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

SCHOOL OF LODGE ADMINISTRATION

The first meeting of the School of Lodge Administration for the 1977 Season will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 1977 in Doric Hall on the third floor of the Masonic Temple at 875 East Main Street, in Rochester. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 P.M., and will adjourn at 9:30 P.M.

We are very fortunate to have as our Director, R. Wor. Herman A. Sarachan. He has chosen the following topics for discussion:

1. The Masters prerogatives and limitations.
2. Improving lodge attendance.
3. Masonic programs.
4. Helps for line officers.
5. Masonic law and the individual brother.

All Master Masons are encouraged to attend in order to increase their Masonic knowledge, particularly the senior officers, to enable them to satisfactorily perform their duties. Fraternally,

Wor. Seymour G. (Sy) Kopen
Executive Secretary

BROTHERHOOD FUND 1st MONROE DISTRICT

LODGE	No. of Cont.	Amount
Valley	56	\$ 484.50
Penfield Union	23	321.00
Yonnonadio	1	100.00
Monroe	2	10.00
Fairport	-	-----
Etolian	137	1125.25
Webster	12	518.14
Clio	39	286.25
Flower City	152	924.00
Seneca	85	1051.50
Ancient Craft	11	222.00
Warren C. Hubbard	23	219.50
Frank L. Simes	1	100.00
East Rochester	92	802.16
Orpheus	10	168.00
Fidelity Triangle	1	100.00
Total	645	\$6432.30

BROTHERHOOD FUND 2ND MONROE DISTRICT

LODGE	No. of Cont.	Amount
Union Star # 320	9	88.00
Northfield # 426	21	212.00
Genesee Falls #507	-	-
Henrietta #526	20	174.50
Rochester #660	12	290.00
Churchville #667	7	42.50
Germania #722	31	277.00
Oatka #759	11	102.00
Frank R. Lawrence #797	7	170.00
Corinthian Temple #805	76	765.16
Fame #945	61	489.00
Zetland #951	9	425.00
Craftsman #969	4	150.60
John A. Robertson	71	651.44
Wakan #1054	12	2,410.00
Charlotte #1088	18	716.00
Total	369	\$6,963.20

Many years ago, in a small village, there was a very old and a very wise man. This man was so old and so wise that he had made all the decisions for the entire community for almost four generations. And the young people hated him. They wanted to become important, too. They wanted to amount to something. They wanted to participate in community decisions. And they knew they never could until this old man was either dead or had been publicly discredited.

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



They were moral young men and they refused to contribute to his immediate death, so they plotted a public discreditation. Here was the plan. They knew if they could ever get the villagers together like this and ask him a question that he couldn't answer or to which he would give an inaccurate answer, he would be all washed up.

So here was the plan. A young fellow was going to come up to him and say, "What have I got in my hands?" If he didn't know, he was through. But if he did know, and said it was a bird, which was going to be true, he say, "Oh sure, but is it dead or alive?"

And if he said "Dead" the boy was going to open his hands and a little tiny bird would fly away.

And if he said "Alive", the lad was going to reach in with his thumbnail and break its little neck and show everybody the dead bird.

So they had the old fellow coming or going.

The day arrived, the villagers gathered about the green, the old man was seated in a chair under a tree. The young man approached him so and asked, "Old Man, what do I hold in my hand?"

And the old man answered, "It is a bird".

And the young man said, "That is true, old man, but is this bird alive or is it dead?"

And the old man replied, "It is in your hands. It is in your hands."

Where will Masonry be a year from today, five years from today, or 25 years from today. Where will the Masonic program of your area of responsibility be at each of these particular times?

Much of the answer to these questions IS IN YOUR HANDS!

William R. Wood, DDGM
First Monroe District

Brethren:

The editorial this month is dedicated to our Ladies. I know of no other group of ladies who probably spend so many hours at home alone while their husbands are attending Masonic meetings. In addition, many of our ladies give freely of their time assisting their husbands in their individual Lodge activities, if necessary. We know they have prepared many excellent meals. They should, also, be recognized for their continuing moral support and their ideas.

Brothers, express my appreciation to your Ladies for their patience and understanding.

This year two of our Lodges held open installation which were well attended by families and guests. It was an excellent opportunity for families and friends to observe the structure of the Masonic Lodge. I hope they enjoyed the experience and have a better understanding of Masonry and why we devote so many hours to the Masonic Fraternity.

The recent publicity and announcements regarding the Masonic Temple on East Main Street, Rochester, is of great significance to all of us. Certainly, there are many unanswered questions at this time. However, as a result of decrease in membership and the tremendous cost increase in overhead and maintenance, we must consider all alternatives. I believe it is very imperative that all members (of City Lodges in particular) make an effort to attend their Lodge meetings and acquaint themselves with the problems which the Lodges and our Masonic Temple are now faced with. This is no time to be

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



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LET'S GO VISITING

- 1 - Henrietta - Trustees and Fellowcraft.
- 1 - Yonnonodio - 2nd Degree.
- 1 - Clio - First Degree.
- 2 - Oatka - Fellowcraft.
- 2 - Union Star - Regular Meeting.
- 3 - Webster - First Degree.
- 4 - Monroe Commandery - Conclave.
- 4 - W.C. Hubbard - Regular meeting.
- 7 - John A. Robertson - Business Meeting.
- 8 - Henrietta - First Degree.
- 8 - Webster Chapter R.A.M. - M.M Degree.
- 8 - Orpheus - First Degree.
- 8 - Charlotte - Fellowcraft.
- 8 - Flower City - First Degree.
- 8 - Fame - Business Meeting and wine tasting.
- 9 - Oatka - Regular Communication.
- 10 - Webster - Fellowcraft.
- 10 - Genesee Falls - Business Meeting.
- 10 - Zetland - Second Degree.
- 11 - W.C. Hubbard - Fellowcraft.
- 11 - Yonnonodio - School of Ritual.
- 11 - Etolian - School of Ritual.
- 14 - Hamilton Chapter R.A.M. - P.M. Degree.
- 14 - Valley - Fellowcraft.
- 14 - F.R. Lawrence - Regular Meeting.
- 14 - Penfield Union - Officers Meeting.
- 14 - Etolian - E.A. Degree.
- 14 - Rochester - Open Meeting and Hobby Night.
- 15 - F.L. Simes - Fellowcraft.
- 15 - Clio - Business and Open Meeting.
- 15 - Flower City - Fellowcraft.
- 17 - Oatka - O.E.S.
- 17 - Northfield - First Degree and cabbage dinner.
- 18 - F.L. Simes - Ladies Night.
- 18 - W.C. Hubbard - Regular Meeting.
- 19 - Webster - Ladies Night.
- 19 - Clio - Ladies Night.
- 19 - Etolian - Ladies Night.
- 21 - Valley - Family Dinner.
- 21 - John A. Robertson - First Degree.
- 22 - Henrietta - Open Meeting.
- 22 - F.L. Simes - Second Degree.
- 22 - Hamilton Chapter R.A.M. - M.E.M. Degree.
- 22 - Yonnonodio - Fellowcraft.
- 22 - Clio - M.M. Nite.
- 22 - Charlotte - Officers Meeting.
- 22 - Fame - Second Degree and Dinner.
- 22 - East Rochester - Second Degree.
- 23 - Oatka - Third Degree.
- 24 - Hamilton Chapter R.A.M. - H.R.A. Degree.
- 24 - Genesee Falls - Polish Nite; Dinner.
- 24 - Zetland - Business Meeting.
- 28 - Etolian - Regular Meeting.

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

complacent and expect that the other fellow will answer for you. Please attend your meetings, ask questions and offer suggestions.

The Bureau of Masonic Education is off to a good start this year. Important dates to remember are:

- Friday, March 11 - School of Ritual.
- Friday, March 25 - School of Instruction (1st Degree).
- Wednesday, March 30 - School of Lodge Administration.

Each Lodge should be represented at these meetings.

Fraternally,

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

BROTHERHOOD FUND REPORT SECOND MONROE DISTRICT

We are now 43% of contributors and 72% of total money as of this time last year. With the late start that we had I am sure that the Brethren can overcome this handicap and show the rest of New York State how the Monroes can perform. Brotherhood Fund Chairmen of each of the Lodges are working with their tails off for something that we can all be proud of.

MASONIC SERVICE BUREAU

By the time this column appears in print, the Service Bureau will be in the midst of mailing out letters to each of you requesting your individual financial support for the coming year. Over 9000 letters are mailed out; last year we received less than 1800 contributions. Does this mean that less than 20% of the Masons and their families in Monroe County know what we are doing and agree that it is worthwhile? I hope it merely means that many, many people are asked to support so many worthwhile charitable endeavors that they just don't feel they can afford one more. May I remind you that we are the one Masonic charity at work strictly within Monroe County? Your tax-exempt contribution works right here at home - no part of it is sent to a state or national headquarters. All our expenses are borne by the voluntary contributions of individual Masons and Masonic (and related) organizations within Monroe County only. We hope you will be as generous as possible, but we also hope that a great many of you who have not contributed in the past will feel you are able to put \$2 or \$5 in the postage-free envelope and send it in to us. We need your support, and we do appreciate it.

William R. Zufall
Executive Director

PAST MASTER'S SUPPER CLUB

When: March 25.
Where: Moose Club.
Why: Fellowship.

Come and enjoy the Social hour 6:00 to 7:00. Then order dinner of your choice from Menu, followed by meeting and pictures or Speaker.

All Past Masters Welcome.
Frank McConnell
President



INTERLODGE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

GOLF TOURNAMENT
SALMON CREEK GOLF COURSE
SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 1977

The biggest and best Golf Tournament for the Monroe County Masons is being planned for this year.

Reserve the above date. As usual, new ideas and committee members are needed. If you have any ideas that might make the Tournament more attractive, more fun, etc. please attend the organizational meeting, Thursday, March 24, 7:30 PM.

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

by Rev. William H. McKee

There are many games played by two or more, each in turn moving a card or object as the participants seek to win. Usually the end comes when one has no more possible moves and admits defeat. Read about such a test of skill recently in which one apparently finished was about to admit, but an observing friend, silently pointed to one way where there was another move, and that move eventuated in victory.

It may have been only a story but life does have similar parallels. We plan, work, and serve in many ways without appreciable results and likely there are few who have found themselves wondering in our complex twentieth century living if there were any more moves to be made?

Thro. out the history of our faith we find many instances of another move. There was a famine in the country where Jacob and his family lived and about 1800 BC they migrated to Egypt a land of plenty. One of Jacob's sons, Joseph was already there and becoming an adviser to the King, was able to advise him on how to avoid the terrible drought which had troubled much of the world at that time - he advised storage in bountiful times and it worked. The time came however, that his great service to a whole nation was forgotten and the Children of Israel were enslaved from about 1700 BC until 1250 BC.

