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Meet the Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York M.:W.: William R. Punt

1978 Brotherhood Fund

R:W HAROLD E. WEISER
D.D.G.M. FIRST
MONROE DISTRICT



Brethren:

By the time you read this article I will have finished my official visits, bringing to all the Grand Master's message. I would like to thank the officers and brethren for the warm welcome given me on these visits.

The month of December is a busy one for all, with annual meetings, election of officers, and installations of some lodges. This is the time to show the officers and the master the support that he needs to do a good job. Attendance will do that, so fill those seats.

Remember the Christmas visits to the Canandaigua V.A. Hospital and the bus trip to Utica, Attendance at the schools has started to pick up. Keep coming; it will help you and your lodge.

I would like to thank all the 1978 Masters for their courtesies extended to me and R. W. Roger Scott. We look forward to working with the 1979 Masters and Wardens.

TO ALL MASONS AND THEIR FAMILIES, MY WIFE JEANETTE AND I EXTEND VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY GREETINGS.

Fraternally,
Harold Weiser
D.D.G.M. First Monroe District

R:W: GORDON DAVIDSON
D.D.G.M. SECOND
MONROE DISTRICT



December is a busy month for all Lodges not only for the Christmas Parties but also for the annual Communication when you can find out just how well your Lodge has fared this past year and its present condition. Your participation and comments would be most welcome. Bring along a friend and your checkbook pay your next years dues most Lodges can use the Money.

December a month of transition. When the 1978 Masters look back on their accomplishments and the 1979 Masters begin to plan their year with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

Although I have worked with the present Masters for only a short time I have been most happy to enjoy their company and wish to thank them for the many courtesies they have extended to me on all my visits.

Wor. Bro. Bob Thrash, The Community Services Chairman, has accompanied me on most of my Official Visits and has spoken to many of you about the Kidney Foundation. He underwent an operation himself on Nov. 5th for a Kidney Transplant. Although he has had a few complications he is on the mend and will soon be among us again.

As we enter the final stages of 1978 let us all take a few moments to count our many blessings. Take a little time to remember friends no longer with us and say a little prayer for those of us left.

A Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah and a Happy and prosperous New year.

Fraternally
Gordon G. Davidson
D.D.G.M. Second Monroe District



M.:W. William R. Punt, of Floral Park Lodge 1016, was elected Grand Master at the 197th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge May 4, 1978.

M.:W. Bro. Punt is a native of St. Louis, Missouri, and was educated at St. Louis University, New York University and The American Institute of Banking.

Active in the electrical insulation industry since 1941, he was president of Punt, Incorporated from 1955 to 1971. Since then, he has been a marketing executive with the Essex Group, Inc., a subsidiary of United Technology Corporation. He is a founding member and past director of the Electrical Insulation Distributors Association of America and a Trustee of the Roosevelt Savings Bank.

The Grand Master is a member of the Scottish Rite (33°), a Shriner, a former Director of the Masonic Foundation for Medical Research, a former Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, and the holder of the Active DeMolay Legion of Honor. He was appointed Deputy Grand Marshal by M.:W.: Clarence J. Henry in 1964; Grand Marshal by M.:W.: Frank C. Staples in 1966; and was elected Deputy Grand Master in 1976.

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He was made a Mason in Floral Park Lodge 1016 in 1954, and served as its Master in 1963.

M.:W.: Bro. Punt and his wife reside at 57, Hawthorne Avenue, Floral Park, and attend Hillside United Methodist Church, New Hyde Park, where he has served as Trustee and Finance Chairman and is presently a lay speaker. The Punt's have a son, Robert, who is also a member of Floral Park Lodge, a daughter, Bonita, and three grandchildren. The Grand Master and his wife are avid golfers and belong to the Garden City Country Club and the Bardmoor Country Club in Largo, Florida.

BROTHERHOOD IS EVERY MASON'S BUSINESS

Our last message explains the Brotherhood fund - Not even a penny? Who gave, who did not. My brothers, you know if you gave.

