. My wife and I really enjoyed New York City. Thanks to all those that made our trip a huge success.

To Brother Russell Holmes thank you for an excellent 2nd degree and also to the Brothers that took part, thank you.

Our wine tasting was a success and I would like to thank the Brothers and Sisters that took part.

The Masonic Brotherhood Fund is doing well, but can't some of you that have not given please reach in your pockets? A dollar will do. Bro. Ed Gillott needs your support. Don't forget the Masonic Service Bureau.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Sorry to hear that Bro. Chris Morganberger's wife has been in the hospital. We are all hoping for a successful recovery. Bro. Jim Carra and wife have also been in the hospital. Hope this finds both in a lot better health. Any Brother in need of our aid or sympathy contact W. Bro. Dale Rankin 352-4183 or W. Bro. Clark L. Kunes 352-6629.

TRESTLEBOARD

June 13 - Regular scheduled meeting with a few changes. As you all know Bro. William Zufall is to give a special on Masonry which should be a highlight of the evening. Also we have FIVE Brothers to receive their fifty year pins! They are: Bro. Chris Morganberger, Bro. Russell Smith, Bro. Thomas I. Marshall, Bro. Lester Merz, and Bro. Alfred Tubb.

June 19 - Picnic. Place: Churchville Park, Oak & Shadyside Pavillion; Time: 2:00; Entertainment: The Clown Band. Bring a dish to pass. I would also like to invite the ladies of Etolian Chapter #308.

Fraternally, Dale Rankin



night. Our next meeting will be June 3rd. After that our next meeting will be Sept. 16th. Also, I would like to express my sadness on the passing of Bro. Harry Olson on May 5th. I'm sure he will be remembered in our thoughts and prayers.

My brothers have a safe and enjoyable summer. Be sure and keep me informed of anything that happens during the summer. PEACE. Robert Helmes, Master

WEBSTER LODGE
No. 538
1st and 3rd Thursdays

Brethren: The year seems to be flying away with only some of our goals completed. Very shortly we will be making an important decision for the future of our Lodge. What should we do with our building? No matter which way the vote goes I am sure that it will be the correct path for our future meetings. I have a greater concern and that is participation. What can we do to get total participation by all of the good brothers. The Fellowcraft Club had a Fish Fry a few weeks ago. This was an experiment to see just how many problems would be encountered putting on this type of a meal. We found that it is easy and very profitable. The club will start having Fish Fries every other Friday in the fall to raise the balance of money needed to complete our goal. In order to have them successful we need at least six people to chair two meals each. If we get the help and open these to the general public we should be able to raise over two thousand dollars by the end of the year and what is more important have a lot of fun doing it.

Hats off to the Fellowcraft Degree Team. Both of the halves of the 3rd Degree were well executed at Webster Lodge, but then 25 Brothers went to East Rochester Lodge and I have never witnessed a better job. This just proves again what I have said all along - Webster Lodge is great. When people want to do something they do a great job. My problem seems to be just what do people want?

Well I hope you all are ready to spend a relaxing and worthwhile summer, with time off for Red, White & Blue Picnic. The fall will start off with a bang by giving out fifty year pins and having a veterans evening.

Have a great summer. Robert Wyble, Master

SICKNESS & DISTRESS
Charles Moore, James Rice.

TRESTLEBOARD
June 2 - Hot Dog Roast.

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

Brethren: Our trip to Parkdale Lodge No. 510 in Canada was a most rewarding one. The third degree was put on and was most interesting. Parkdale will be visiting us next spring and tentative plans are for April 1978.

Summer will soon be here and Lodge recesses during July and August. Our fall schedule resumes September 6. Let's all try to attend and enjoy the Fellowship.

Thanks to our Senior Warden, Jessie Mattson, for running the Lodge during my trip to Grand Lodge.

I hope everyone has a pleasant and safe summer, and wish all Brethren that are ill have a fast recovery.

The Brotherhood Fund is nearing its end for 1977 and still needs our support. Let's strive for the million mark.

Happy Birthday to all in June, July and August. Albert Clark, Master

FROM THE RECORDER

During the first years of the life of Penfield Union #154 there was a certain relaxing of the rules of order established by Grand Lodge. Many instances are recorded where the Lodge was opened on the degree which was to be conferred, even the second. The Lodge was changed from degree to degree, opened or closed "without form", come to think of it, this sometimes happens today.

Most of the entries in the minutes have to do with the conferring of degrees. It was the practice to have multiple degrees at almost every meeting. In December 1854, the officers were installed then two second degrees and then two third degrees were conferred. In February 1856, the Lodge opened at 2 PM, 3 candidates were initiated, then 2 more were initiated. The Master closed the Lodge "until notice", the Lodge opened at 6 PM, the minutes of the 2 PM meeting were read, 1 more candidate was initiated, 5 brothers were passed to fellowcraft, and two were raised to Master Mason. I think if this were tried today there would be open rebellion.

Brethren, the summer recess is here. Many have not paid their dues, save your Lodge 13 cents by not having me mail another notice. Have a nice summer. Bruce Brainerd, Sec.

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



My Brothers: I feel somewhat the same as the boy who cried "Wolf". Twice I have scheduled a First Degree and twice I have had to postpone it due to reasons beyond our control. So, let's try again. The First Degree is scheduled for June 8th which will also be our traditional strawberry night. And to all of the brothers who came to see Ancient Craft in action, my thanks and please don't give up on us. Come again, we love to see you.

Our annual Lodge Bowling Party is coming up. It will be held at the Lyon's Den on Ridge Road. The date is Saturday June 4, 1977. There will be three games of bowling plus a dinner. All of the details will be in a flyer coming soon. If for some reason you don't get a flyer, then please call our Junior Warden, Brother Al Johnson at 244-5061 and get your reservation in. This party has always been one of the highlights of the year. Don't miss it.

The Stag Picnic will again be held at RW Larry Kilmer's home at 702 Beach Avenue. Cards will be mailed giving the date. My thanks to Brother Larry for hosting us again this year.

This will be my last message to you until Fall, so I would like to wish each and every one a very happy, enjoyable and prosperous summer. Come back to lodge in September with renewed vigor and a large batch of candidates, for that is the only way we can survive and solve our problems.

Best of all to you and may God go with you. Fraternaly, Lee Perkins, Master

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FLOWER CITY LODGE
No. 910
2nd Tuesday

TRESTLEBOARD

June 14 - Open meeting; Strawberry Festival.

June 21 - Fellowcraft Club Steakroast.

July 10 - Family Picnic, Seneca Park.

It was a pleasure to see such a large turnout for our Third Degree meeting in May, when Wor. Sy Kopen, with the Shrine Degree Team, conferred the Third Degree on our three newest members. A large crowd gathered in the Dining Room for dinner, prior to the meeting.

Our June meeting is to be a Strawberry Festival, and at the moment it looks like the wives will also be invited. Details will be announced in the Master's letter.

The Annual Fellowcraft Club Steak Roast will be held a week later on the 21, at Ellison Park, and full details will also be in the mail.

A fine turnout from the Lodge was also present at the Americana Hotel on Saturday, April 30, when our esteemed Tiler, Bro. William R. Dunsky, was honored at the Consistory Banquet.

ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

The Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 10, at Seneca Park, and as soon as final arrangements have been made by the Fellowcraft Club, you will receive a flier in the Mail. Please keep the date open.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

We mourn the passing of Bro. Saul LaVine, a long-time valued member of our Degree Team, and we extend our sincere sympathies to his family.

We also note with sorrow the passing of two other long-time members, Bros. Mannie Mirkin and Dr. Louis Kominz, and to their respective families go our condolences, particularly to Bro. Morris Kominz, also a member of the Lodge. We also offer our sympathies to Bro. Robert Weiner in the passing of his father, and to Bro. Jack Gordon in the passing of his mother.