There was however, another move. About 1250 BC, God called Moses, and he led the Twelve Tribes to a new home land which required a 40 year journey. That move influenced the entire world every since and shall continue to the end of time. Moses made that long journey - that move under God's direction.

Are you discouraged? Does it seem as tho. you have no more moves on this road of life? There is always another move if we heed the call of our creator and move forward.

Thank God a man can grow
the fires upon his altar may grow dim
The torch he lighted may in darkness fail
And nothing to rekindle it avail
Yet high beyond hid dull horizons rim
The stars in heaven beckon him (Florence Coates)
Today God is beckoning you to make another move. Head that call! NOW!



GROTTO

(The following articles reprinted from Volume 1, No.1, of the newspaper published by the Finger Lakes United Cerebral Palsy, Inc. Happiness House, 720 S. Main St., Geneva, N.Y. 14456.)

SANTA RIDES AGAIN

Most people think Santa lives at the North Pole, but the Happiness House staff and children know Santa's home is the Lalla Rookh Grotto.

Members of the Grotto provided Happiness House children with a Christmaa party complete with Santa and a toy for each child. Grotto members and their wives attended this exciting event.

The Grotto's philanthropy extends beyond Christmas. . Many new pieces of adaptive furniture have been made by the members of this Masonic group, including sand tables, walkers, stand-up tables, an occupational therapy table, and a specially padded bed for a cerebral palsied child. The Grotto also sponsors yearly dental check-ups for children enrolled in our pre-school program. Dr. Seeley, Pedodontist, does the dental screening at Happiness House.

Prophets, as you all know, the Grotto's chief philanthropies are help for Cerebral Palsy and Dentistry for the Handicapped Child. The Happiness House as well as Strong Memorial Hospital and the Al Sigl Center are some of the local places which we support. Then also, a part of our yearly dues goes to the Supreme Grotto for their part in these same charities.

Do you ever wonder why we say "We are proud to wear the Black Fez."

And, by the way, we are still looking for a few well qualified brothers to join the ranks of the Grotto. All officers and Prophets have petitions. Why don't you get busy.

And, our Secretary, PM Ernie Wilson tells us he would be very happy to take your dues. Either drop in at the office or mail them to him.

George Francis,
Publicity



Dear Brother Herman

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

Q. I visited a Lodge recently and found that they give the sign of fidelity by placing the hand along the belt line. They say that they were so instructed by an Assistant Grand Lecturer, so that the arm forms a square. I always believed that the hand should be over the heart, as we do when giving the Pledge of Allegiance. Are they correct?

A. The heart, from time immemorial, has been deemed the "seat of fidelity." Therefore, the sign of Fidelity is given by placing the hand over the heart.

What probably caused the misunderstanding is that in some bodies we are told that the forearm should be at right angles to the upper arm, to form a square. This simply means that the hand should be far enough to the left, over the heart so that the arm forms a square.

Q. In visiting a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction, I was asked to give the "Tiler's Oath". In Monroe County, we don't seem to know about it. Can you inform us?

A. The "Tiler's Oath", is so called because where used it is recited to, or administered by the Tiler or by an Examining Committee outside the lodgeroom.

The Tiler's Oath is, as follows: (Hands on Bible) "I... do hereby and hereon solemnly and sincerely swear that I have been regularly initiated passed and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in a just and duly constituted Lodge of such; that I do not now stand suspended or expelled; and know of no reason why I should not hold Masonic communication with my brethren."

The Tiler's Oath is not used in the Grand Jurisdiction of New York.

TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON



ROCHESTER FOREST 133

The Cedars had their first party of the year Sat. Feb. 12, at the home of John and Lillian Rees. This was our Valentine Party. We had approximately a 30% turnout, which was enjoyed by all. We would like to thank John and Lillian for their hospitality.

Our Ladies Night will be Saturday, April 9th at the Edgewater, 788 Edgemere Drive. Cocktails will be from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., and dinner at 8:00.

This year's schedule and dues letters are in the mail. It would be greatly appreciated if you could give this your attention.

Respectfully,
Frederick J. Kittelberger
Grand Tall Cedar

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

The first session of the School of Instruction will be held on Friday, March 25, 1977 at the Rochester Masonic Temple, 875 E. Main St., at 7:30 PM.

This meeting will feature a variety of interesting speakers on subjects relating to the First Degree, and is open to all Entered Apprentices as well as Fellowcrafts and Master Masons.

Remember that attendance at one session on each of the three degree during one calendar year will entitle you to a certificate, so let's start now to improve yourself in Masonry. All Masons can benefit from these instructive sessions, but the benefits can only be obtained through your attendance.

Fraternally,
William R. Zufall
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LODGE news and views

FRANK L. SIMES LODGE No. 990 2nd and 4th Tuesday

Brethren: This month I have something serious to bring before you before we get to the recap of our previous meeting. As you read the Times-Union on Saturday, February 12, the Masonic Temple has been beset by rapidly escalating costs of operation and may be faced with some serious alternatives. Prior to the next meeting of the Temple Civic Center Trustees on March 9, we will have our regular meeting March 8. Our representative, R.W. Fred Stahl, will be there to give a report on the February meeting of the Trustees, and will be available for your questions, comments, and suggestions. Now is the time and the opportunity for you to assist in the operations of your Masonic Temple.

A second concern that we have was graphically presented to the brethren present at our first meeting in February. We saw our contributions to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund in action at the Masonic Home in Utica by film. The Brotherhood Fund drive for 1977 is now in high gear and now is the time for YOU to contribute to the relief and the aid of your Brethren and all man-kind. YOUR contribution to the Brotherhood Fund works wonders.

Reported under sickness and distress were Ike Schippers and W. Henry Massecar's wife, W. Brother Henry would have filled in as Senior Warden at the first meeting in February, but he had to take Corky to the Hospital. Speaking of Hospitals, my wife Anne has been in and out of Highland this month.

Remember the following events. We are going to be active, and want to have your fellowship and your company.

March 8 - Regular Meeting, report on the Masonic Temple.

March 15 - Fellowcraft at Dick VanZandt's.

March 18 - Ladies Night at Valley Echo.

March 22 - Second Degree - Glen Stahl in the East.

May 10 - 990th Communication of F.L Simes Lodge #990.

If you have any communications to the Lodge or need any information from the Lodge, contact any Officer. My number is 872-1488 at home, 266-5000 ext. 10 at work.

Fraternally,
Robert L. Anderson II
Master



Left to right: Earl Branch - Sr. Master of Ceremonies; W. Fred Hartley - Secretary; Fred Haddad - Jr. Deacon; R.W. C. Larry Kilmer - Treasurer; Al Johnson - Jr. Warden; W. Lee Perkins - Master; Norris Curtis - Sr. Warden; W. Bob Curtis - Chaplain; John Allan - Organist; Fred Ogborne - Marshal; Irving Meyer - Tiler.

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



My Brothers, As I sit here trying to convert this sheet of blank paper into a message, my thoughts stray back to the years when Ancient Craft was a flourishing lodge. The years when the Master's only worry was scheduling degrees and providing entertainment. He had brothers on a waiting list to be appointed as officers. The years when the North was filled with brothers and the members in attendance outnumbered the visitors. The wonderful years when... but enough. Back to cold reality.

We could have something like that again if all were to pitch in and help. Granted that the officers have to play the leading role, but you can't be leaders if you have no followers. We need YOU!! Come to lodge and give us your ideas on restoring Ancient Craft to its former position. Bring us young men for we need an infusion of young blood or our demise is a matter of a very few years. Think about it, my Brothers, and don't let it happen.

The Brotherhood Fund drive is still on and we need your support. This Fund supports the Masonic Home in Utica among many other projects. This is where our aged brothers and their wives go to live out their remaining years free from worry. Over half of our Lodge is eligible for admission to the Home in Utica. Without your contributions it may not be there when these members are ready. Send your checks for any amount to our Chairman, Brother Robert Lockhart, 475 East Broad Street, Rochester 14607, or to our Secretary, W. Fred Hartley, 7 Hillcrest Drive, Rochester 14609.

See you in Lodge.
Fraternally,
Lee Perkins, Master

CHURCHVILLE LODGE No. 667 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Brethren: For those of you who have not made a regular meeting this year, let me bring you up to date. Your officers for 1977 are: Sr. Warden - Leo Pancoast; Jr. Warden - Roderick Meier; Sec. - R.W. Everett Vail; Treas. - Burton Sage; Chaplain - W.B. Charles Daycock; Asst. Chaplain - W.B. Thomas Campbell; Sr. Deacon - F. (Dave) Morris; Jr. Deacon - Leon Morgan; Sr. M. of C. - Robert Simons; Jr. M. of C. - Charles Markham; Marshal - Harold Pimm; and Tiler - W.B. Norman Morgan and Installing Marshal - W.B. William Baxter. How about attending Lodge and meet your new officers?

On Feb. 9, the First Degree was conferred on Mr. Gary Melvin and Mr. John Lenzi. The meeting was well attended but the faces were familiar, meaning most of the regulars turned out. A search of our records revealed that Churchville Lodge has 19 Brothers with 25 years of more of Lodge membership. They are: M. D. Vail, Paul VanHorn, Gordon Brodie, Don Girvin, Robert Hickok, John Shakeshaft, William Griffiths, William Linney, James Stevenson, Clayton Ess, Charles Hopson, Marvin Beattie, Enoch Parry, Henry Aradine, Sam Elliott, Carl Desens, Gordon Johnson, Clifford Johnson and Neil Cramer. We would be happy to see you again, Brothers.

CALLED HOME BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Myron Phillips, Sr. who passed away in January. His family includes son Myron Jr., Harold and Arnod, all members of Churchville Lodge.

Congratulations to all celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in March. Fraternally,
John Briskie, Master

FROM THE SOUTH

First, I thank all of you for electing me as Jr. Warden. I hereby invite all of you to try my coffee. It's better than ever. We are working on a program for 1977 that should attract your attention. In the meantime, Don't forget the 2nd degree will be conferred on March 23. Fraternally, Rod Meier, Jr. Warden



SHUTINS

Brother Bob Lockhart is temporarily confined to the Hurlbut Nursing Home, 1177 E. Henrietta Road.

Gretchen Allan, the wife of our Organist, Brother John Allan is ill at her home at 134 Winston Avenue. A visit or a card would brighten their day.