Could this be the year you should start to form the perfect stone for that house not made with hands?

Will you ever hear these words - 'Well done, my good and faithful servant'?

With the complex lines we all lead, we must all decide which of our goals are most important. The demands on our time and money are varied and many.

So, my Brothers, may we ask that you support the Brotherhood Fund with even a dollar. More if you can.

If we could get \$1.00 from each brother who did not give last year, our modest goals for the 1st and 2nd Monroe would be met.

This message is being written on Election nite. We wonder how many of the promises made in the last few months' will be as well kept as our Grand Lodge has kept their promises; to maintain your home at Utica. If each of you could visit this home, your \$1.00 or more would be in the mail the day you receive the request from your Lodge.

Brothers, let's remember it is

Your Brotherhood Fund
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Your Grand Lodge
Your Home at Utica:
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We remain yours in Brotherhood.

R.:W.: Rodger Scott
R.:W.: Don Magruder

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INTERLODGE FELLOWSHIP

The following were the winners in the annual 1st and 2nd Monroes gold tournament held at Salmon Creek C.C. June 3, 1978.

Low gross	Carl Cassell	81
Low net	Jim MacConnell	73
2nd	Marv Beattie	74
3rd	Bob MacConnell	74
4th	Clarence Stappobach	75
5th	Bill Rohrbacher	75
6th	Jim Cassel	75
7th	Art Maupin	75
8th	Ian Buchanan	75

Longest Drive Carl Cassell
Close to pin Chip Stoppenbach

Many thanks to Eino Laakso who took over at the last week for Dale Lawsin. Forty-four golfers, a warm day followed by an excellent buffet. A swell job Eino.

Bill Buckman is the new 1st and 2nd Monroe districts Fellowship chairman and will be in contact with all masters for their lodge chairman.

Fraternally;
Marv Beattie

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

by Rev. William H. McKee

THE MONTH OF LIGHTS

December, the last month of the year is the shortest in length of days and sunlight for it marks the sun's reaching the southern-most point and starting back north. Now the days will increase imperceptibly until the time we close in June when the high point is reached.

Years ago at the end of this month you might not be very welcome in the offices of many of the commercial institutions which were feverishly comparing the income for the year past against the expenses to find out if they had made a profit.

We, both our Jewish friends and those in Christian bodies, have a month in which we emphasize Light in our religious services. Perhaps Christianity has the jump this year in that we have four Sundays in which we celebrate and the climax is Christmas on the 25th.

In the Jewish Hanukkah there are eight days of celebration and it is also a joyful one with gifts for each day - indeed quite a ceremony for I have a copy of the ritual given me some years ago at Temple B'rith Kodesh.

We have a parallel in the reason for both festivals. Many centuries ago Jerusalem was surrounded and captured, the Temple robbed of all valuables. For many decades there was no opportunity to worship there. Finally a little over four centuries before Christ's birth, Judah Maccabee led a victorious army into Jerusalem and regained the city for its rightful owners. There was one obstacle which might have delayed resumption of worship - there was none of the holy oil needed to burn on the altar. However, in cleaning up the Temple, a bottle of oil appeared, but only enough ordinarily to last one night. This burned for eight days until the priests were able to prepare more. That is the basis for the eight days of commemoration.

The world received a happy report when three faiths met last summer and hammered out a basis for peace. On December 25th both Jewish and Christian can rejoice for freedom gained long ago at Jerusalem and the birth of Christ in the same Holy Land.

May we look forward to an ever-increasing freedom of people all over the world from sea to sea and pole to pole until the time comes when the universal peace of God and the brotherhood of man reign supreme throughout God's world - a world without end. Amen.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please take a few minutes to fill in the attached questionnaire, clip it out and return it to the Masonic Service Bureau to help us evaluate the annual Masonic breakfast & to determine why 97% of the Masons in Monroe County do not attend this event. All replies will be kept confidential, and you do not need to sign it if you prefer not to. Whether or not you have attended the breakfast in the past, please help us now by returning this questionnaire.