The following Brethren are on the sick list, and cards or visits would be appreciated: Bros. Philip Sykes, Lou Herzog, Jack Levy, Max Kravetz, and Jack Sherman. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Wm. R. Dunsky, Hospitaler

CONGRATULATIONS

Wor. and Mrs. Maurice Solomon, on the occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Wor. and Mrs. Sanford Hoffman, on the graduation of their son, Mark, from Syracuse University. (Mark is the grandson of Wor. and

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

Dear Brethren:

The May meeting has to be termed a huge success. A large number of our wives and children joined us for an informative evening starting with a delicious spaghetti dinner. Many thanks to Rudy DeCarlo and his capable wife who cooked our meal. Our Stewards and their families pitched in to really make it come off in fine style. The lodge room presentation was well received and many of our families got some insight as to what Dad does down at the Temple.

Thanks also to Wor. Alan Cobb for his presentation of the history and movies of the tall ships as they sailed up the New York City Harbor during last year's bicentennial celebration. Brother Cobb has some interesting film footage and I'm sure everyone came away with a lot more knowledge of the big sailing ships of yesteryear.

Keep in mind our next social event on June 21st which will be our annual Stag Steak Roast. It will be held at Ellison Park. This is a good time to bring a friend and introduce him to Masonry. Call that brother close by and get him to go with you for a fun evening.

Our lodge is in need of both line officers and new brothers. If anyone can be of help in this area, please contact me. We will be having degree work in the fall and help will be needed.

I wish to extend my wishes to all of my brothers to have a safe and fun summer. The weather has to be better than last year so I'm looking for an enjoyable few months ahead and I hope you are too.

Fraternally,
Ted Snyder



Mrs. Abe Meltzer.)

Bro. and Mrs. Sy Margolis on the engagement of their daughter.

Bro. and Mrs. Herb Hirsch, whose daughter Debi won 3rd prize in the recent Area Bible Contest.

And finally to the Worshipful Master, Wor. Erwin Newell, who on his visit to Grand Lodge, took time out to make a completely thorough survey of the Massage Parlors in Manhattan. Hooboy!

DUES! DUES! DUES!

I regret to report that a number of Brethren are delinquent in their dues. Please, brethren, before the summer, mail a check to the Secretary. The Lodge has already paid your Grand Lodge dues; now it's your turn to reimburse the Lodge. Many thanks!

Maurice Solomon,
Past Master

ROCHESTER LODGE
No. 660
2nd Monday

Brethren:

Our April meeting is now a memory of the superb singing by the Shrine Chanters, and also Mrs. George Adam's part with her interesting slides. This wonderful entertainment was enjoyed by all.

Past Master's Night and Dinner received a good attendance. The Past Masters did an excellent job conducting the meeting. I might add, they put a lot of unusual effort into their work.

As of this writing, your Master has returned from New York City with a lasting memory of the Grand Lodge Annual Communication, Grand Lodge Sessions, and Grand Master's Dinner. The entire trip was a most enjoyable one. I will have a report for you at the June 13 meeting, which also will be Awards Night. Brothers will receive 70, 60 and 50-year pins and certificates. 25-year Brothers will also receive cards and recognition.

On June 27, we will have our Family picnic at East Lodge, Mendon Ponds Park. The same location as last year, at 4:30 p.m. Please contact Bro. Richard Fuller, Sr. at 458-7489, regarding information and dish to pass, or whatever.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all Brothers that pass this milestone in the month of June.

To the Brothers that are on our sick list, I hope you are nearing the road of sunshine once again.

As this will be my last writing until the September issue, may each of you have a pleasant summer vacation.

I will see you at the September 12 lodge meeting. Sincerely and fraternally,
Leo F. French, Master

TRESTLEBOARD

June 6 - Fellowcraft Club Picnic - 6:30 p.m.; W. Merritt Sweet's home.

June 13 - Awards Night.

June 27 - Lodge Family Picnic.

Please support your Brotherhood Fund and your Masonic Service Bureau.

FROM THE SECRETARY

Next meeting "Awards Night" June 13th. Come to Lodge. Amon Oakley, 99 years old, will receive his 70 year palm.

The dues are coming in, but we have some brothers who have forgotten. Mail to me, George M. Adams, Secretary, 131 Elmore Rd., Rochester, N.Y. 14618.

Congratulations to the following brothers who celebrate their birthday in June: Frederick Cooper - 6/2; Norman McKay - 6/4; Simon Feldman - 6/11; Lowell Chapin - 6/11; Louis Rund -

FAIRPORT LODGE
No. 476
2nd and 4th Mondays

Dear Brethren:

I would like to start this letter off by thanking all the 77 Masters and Grand Lodge Reps for the kindness and consideration shown to my wife Jan and myself of our journey to Grand Lodge and New York.

A very special Kudo to W. Bros. Bill Frost, John Weeks, Bob Wyble, Bobby Helms, Larry Millard, Walter Gay, Frank Simmons, and Bo Anderson for all the labor that had to go into organizing a great trip. If there was anybody who didn't work hard to make this trip to New York memorable I don't know who it was. As we wind down the time for the summer months ahead let's not miss out on the many opportunities to work and play together. The same hard workers such as W. Bro. Jim Cochran have been working on our picnic. I know somewhere I have missed someone such as W. Bro. Larry Wiler, W. Bro. Irwin Newell, last but not least, I wish to thank all the members of my lodge in Fairport, for allowing me the opportunity and privilege of representing Fairport Lodge at AM 476 at our 196 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of the State of N.Y. Sincerely,
W. Bro. Stewart Pederson

TRESTLEBOARD

May 23 - Memorial.

June 6 - Fellowcraft (Maplewood)

June 13 - General meeting.



6/1, George Knierim - 6/16; Leo Ellickson - 6/19; Christian Jacobsen - 6/20; Henry Sprague - 6/20; Lt. Col. John Conley - 6/21; Harold Shearer - 6/23; William Joyce - 6/23; Raymond MacNally - 6/23; Wayne Moore - 6/25; Herbert Archer - 6/26 and Milton Asmuth - 6/28.

The following brothers will celebrate their birthday in July: Robert Jeffers - 7/4; Arthur Pound - 7/9; Sherman Anderson - 7/9; Augustine Lanasa - 7/10; Robert Fretig - 7/10; David Borlen - 7/11; Arthur Baker - 7/12; Raymond Rosemorgy - 7/12; Carlyle Beattie - 7/13; John Yockel - 7/14; Robert Rowley - 7/18; Frank Reynolds - 7/20; George Kingston - 7/19; Thomas Baird - 7/22; Oscar Fegan - 7/22; William Finn - 7/23; R.W. Myron Wilkes - 7/23; W.B. Donald Philips - 7/23; Dr. Samuel Brenner - 7/24; Frank Bradbury - 7/25; and Kenneth Hewitt - 7/26.

Dr. C. Dan Jameson retired May 1st. He will move to East Bloomfield. George M. Adams, Secretary

FRANK L. SIMES LODGE
No. 990
2nd Tuesday

For the first time in the history of the Traveling Gavel, your lodge, Frank L. Simes #990, was successful in obtaining this coveted prize. On Tuesday, May 10, we visited Flower City Lodge and gratefully received from them the possession of this award. If we happen to lose it to another Lodge, it will be our purpose to once again go visiting and recapture the gavel.

As the summer is approaching, and our thoughts may tend toward the present, and the future of fall may seem far away, forget not your Lodge, and the problems facing your meeting place. The one sure way to avoid the negative financial ramifications of constantly increasing assessments is to increase the membership base. We are going to have a class this fall. Give a petition to that person you know who has been asking you what you know that he does not know.

Don't forget our Family Picnic on Father's Day or our co-ed Fellowcraft Club meeting in June at Dick Snyder's. You will be hearing more of both these events, particularly if you attend our regular meetings. Also, June 10, 1977, will be Masonic Night at Red Wing Stadium. Call Glenn Stahl for tickets.

Our congratulations to our newly raised brothers, Glenn Perry and George Hornug. Additional thanks to the Third Degree Team, and particularly Charlie Schrader for doing a fantastic job at the last minute.