YONNONDIO LODGE
No. 163
1st and 3rd Tuesdays



Brethren:

On February 15, we had the pleasure of performing the First Degree on a class of three. The ritual performed by our officers was second to none. It makes me very proud to be Master of a lodge with a line of officers such as ours. I have always felt that a new member of a lodge is intitled to and should receive the ritual performed as it was meant to be, and our officers did just that. Although some don't think about it in this way, another very important part of the degree work is the brethren on the side lines. With out brothers on the sidelines the candidates would have a very lonesome feeling and the officers would not have the support to perform the ritual at its best. I would like to thank all Past Masters, Officers and the brethren on the sideline who put this First Degree together. On March 1st the Second Degree will take place on the same class of three. The Second Degree, Middle Chamber Lecture has been performed by many men and some are noted for the excellent manner in which they present this lecture. We have in our lodge a man who ranks among the top of these men, our Senior Deacon Donald Hage. The school of ritual has and always will help us perform our duties well. As it stands now Yonnondio is in contention for the banner. This banner has been in the possession of Yonnondio many times, and stands a good chance of coming back this year. The Banner standing in the East by itself has no real value. The real value is the knowledge gained by the men who attended the school of ritual. The next school of ritual will be at Charlotte Lodge on March 11, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. Due to the fact that Charlotte and Yonnondio meet on the same night we can seldom go visit them, so let's go to the school on Friday, March 11 and show them who Yonnondio is.

BROTHERHOOD FUND

Brotherhood Fund Contributions are coming in slow. If you haven't made a donation, please do so as soon as possible. No donation is too small. Send to Larry MacDonald, 155 Drake Drive.

TRESTLEBOARD

March 1 - Second Degree.
March 11 - School of Ritual.
March 15 - Shrine Chanters.
March 22 - Fellowcraft Club meeting.
April 5 - Third Degree and dinner.

SENECA LODGE
No. 920
3rd Tuesday



MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren:

At our February meeting thirty brothers from Craftsman Lodge joined us for dinner and were treated to a delicious ham dinner with all the trimmings. The reservation cards must have been returned promptly as the portions of ham were excellent. The gals who serve us are to be commended for another outstanding job.

During our business meeting a lively discussion ensued regarding the possible sale, or closing, of our Masonic Temple. It was decided that a committee should be appointed to investigate all reasonable alternatives. There may not be any reasonable alternatives, however, I personally have always felt that our temple is one of the outstanding temples in the country and I would hate to see it's demise without first investigating all possible alternatives.

At our March meeting we will be conferring the First Degree on several candidates for initiation. Hopefully we will have a large attendance at this meeting as first impressions are important and long lasting. Let us show our new brothers that we care about Masonry and support it wholeheartedly.

Fraternally,
Loren Snodgrass, Master



FELLOWCRAFT CLUB

Bro. Don Ames has been elected President of the Fellowcraft Club. I congratulate the Fellowcraft Club on their selection for President. With Don's guidance, the Fellowcraft Club will thrive. Bro. Ray Cooper has temporarily accepted the position of secretary-treasurer.

Fraternally,
Lawrence E. Wiler, Master

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2nd and 4th Thursdays

Brethren:

In my last article I reported that George Wetzel was due to return from Florida and had enjoyed a good vacation. I must apologize for this statement because I was unaware at that writing that George had suffered a severe heart-attack and was in intensive care in Boca Raton Hospital. However, he has now been released from the hospital and he is recovering at home (apartment in Florida). I am sure the entire membership joins me in wishing George a speedy recovery. I would personally like to thank our Junior Warden, Bro. Loren Alexander for stopping in to see George shortly after his attack and conveying to him our heartfelt concern from the membership.

In previous articles I have mentioned that the success of a lodge rests with its members, both non-attending dues paying members, and attending dues paying members. Certainly a lodge cannot survive without all dues being paid. Also, a lodg has difficulty functioning properly with line officers and a few faithful sideliners present. To become a line officer requires a little something extra, but to become a sideliner constitutes a dedicated member. Walt Willson, "Woodrow" Wilson, Norm Weiss, Walt Seils, Harry Cooper and some faithful, dedicated, Past Masters are some of those "sideliners". If you are worried about entering through the "outer door" contact me or the secretary and we will "re-educate" you for proper admission and eliminate embarrassment. Surprise the East by letting me know who you are. I am a "rookie" but I want to meet all the brethren personally that I can before December.

As previously stated, Masonic Polish Nite will be the 2nd meeting in march with a Polish dinner preceeding the meeting. Reservations are a must and cards will be sent. A nominal cost, as per my policy, will prevail and I am sure you will enjoy yourself. At least it will be something different.

The Lodge extends its sympathy to the family of Brother Homer K. Selner who was called home February 14th, 1977. If anyone knows of a Brother in sickness or distress please contact me at 266-3440 (10 am-2 pm) or 338-3493; or Tom Heller at 621-5737.

SPECIAL NOTE: The first meeting in May will be a big night for the members of Genesee Falls. Further information is forthcoming but try to plan around this important date now. Ladies Night will be in conjunction

GERMANIA LODGE
No. 722
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Brethren:

By the time you read this message, I hope that spring is on its way and everyone is ready to come and support your lodge.

We have four candidates this spring, lets show these new brothers and your officers that Germania can still fill the sidelines. The Second Degree will be conferred upon the new brother on March 23.

And don't forget the Fellowcraft Rehearsal on March 15, we have only 2 rehearsals left until the Third Degree, so please come out and help and get to know your new Officers.

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Please keep in mind The Brotherhood Fund, every dollar goes to a good cause, and who knows, maybe some day you or I may have to depend on the contribution of the Brethren, to keep the Masonic Home in Utica going.

Heinz Gunkel, Master

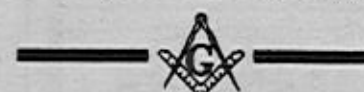
FROM THE SECRETARIES DESK

There are a lot of dues outstanding. Please remit promptly as your lodge needs the money to pay its bills. Mail to:

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FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings and good news, Brethren. The Fellowcraft Club has a year chock full of grand activities ahead. I hope that many of you will find the events entertaining and also find the time to support your club. All Lodge members are members of the Fellowcraft Club. I hope tat you will take advantage to this unique social opportunity. Our meetings are on the Third



with the Grand Ball. Further information will be contained in a newsletter soon to come out.

Fraternally,
John R. Faro, Master

TRESTLEBOARD

March 10 - Business meeting.
March 24 - Polish Bicentennial Nite: Dinner.

Tuesday of the month. I would like to see many new faces there. The more you help us, the more we can help you. Our first special event is our "Annual Ladies Night". Save Saturday night, March 26th for an enjoyable evening of dining, bowling, and fellowship at the Redmans Club. Join us for a Smorgasbord Dinner and Bowling for only \$6.00 per person (\$4.25 dinner only) with dinner starting at 6:30 PM sharp and bowling at 8:00 PM. For reservations call:

W.M. Heinz Gunkel (265-1999)
S.W. John Arnold (377-3030) or myself.
J.W. Dave Foster (467-1677)
By Wednesday, March 23rd at the latest. Lets have a good time and turnout.
See you soon.
Dave Foster J.W.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

B. Ralph Rogers who had a heart operation. B. Wilbur De Ryke, B. John Betlem, B. Bernard Karpowicz and W.B. Arthur Taylor, we wish them well and a speedy recovery.

TRESTLEBOARD

March 1 - Off. Rehearsal.
March 9 - Regular meeting.
March 15 - Fellowcraft Rehearsal.
March 23 - 2nd Degree.
March 26 - Ladies Night.

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WEBSTER LODGE
No. 538
1st and 3rd Thursdays

Brethren:

Our year started off very well with good attendance. The Wine Tasting Event was a great success, topped off with the flower talk given to the women by our own Willie Fuchs and the staff from Kittleberger's Florist. Many thanks to the people that made it happen including the Jr. Warden Paul Moore and his assistants.

The second meeting saw a visitation by four Grand Lodge Officers. R.W. William Woods gave an excellent talk on listening. R.W. Thomas Davis, was inspirational with his talk on Human Relations. R.W. Bertram Steen gave a good report on the happenings at Masonic Education. R.W. Bruce Brainerd gave a fine talk on Brotherhood Fund and happenings at the Home. All in all a very good meeting.

The Fellowcraft Club's 1st meeting was very well attended and really show great enthusiasm for a very constructive year. The Club has had a few work parties on the room downstairs in preparation for the Winter Party as well as putting plastic over some of the windows to save some heat. Good job by all.

Our 1st meeting in March will be the exemplification of the 1st Degree. Come out and see your line in action.

The 2nd meeting in March will feature the Webster Police Department in Home Protection and Drugs. This is a very timely subject that could benefit everyone with the local touch.

Our annual Ladies Night is March 19th at the Hospitably House on Penfield Road. This is a great opportunity for each one of us to show our ladies a good evening.

The Webster Tall Cedars are going to present a gala evening April 2nd. If you haven't joined yet, this is a great fun degree coupled with the famous "Webster Yellow Dog Degree". If you already are a member, dig deep into your memory for the password and come out to see the new members join.

Everyone is pitching in to show you a lot of fun and education. The only thing we ask in return is for good attendance. It is time to rejuvenate your membership and come to lodge.

Robert Wyble,
Master

TRESTLEBOARD

- March 3 - 1 Degree.
- March 10 - Fellowcraft.
- March 17 - Home Protection.
- March 19 - Ladies Night.
- April 2 - Tall Cedars & Yellow Dog.

VALLEY LODGE
No. 109
1st and 3rd Mondays

Brethren:

Have you filed your Income Tax yet? Is there a receipt from the Brotherhood Fund chairman among your receipts for charitable contributions? If not, why not catch up this year by sending a check now, while you are thinking about it to our Lodge Chairman, Brother Ed Miller, 30 Whiteball Drive, Rochester, New York 14625. Let's make 1977 a banner year by having a 100% contribution to the Brotherhood Fund. I am sure that each one of us can contribute something to this very important program and you can be sure every penny received will be most appreciated - Come on men dig - if you can only afford 50¢ give it - if you can afford more, give more. The important thing is to give what you can afford. An to those who have already given - a very warm and heart felt "Thank You".

Another mailing will be sent out soon to remind those brothers who plan to give but have momentarily forgotten to mail in their checks, that the time is growing short.

At this reading W.B. Larry McConnell and his better half are about half way through their 6 week vacation at Jensen Beach, Florida. The McConnells' left on February 22nd for what we all wish for them a very pleasant sojourn.

The first Lodge Ladies Night this year will be concurrent with the Masonic Grand Ball on April 16, 1977 at the Mapledale Party House. There will be a choice of Prime Rib or Stuffed Breast of Chicken for your enjoyment. A mailing will be made later with more details but for now keep this date open - "April 16th".

The next meeting of the Fellowcraft Club will be on March 14th and will be held at 7:30 in the Cafeteria of the Gannett Rochester Newspaper Building at 55 Exchange Street at the corner of Broad and across the street from the War Memorial. Admission will be to Fellowcraft Club Members, their families and guests. A short business meeting will be followed by a small lunch at a very reasonable fee which in turn will be followed by a guided tour through the building. This should be immense interest to both young and old alike as you are shown how a newspaper is compiled, and printed.