Regarding the annual Masonic Breakfast and Interfaith (or Communion) Service:

	Yes	No
Did you attend in 1978 (Oct. 22)?.....		
Did you buy a ticket but not attend?.....		
Does your lodge hold a "Go-To-Church Sunday"?.....		
If yes, does that affect your attendance at the Service Bureau's Breakfast?		
Would you attend next year:		
a). If it was held at another time of year? -- would you prefer spring?		
b). If we have a Communion service?.....		
c). If we attend a church rather than hold services at the Masonic Temple?		
d). If we eliminate the principal speaker?		
e). If the ticket price were below \$4?		
below \$3?		
below \$2.50?.....		
f). If we had a more extensive menu (at a higher price, of course)?.....		
g). If we provide meat with breakfast (e.g., sausage, bacon or ham)?.....		
h). If we had a more moderate menu (e.g., juice, sweetrolls, coffee, no eggs or meat)?		
i). If we provide a "crib room" to take care of small children during services and/or breakfast?.....		

If you did not attend, would you please tell us why not, or what conditions would inspire you to attend in the future? (Be honest with yourself; we need reasons, not excuses):

Please return to: Masonic Service Bureau, 875 E. Main St., Rochester, N.Y. 14605.

LET'S GO VISITING

- 1 - Monroe Commandery - Regular Conclave
- 2 - Flower City - Memorial Service, Jewish Old Age Home
- 3 - Churchville - Communion Breakfast
- 3 - Webster - Ground Breaking Ceremony
- 4 - Valley - Right Worshipful Night
- 4 - Corinthian Temple - 2nd degree
- 4 - J. A. Robertson - 3rd degree
- 5 - Yonondio - Open Meeting
- 5 - Clio - 3rd degree
- 5 - Charlotte - Official Visit of D.D.G.M. Gordon Davidson
- 6 - Union Star - Annual Meeting
- 7 - Zetland - 3rd degree
- 7 - Northfield - 3rd degree
- 8 - Monroe Commandery with Cyrene Commandery - Christmas Toast
- 11 - Rochester - Annual Meeting
- 11 - Fairport - Annual Meeting - Dinner 6:30
- 11 - Wakaw - Annual Meeting
- 11 - Etolian - Annual Meeting
- 12 - F L Simes - Annual Meeting
- 12 - Fame - Annual Meeting
- 12 - Ionic Chapter - R.A.M. Annual Meeting
- 12 - Flower City - Annual Meeting
- 13 - Genesee Falls - Annual Meeting
- 13 - Churchville - Annual Meeting
- 13 - Oatka - Annual Meeting - Dinner 6:30
- 13 - Ancient Craft - Annual Meeting
- 13 - Germania - Annual Meeting
- 14 - Zetland - Annual Meeting
- 14 - Northfield - 3rd degree
- 14 - Hamilton Chapter R.A.M. Annual Meeting

- 15 - Monroe Commandery - Meeting followed by films - Ladies invited
- 16 - Christmas Trip to Utica
- 18 - Valley - Annual Meeting
- 18 - Corinthian Temple - Annual Meeting
- 18 - J.A. Robertson - Annual Meeting
- 19 - Yonondio - Annual Meeting
- 19 - Clio - Annual Meeting
- 19 - Penfield Union - Annual Meeting
- 19 - Seneca - Annual Meeting
- 19 - Charlotte - Annual Meeting
- 21 - Webster - Annual Meeting - Dinner 6:30
- 21 - Northfield - Annual Meeting
- 25 - Merry Christmas

The Holy Bible, which is always open in a Lodge as a symbol that its light should be diffused among the Brethren. The passage at which it is opened differs in the different degrees. Masonically the "Book of the Law" is that sacred book which is believed by the Mason of any particular religion to contain the revealed will of God.