During the last month it has been good to see Bill Clarke, Bob Kunow, Dick Dutcher, Bob Bishop, Bob Walker, Irv Spalty, and Gerry Stahl. We hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,
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SENECA LODGE
No. 920
3rd Tuesday



MASTER'S MESSAGE

Saturday evening, May 14th Seneca held it's annual Ladies Night at the Marriott Inn. There were approximately 110 in attendance, including 36 Brothers and their lovely ladies from St. Andrew's Lodge in Toronto. The evening was a great success with everyone being entertained by Bro. Jack Phillips and his Leprechauns, and dancing later to a Following an excellent Prime Rib dinner, Bro. Cecil Hill was presented with a Dedicated Service Award issued by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. Included with the award was a very colorful apron which I expect Bro. Cecil will proudly wear at all future lodge meetings. Presenting this award was one of the most pleasant duties I have yet been privileged to perform.

Saturday afternoon, May 14th the Third Degree was conferred upon four new Brothers. Congratulations are in order to Wor. Len Stenael and his Degree team and to everyone else who participated in the Degree. It was an excellent performance.

In closing, may I wish you the very best of summers and may the fall find you rested and eager to continue with our full fall Masonic schedule.

SUMMER DATES TO REMEMBER

July 30 - Cecil Hill Golf Classic and Conesus Lake party.

Sept. 10 - Picnic at Bill Babcock's - Canadice.

Fraternally,
Loren Snodgrass, Master

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

Brethren:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the brethren of the lodge for allowing me the privilege of representing East Rochester lodge at the 196th communication of Grand Lodge. It was a truly rewarding experience for me and one I will never forget. I would wish every brother of this lodge could sit in Grand Lodge and visit the archives, the masonic library and museum. We are very rich in history and our roots grow very deep into shaping the goodness of mankind. I was amazed at the many respected men in America's history that were masons and practiced their masonic beliefs.

I would like to thank Bro. Alex Arthur for the fine job he did in serving as brotherhood chairman this year. Through Alex's hard work and the generosity of the brothers of this lodge, we in East Rochester lodge have another good year to be very proud of.

In the lodge meeting of May 10th we welcomed Bro. Howard Case back from Florida. This date was also Howard's 85th birthday, which was hard to believe, for he looked like a man in his mid-fifties!

Several months ago we asked for a C.B. handle for Wor. Bro. Gordon Hoag. Out of the names considered such as: Loggy Hoggy, kitchen selected is "hammer head" which, by the way, also fits Gordon's occupation.

This will be the last communication until we reconvene in the fall. I wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous summer and hope to see you at the lodge picnic.

Fraternally,
John E. Weekes, Master

TRESTLEBOARD

June 14 - Jenny night, with short sleeve meetings and card games to follow.

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



SECRETARY'S CORNER exciting this time as it was when I represented the Lodge in 1966. Major renovations have been completed to the building which makes it look more impressive. The thrill and excitement that the Masters felt this year was also present with me this second time. It has been a very enjoyable and rewarding year for me having made new friends and the opportunity to work for the Brotherhood Fund as the District Chairman.

Congratulations on June Birthdays to the following Brothers: Robert Maddison - 6/1; DeForest Bush, John McMahon - 6/2; Frederich Fincken - 6/3; James Jenkins, Raymond Van Wuyckhuysse, Wor. Fred Weidel (88) (Master 1924) - 6/8; Richard Mosman - 6/9; Ralph Poling - 6/10; Norman Coons, Wor. Donald Fox (Master 1968), Adolph Kennis - 6/11; Edgar Borate, Wor. Walter Gay (Master 1972, 1977), Leonad Hilbert, John Ladwig - 6/19; William Baker - 6/21; Bjarne Iverson - 6/26; G. Drexel Gridley, Ernest Lascell, Richard Perry - 6/27; and Wor. Warren Trimble, Jr. (Master 1958). Also to these July Birthdays: Howard Hall - 7/6; Ralph Sandbert, Walter Schlosser - 7/7; George Form, Wendell Seeber - 7/8; Josiah Forrest, Earl Hilfiker, William Laundry - 7/10; George Lloyd, Donald Snyder - 7/11; Robert Flint - 7/13; Wor. Raymond Unger, Jr. (Master 1956) - 7/15; Howard Gardner (90) - 7/18; Harry Marshall (85) - 7/19; William Henry - 7/21; Richard Hollenbeck, Samuel Ofsowitz - 7/22; Wor. John Hinds (Master 1970) - 7/23; Arthur Underwood - 7/25; Ralph Lamson (84) - 7/26; Robert Van Keuren - 7/27; Arthur Benkwit - 7/28; Joseph Fulton, Charles Scorse (83) - 7/29; Charles Wann - 7/30; and Arthur Holtzman (87). And also to these August Birthdays: Albert Lane - 8/1; Granger Green, Roswell Strong - 8/2; Herbert Bailey, John Jones - 8/6; Ronald Bishop, Henry Langknecht, James Starkey, Jr. - 8/7; Herbert Altemoos, Thomas Doughty - 8/8; Alfred Bork, Philip Ripson (96) - 8/12; Edward Kramer, G. Westbrook Taggart - 8/13; Thomas Trainor - 8/14; Albert Falk - 8/16; Ara Ballarian (87) - 8/17; Kenneth Kimmel - 8/20; George Pettinger - 8/21; Harry Carter 8/24; Earl Clark and Wyman Jemison (97) - 8/27.

To close, those Brothers still owing 1976 dues should take care of this matter right away. I will be sending out notices to them and not

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

Brethren:

For the information of those who failed to attend the summoned meeting, all the proposals that were presented to amend the By-Laws of this Lodge were defeated. The turn-out for this meeting was very good, but unfortunately it took a summoned meeting to do it. Need I say more?

Also at the same meeting Bro. Rev. William McKee was presented his Distinguished Service Award and Apron by R.W. Thomas L. Davis, D.D.G.M., Second Monroe. At the invitation of the Master, R.W. William Wood, D.D.G.M., First Monroe, was also in attendance. W. Roy York, Master of Genesee Falls in 1937 received his 50 year pin from the Master after a small ceremony by R.W. Davis.

At the second meeting in May, the 2nd degree was conferred on two brothers. I would like to make special Smith sojourned all the way in from the Syracuse area to partake in the degree. Those of you who were not in attendance once again missed a fine lecture by Nobby. I would also like to thank W. Ron Mertens (again) W. Bill Zufall, and W. Larry Geith for their contribution that night. If all goes well, the first meeting in June will be the 3rd degree.

Brethren, a dedicated member of our fraternity has become incapacitated. Bro. Sidney Rosenberg who is my "hospitaler" is ill. I am sure that all of you would like to express your concern by sending Sid a card at home which is 30 Jackson Street, Rochester, New York, 14621.

Once again I would like to make special mention that your next lodge social function will be July 9th at Ellison Park. This is a steak roast and was very successful last year. The price will be very near the same which was \$4.00. Cards will be sent out at the appropriate time.

Sadly do we mourn the passing of Bro. H. Rotmans who passed away during the month of May. If any Brother knows of anyone in sickness or distress, please contact me at 266-3440 or the Secretary at 621-5737. Peace and joy be with you all.

Fraternally,
John R. Faro, Master



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ZETLAND LODGE NO. 951
2nd & 4th Thursdays



Brethren:

The third degree was conferred on April 28. I want to thank everyone who participated; especially the Esten A. Fletcher Fellowcraft Club for their part in the second section. We had a good turnout including several brothers from Pennsylvania. I have rescheduled the review lecture for the third degree to June 9.

It was an honor and privilege to attend the 196th Annual Grand Lodge Communication in New York City as your representative. Someone once said, "I would rather see a sermon than hear one." I saw a sermon of humanity at work by witnessing a cross section of commitment from many varied groups exercising their particular ministries in reaching out to meet the needs of others in all walks of life. The sense of mission is clear. How to attain the goals depends on how we, the grass roots, respond to the challenges of our leaders. My report was given at our last communication and is available from the Secretary for anyone who was unable to attend and get the information first hand.