If you are not familiar with newspaper work and have never seen one printed: be sure **not** to miss this.

We will all meet in the Newspaper Building Lobby at 7:30 PM that evening. Fraternally yours,
James V. Barrett
Master

FAIRPORT LODGE
No. 476
2nd and 4th Mondays

Dear Brethren,

The Brotherhood Fund is very slowly getting underway. When the request finally gets to you please expedite your response as quickly as possible.

I realize that this really cuts down on your time for getting into it again, but be patient and lets get it together as soon as possible. Thank You.

The First Degree was put on by our Sr. Warden Bro. Dave Taber quite capably I might add. By the time you received this you amy have time to get to Lodge and see our Jr. Warden Bro. Bob Cameron put on the Second Degree.

If you don't get full support and show of confidence from the most important people to you, soon instead of looking ahead one feels the threat of reverse projection. Now, to protect his vulnerability he must retreat or attack.

Will you attack what you feel is most important to you in an attempt to realize your full potential? Can you do this without some deterioration to yourself? If you retreat they will destroy your very being. Only with the Help of the Great Architect of the Universe will one be able to resist the urge to retaliate without compassion and right.

Sincerely,
Stewart Pedersseh, Master



TRESTLEBOARD

- March 7th - New England Travelogue by Elsie Barrett.
- March 21st - Family Chicken Dinner Night with open meeting.

FROM THE WEST

Watch for April 18th - Family Night. Great Time - White Elephant Sale and Bake Sale. All proceeds go to Brotherhood Fund. More to follow. Ladies watch for flyers. Call Cliff Merritt at 482-4205 to pick up items to be donated to White Elephant Sale.

Fraternally,
Cliff Merritt, S.W.

FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren:
Due to the weather, I am belated in this communication. I feel honored at being voted as your Junior Warden for the 1977 year. I sincerely hope I can do the job you expect.

It is impossible to emphasize too strongly, the importance of having each and everyone of you brothers at our regular blue lodge meetings. Won't you come to our next communication? Yours in brotherhood
Ralph Leffler
Junior Warden

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

Brethren:

Our line officers, after putting a great deal of effort into learning the degree work were disappointed that our candidate was unable to take his degrees. Many thanks for the long hours of rehearsal to all those with parts.

This necessitated a short Feb. meeting but good fellowship followed the meeting. We now have two open meetings which need a good program. If anyone has an idea he would like to promote please call me at 467-0165. Remember this is your lodge and we wish to please as many as possible.

It is with great pleasure that I'm able to announce the appointment of Brother John Witt as our new lodge trustee. Brother John takes the place of Wor. Frank L. Martin who has moved out of state. Brother Martin sends his best to all of his Rochester friends and indicates he has bought a gun shop in Camden, South Carolina. His address for those interested is: Winslow Arms, P.O. Box 783, Camden, S.C. 29020. I'm sure Brother Frank would like to hear from or see any of our Brethrens.

I also wish to urge all Brethrens who have not contributed to the Masonic Brotherhood fund to get their money into Brother Rudy De Carlo right away. Frank R. Lawrence's showing thus far is way below our usual standard so lets get going. Remember its participation we need and all you can spare will be appreciated in Utica.

Hope all have gotten through our recent cold weather without undue hardship and urge that you please attend our next meeting March 14th. Remember this is your lodge and your presence makes it more enjoyable for all. The officers and I promise to work hard for your pleasure. If you need a ride please contact me or better yet, if you know a brother near you make a date with him to come to lodge together.

Fraternally,
Ted Snyder

ORPHEUS LODGE
No. 1082
2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Dear Brothers:

Each and every Masonic Lodge lives or dies by the spirit of its' members. We at Orpheus are completing our 50th year of existence this year and hope to continue for many more. To achieve this goal we must show the spirit of Masonry when asked to work, attend the meetings and functions of the Lodge, and to being in new members so that the Lodge may grow.

We have had approximately 1 out of every 4 (27%) members in the area attended Lodge at least once this year so far, but it is a very long way to go to reach the impossible, or is it so impossible, goal of 100%. What are you doing the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month that is so important that you cannot attend Lodge just once.

We are starting a new class of candidates through the degrees this month. The First Degree will be held at our meeting on 8 March which will start as usual at 8:00 PM.

The second meeting of the month, 22 March is tentatively scheduled to be a regular business meeting at this time.


Plans are underway for the Anniversary Dinner (24 Sept.), the family picnic, and Ladies' Night. As these events are finalized, every member will received the details.

The Brotherhood Fund drive is fast approaching its' conclusion, however, there is still time to contribute for this worthwhile and tax deductible charity. So please send your contributions to Litch Toland or to myself and show the Spirit of Orpheus. Fraternally,
Donald N. Johnson
Secretary

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Wor. Robert B. Straton, Jr., newly installed Master of Charlotte Lodge #1088 receives his gavel from Wor. Verne E. Halter, Past Master.

**CHARLOTTE LODGE
No. 1088
1st and 3rd Tuesdays**

Dear Brethren,
January is over and I hope we can say the same for the bad weather. The Fellowcraft have some fine activities in the making. Come and get involved. The more the merrier. Your suggestions, ideas and support are always welcome. Fellowcraft meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 each month except July and August.

For the month of March we have a full calendar. March 1st is 2nd Degree (1st class) and Bro. Bob Forest will be in the East. Come and witness his fine work. March 11 will be a "first" for Charlotte Lodge - the School of Ritual will be held here at 7:30 sharp. We will again be guests of the ladies of Charlotte Chapter of the Eastern Star on March 14. All Master Masons are most welcome and we are looking forward to a good turnout. Also join us for an evening to remember on March 15 when we will honor our 25 year members.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Bro. Lowell J. Young was called home by the Supreme Architect on Feb. 3. He was raised March 18, 1952. A Masonic Service was held Sunday night Feb. 7.

Wor. Bro. Luke Grande is doing well and is now home.

Bro. David Peggs is still in Monroe County Hospital. A card or visit will be welcome.

Brethren, if you know a Brother who is ill or in distress, please contact Wor. Bro. Verne E. Halter at 663-8589 or call me at 663-4502.

Fraternally,
Robert B. Straton, Jr.
Master

TRESTLEBOARD

March 8 - Fellow Craft Club Meeting. Bro. Cyril Wills needs your support.

March 22 - Officer's meeting with Ladies.

March 25 - Fish Fry headed by W. Len Mack. \$2.50 adults; \$1.25 children 5 to 12. Serving 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

March 29 - Euchre Tournament. Fame at Charlotte.

April 5 - 3rd Degree 1st Class. W. Robert Straton in the East.

May 21 - Ladies Night. Valle's Steak House.

**ROCHESTER LODGE
No. 660
2nd Monday**

Dear Brethren:
I would like to start this column, telling you about a lady with acts of tremendous power. You know of her acts as well as I do. A lady that can close entrances to Cities and Towns across our Nation, close down manufacturing plants, all types of business, institutions of learning, whatever, you name it, and she can cancel it out. She does as she pleases without any apology for her involvement. Brothers, believe me, she is no lady in my book. This is the lady we call "Mother Nature".

She cancelled out Installations on the evening of January 10. She said she would compromise with me if it could be held on January 24, but on that date, her trusted word was not much better. She took about 85% chunk out of the compromise. Nevertheless, with all of her bad behavior, Rochester Lodge #660. Installed its line of Officers for the Year 1977 on this date, January 24. I don't think Mother Nature needs a word of thanks, unless it was for inconvenience.

Although, I do know, there are many Brothers that deserve a word of praise and a sincere "Thank You" from the bottom of my heart.

R.W.B. Frank W. Fulreader, I sincerely want to thank you, not only for installing me as Master of Rochester Lodge, but also for the many courtesies and abundance of Masonic knowledge I have received from you over the many years I have known you as a Brother of the Lodge. This will always remain indelible in my mind.

I also want to thank our immediate Past Master W.B. Edward J. Garrett for turning the gavel and the Lodge over to me in such an excellent condition. When I retire as Master, I hope I will be able to turn the gavel and Lodge over to my successor in a like manner. I would also like to say that you did all and more than expected of you in the Bicentennial Year. Brothers, let us all say to our immediate Past master W. B. Edward J. Garrett, a job well done.

Brothers, on March 14, there will be an open meeting and Hobby Night. Bring your Hobby in whole or part, to put on display, or just tell us of your Hobby on this evening. A visiting Brother will entertain us with his Hobby. Don't miss this one. I have had the pleasure of seeing him in action. He has something good in store for you.

Fraternally,
Leo F. French, Master



Back Row (from left to right): Don Smith, Dick Russell, Jack Thibaut, Glenn Hedges. Middle Row: Lee Aldrich, Bob Zahn, Dave Bishop, George Durkee, Charlie Wilson, Bill Harvey, Jim Hutchings. Front Row: Hans Hohenberger, Bud Pierce, Raymond Beardsley, Bill Frost (Master), Bob Campbell, Red McConnell, Harry Muller. All were installed on January 6, 1977.

**NORTHFIELD
LODGE
No. 426
1st & 3rd
Thursdays**



Instituted March 1857
Pittsford, New York

Dear Brethren,
How lucky we are to be members of Northfield in Pittsford. Count your blessings, my brothers, and at the top of the list you should put masonry at Northfield. When I walk into the front door of our lodgehall a feeling of warmth and brotherly love greets me. When I feel "down" and discouraged, going to lodge gives me a beautiful lift. Soon I can honestly say that my worries are behind me and I am filled with a feeling of happiness and peace. How sweet it is to be among my brothers and friends. You too can receive this heart-warming feeling. All you have to do is come to Lodge. Some of you have not been to lodge in many years. I urge you to come out and enjoy this feeling of brotherly love and affection. We want to meet you and enjoy your company. We really do! Take a chance. Give us a try. You've got nothing to lose and everything to gain.

Congratulations to W. Frank McConnell for receiving the Grand Lodge Dedicated Service Award. He is much loved by all who know him and stands out as a fine example of an upright man and mason. Thanks to Ray Beardsley for his historical lecture on Feb. 17. Thanks to Red McConnell for the hand-crafted wood knockers at the 3 stations. Thanks to the DeMolay Chapter for putting the Jacques DeMolay degree for us. Thanks to W. Frank McConnell, Bob Zahn and Linda Zahn for cooking the breakfast at the lodge on Sunday Feb. 13. A fine turnout of about 75 people attended the Communion Services at the United Church and then ate breakfast at the lodgehall. The film "Tall Ships" was Super!

Remember the Brotherhood Fund. There is no worthier cause. It is the duty of each mason to contribute to something, however small. Please say a prayer for W.

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

TRESTLEBOARD
March 8 - First Degree, by Bro. Harvey Nusbaum, J.W.
March 15 - Fellowcraft Club.