MASONIC BROTHERHOOD FUND

BROTHER MAKE YOUR DONATION

Just because our Grand Lodge helps our indigent Brethren quietly, don't make the mistake of believing that no one is being helped. Help to help our Brethren in need is an unobtrusive dignified manner, give to the Brotherhood Fund NOW! Send your contribution TODAY to your Lodge Chairman.



Seasons Greetings

FROM THE STAFF OF MONROE MASONIC NEWS

REMEMBER

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Dear Brother Herman

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

QUESTION: I was present in your Lodge when the Master presented a brother who had received from Grand Lodge "The Distinguished Service Award." Wasn't this the wrong title?
ANSWER: The word "distinguished" is defined as "eminent, famous, conspicuous by excellence." Each year since 1934, our Grand Lodge has presented a Distinguished Service Award to a Mason who has been pre-eminent for service to country, or outstanding in his field.

The following have been among the recipients: Admiral Ernest J. King, General George C. Mashal, General Omar Bradley, General Jonathan Wainwright, General Douglas McArthur; J. Edgar Hoover, head of FBI; Tom C. Clark, Justice Vincent Peale, eminent clergyman; Dr. Lowell Thomas, radio commentator and lecturer, etc; etc... selection is made by a Committee, headed by Most Wor. Charles W. Froesel, dean of Past Grand Masters.

In 1951, Grand Lodge established the Charles H. Johnson Medal, named for an outstanding Past Grand Master. It is awarded from time to time by the Grand Master for outstanding service to Masonry.

In 1970, Grand Lodge established the Chancellor Livingston Medal, named for Robert R. Livingston, outstanding governor of the State, and first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York. The Chancellor Livingston Medal is awarded by the Grand Master "for outstanding service to Masonry, particularly through the written word."

Recently, the Committee on Special Awards, took cognizance of the fact that many lodges have brethren who would never be Master or Grand Lodge officers but had been faithful and devoted members of the Lodge, for many years, as Tiler, Chaplain, on the degree team, or on committees on Brotherhood Fund, refreshment, picnic, children's party, etc.

To enable the lodges to give tangible expression to their appreciation, it established the Dedicated Service Award. It is awarded on recommendation by the individual Lodge, with each district allowed recipients equal to one third of the number of lodges, years.

The correct title is *Dedicated Service Award*.

MASONIC SERVICE BUREAU

Elsewhere in this issue of the News you will find a questionnaire asking your opinion of the annual Masonic Breakfast. We very strongly encourage you to take just a few minutes and fill in this form and send it in to us - whether or not you attended this year's breakfast. There are approximately 5000 Masons in the Monroe County area, but our attendance at this years breakfast was only 225, including ladies, which means about 4800 Masons in this area did not attend. Why? Only YOU can tell us. WE NEED YOUR HELP. If you save the News and don't want to clip the questionnaire out of your copy, let us know and we'll be glad to provide another copy. Sign it or don't sing it, as you wish; mail it in to us, or bring it to the office, or hand it to any member of our Board of Directors but PLEASE, fill out the questionnaire and return it to us.

Don't forget the dated in December for which we need volunteers. December 12 is "Wrapping Day", the Christmas Ward parties are on Dec. 24, and gift distribution is on Christmas Day, all at the Canandaigua VA Hospital. We particularly need piano players (or other instruments) and singers to provide some Christmas carols on Dec. 24. Call me for times or other details.

On Saturday, Dec. 23 we will be distributing food baskets to needy families, and we can use plenty of volunteers, from about 1 p.m. on, to make the deliveries. We also need YOU to provide us with the names of needy families (by Dec. 20 at the latest, please).

As we do each year, we presently have a supply of two-year pocket calendars for sale at \$1.25 each. These very handy planning calendars are available in a variety of styles, but they will only be available until shortly after the first of the year, so don't wait too long to get one.