On May 12, we celebrated Past Masters Night with a ceremony to honor our past masters. By the power of their examples, they have been able to sustain others by bringing to them the mystery of God's love through guidance, support and understanding. A special thanks to you, our past masters, who continue to actively serve our lodge and the craft.

The 1977 Brotherhood Fund campaign is in its final stage. To date almost 40% of our Lodge has responded with contributions totaling 1092.00. We thank those of you who have answered the call. To those who have not responded, we ask that you take time NOW to send your offerings to our Brotherhood Fund Chairman, W. Ernest E. Wilson, 278 Renouf Drive, Rochester, N.Y. 14624.

Our last meeting before summer recess is June 9. Our annual Fellowcraft Stag Steakroast is scheduled for Saturday, June 18 at North Lodge, Powder Mill Park. Our Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 16 at Wadham Lodge, Powder Mill Park. You will be notified of the details of both events so mark your calendar and plan to attend these events.

Let's keep in mind that our lodge needs candidates. Try to invite someone that you think will make a good Mason to our Family Picnic to meet the members and their wives. This is a good

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

Dear Brethren:

I have just returned from the 194th Annual Grand Lodge Convention and wish to thank the Lodge for sending me to this important event.

One of the most important events which came up was certain mandatory additions to the Masonic Home in Utica. In order for the Home to receive Medicare and Medicare payments from the State of New York. So in addition to the annual Brotherhood Fund Drive, there will be an additional Fund Drive to raise this necessary amount of money. More will come later on this event.

While I was in New York I looked over the file on our Lodge in the Archives. I noticed that several of the Past Masters have not sent anything in, so to all Past Masters, if you have not sent anything in on your year as Master, why not send me pictures and articles so that I can send them to Grand Lodge.

Although the 1976-1977 Brotherhood Drive is drawing to a close, I want to urge each of you to send in your contributions to Bro. Malcolm Pollock, if you have not done so. Remember, you can not know when you will need the use of that facility. While on the subject of the Utica home, one of our Brothers will soon be taking residence there. He is Bro. Herbert B. Flower, who incidentally will be 90 years old in Sept.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Bro. Al Cranston has been under the weather lately, but



way to influence prospective members.

Brethren, please let our Secretary, W. Joseph Savage or myself know if anyone is ill or in distress.

I want to wish each member and their families a very happy, safe and enjoyable summer.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

I am happy to report that W. Bernard K. Hanson is feeling much better and able to go back to work.

Bro. Victor R. Herbert is at the Mease Clinic, Dunedin, Florida 33528. I am sure he would enjoy hearing from some of the brothers.

CALLED HOME BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT

The sympathy of the Lodge is extended to W. Ernest E. Wilson whose sister-in-law passed away recently.

Our sympathy goes out to Bro. Marvin R. Dye whose wife passed away May 8. Fraternaly,
Don Joseph, Master

am happy to report that he will soon be back to work.

Sympathies of the Lodge were sent to the family of Bro. George Short who died on April 30, 1977, and to the family of Bro. James B. Willis who died May 5, 1977. These two Brothers will be missed by the Lodge.

Birthday Greetings to the following Brothers whose birthdays fall in June and July. I will be looking forward to talking to the local Brothers on their respective Birthdays. 6/3 - Harwood R. Ellis; 6/4 - Clifford G. Minard; 6/5 - Carl R. Lueck, Jacob P. Mertens; 6/6 - John C. Beach, Wm. D. Ladd, Jr., William J. Williams; 6/10 - Elmer W. Holly, John W. Slack; 6/11 - George W. Foote, Ed P. Fulmer, Victor H. Lilley; 6/13 - John D. Brown, Malcolm M. Pollack, Fred L. Walker; 6/16 - Fred J. Lang, Nerle G. Peck; 6/18 - Willis H. Seville; 6/19 - Bruce F. Hinkley; 6/20 - Kay G. Estryp; 6/21 - Louis T. Benjamine; 6/22 - George D. Armstrong; 6/25 - Willard C. Attridge; 6/26 - George E. Barlow; 6/27 - George R. Reiber; 6/28 - Norman E. Gaych, William C. Staats; 6/29 - Philip Gordon, Raymond W. Smith; 6/30 - Erle F. French, Leonard J. Schmeer, Jr.; 7/4 - Anthony Bartusek, Charles N. Waterstreet, Jr.; 7/5 - Alvin R. Cranston, Clifford W. Smith; 7/7 - Walter L. Hoffman; 7/8 - John T. Tracy; 7/13 - Milton I. VanGraa-feiland; 7/14 - William H. Stotz; 7/16 - Ivan Meyer; 7/17 - Harold R. Gerow; 7/18 - George E. Joyce, Howard G. Quick, Jr.; 7/21 - Wesley G. Trendall; 7/22 - Sidney J. Horton; 7/24 - Albert G. Downing; 7/25 - Arnold W. Ford; 7/26 - Frank J. Tanck, Jr., Alfred P. Triest; 7/28 - Joseph T. Wornham; 7/29 - Maurice E. Clark; 7/31 - Richard C. Strauss.

With the summer season rapidly approaching I want to wish each of you a happy and safe summer and hope to see each of you in fall. If you have any petitions for new members, please get them handed in, as we shall start our fall class on October 12, 1977.

TRESTLEBOARD

June 3 - Past Masters Night - Maplewood Inn.

June 6 - Report of 194th Annual Communication; Sport Shirt Night.

Aug. 20 - Annual Corn & Sausage Roast, Ray Volk's farm.

Sept. 19 - First meeting of the fall season.

To all . . . have a safe summer and if I can be of service to anyone, please do not hesitate to call me. Fraternaly,
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VALLEY LODGE
No. 109
1st and 3rd Mondays
Brethren:

On May 16, 1977, under the very capable Directorship of W. Matte Gingold, assisted by Valley Lodge's amiable W. Carl Piggage sitting in the East, a third degree dramatization was effectively presented. The presentation was so brilliantly done that it was almost impossible to pick out who was better than who in their roles. Was Hiram King of Tyre better done than Jubelum? Was Hiram Abiff more superb than the Fisherman? They were all so good that there was no one outstanding.

Observers from the side lines were unanimous in their high praise of the presentation. One brother was heard to say that it was the best third degree he had seen put on in twenty years and he had been to a lot of them in that time.

The newly raised brother Courtney W. Yound indicated that he was deeply impressed by the ceremony and felt that he would remember it vividly for the rest of his life.

Personally, I was delighted with both the ceremony and Brother Youngs remark that he would always remember.

My personal thanks to all of the participating brothers and a "Well Done" to you all for the excellent job you did.

Let me again remind you all that the "Civic Involvement" of the Lodge for June is a cooperative effort of all the Lodges in the Monroe District. Specifically, it is the painting of the wooden buildings at the Salvation Army Camp at Camp Troutberg on Saturday June 11, 1977 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. All paint brushes, ladders, and work material will be furnished. All you have to do is bring yourself and family and old clothes.

For those who came but get hungry during the day, we suggest that you bring a basket of food - a picnic basket that is, and have a family picnic while we have the families paintings.

So call Jim Barrett or his wife Elsie at 342-3291 with you and your family's names who plan to go. Remember! This is a very worthwhile project that has to be done by someone - Why not Masons? and have fun to boot also?

Fraternally,
James V. Barrett, Master
TRESTLEBOARD
June 6 - Special Temple Civic Center communication, 50 year awards, and Strawberry Festival for Members only.

June 10 - Masonic Night at Silver Stadium.
June 11 - Paint and Picnic Party at Salvation Army Camp Troutberg.
Have a safe and enjoyable summer. See you in the Fall.

NORTHFIELD LODGE
No. 426
1st & 3rd Thursdays


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Brethren:
What a wonderful time Weezie and I had in New York City. Visiting Grand Lodge was an exciting experience. The highlight for me was on Thursday when I watched the Grand Master take his obligation on the famous St. John's Bible. I could envision George Washington taking his first oath of office as President of the United States, 200 years ago, on the same Bible. Or Jimmy Carter taking his oath on it only last January. I actually was able to leaf thru the Bible and read some of the old script. I was so very proud to be a mason. I also had lunch in the Grand Lodge Dining Room, had a little nip in the Grand Lodge Bar and enjoyed a great conversation with the Junior Grand Warden. All in all, it was an experience filled with memories that we will always treasure. So many beautiful people are in the 1977 Masters group, and we love them all; the same as in our lodge hall at Northfield where brotherly love and affection is so thick that it influences your every thought.