There was a large turnout for the February meeting, when over 60 members and ladies attended a Baked Lasagna Dinner, and after a short business meeting, during which time the ladies witnessed a plant demonstration, all joined in a successful wine-tasting demonstration. Much of the success of the evening was due to Bess Kopen and her sister, Cecil Wolfson, the mother and Aunt, respectively, of Wor. Sy Kopen.

Our next meeting will see the debut in the East of Bro. Harvey Nusbaum, Jr. Warden, who will confer the First Degree.

We look forward to another fine turnout for our first degree of the year.

CONGRATULATIONS

Wor. Maurice Solomon on being elected Vice-President of the Bureau of Masonic Education.

Wor. Sy Kopen on being elected Executive Secretary of the School of Lodge Administration.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

We mourn the passing of Bro. Harry Waltuck, and offer our sympathy to the members of his family.

Bros. David Rockowitz and Gordon Dodge are recuperating after surgery. Maurice Solomon, Past Master



George Utz who passed away. He was Master in 1939. I hope to see you in lodge soon. PEACE, LOVE AND JOY. William S. Frost, Master

TRESTLEBOARD

March 3 - Lilac Triangle degree demonstration also Atomic Energy talk by Terry Winner.

March 17 - First Degree by 1977 Masters Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner at 6:30.

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

Brethren,
It was with regret I had to cancel our fun bowling night on the 29th of Jan., I had your safety in mind. However for those 64 members & guests who were disappointed good news is on the way. I've rescheduled the Bowlings night for Sat. 2nd of April. If not contacted by our call committee, please call me at 338-1510--the new program at the Lions Den reads like this:

Cocktail Hour - 7:00-8:00
Dinner - 8:00-9:00
Bowling Scotch Doubles - 10:00 til-----

Dinner: Choice of Prime Rib or Veal Parmesan at \$6.75 per person. All reservations must be paid for it not cancelled before the 29th of March.

I think a vote of thanks for Wor. Earl Cooley & Officer Ron Spanos, two speakers who paid us a visit and provided us with an interesting and informative couple of evenings. This kind of activity gives us the opportunity to be exposed to, and ask questions about the sometime, little known subjects. Thanks again fella's.

Our Tureen Dinner was a great success. Our girls prepared a wonderful spread with their delicacies. I don't know about you, but once again I broke a promise about losing weight. I'll start again tomorrow!

Tuesday, the 29th of March we'll have our first Fellowcraft meeting, this will be a ground laying informal get-together with the aim of setting our sights on the future. Specifically we must be ready for the 3rd degree by the fall. I need people ready to work and learn get involved. See you on the 29th.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

I regret to announce the passing of Brother Henry Boheen, Brother Victor McElwain & Brother Herbert E. Widman. Fame Lodge was able to pay their last respects with Masonic Funerals for Brother Boheen & Brother Widman.

Wor. Brother Olly Matzky is at Rochester General Hospital under observation. Brother John Gibson is also in the hospital under going tests. Get well soon boys!

TRESTLEBOARD

March 8 - Business Meeting followed by a wine tasting. Ladies Invited.

March 22 - Dinner & 2nd Degree. Jr. Warden in the East.

Bill Bailey
Master

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ZETLAND LODGE NO. 951
2nd & 4th
Thursdays



On February 10, Zetland Lodge conferred the First Degree on two candidates. I want to express my deep appreciation to R.W. John Braund for directing the Degree and to all the Officers and members of the Lodge who assisted me in portraying the Degree.

Brother Dave Crawford, Sr. Warden, will be conferring the Second Degree on March 10. Come out, Brothers, and meet our newly initiated Brothers and renew acquaintances.

Now that our new Lodge Roster has been distributed, we want very much to keep it updated. If you change your address or telephone number, please notify our Secretary, W. Joseph Savage.

FELLOWCRAFT

A dinner was held at the Maplewood Inn on January 17 and your Officers for the ensuing year are: W. Theodore Z. Theodor, President, Bro. Al Perkins, Vice President, Bro. Steve Culver, Secretary, W. Gilly Hess, Treasurer, and W. Dave Francis, Executive Committee. Fellowcraft Officers will be meeting in February at my home to discuss the agenda for the rest of the year.

Lets support the Rochester Consistory and Damascus Temple by attending the dinner & Hockey Night on Wednesday, March 16. Bring your son, nephew or Masonic friend and have an enjoyable evening with your Lodge Brothers.
W. Ted Z. Theodor
Fellowcraft Club President

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

W. Brother Dave Francis has a mishap while dog sledding and fractured his left knee. Fortunately no cast is required, and his knee is wrapped in stiff cloth. He is able to work, but he won't be running any races for 4 or 5 weeks.

I has a most enjoyable visit with Brother Isaac Deroo and his charming wife. Brother DeRoo had a stroke two years ago, now wears a pacemaker and has difficulty speaking. However, I'm happy to report that his mind is alert and he is not immobile. He would very much like to hear from some of his Brothers.

As your new Master, I want very much to get to know some Brothers whom I have never met. If you feel the same way towards me, let me know and I will welcome the opportunity to call upon you.

TRESTLEBOARD

March 10 - Second Degree.
March 24 - Business Meeting.
Fraternally,
Don Joseph, Master

UNION STAR LODGE No. 320
1st Wednesday

Dear Brethren:

By the time you read this letter I hope the worst of our winter weather has passed us by.

We had a fine turnout for our Feb. meeting with all our officers in their proper stations and places. I think our brothers who braved the slippery roads and cold weather enjoyed the new color film on our Masonic Home in Utica that was shown. This is a very impressive and informative film, explaining how and what our donations are being spent on. Those of you who haven't donated to the Brotherhood fund, please give, any amount not matter how small, will be greatly appreciated. Let's try to have 100% participation this year.

Sunday, Jan. 16, we held on family bowling party at Brongo Bowling Lanes in Honeoye Falls. Thirty-nine people turned out with thirty-one bowling. Prizes were handed out to all of our younger bowlers, school age and under. A good time was had by all with many requests to hold another party in the near future.

Saturday, Feb. 12 a work party was held at the lodge to remove loose plaster from the ceiling in the dining room. One complete section was removed, this leaves only one section left to do. When completed the ceiling will have to be painted so we will be looking for many volunteers to help paint.

At our march 2 meeting our guest speaker will be Col. Donald Stima who will give a presentation on Mosbys Rangers. I understand that Col Stumba gives a very interesting lecture, so please try to attend.

Union Star Lodge is trying to earn enough money to panel the dinning room by selling shares of stock in the Temple Association. If any of our members are interested in purchasing stock please contact W. Jack McGirr at 967-8919 or myself at 624-1218.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

We wish a speedy recovery for W. Boyd Curtis who entered the hospital on February 16.

We extend our sympathy to Bro. Richard Bock and his family with the passing of his father, Alfred Earl Bock on February 10.

CALLED HOME BY THE SUPREME ARCHITECT

We extend our sympathy to the family of Halsey Kent who passed away Jan. 14, 1977.
Fraternally,
Dennison Ripley,
Master

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

Brethren:

After the Jan. 25 meeting we saw a film on the Utica Home. It showed the life of an elderly couple living at the home along with many benefits it has to offer. It also helped us to see the costs of many benefits and where our money goes and how it helps to make many people happy. I'd like to thank Brothers Carl Beckwith and Doyle Bower for the large donations they have made to the Brotherhood Fund. If you haven't yet, or would like to give again, see Alex Arthur - 586-7498.

The old saying "money isn't everything" may be true, but as our lodge is able to increase its treasury, we are better able to help our community and show the beneficent influence of Freemasonry. We are fortunate to have kitchen and dinning facilities to suit the hosting of the weekly Rotary dinners. Now we need the help of everyone to serve the dinners and clean-up. If we can spread the work out to everyone, no one will be saddled with all the responsibility. The following are the chairman of the dinners and the dates:

- Dave Williams-Feb. 17, Mar. 24, April 28 - 385-3132
- Alex Arthur-Feb. 24, Mar. 31 May 5-586-7498
- Bob Taft-Mar. 3, April 7, May 12-235-7034.
- Arthur Shaw-Mar. 10, April 14, May 19- 385-2185.
- Bill Carpenter-Mar. 17, April 21, May 26 - 544-8096.

Brothers, pick a night or two and call the chairman to volunteer. We start about 6:00 and you are on your way home by 8:30, after eating a full dinner and having a good feeling that you have helped your lodge.

By the time we read this communication, we will have initiated two brothers to the first degree with Dave Williams in the East. I'd like to thank all brethren involved with the degree.
Fraternally,
John E. Weekes, Master

TRESTLEBOARD

March 22 - Second Degree - Alex Arthur in the East.

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



SECRETARY'S CORNER
Brethren, I hope that the reason why so many of you have absented yourself from Lodge is due to the inclement weather. Your Officers need your support to make the meetings worthwhile. Try to attend as soon as the weather breaks. It will be greatly appreciated.

March Birthday congratulations go to the following Brothers: Kenneth Ross - 3/2; Andrew Yavornicky - 3/4; Alfred McGuire, Frank Taylor - 3/5; F. Harold Leidecker, Bernard Rogers - 3/6; Wor. Coral Morgan (Master 1933), Edward Partis - 3/7; Charles Shirley - 3/8; Edward Barron - 3/9; Charles Franklin, Sten Persson - 3/13; Robert Forest Clark - 3/14; George Whitwell - 3/15; Robert Mulcock - 3/16; Wor. Hewett Strever (Master 1947) - 3/17; Harrison Ball, Roger Bense - 3/18; Robert Cunningham - 3/20; John Silsby - 3/24; Wor. Stanley Allen (Master 1962, 1976) - 3/26; Earl Briggs - 3/27; Herbert Shaw - 3/30; Harry Conover, Jr., and Peter Wyse - 3/31.

We still have 23 brothers who owe 1976 dues and it is essential that these are paid so that we will have operating funds for the programs of the Lodge and money to pay the rent and Grand Lodge per capita dues. Your Lodge has to pay out this money for you until you pay your dues and this creates a hardship on our budget. Please give this your immediate attention.

FELLOWCRAFT CLUB
The officers for 1977 are Bro. Charles Stubenrod, President; Bro. Robert Mulcock, Vice-President; Wor. Warren Trimble, Jr., D.S.A., Secretary; and Bro. George Shayler, Treasurer. The annual Scotch Bowling Party will be held at the Lyon's Den on Saturday, May 21, 1977. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. and bowling to commence at 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$6.75 per person. Call Wor. Daniel Nesbitt at 671-5146 or Rt. Wor. Bertram Steene at 342-5632.