Fraternally,
 Bill Zufall

LODGE news and views

ETOLIAN LODGE
 No. 479
 2nd and 4th Mondays

All in favor of turning this column writing over to the incoming Master, vote by the etc. etc. *, carried. It's deadline time again. All of the cliches notwithstanding this has been a very interesting year. I would not trade it for a million dollars and I would not give a nickle for another one. I am deeply appreciative of the support I have received from the brethren throughout the year, however, I sincerely hope we have not left too many things undone.

November was quite busy, and at the time of this writing we have a couple of practice sessions, a third degree, and a euchre tournament yet to go. Our wine and cheese tasting party was a real success, with most of the credit going to W. Bro. Wally Lessord. Master Masons nite at Etolian Chapter #308 was also very enjoyable. I was made to feel honored by the chapter, and do appreciate the effort which was put forth by all. I especially want to thank Sister Florence Kelly for donating the Distinguished Service Apron, the Certificate and the Picture which had belonged to our departed Brother, Clarence, to the Lodge. These items have been mounted on the wall where Clarence sat as Sentinel for many years. That place is now known as "Kelly's Corner". Nov. 13th we enjoyed a fine 2nd degree. I

am proud of the work that is done by the Brethren of our Lodge. I believe the quality of the work is due, in no small measure, to the schools of Ritual which have been attended in numbers which allowed our Lodge to "win" the Banner for the third year in a row.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

W. Bro. Howard Amish says he is settling in quite well where he is in the Methodist Home. The day I visited him, he was playing bridge with three very nice Ladies, and seemed to be enjoying himself very much.

The plight of our Bro. John Hodge was made very poignantly in the Nov. 12 edition of Upstate magazine.

Our condolences to Bro. Robert Randolph and Bro. Thomas Friedo on the personal loss they have recently suffered.

TRESTLEBOARD

Dec. 11th. Summons meeting - Election of Officers
 Dec. 18th - Joint Christmas Party

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, a very Happy New Year, and may God be good to you.

See you in Lodge
 Russ Holmes
 Master

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GROTTO

LALLA ROOKH'S NEWEST UNIT -- THE CLOWNS

The Clown Unit of Lalla Rookh Grotto celebrated its first birthday in October at its regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The Unit, founded by five "real clowns" has been growing steadily since its formation and now consists of 12 dedicated, hard-working and fun-loving clowns.

The benevolent activities have included helping at the Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, the Salvation Army picnic, A Christmas party at Happiness House and a couple of fund raising events for the Boy Scouts: not to mention eight fireman's parades, visits to elementary and secondary schools, local hospitals, and participation at our own Lalla Rookh Circus.

Other events have included performances at various parties and dinners and Mall promotions. The climax of our first year came at the E.S.G.A. convention in September when our unit took first place as the "Best Clown Unit."

This past summer our unit purchased a train. It is capable of carrying seven kids, or five not-to-young-sters in its caboose. The train was used for parades this past summer and is very effective in keeping our unit closely knit.

If you seem only mildly interested or impressed by the activities of our new unit it is only because the most important accomplishments of our first year have not yet been mentioned. Our unit has brought "Glimmers of Happiness" everywhere we went. This is the most satisfying and most selfish aspect of being a clown. When a clown brings a smile to someone young or old, he has enriched that person's life with joy. That joy can never be removed. When a clown brings a smile to the face of the serious and un-attached bystander, he has filled that moment with friendship. These are some of the "Glimmers of Happiness" which make us proud to be Lalla Brookh Clowns.

Any Prophet who is interested in affiliating with the Clown Unit can do so by contacting Mark Glogowski or Gary Hargrave.

In the January issue of the Masonic News we will give a complete list of the 1979 officers of Lalla Rookh Grotto. Until then, to each and every one, have a Happy and Healthy Holiday. George Francis, Publicity



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David P. Crawford



R. Kenneth Crawford

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My brothers and friends!!
There comes a time in our lives when we each have to say our goodbyes, sayonaras, caos, adioses or in whatever language we use to express ourselves, it still means the same. In this case, not that I am leaving Yonnondio, but that this is my last article as Master of Yonnondio Lodge. My official duties do not end until January 2, 1979, but my writing ends a month before!