Our Brotherhood Fund has been a success this year thanks to Bro. Bob Zahn. He has worked so hard and collected over \$1200 from 60% of our members. We now have 3 new brothers, raised on May 19. Please welcome them and introduce yourselves. June 2 will be "Crazy Sport Shirt Night" with a prize for the Craziest. June 18, Saturday, is the annual Northfield Open Golf Tournament at Janley Hills in Victor. The finals will be televised on "The Gong Show" . . . Call Frank McConnell for info. at 586-2750. June 25 is our picnic at Hopkins Point Cabin in Mendon Ponds at 3 PM. And on July 9 we will be holding a Garage Sale, an Italian Sausage and Hot Dog Roast, and a Baked Goods Sale at the lodge. Our lodge is in very poor financial shape and it is essential that we raise money to get us through the rest of the year. We must have things to sell at the Garage Sale. PLEASE save your junk! Call Bud Pierce at 586-4338 and we will pick it up, if necessary.

Peace, Love and Joy,
William S. Frost, Master
TRESTLEBOARD
June 2 - Crazy Sport Shirt Night.
June 18 - Northfield Golf Tournament.
June 25 - Picnic.
July 9 - Garage Sale, Hot Dog Roast and Baked Goods Sale.

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

The first week in May saw your Wor. Master in New York City, attending the Grand Session; the highlight of which was the installation of the Grand Master M.W. Albert W. Schneider, and our Grand Senior Warden Rt. Wor. Kenneth Crawford from Monroe County. Part of the Grand Masters address covered the promotion of Free Masonry. Many fraternal organizations, he said, are suffering. Loss of membership due in part to inflation, tax, and higher costs in the economy. The Grand Master also advocated the membership call list, which I am happy to say, we at Fame have, any Brother who lives local to or lodge and would like to be called, please let our secretary or myself know & we'll arrange it. Remember, the call list is a lot of work and time consuming with calls and recalls. Please help us by contacting your caller in the event you've missed his call.

Due to a fifteen day overlap in these articles, I was unable to thank Brother Elmer LaLond for his fine presentation with slides on his travels to Central America in the may edition. I know I speak for all who were there, when I say thanks to a really enjoyable, informative show. I understand Elmer does have another travelogue, if anyone would like him to present it. Please let me know early.

This next bit of news, I only wish I could have printed in small type. Wakan Lodge beat us at Euchre. This is almost unheard of! I suppose I could say it was, because we played away from home. We'll get 'em in the fall. Right?

A good place to go for dinner is Amalfi's Restaurant, maybe Barry's, or even the classy Americana, but when Fame has a Tureen Supper, you can't beat the variety of good home style cooking, friendship and the price is right, the only things missing were the violins in the background, and we're working on that. I'll say this about the "Fame Set" they certainly love their food. If it keeps on going like this, we'll have to knock a wall out so's we can seat everyone. Yes, we had a wonderful social evening.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS
Wor. Rocky Verstrete had an operation for a hernia and is now doing fine.

TRESTLEBOARD
June 14 - Strawberry Festival; Sport Shirt Night; Ladies Invited.
Aug. 2 - Picknick - Webster Park, Lakeview #1 at 6:00 p.m.
Bill Bailey, Master

HENRIETTA LODGE No. 526



2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Brethren:

It was a great honor for me to represent you at our 196th annual Communication of Grand Lodge. This honor was especially so because I was unable to attend last year.

One of the highlights of the session was that we, in the past have been barely able to raise one million dollars for the Brotherhood Fund, are now going to be asked to raise seven and a half million dollars in the next three years in order to keep the certification of our Home at Utica. This is due to the mandates made by the state governing the operation of health care facilities. Brothers this is going to be a drive to raise the money but if I know our Masons in this state they are not going to let the state close our beautiful facility. Let's start to think about this project and maybe we can come up with some ideas on how to promote this good cause.

At our stated communication on May 10 we raised two new Brothers. They are Bro. Eric Hurrell and Bro. David Place. We had about 35 Brothers on the sidelines to welcome these new Brothers to the Fraternity.

I, as Master of the Lodge, wish to congratulate W. Bro. Roy Lloyd on his winning the nomination for the Distinguished Service Award. This is the second time in the past two years as master I have had the honor of bestowing this award on one of our Brothers. The winner of last year's award was W. Lloyd Weston. Congratulations to these two fine Brothers are in order from the Lodge.

June 14th is our last communication for the spring term. We will have a picnic supper beginning at 6:30 P.M. All who attend are asked to bring a dish to pass and the meat will be furnished. We will have a very short meeting to authorize the payment of bills as they come due during the summer then we will turn the Lodge over to the Fidelity Triangle and the DeMolay for a tribute to Parents presentation. Wives and children are invited to attend.

If any of the Brothers are unable to attend our last communication I wish to take this space to wish them a happy summer. Have fun, enjoy yourself, and come back safe so we can greet you in the fall session.

Fraternally,
Lawrence Millerd, Master

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CLIO LODGE

No. 779

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Dear Brethren:

I would like to thank you for the privilege of representing Clio Lodge at the 196th Annual Communication in New York City. The bright lights and noise are gone, but the many fond memories linger on.

An interesting article out of our archives at the Grand Lodge is the origin of the name "Clio". It was named after a town in the State of Michigan. The town was originally called Varney, after one of the pioneer settlers. However, the people wanted a more classical name, so it was renamed "Clio", after the Muse of History, and Epic Poetry.

There is only a short time left to send in your Brotherhood Fund Donations. The closing date has been extended to June 5. Also, there are still quite a few more important dates left before the summer recess, so please save the following:

June 1 - we will honor our retiring District Deputy Grand Masters with a dinner at the Party House located at 677 Beahan Road. Social Hour is at 6:00 P.M. and Dinner at 7:00 P.M. The cost is \$7.50 per person. Please call me for reservations, and plan to come out and acknowledge these two wonderful men.

June 4 - There will be a special meeting to confer the Third Degree. The first section will be put on by Clio Lodge, and the second section by Yonondio Fellowcraft Team. The meeting will start at 7:00 P.M. Leah Chapter, OES, will put on a buffet dinner at 6:00 P.M. Please call Bro. Dave Upham at 392-6316 for dinner reservations.

June 7 - there will be a short business meeting, and a visit to Charlotte Lodge No. 1088, to watch the Tartian Team perform.

June 21 - this will be our final meeting before the summer recess. There will be a picnic starting at 5:30 p.m. Hots and refreshments will be furnished, but please bring a dish to pass.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy, and safe summer.

Fraternally,
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2nd and 4th Wednesdays

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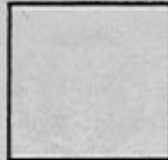
I had a nice trip to New York, and It was an honor to represent your lodge.

The Grand Lodge sessions were interesting and so was the installation of the Grand Lodge officers.

Brethren our lodge attendance still leaves a lot to be desired. If you have any suggestions, let me know.

Don't forget Buffalo Night on June 8. Bring a friend, we have a surprise for you. A Buffalo Night you have not seen in years. It will also be our last meeting before summer recess.

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Brethren there is also a lot of dues still outstanding.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Bro. Otto P Bruns and Bro. Cornelius G. Kunst. We wish them well.

TRESTLEBOARD

June 8 - Buffalo Night.

August 13 - Corn & Sausage Roast.

CALLED HOME BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT

Brother Leon C. Cooley. Initiated - September 22, 1937; passed - October 27, 1937; raised - November 10, 1937. Sympathy was extended to the family.