CAPSULES OF WISDOM

WAKAN LODGE
No. 1054
2nd and 4th Mondays
Brethren.
The month of February has seen a new class of three candidates receive instruction in the first Degree. Masonry with our able Senior Warden Don Brugger in the East assisted by the other Officers and brothers of Wakan Lodge. We welcome these new brothers to our masonic fraternity and take them in hand to lead them to the light.

Time is rapidly rolling back and we must already begin to think of the lodge's next social function. Ladies night this year falls on March 12th and will be under the direction of Brother John Lawrence. Plans are already made to hold this affair at the Lake Shore Golf Center beginning with refreshments at six thirty followed by dinner at seven and dancing to follow. Ladies and you gentlemen too please take note and mark your calendars so that when the Lodge Officers call you they can make your reservation. You will be contacted by telephone.

I am hopeful you will have all received your dues notice by the time you read this. Please remember the lodge functions must go on and the funds to do this come from the brethren.

Under Sickness and distress our Secretary W. Ed Lange has been temporarily hospitalized by a recurring heart condition. We most sincerely hope he is well on the road to recovery and back home again by the time this news is printed. Hope to see you back in Lodge again soon. Ed.

May I again remind the brethren of the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. Please send your contribution; those that have not already done so, to Brother Fred Hill, 70 Heritage Circle, Rochester 14615. Wakan Lodge is off to a good start through the generosity of a few brothers let's all try to do our share and stand up to be counted. Fraternally,
Eugene S. Brown, Master

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ETOLIAN LODGE
No. 479
2nd and 4th Mondays

Dear Brethren:
I wish to thank the Brothers that turned out on Feb. 11th for School of Ritual. We are 1/3 on the way to keeping the Banner. Next meeting will be March 11th. at Charlotte Lodge and I sure hope we can have as large a turn out. I assure you that next time I won't forget a Brother as I did last time.
SORRY BROTHER ED.

COME TO MEETINGS!

As I look at our Master's Word, I find a busy month ahead. Starting iwth and E.A. Degree to be presented by Bro. Ingram on the 14th. Then on the 19th Ladies Nite alone with Clio Lodge at the Ferris-Goodridge American Legion Post 330, 691 Trimmer Rd. Spencerport, N.Y. Bring your Lady and meet the Brothers & Ladies of Hilton. COCKTAILS 6:30. DINNER 7:30. Dancing to follow.

On the 27th W. Bro. Robert Helmes of Warren C. Hubbard Lodge will present the Lantern Lecture. For those of you that haven't seen the Lecture I'm sure you will find it very interesting.

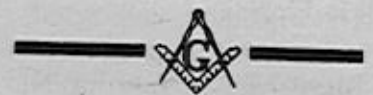
On the 29th the Interlodge Euchre Tournament. TIME 7:00 P.M. Place Etolian Temple 133 S. Union St., Spencerport, N.Y. Let's get out and bring that plaque to Spencerport.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to W. Bro. James Poweel and Family on the passing of his Mother in Law. Our prayers are with you.

To the family of Bro. Hulett S. Bound I wish to express our deepest sympathy and strength to attend a meeting when the weather permits.

To the family of Bro. Hulett S. Bound I wish to express out deepest sympathy and assure you he will be missed among our Ranks.



they raised one of the Fellowcrafts, which they had just passed, to the degree of Master Mason. In those days each candidate was handled by himself. Along with all this they conducted the normal business of the lodge, paid their bills, received two petitions and referred them to committees. After all this a rather tired lodge closed. I wonder if it was in due form.

Charity was not unknown in the early days. What year did this happen? -- The Lodge voted to donate the sum of \$5.50 to a brother to assist him in the purchase of a cow. - Come to Lodge and find out.

Brethren, many dues are still outstanding, some for 1976.

Bruce Brainerd, Sec.

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

Dear Brothers:
I guess you will all agree that we have had some winter so far, and as I am writing this I notice that our Janaury Thaw has finally arrived in February. I trust that each of you have come through this winter with only minor scars.

During the month of March, on the 21st to be exact, we shall be putting on the 1st degree and there are a few openings in the Spring class, so if there are any petitions out, please get them to the Lodge so that we can act upon them.

I have received a few phone calls from the Brothers concerning the possible sale of the Temple, it seems to be a shock to everyone that we may have to sell our Beautiful Temple. But the facts are simple, memberships are falling and we can no longer afford the luxury of our Temple and that is to get new active members, and to build our membership up to what it was 15 or 20 years ago.

BROTHERHOOD FUND

There couldn't be a better time than now to make your contribution to the 1976-77 Brotherhood Fund Campaign. You can give the campaign a great surge and



To W. Bro. Howard Amish our prayers are with you and hope you may find the strength to attend a meeting when the weather permits.

To W. Bro. Egar Ernst. May your operation be a success and our prayers are with you.

To the family of Bro. Carmon Tyner our heartfelt sympathy. He will be greatly missed.

Our Brotherhood Fund is slowly making progress. Let us get those Contributions in. As I said before it is all tax deductible.

Don't forget the Masonic Service Bureau. Fraternally, Dale Rankin, Master

TRESTLEBOARD

- March 11th - School of Ritual.
- March 14th - E.A. Degree.
- March 19th - Ladies Nite.
- March 28th - Regular Meeting - Lantern Lecture.
- March 29th - Euchre Tournament.

WINE TASTING

Time: April 22 - 8:00 P.M.
Place: Etolian Temple - 133 South Union St., Spencerport, N.Y.

Narrator: Walter Taylor of Bullyhill Wines.

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CLIO LODGE
No. 779

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Brethren:
Hopefully, by the time this paper reaches you, everyone will be dug out from the great blizzard of '77, and warmer weather will be upon us. No matter how cold it gets outside there is always a warm, friendly atmosphere inside of Clio Lodge. Please come out to the meetings, and help us make up for the two lost snow days.

Looking at my calendar for the month of March, there is quite a variety of Masonic activities for your enjoyment and involvement. Hopefully, there is something that strikes your fancy, and you will join us.

On March 1, there will be a First Degree conferred by the 1977 Masters, with a dinner served by Leah Chapter, OES, at 6:30.

On March 15, following our regular business meeting, there will be an open meeting to show and explain to the public, the benefits of having a DeMolay Chapter in the Hilton area.

On March 19, we will celebrate Ladies' Nite with Etolian Lodge at the Ferris Goodridge American Lefion Post on Trimmer Road. For reservations, please call the Sr. Warden, Jim Wells, or the Jr. Warden, Dave Upham.

On March 22, Leah Chapter, OES, will host a Master Mason Nite. This has always been a real fun nite in the past, so please save the date.

On March 29, the big interlodge "Euchre Tournament" will be held at Etolian Lodge. Let's not come home empty handed again!

Just another reminder, that our Secretary, W. Gerald Miller will be happy to accept your dues, and forward your membership card. W. Gerald Miller's address is 57 Eileen Circle, Rochester, N.Y. 14616.

Also, our Brotherhood Fund Chairman, W. Dave Partiss, is still waiting to hear from many brothers.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

I am happy to report that Bro. Carl Doell is now home after a lengthy stay at Rochester General Hospital

PENFIELD UNION LODGE
No. 154

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Brethren:
The firm date for our trip to Parkdale Lodge #510 in Canada is April 30. All Brothers of Penfield Lodge should contact Bro. Donald Morgan at 872-6224 for reservations. The mode of transportation will be by bus, the cost and departure time as well as the final details will be in the April issue of the "News".

Our Secretary, R.W. Bruce Brainerd will inform us on affiliation and demit procedures at our 1st meeting in March. At our second meeting in March, we are tentative scheduling a First Degree, Wor. Al Clark will be in the East.

I will take this opportunity of thanking our Sr. Warden - Jessie Mattson for doing a splendid job in the East during my absence in early February. Our next Officers' meeting will be March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Lodge.

Called home by the Supreme Architect was Bro. Charles L. Harris on February 8, 1977.

Remember "our Brotherhood Fund", let's do better this year than we did last year.

Happy Birthday to all in March.

See you in Lodge, come and bring a brother.

Fraternally,
Albert Clark, Master

FROM THE RECORD

March 3, 1852, 125 years ago, Penfield Union Lodge opened and proceeded to raise a Brother to the Degree of Master Mason. They then passed three Brothers to the Degree of Fellowcraft. Two candidates were then ballotted upon, elected, and initiated Entered Apprentice. About this time they decided to go from Labor to Refreshment, after which



for a hip operation.

Please keep us informed if you know of a Brother in need of our aid or sympathy.

Fraternally,
James S. Cochran, Master

make a sizable deduction on your income Tax Return. Send whatever you think will financially do you and the campaign the most good to our Lodge Chairman, Bro. Malcolm Pollock, 3550 Latta Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14612. Birthday Greetings are extended to the following Brothers whose Birthdays fall in March. I am looking forward to giving a personal Birthday wish to the local Brethren: 3/1, W. Duane King, Duncan MacPherson, 3/2, Eugene L. Hart, 3/3, John H. Auer, Sr., 3/7, Lee C. Schulz, 3/10, Philip O. Perkins, 3/15, Jay D. Rogers, 3/16, Harold F. Russell, 3/17, A. Harry Reetz, Charles E. Roller, Lewis H. Schultz, 3/18, Donald W. DeBack, Ralph Hendrick, George T. Steel, 3/20, Robert T. Allen, Jr., 3/21 James H. Gee, 3/22, John W. Josephson, Karl F. Walton, 3/23, Clifford N. Hayner 2nd, 3/24, Lynne B. Hagstrom, 3/25, Meyer Schultz, 3/26, Earl A. Kraft, William B. Plews, 3/27, George E. Short, 3/28, John Allan, 3/30, Sydney E. Clarke, Kenneth R. Frazer, 3/31, Adam Zickgraft.

The lodge is happy to congratulate Bro. Tracy Tyron, on his recent retirement. Many Happy Days Bro. Tracey.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Sympathy of the Lodge was sent to the fmaily of Bro. Robert Aldinger, who passed away in January. Also Sympathy of the Lodge was given to Bro. Kenneth Skidmore on the passing away of his Father and to Bro. Jack Smith on the passing of his mother.

I am happy to report that Bro. Oran Kissinger is making a speedy recovery from a very serious illness. Also Brother John Allans wife is not feeling very well and we hope and pray that she will make a good recovery.

Bro. George Willis was in the hospital but is home and recuperating.

Bro. Les Leaty's wife, Ruth is still in the hospital, get well soon.

TRESTLEBOARD

- March 7 - Business Meeting, Rehearsal 1st Degree.
 - March 21 - 1st Degree.
 - April 9 - Ladies Nite, Masonic Ball.
 - April 23 - Trip to Onondaga Lodge, 2nd Section of the 3rd Degree.
- Fraternally,
L. Ed Walker, Master.