A brief word about the greeting at the top of this column. By friends I am referring to people other than those to whom this column is normally addressed who read our articles and comment on them. For instance, the typesetter who has to arrange this article. I feel this would be a good time to address these readers. Thank you for your comments, and keep them coming over the years.

We of Yonnondio did not get off to such a flying start, in the beginning of the year, due to many things which I will not go into. We did our work and limped, or plodded, along . . . whichever you prefer to call it. Then, suddenly!!! We sort of caught fire, took hold and started to do things to make people see us as individuals and members.

My personal opinion of our officers in Yonnondio is that they are spreading the word of Masonry each and every day of their public and private lives. Whatever happens to our Temple or our membership over the coming years, these officers will carry it out and see it through for the benefit of Masonry and us.

Yonnondio and its people are a lodge that will help to shape the future of Masonry in Rochester, Monroe County, and the State of New York. I am proud to have contributed to the building of Masonry with my time and efforts.

To all past Masters of any lodge, I urge you to attend through December 28, 1978, the Joint Investiture service for your incoming Master and support him through his year. Each of you know the trials and tribulations he will be going through in the year, and can be of great help to him. Don not hesitate to whisper wise council in his year, whether he uses it or not. Our Ladies' Night, November 4, was a smashing success, and a positively great time was had by all. Brother and Mrs. Norman Mundt, we thank you both for the Ladies' Night arrangements and the summer picnic also.

you for your efforts and guidance in running the Fellowcraft Club.

Rial Devoist, thank you very much for your work as director of the Fellowcraft degree team.

Congratulations to our Senior Warden and fine officers for a fine second degree on November 7th. On November 9th, the officers and degree team conferred a third degree in Genesee Falls #507; on November 11th, our lodge traveled to Dansville, Phoenix Lodge #115, to do an entire third degree. I thank the masters of these two lodges for the honor and privilege and hope that this fellowship will improve and grow over the coming years. My thanks to the people who traveled, took part and assisted in any way in these degrees, also any other degrees during the past year.

11TH HOUR EVENTS:

December 5th. Open - Film or Speaker.

December 19th. Annual Summoned Communication and Election of officers.

When you get ready to send mail to the Secretary, check to be sure it says Gordon Mosher, 2449 Westside Drive, North Chili, N.Y. 14514, Phone 594-2716.

Thank you,
Frank Kelsey Master

WAKAN LODGE
No. 1054
2nd and 4th Mondays

Brethren:

The year is fast drawing to a close, soon we'll be into the holidays, caught up in the hustle of last minute shopping and family gatherings. At this time of year let us not forget those who are less fortunate than we. Soon you will be receiving a request for your contributions to the Brotherhood Fund. Please be as generous as you feel you can be. Also remember the "Think Big And Build" campaign, and the guests at the Masonic Home in Utica. Extend your help so that they may enjoy many more holidays in their home.

I would like to thank Brother Sherwin Isaacs for arranging for the "Shoot Don't Shoot" program. It certainly was most informative, and illustrated the constraints placed upon our law enforcement officers. I would also like to thank

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Officer Borden of the Irondequoit Police Department for his enlightening presentation. I would also like to thank our Junior Warden Webb Sheehy for getting the film on boating for our November 13th meeting, it was really enjoyable, thanks again Webb. We offer our condolences to W.: Bob Petit on the death of his father.

Just a few things to remember for the coming month. The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Rochester is presenting an open house at the Masonic Temple, December 7th at 7:00 starting in Cathedral Hall. The program features a film, "The Quest for Light", A Speaker, a tour of the backstage and costumes, all of which will be followed by refreshments. There will be Shrine Clowns for the children also, so bring your cameras. Everyone is invited, especially prospective candidates, just bring a Master Mason.

December 11th will be the annual election of officers, and committee reports. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy holiday season.