Heinz Gunkel, Master

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MONROE COMMANDERY

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The sesquicentennial events commemorating this important occasion will get under way early on the afternoon of Saturday, June 11, when the Order of the Temple will be conferred on the Anniversary Class in Cathedral Hall. Saturday evening the festivities will move to Monroe Golf Club for a gala Anniversary Banquet. In attendance will be Sir Knight Richard W. Hillman, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of the State of New York; R.W. and Sir Knight R. Kenneth Crawford, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York; Sir Knight Ned E. Aull, Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America; and Honorable and Sir Knight Frank Horton, U.S. Representative from the 34th New York Congressional District. Current Commander of Monroe Commandery No. 21 is Raymond R. Beardsley, who will act as Master of Ceremonies for the Banquet.

The weekend will conclude with a Commandery Worship Service at the United Church of Pittsford. Acting as prelate and conducting the service will be Sir Knight Paul R. Gleason. Following the worship service, a reception for all in attendance will be put on by the church women.

In addition to the weekend commemoration, a sesquicentennial book with many pictures converging the anniversary events, the present life of Monroe Commandery and its history over the years since 1827 will be published and available just prior to June 11. Also, a commemorative tile is being made. These tiles will be six inches square and will exhibit the official insignia of Monroe Commandery in color with the inscription "1827-1977, Monroe Commandery No. 12, Rochester, New York". Cost of the tiles will be \$2.50 per tile.

A brief glimpse at Monroe Commandery's history shows that seven of its Commanders have gone on to become

Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of New York beginning with William E. Lathrop, who served as Grand Commander from 1851-1854. He was followed by Simon V. McDowell in 1881. George Loder was Grand Commander in 1891 and probably one of the most prominent Masons in New York, actively serving Monroe Commandery until his death in 1917, serving as one of the founders of Damascus Temple of the Shrine, and active in many other Masonic bodies. In more recent years, the Grand Commanders from Monroe have been George Argetsinger in 1933, Raymond W. Cross in 1946, James C. Corbett in 1955 and Ward L. Ekas in 1960. Both Sir Knights Cross and Ekas went on further to become Departmental Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Down through the years many of the areas prominent business, civic, political and religious leaders have been members of Monroe Commandery. In 1853 John C. Robinson received the Commandery Orders; Robinson was a military leader, Major General in the Civil War, a hero of Gettysburg, recipient of one of the first Congressional Medals of Honor issued and from 1872-74 served as Lieutenant Governor of New York. A few years later Ely S. Parker joined Monroe, probably the first Indian ever to be received into Commandery membership. During the 1880's and 90's, the Monroe Drill Team was reted the finest in the nation, receiving invitations to perform not only throughout New York, but also in many other states. Many acts of charity have been performed by the Knights of Monroe Commandery, particularly in its association and support of the once Rochester Orphan Asylum, and more recently its support of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

Monroe Commandery No. 12 has a long and proud history in the Masonic life of this community and now looks forward to a bright future in continuing to serve Masonry and the community as chivalrous Knights of the Cross.

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D.D.G.M. - FIRST MONROE DISTRICT

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There are so many Brothers whose names I should mention for the help given during the year, but it would take all the space in the paper just to say thanks.

If the Junior & Senior Wardens haven't marked their calendar for the Fall Seminar, do it now before you forget it.

Before I set my pen down and pick up my fishing pole, I would like to pass an idea along that might be used in our Brotherhood Fund Drive, or just a way to hear from the 70% of Brothers we don't hear from.

I was visiting a sister-in-law around Christmas time and the talk centered around her children, especially my nephew who was away from home, attending college. Like all boys away from home, he forgot to write as often as he promised. Correspondence becomes a lost art. My sister-in-law turned to me and said, "I don't know what is the matter with that boy, but I can't get him to write a letter". I said, "You're using the wrong approach. You are not putting yourself in his shoes to find out what he wants". She said, "You and your psychology. You couldn't get him to write to you." I bet her a double Martini that I would get him to write inside of 48 hours.

That evening I proceeded to write him a letter. I told him about the news of the community and as I tried to think what that boy wanted more than anything in the world, I always came up with the same answer - money. I finally ended the letter with this paragraph. "Enclosed is a ten dollar bill. Please use it any way you see fit".

Do you know what I did then? I purposely neglected to put the ten dollar bill in the envelope.

Well, within 24 hours, I received a long distance telephone call - collect - but I won my point - and my double Martini.

I would like to repeat a little Scotsman's prayer that was used in one of my earlier columns. It has done wonders for me and it may do the same for you. It goes along like this:

"Please, Dear Lord, keep me alive as long as I live, and I will be forever grateful".

You've been a grand audience. May the Good Lord continue to bless you!

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

D.D.G.M. - SECOND MONROE DISTRICT

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As I have attended the various Lodges in Monroe County, I was impressed with the number of dedicated officers and Lodge members I met. The Masters and Wardens meetings have been enjoyable on both a business and social level. The trip to New York City for Grand Lodge with the 1977 Masters and wives was an experience we will never forget. This trip was very well planned. Consideration and friendliness abounded in the group throughout our stay. The Masters will be sharing with their Lodges their experiences and thoughts from Grand Lodge. Without a doubt, the rest of their year as Masters will be most successful.

The year 1977 was significant for Masonry in Monroe Districts. We have had problems such as, membership, attendance at Lodge meetings and School of Ritual and Instruction, financial difficulties with Rochester Masonic Temple, etc. I believe that more people have become aware of these situations and as a result, several new programs are now in effect which will improve Masonry in Monroe County.

To my successor and his staff, I wish success and am confident they will attain their objectives in the coming year.

There are many people to whom I owe a great deal, most of all my wife. Without her help and understanding, this year would not have been a success.

To all Masons in the 1st and 2nd Monroe Districts, I extend to you my best wishes.

Fraternally,

Thomas L. Davis, D.D.G.M., Second Monroe District



All the officers of Fidelity Triangle.

FIDELITY TRIANGLE

April 10 - Fidelity Triangle had a birthday. We are now 51 years old. The first meeting of the Junior Stars Club #4, was held on April 10, 1926, at the home of Lulah Vedder on Arnett Blvd. About a year later the club was renamed, Fidelity Triangle #4 D.O.E.S. We have the original roster and book of minutes and the first name on the original roster is, "Winifred Chivers", who is now, Right Worthy Winifred Chivers, District Deputy Grand Matron of Monroe District O.E.S.

April 13 - Fidelity girls helped serve & clean up at the Temple Social Spring luncheon.

April 23 - The new Beloved Queen, Diane Reitz, presented her term plans.

April 24 - DeMolay-Triangle bowling & pizza party.

April 26 - Fidelity Triangle presented the "Lord's Prayer Degree", for the members of Henrietta Lodge. The Master thanked the girls and complimented them and invited them to lunch.

May 2 - Rochester DeMolay, Ceremony of Lights Degree, for Mothers and Triangle girls.

May 7 - At the official visit of the Grand Matron, Most Worthy Wilma A. Munroe, the Fidelity Motion Choir, of 21 girls, performed in long white gowns, while Edward Doud (Deputy regional Master councilor of DeMolay) sang a solo, "Let there be peace on earth", accompanied by Dad Martin Reitz on the organ. Beloved Queen Diane Reitz presented a personal gift to the Grand Matron and Past Beloved Queen Karen Midgley presented a check for the Grand Matron's Project from the money earned during her term as Queen.

At the Grand Matron's request, Beloved Queen Diane Reitz, introduced each girl to the assemblage. Members of Lilac Triangle, Constellation & DeMolay, were also introduced.

On Saturday evening May 14, 1977 the Right Worshipful Thomas L. Davis, District Deputy Grand Master for the Second Monroe District and the Right Worshipful Bertram M. Steene, Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted masons of the State of New York were present to award Past Beloved Queen Karen Ann Midgley with a Certificate of Honor for the participation of Fidelity Triangle #4 during her term in office for their generous contribution to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund.



**NOLA CHAPTER
NO. 368**

Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Members:

As I write this on Mother's day eve, I hope you all had a nice day. We had a well attended Mother's and Daughter's banquet. I want to thank all who came and the men who did a great job preparing the dinner. We were honored to have D.D.G.M. Sister Winifred Chivers and R.W. Pat Slack join us that evening.