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OATKA LODGE
No. 759
2nd & 4th Wednesday

Dear Members,
 At this time I would like to inform each member of Oatka Lodge that we are confronted with some very serious problems. A building with the tradition, fond memories many brother share, the laughter and good times that have been shared within, the dances, dinners, the parties, the ritual work, and where many of us first heard the words, "My Brother," all these have contributed to the growth of Oatka, as a Lodge and as a place of greeting brothers and friends. (With warmth not provided by the utility Co.) over the past several years. This fine old building is drastically in need of repairs. During the cold spell in Feb., some of us spent many hours thawing out frozen pipes. Aside from the normal maintenance, we are drastically in need of some basic safety improvements. Much has been done in the past few years to make the interior more functional and attractive. This year we must continue to update, improve and restore the basic needs of a building to safe and good working order. Even though Masonry has Ancient Roots, and fine old traditions, the building we use doesn't have to be archaic, and should be safe for all. In the near future you will be receiving a letter outlining our critical needs and some possible solutions.

By making regular attendance at Lodge part of your schedule you will be sure to catch some of the spreading enthusiasm and brotherly love that is continuing to spread through Oatka Lodge. We all want to support any brother in need, however; it is difficult to know these needs without some kind of communication from you.

Special goal for March and April is to double the attendance for some very serious discussion on "The Future of Oatka Lodge" Rather than wait for a phone call, why not pick up the phone, call one of the officers or a Brother of your Lodge and form a car pool and attend Lodge.

Fraternally,
 Phillip Hise, Master

TRESTLEBOARD
 March 2nd - Fellowcraft - 7:00.
 March 9th - Regular Communication "Future of Oatka Lodge" - 8:00.
 March 17th - O.E.S. - 8:00.
 * March 23rd - Third Degree, Past Masters from beginning to end.

* Reservations for another great dinner at 6:30: Sr. W. Wayne Abbott - 889-2746; Jr. W. John Henderson - 533-1067.

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

Brethren:
 The storms finally subsided enough so that we could install our officers on Jan. 25. I wish to publicly thank W. Robert Sanford for this fine job of Installing Master, and W. Roy Lloyd for his equally fine job of Installing Marshall.

We had a nice turnout for our euchre tournament with Corinthian Temple. A lot of good brotherhood, fellowship and fun was had by all.

Our Senior Warden W. Lloyd Weston will be sitting in the East on March 8th for the purpose of exemplifying the 1st Degree. I hope we have a large turnout for this event for the benefit of the candidate.

Back around 1973 Bro. Robert Verway started a fund for the brothers in dire need when their dues came due. Most of the brothers who were beneficiaries for this fund were on limited incomes or pensions. The fund has continued from that time to the present. I believe the brothers who added to this fund should be recognized. There are: R.W. Joseph Raab, W. Roy Lloyd, W. Larry Millerd, W. Carl French, W. Merton Drum, W. Robert Sanford, W. Harold Gruschow, Bro. Lester Bilby, Bro. Richard Daley, Bro. William Simpson, Bro. Robert Verway, Bro. David Miller, Bro. Ronald Morthorst. Thanks Brothers.

Brothers, don't forget our garage sale which is coming up. Bring your donations to the Lodge or if you need help call on our line officers. We will give you all the help you need to bring your donations to Lodge.

Look at your dues cards carefully. If they do not read 1977 then get your check in to our secretary. Our Grand Lodge Dues are overdue and we will deplete our funds rapidly if we have to pay yours in advance of your payments.

I recently received an accounting of our Brotherhood Fund from our Grand Lodge Chairman. Out of a total membership of 225 we have 33 contributors. Come on Brothers we can do better than that. Send your checks to W: Martin Reitz, 5922 E. Henrietta Rd. Rush, N.Y. 14543.

Happy Anniversary on March 18 to Bro. & Mrs. Dean Fero and March 30 to W. Bro. & Mrs. Martin Reitz. Fraternaly,
 Larry Millerd, Master

TRESTLEBOARD
 March 1 - Trustees Meeting, Fellowcraft Meeting, 1st Degree Rehearsal.
 March 8 - 1 Degree.
 March 22 - Open Meeting.

FIDELITY TRIANGLE



Fidelity Triangle Line Officers: Chaplain - Diane Rhodes, Jr. Lady - Eileen Dimino, Beloved Queen - Karen Midgley, Sr. Lady - Diane Reitz, Guardian - Wendy Rhodes.

Jan. 21 - A craft party & lunch, was held at the home of Jr. Past Queen Mary Kay Jackson. The girls made home made articles to be sold at the Charity Bazaars to raise money for our charity programs.

Jan. 22 - Regular meeting, formal, Friendship Night, with a special degree to welcome our visitors from Lilac Triangle & Rochester DeMolay, followed by a social hour & refreshments.

Feb. 3 - Another craft party & lunch was held at the home of Sr. Lady Diane Reitz. The girls had some new ideas and made more Home made articles to be sold at the charity bazaars.

Feb. 6 - 65 attended the Cabin Party at Hopkins Point in Mendon Ponds Park.

Feb. 7 - We are all, very very sad, to announce the death of our Beloved State Director Emeritus, Past Grand Matron, Most Worthy Rose E. Scherer. Mrs. Scherer was Grand Matron in 1925 and organized "TRIANGLE" in 1926, and was our State Director for 50 years. She had many friends in Monroe District and we will not forget her, because we all loved her.

Feb. 12 - Regular meeting, informal, followed by a social hour with refreshments.

NOTE All of us at Fidelity Triangle send our very best wishes to our very good friend R.W. George Wetzal, who is ill in Florida.

TERM PLANS
 March 5 - Paper party, details later.

March 12 - Our semi-annual Queen's Term Dinner for \$1.25 at 6:00 P.M. in second floor dining room, followed by an open meeting at 7:30 in Room A with a special program.

March 26 - Regular meeting, pantsuit night, & election of officers.

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NOLA CHAPTER
NO. 368
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Dear Members,
 I am sure by now we have all missed Chapter, as we haven't been able to meet since our first meeting in Jan. due to such bad weather.

Sympathy of the Chapter is extended to S. Lepha Pringle on the death of her husband and father of S. Vickie Gross.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to W.S. Jessie Zorn.

Our Feb. 15th meeting will be Past Matron's and Patron's night.

Jan. 26th the Lucile Mason Club was organized. It was suggested and all agreed to review the Chapter rooms March 29th with W.S. Carol Wynings Chairman.

Our Official visit will be March 15th. We look forward to a visit from our District Officers.

"Nothing else in all life is such a maker of joy and cheer as the privilege of doing good."

Fraternaly,
 R.W. Lucile Mason W.M.

CEDARETTES:
 Our February meeting was held at Jane Bishop's house with an attendance of four. In the past year attendance has dropped. In view of this letters have been sent out to members for their opinion on future meetings.

Our next meeting will be held at Carol Grundke's house, 25 Arbor Court, Fairport, Wednesday, March 9, 1977. We hope to enjoy a large participation at this meeting.

Cedarettely yours,
 Ruth Meyer, President

SUPPORT THE BROTHERHOOD FUND CAMPAIGN

LILAC TRIANGLE

On January 22 some of our members were guests of Fidelity Triangle for their Friendship Night.

January 23 our members sang for the Installation of Stewart Pederson as Master of Fairport Lodge. We were all very impressed by the Masonic Installation.

On January 24 we finally got together for a regular meeting. Due to the highly uncooperative weather, we had to cancel three meetings.

We celebrated our Valentines Day with an open meeting. We were honored by the presence of many old and new friends.

Things have been very calm for us lately, but we're just resting up for our numerous activities in the near future.

OES TO HOLD SQUARE DANCE

Beat the winter blahs with the 1977 Matrons' Club at their second annual square dance. All the fun will be at the Spencerport Masonic Temple on March 12th from 8 PM to 11 PM. Jerry Carmen will be the caller, and if you don't know the steps, he'll be glad to show you.

Refreshments will be served, and for a mere \$1.00 per person, we guarantee to take the winter chill out of your bones. Tickets are available from any Matron of an Eastern Star Chapter or at the Masonic Service Bureau Office.

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I want to thank all of you who attended our Official Inspection of Feb. 25th. It was a great success and glad to see all of you again, especially all of you from the different Comm. As the dinner was put on by members of the Schicker Club ladies it was another success, just great. Thanks ladies.

Let's go back to Feb. 5th for a moment. Our Valentine Party was held on that date at the German House. A good time was had by all and about 40 attended. As always the party was a success and a grand time was had by all. Always important for all to have such a get-together like that and it has been going on for some time now. The friendship for each other is just great. Keep it up.

Coming up in March are quite a few events. We have (2) Conclaves this month and they are on the 11th and the 25th. We will have regular openings each time. The Schicker Club will meet the 5th at the Temple. Inspections for march are as follows: Red Jacket is on March 9th and Geneva is on the 21st. Let's attend these Inspections as they come up. Thanks.

DO IT NOW. This is the theme for the next few moments. April the 10th is Easter and as a Christian Order we will again have our Sunrise Service at Arlington National Cemetery at Washington, D.C. In the Knight Templar Mag. for Jan. and Feb. In the New York Supplement we have all about the Easter Pilgrimage. If you have never been there now is the time to Contact Gordon Mosher, our Recorder, on 426-2144, who has all the information you will need. Let's do it now for we need you in attendance there.

At this time we have (1) death to report. S.K. Kenneth R. Snyder on Jan. 30th 1977. He was at the Veterans Hospital in Canandaigua. He was a Past Commander of our Commandery and our Recorder for a number of years. Sympathy is extended from the Commandery to his family and relatives. A page will be set a side in the records in his name. We will miss him and sorry he is gone.

Our Recorder is still waiting for more dues to be paid for this year. Let's all make him Happy again. Thanks. Glad you are again getting better. Keep it up.

Believe that is all for now but more later.

Fraternally yours,
Em. Comm., Donald Evans
S.K. R.E. Huff,
Reporter, P.C.

York Rite News

**MONROE
COMMANDERY
No. 12**

**KNIGHTS
TEMPLAR**

**Instituted and
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1st and 3rd Fridays**



Dear Sir Knights,

Do you think the snow will ever end this year? It seems that there is no end to the shovelling especially if you live in the Buffalo area where the big storms of 1977 occurred. Fifty straight days of snow, wow! I'm sure as the years pass and we talk about the old days when we really had bad winters our children will make that snow even deeper.

But still in the midst of all the bad weather something very good happened at our Feb. 4th meeting. Yes, we finally broke into Hi Neuns busy schedule to present him with a plaque from our Past Grand Commander, Harold J. Sandwick, for the outstanding work he has done in the Knights Temple Eye Foundation. He was escorted to the East by S.K. William T. Plews, Past Grand Prelate Emeritus and S.K. Frank W. Allen, Honorary Past Commander. Our Zone Officer, S.K.C. Les Brown, presented S.K. Neun with the Plaque. I'm sure I speak for all the Sir Knights in Monroe Commandery when I say "how proud of you we are and of your work, Hi." May your efforts bring forth nothing but support from your fellow Sir Knights.