Tonight, May 8th we had some snow. We sure hope it will warm up soon and all will feel good again. There has been no new illness reported, but do hope S. Doris Daycock, B. Thomas Campbell and W.S. Doris Tymeson are feeling better.

I want to thank all who helped with the Masonic dinner May 11th.

Our Grand Matron's visit was well attended. It was so nice to see one of our own members S. Carol Haller who came down from up north.

Our first meeting in June will be neighborhood night. We have only one meeting in June so try to get out.

"Each time in life comes but once. Make the most of it." Fraternally,

R.W. Lucile Mason W.M.

LILAC TRIANGLE

May 1 found a group of Lilac Triangle girls and adults at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Woodruff to rake their lawn. A special thank you goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff for their generous donation and lovely picnic lunch.

A lovely Memorial Degree was held May 2 in memory of Triangle founder Mrs. Rose E. Scherer and Mr. Frederick Leipold, former Daddy of Lilac Triangle.

On Wednesday May 11 a group drove to Marvin's Country Club for the annual Veteran Hospital's Aards Banquet. P.B.Q. Debbie Arthur and P.B.Q. Linda Gurney each received 50 Hour pins for their volunteer service at Canandaigua Veterans Hospital.

Saturday May 14, sixteen would be professional bowlers arrived at Clover Lanes to show off their new dance steps and great team efforts. One of these days they might hear about strikes and spares. The high scorer of the evening was Mr. Gurney.

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The Public Installation of Officers of Cyrene Commandery was held on May 13th, 1977. The Officers of the evening were as follows: S.K. F. William Young, Installing Officer. S.K. Donald L. Evans, Grand Marshall. S.K. Charles L. Brown, Grand Captain General.

Following officers of Cyrene Commandery for 1977 & 1978 were Installed: Eminent Commander - S.K. Ernest A. Stelianou; Generalissimo - S.K. Stanley V. Peterson; Captain General - E.S.K. Horace C. Porter; Senior Warden - S.K. Horace F. Denton, Jr.; Junior Warden - S.K. Lawrence E. Hood; Prelate - E.S.K. Frederick S. Holderle; Treasurer - E.S.K. C. Ray Hager; Recorder - E.S.K. Gordon C. Mosher; Standard Bearer - S.K. Donald L. Carlile; Sword Bearer - S.K. Gerald D'Angelo; Warden - S.K. Gary Thompson; Sentinel - S.K. Donald S. Ballou; Trustees - E.S.K. Howard Hornik, E.S.K. Roy E. Huff, E.S.K. Donald L. Evans.

Our Commander, Ernest A. Stelianou wishes to thank all for coming out this evening. Thanks to Dave Cordy for playing the organ and to June R. Gudgel for being our Soloist. We all had a grand evening and to all our relatives, thanks.

There will be no conclaves of our Commandery in June. But we have some events coming up. On June 10th, 1977 is what is called Masonic Baseball night at the Red Wing Stadium. On June 11th Monroe Commandery will celebrate their 150 year as a Commandery. Doing the Order of the Temple at 2 PM in Cathedral Hall and will have candidates. In the evening the Banquet will be held at the Monroe Country Club. If planning to attend contact S.K. Ray Morgan for reservations. On June 12th we will have our Commandery Picnic at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest A. Stelianou, 491 Webster Road, Webster, N.Y. at 2 PM. Contact them on 872-4389 for reservations. Let's all attend.

This is the last issue of the Monroe Masonic news until September so everyone have a good summer. Will close with this saying: Joy and peace begin in your heart when you receive Christ into your life. But they come to Harvest as you follow through and live out in your everyday life the reality of Christ who dwells within you. See you all soon.

Fraternally yours,
Em. Comm. Ernest A. Stelianou, E.S.K. Roy E. Huff, Reporter

Sir Knights:
It just can't be June already, can it? It was only yesterday that my term as your Commander began and here the year has passed and I find myself a Past-Commander. There is only one way that this could have happened and that is because it was such a busy year. To all Sir Knights, from the ones who filled the chairs, to those who took a part in the work, to those on special committees and especially to those who filled the sidelines all year, a very special "Thank you" for making it such a memorable year.

As my last request of the year I would like to ask each Sir Knight to pledge his support to Monroe Commandery for the upcoming year.

Thank you for a wonderful year.
Past Commander,
Ray Morgan

When you opened this issue of the Monroe Masonic News your eyes beheld a front page feature article on the 150th Anniversary of Monroe Commandery. I will not reiterate here the program for our sesquicentennial celebration, but I hope that all Sir Knights will want to participate in these events and be a part of this significant celebration.

May 20 was our installation and I am sure we all appreciate the large attendance and many good wishes for the Commandery year ahead. An excellent corps of officers was installed to assist me in governing Monroe No. 12 for the ensuing year. They are: Harold Gruschow, Generalissimo; Ronald Brown, Captain General; Prelate, Rev. William Plews; Treasurer, Lathan Lampen PC; Ivan Ball PC Recorder; Robert Cook, Senior Warden; Arthur Havill, Junior Warden; Louis Hattler, Standard Bearer; Robert Phelps, Sword Bearer; Anthony Jordon, Warden; Donald Ballou, Sentinel; Almus Walker, Quartermaster.

After our susquicentennial celebration this month and the summer recess, our next important event will be the Grand Commandery Conclave during the weekend of September 16-18 to be held this year in nearby Buffalo at the Statler-Hilton Hotel. The Grand Conclave is always a

Companions:
For the benefit of our companions out of State, out of this area and you companions for health, age or other reasons cannot be near us at our meetings, we want you to know we think of you and appreciate your membership. We want to let you know you are our companions as much as though you were here among us. We would like to hear from you. You, as an individual member, are an essential part of a Fraternity which extends all over the earth, with chapters in all the civilized nations, all bound together by the common tie of Royal Arch Masonry and all working for the unity of national brotherhood anxiously striving to bring about the great day when peace shall reign perpetual and eternal. Royal Arch Masonry is the great "Holiness to the Lord". Its objective is "Peace on Earth, Good Will towards Men".

Now, to acquaint you new members and perhaps some of the older ones, about the various officers stations - Jewels, robes etc.

The High Priest represents the H.P. of Israel. His emblem is the Mitre, reminding him of the dignity of his office and impressing upon him his dependence upon God, for it carries the inscription "Holiness to the Lord" across its face, teaching that perfection is not given unto man upon earth but that perfect holiness belongeth only unto the Lord. He should wear a Breastplate in imitation of that upon which were engraven the names of the twelve tribes and worn by the H.P. of Israel. This recalls



very colorful affair, so we hope that many of you Sir Knights and your ladies will be planning to attend.

The only regular meeting this month on June 3 will be devoted to a conferral of the Order of Malta. The Order of the Temple will be exemplified on Saturday, June 11, as the first event of our 150th anniversary celebration.

Monroe Commandery has had a brilliant history over the past 150 years; let us begin the next 150 years by resolving to make Monroe a greater Commandery and work to achieve that goal. Raymond R. Beardsley, Commander

to him as H.P. to keep in mind at all times the Laws and ordinances. He wears robes of various colors, each of which has a particular symbolism.

The King wears a crown, he is representative of the King of Ancient Israel, his badge is the crown surmounted by the Level, because through exhalted above his companions, he is yet upon a level with them as respects his duty to God and his neighbors. The King is placed subordinate to the H.P. in American Freemasonry because we regard our duties to God as paramount to a other duties. He often wears a scarlet robe which has always been an emblem of Royal dignity and symbolising fernency and zeal which are the distinguishing characteristics of a Royal Arch Mason.

The third officer of a Chapter is the Scribe, whose Rule which is an emblem of union, reminding its wearer of the harmony which should exist in the Chapter. The Plumb Rule is an emblem of Rectitude and vigilance, qualities which the wearer should possess enabling him to walk uprightly and to guard against the approach of those enemies human felicity, intemperance and excess.