There is only one inspection in our zone in March. That is Red Jacket Commandery in Canandaigua on Wed. March 9th. Why not set this night aside and we'll see you there in, or even out, of uniform. That's in Canandaigua at 8 p.m.

On March 4th we will have a regular conclave. Then on March 18th we need everyone who can possibly come out to keep us in our rehearsal for inspection. Our ladies will join us for another pot-luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. This has been changed from the 1st, to the 3rd Friday of March. If you haven't been contacted please bring a dish to pass. The ladies will be repairing degree robes so it's advisable to wear old clothes, and if you think of it bring small buttons, needle and thread.

Are you carrying a Current 1977 dues card for Monroe Commandery? If not, why not take care of it now while you think of it. Also, if you haven't already done so the sesquicentennial committee would like to hear from you in the way of a contribution.

See you on the 1st and 3rd Fridays.
Commander Ray Morgan

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

Companions:

The weather finally let us have it. Our Installation that is. R.E. Frank Allen, R.E. William Plews and R.E. Richard Oliver found their way to Webster via a new route, which they don't recommend. Let this be a warning for all those sojourning to Webster Chapter on March 8th for the Mark Master Degree. Old Route 441 has been by-passed by a new road thru Penfield. And, it is suggested that you use the new Route 104 off Route 47 North, East to Route 250 (Which is South Ave. in Webster), turn right and proceed south approx one half mile. There it is, Webster Masonic Temple.

NOTE: For those attending the dinner prior to the Mark Master Degree-Please make reservations with your High Priest - who will in turn contact Jim Hughes or Don Evans of Webster Chapter.

The Number of Companions attending the Chapter meetings of all the local Chapters is dwindling. We must use all of the ingenuity and wisdom which we have gained through the years, if we are to meet the challenges of the present day. The most obvious at this time it the falling off in attendance at Chapter and Lodge meetings, with the net result being the loss in membership in many of the Lodges and Chapters, many and varied are the remedies suggested. Could it be that the answer is "more Brotherly love."

How often we hear people say, "Oh, I'd like to do something constructive, something fine. But I'm tied up in so many things. I'm on a treadmill at the office I've got so many obligations at home. One thing after another comes up in the neighborhood and I'm called for help. I'm on the go so much, I just don't have time to think anymore."

For you, even as your Brother, were taught that dependence, each upon the other, is one of the strongest bonds of society; that you, even as he, were formed for social and active life; that the duties of love and friendship are reciprocal.

The light which the Mason receives is not secret, and he should let it shine in the world through the acts of his daily life. This light could be the means whereby our beloved fraternity will continue to prosper, and our "Attendance" to grow, and shed more light in a darkened world.

Fraternally and sincerely
James O. Hughes
Your High Priest

**HAMILTON CHAPTER NO. 62
ROYAL ARCH
MASONS**



**2nd and 4th
Thursdays
Chartered in 1819**

Companions:

Our degree's start March 8th so I want each of you to give some thought to your "Blue Lodge" brothers and do them a favor and explain to them a little about the H.R.A. and give them a chance to join us.

It must be a disappointment to the average man, on being raised to the subline degree of Master Mason, to be told that he has not completed his work and that the secrets pertaining to the ceremony will not be given him but instead a substitute word. This is unfortunate, yes, but the true word and secrets are given in the Royal Arch and in that degree, only. Hence, no man actually can become a Master Mason until he receives that supreme and Holy order.

By the solemn "Act of Union" between the two Grand Lodges of Freemason of England in December 1813, it was declared and pronounced that "Pure Ancient Masonry" consist of three degrees and no more Vis; those of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason including the supreme order of the "Holy Royal Arch".

Those who are interested in Masonic philosophy or ritual, the capitular degrees will particularly appeal. They contain no obstruce philosophy or unintelligible doctrines but do contain simple, plain statements of truth, easily understandable and helpful in our relation to life.

The Lodge symbolism deals with the material side of life. The Chapter degrees and particularly the Royal Arch, with the spiritual side of life.

In the Book of Numbers, we learning of the Miraculous powers of Aaron's Rod. The selection of the tribe from which the priesthood was to be selected caused Moses no end of worry and trouble, he therefore conceived the idea of having each tribe cut a rod from a tree and lay it up in the Holy of Holies. In the morning, the rod of the tribe of Levi was found to have budded, blossomed and borne fruit. The priesthood was therefore vested in that tribe. A representation of Aaron's rod is found in the substitute Ark that it may identify the substitute as a copy of the original ark.

There are three arks prominently mentioned in the capitular degrees. First, the Ark of Safety or Refuge, made by Shern, Ham and Japheth at the command of Noah to protect their families from the deluge. Second,

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

On February 22 ME Frank Allen presented a Grand Chapter Apron to (now) ME Companion Gordon Mosher. Gordon has been appointed the Grand Chapter representative to the state of Missouri. I'm not sure its important but I'm still wondering what Gordon knows about mules.

The Mark Master Degree will be conferred on a class of candidates March 8, at Webster. The Past Master will be done by Livonia March 14, The Most Excellent Master by Ionic on March 22, and the Royal Arch by Hamilton March 24.

The ME Gordon Mosher will be a director of our portion of the degree work. We will have a rehearsal March 8, at Cathedral Hall. Since we will probably have several petitions to act on that evening please be prompt.

E. Companion Kenneth Snyder was called by the Grand Architect on January 30, 1977. Please remember him in your prayers.

Sincerely,
George W. Lynch
High Priest



there was the ark of the covenant made by Aboliab and Bezaleel at the command of Moses, and finally, the ark of Zerubbabel or substitute ark, which was discovered through the efforts of Jeshua, Zerubbabel and Haggir. The degree of Royal Arch Mason is often referred to as the Royal Arch of Zerubbabel. Royal Arch Masons date this year from the date of discovery, it is found by adding 530 to the current year, this 1977 plus 530 = 2507 A.I.

Did you know there are 17,000 Royal Arch Masons in New York State and we donated over \$31,000.00 to charity last year. That's almost \$200 per member. Did you do your share? I was also informed that the membership dues are coming in very slow, so please comply. I know your very good about such things but it is the duty of the H.P. to mention it.

The month of March is going to be about our busiest month of the year. Grand Chapter will be held on March 4th & 5th. March 8th the M.M. degree in Webster, March 10th Grand Chapter report, March 14th the P.M. degree in Livonia, March 22nd will be the M.E.M. degree in Cathedral Hall and the H.R.A. degree on March 24th also in the Cathedral Hall.

See you in Chapter.
Fraternally,
Mel Simmons, H.P.

DAMASCUS NEWS

WITHIN THE BLUE LODGES

**DAMASCUS TEMPLE
GREATER MASONIC
UNITY COMMITTEE**
By Hal Miller

The committee had their first meeting of 1977, and great plans are being set for year 1977.

Our main goal is to get every Shriner to go back to this Symbolic Lodge and be present on the sidelines, get involved whenever possible, and give any other support he can to improve, and enlarge all the Blue Lodges in our Shrine area.

We urge all Masters to call upon the Representatives assigned to each Lodge to report during Lodge meetings, and find out any way that the Damascus Temple can help. We must Unify and help each other if we ever expect to grow.

We invite all Master Masons to join us for our Annual Winter Stag Sports Night on March 16th. All the DeMolays are urged to come, along with all Masons. The cost is \$7.00 for a Dinner at the Temple at 6:00 PM, buses to and from the War Memorial, and excellent seats for a Amerks Hockey Game. It would be a great time to invite along a friend that you would like to see a Mason. The tickets are at the Consistory Office in the Temple, and the quantity is limited, so get yours as soon as possible.

Plans are already being made for a Summer Stag Sports night at Red Wing Stadium. Dates and costs will be forthcoming.

For those that would like further light in Masonry, there is still time to join the Spring Class of the York Rite. The Royal Arch Chapters will be putting on the Mark Master Degree on March 8th at Webster Masonic Hall. If you would like to join this class, see your Lodge Representative of the Masonic Unity Committee, or call Hal Miller 334-2225. There is no time like the present to take this step to broaden your Masonic knowledge/Make 1977 the year you take the step.

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Salute To The Tall Ships.
Harry Kittredge - President.



SCHOOL OF RITUAL

The School of Ritual will meet on Friday, March 11, at Charlotte Lodge, 4550 Lake Avenue, at 7:30 p.m. when the Second Degree will be exemplified by:

Charlotte Lodge: Begin-
ning to Obligation.

Union Star: Obligation to
End.

After the meeting,
Charlotte Lodge will host a
refreshment hour at nominal
cost.

Maurice Solomon, A.G.L.
Executive Secretary



The Annual Breakfast of
the KP Square Club will be
on Sunday, March 13, 1977 at
7:30 AM. The speaker will be
Hon. Judge Andrew G. Celli,
Greece Baptist Church, 1230
Long Pond Road.

DEMOLAY

An historic moment for the Order of DeMolay and Freemasonry in general took place on Feb. 21, 1963, in Washington, D.C., when ten presiding officers of the national and international Masonic Bodies signed a "Declaration of Principles" in support of the Order of DeMolay.

Basically the declaration pointed out the faith and interest that was manifested in DeMolay, and the pledges of individual support as well as organizational support where possible were made. The pledged support included both moral and financial, with no intention or desire on the signers' part to determine DeMolay policy.

This declaration has helped DeMolay and Freemasonry a great deal by bringing these two groups together and learning that each other, by we need your help now more than every. If you know of a young man between the ages of 13 and 21 that is interested in learning more about himself and others his own age, please contact Edward Doud at 288-1756, or Gary Burke at 621-3988.

MASONIC STAMP CLUB OF ROCHESTER

The Masonic Stamp Club again invites all hobbyists to attend our monthly meetings. The Club meets on the third Monday of each month in the basement of the Temple at 8:00 PM. Its membership is not restricted to stamp collectors; all collectors are welcome.

At its last meeting in December (January's meeting was called off because of the weather) Bro. Eino Lakkso was elected as President for the 1977 year, Bro. Will Garrett as Vice-President, and Bro. August Busch as Secretary-Treasurer.

For our March meeting, we have a special treat: Bro. J. Lawrence Hill, Jr. will favor us with a discussion of the stamps of New Zealand. This promises to be an exceptional evening, and all interested are urged to attend. The meeting will begin promptly at 8:00 PM on Monday, March 21.

Many, many thanks to all our good contributors for the many stamps, picture postcards and philatelic supplies donated for shipment to the Masonic

Home in Utica. These gifts are most appreciated by the Home, and we hope we ill be able to continue sending them such material as we receive. Very fraternally yours,
August O. Busch
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