The Captain of the Host corresponds to the Senior Deacon in the Lodge. He is actually the Master of Ceremonies and should suprintend all processions and ceremonies. Being of military character, his dress should be that of a soldier of more than ordinary rank. He carries a sword.

The Principal Sojourner represents the leader of a small band of Israelites that made its way from Babylon to Jerusalem to assist in the rebuilding of the temple. His role is that of traveller.

The Royal Arch Captain is a military character and his jewel is a sword or a crossed sword.

The Masters of the Veils are miliary characters and their robes should be of that design. Their Jewels are swords.

The Secretary's Jewel is the crossed quills or pens and no robes. The Treasurer's Jewel is the crossed keys and no robes.

Under sickness and distress we report that Walt Sanders is feeling better. Ward Ekas is improving from his heart attack but our Chaplain's daughter (Wm. Plews) is very sick in California. Also Jim Doig is very ill. Our prayers go out to these and all you who are not well.

As you know October 29, 1977 is our festival so please get the petitions in as soon as possible for e won't be meeting in July and August, so we'll need them in September and October.

We only have one activity

TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON



ROCHESTER FOREST 133
Brethren:

I would like to thank all of you for the terrific turnout at the Bowling Party. Also, we would like to express our appreciation to Jane and Vern Bishop for making their Party Room available to us.

Our next event will be the Sausage Roast at Tripp's Acres, 566 Bay Road, Webster, at 6:00 p.m., June 14th.

Now that the summer season is with us have an enjoyable time and we will see you in the fall.

Fraternally,
Frederick J. Kittelberger
Grand Tall Cedar

Cedarettes:

Our meeting in May was held at Betty Fedrau's house, at which we had a White Elephant Sale. This was our last meeting until September.

Have a safe summer and hope to see everyone in the fall.

Cedarettely yours, Ruth Meyer

MASONIC SERVICE BUREAU

The annual Salvation Army Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 16, and the Salvation Army Camp (Camp Troutberg) along Lake Ontario beyond Hamlin Beach. We need volunteers to help conduct games, pass out refreshments, etc. for the approximately 100 children who will be in camp at the time. Following our picnic with the children, we (volunteers) will enjoy our own picnic so come prepared to have a good time. We only ask that you let us know in the Service Bureau office that you will be there.

We are still reminding you and urging you to send in a loan of \$100 (or more) for the Sarachan Book Fund, and also to make your regular membership contribution to the Masonic Service Bureau. We need your support.

Fraternally,
William R. Zufall
Executive Director



on June 9th which is our annual picnic at Powder Horn Cabin in Powder Mill Park at 6:00 p.m. This is public, of course and each bring a dish to pass - your own dishes and silver. Hots, hamburgers and coffee will be served, at a small charge. Games for everybody. Come early and stay late and enjoy the fellowship.

I hope each of you have a pleasant summer, enjoy your families and your vacations. Fraternaly,

Mel Simmons, High Priest

DAMASCUS NEWS

WITHIN THE BLUE LODGES

DAMASCUS GREATER MASONIC COOPERATION COMMITTEE

Hal Miller, Chairman

We urge every Master Mason to be present on June 10th Friday night at Silver Stadium, for the first total Masonic Reunion Night. Not only yourself, but your family and friends, and especially all men who you would like to some day have as a member of our great fraternity. The presentation that is being planned on the field at 7:00 p.m. before the game will be so impressive that it should go far in convincing him to take the step and petition!

On the field we plan to have Shrine Grotto all rulers and heads of every one of our Masonic family. That will include the symbolic lodges, York and Scottish Rites, Tall Cedars, White Shrine Daughters of the Nile, Eastern Star, Amaranth, Triangles, Constellation, DeMolay, and Ucooe. The Damascus Temple Shrine and the Lalla Rookh Grotto will also have marching units, the Pipe Shrine Band and the Grotto band will provide the music. The Color Guard units of the Shrine,

Grotto and the Hard Post #18 Masonic War Veterans will be on field together. With this array of our fraternity all Masons should attend if within the length of their cabletow.

During the presentation a charitable contribution will be given to both the Masonic Home in Utica through the Brotherhood Fund, and to our own Masonic Service Bureau. Also an informative Masonic folder will be handed out to everyone attending the ball game showing the entire Masonic fraternity, all its charities, its purpose, and a list of all the bodies found in Monroe County. This will be a keepsake that can be referred to many times to answer questions about Masonry. Our own Damascus clowns will be providing fun, frolic and balloons to all during the game.

So you can see it will be a event long to be remembered, and we all hope will be the turning point for Masonry in this area. Let's all get together, work together, and get some positive thinking back to Masonry, so we insure the future of our greatest of all fraternities.

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Bed, etc.	5	4	76
Wheelchairs	10	9	134
Commodos	11	7	139
Canes	7	3	136
Other	12	4	165
Totals	55	34	819

BAUSCH & LOMB SQUARE CLUB MEMBERS

Because of our move to new facilities we have lost track of many members. We would like those of you who are interested in continuing the club to contact

WALLY LOSINGER	865-4616
BILL KRAMER	663-0447
JACK BLOOM	377-1737
STAN PETERSON	586-1932

Plans are being made for a Picnic or Dinner in the Fall.

BROTHERHOOD FUND

WAIT 'TIL NEXT YEAR! Maybe a ball team can keep its hopes alive with this slogan, but many of those dependent upon the Masonic Brotherhood Fund CAN NOT, - YOUR contribution is needed NOW, - THIS YEAR, - so that those dependent upon US may benefit NOW. Don't delay, YOU are needed TODAY. BROTHERHOOD - That's what it's all about!

R.W. Bertram Steene, R.W. Bruce Brainerd

SECOND MONROE DISTRICT

Lodge	No. of Contribs.	Amount
Union Star	55	\$ 493.25
Northfield	103	1,062.00
Henrietta	52	431.50
Rochester	28	531.00
Churchville	31	197.75
Germania	69	682.00
Oatka	23	201.00
Frank R. Lawrence	48	723.00
Corinthian Temple	93	917.16
Fame	103	844.00
Zetland	72	1,057.13
Craftsman	114	1,188.57
John A. Robertson	98	879.44
Wakan	78	3,335.00
Charlotte	178	2,050.00
Fidelity Triangle	2	200.00
1977 Masters	1	14.00
TOTAL	1148	\$14,796.80

FIRST MONROE DISTRICT

Lodge	No. of Contribs.	Amount
Valley	130	\$ 1599.53
Penfield Union	58	626.00
Yonnonidio	84	763.90
Monroe	2	10.00
Fairport	35	284.00
Etolian	184	1499.25
Webster	120	1756.14
Clio	108	1112.25
Flower City	228	1567.00
Seneca	138	1652.50
Ancient Craft	30	510.00
Warren C. Hubbard	107	826.50
F.L. Simes	79	824.90
East Rochester	125	978.50
Orpheus	20	289.00
Fidelity Triangle	2	200.00
Masters and Wardens	1	14.00
TOTAL	1451	\$14513.47

ROCHESTER CHAPTER



ORDER OF DEMOLAY

Chapter meetings are still the first and third Mondays. Rochester Masonic Temple - 7:30 p.m. All Master Masons are invited.

Fifty-year pins will be presented to James H. Gisleson, Sr. and Carroll Simpson on Monday, June 6, 1977 following the regular meeting of Rochester Chapter. The presentation will be held at the Masonic Temple, 875 E. Main St., Rochester, N.Y. at 8:30 p.m. and will be open to all Masons and non-Masons, friends and families. Everyone is welcome.

A Majority Degree will also be held for all DeMolays who have reached their 21st birthday.

JUNE ACTIVITIES

June 6 - Regular meeting; 50 year pin presentation; Majority Degree.

June 3 - Disco dance - 8 pm - 11 pm. Roch. Masonic Temple. The King & I Production, Orch. Admission \$3.00 - Couple, \$2.00 - single. Dance committee chairman - Paul Harrington, assisted by Ed Doud, Ron McAuley, Ken Geith. We'll appreciate your support.

Ken Geith, Master Councilor Rochester Chapter.

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