Fraternally,
Don Brugger Master

NEWS & VIEWS

Well your globe trotting reporter is home again, we had the pleasure of attending a Lodge meeting of Cissbury Lodge, in Worthing England. It happened to be their official visit and was followed by a fine dinner.

Have you noticed that Sister Ruth Meyers is sporting a beautiful new Engagement ring?? Brother Fred Kittleberger has sprung the question and we are waiting with bated breath to learn the date. Congratulations to you both.

Also congratulations to Marlene and Walter Prystaj on the birth of a daughter last month, looking forward to meeting that young lady soon.

W: Joe Dimino is busy collecting supporters for his run off election vote this month, Joe is running for grievance chairman in his Union.

Sally and Len DuBois are

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away on vacation in the south, hope you didn't get caught with any of those snow storms that hit last month.


W: Eric Lewis was hit by a bad cold last month and we hope that he is over it at this writing.

We saw Bro: Gene Poore last month, boy does he keep that 1969 International Scout in good condition, I think he's afraid of getting stuck in the mud down at the camp.

As I am sure we have mentioned we enjoy going flying with W: Bob Pettit. Must tell you a short story, last September while with Bob practicing tight turns just west of Gates at three thousand feet the engine quit cold, with complete calm he turn to your writer and said 'I think we have a little trouble' -- Boy did we!!! enough to say that with intense concentration and skill Bob put us down in a corn field near route 18 at Hilton. Not a scratch on the plane or either of us, except to my central nervous system . . . Yes we have flown with him again since then - glutton!!!

Your reporter,
A. John Tijou

NORTHFIELD LODGE
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The year of 1978 has been an active one at Northfield, and the month of December will be no exception. With our large group of candidates, we will exemplify the Third Degree on two occasions; The first presentation will be at the regular meeting of Thursday, December 7, while the second session will be held at a special meeting the following Thursday, December 14th. A dinner to honor all of our candidates will be served on December 7, as there will not be a dinner on December 14 because of its closeness to our Christmas Party.

As I write this article, I have just been informed of the death of one of our most

active and devoted Past Masters, W: Ivan Dreisbach, who passed to the Lodge Eternal November 11. A Masonic funeral service was held for Brother Dreisbach at the funeral home in Honeoye Falls on the evening of November 14. While we mourn his passing, we are all reminded that we should be prepared ourselves when the final summons comes from the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Friday evening, December 15, is the date for our annual Northfield Christmas Party. This always proves to be a gala affair with many delicacies to eat, a wine bowl that never runs dry and a grab bag that produces much hilarious entertainment. So, come and join us with your lady to celebrate this final festive event of Northfield's social calendar for the year.

The meeting of December 21 will be our Annual Meeting when Annual Reports will be received from the respective officers and committees after which the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Other final business of the year will also be transacted. Following the meeting there will be a social hour.

This will be the last article that I shall write as Master of the Lodge. It has been not only a very active year but also a very significant year in the life of our lodge. We have used our working tools to improve our Lodge Hall, but more importantly we have used them to build and strengthen the fraternal bonds of brotherhood and fellowship. I wish to extend my best wishes to the incoming Master and his staff of Officers and hope that each of you, the Brothers of Northfield Lodge, will experience a Blessed Christmas and an inspiring New Year.

TRESTLEBOARD

Dec. 7th - Third Degree with dinner at 6:30 P.M.


Dec. 14th - Third Degree at 7:30 P.M.

December 15th - Christmas Party at 8:00 P.M.

Dec. 21st - Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.

Raymond R. Beardsley
Master

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CHURCHVILLE LODGE
No. 667
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Brethren:
On December 3rd we will hold our Annual Communion Breakfast. This year Rev. Donald Wilson will conduct the communion service in the Riga Congregational Church at the intersection of Routes 33A and 36. Service is at 8:00 A.M., after which we will repair to the Lodge rooms where breakfast will be served by Nola Chapter, O.E.S. Our guest speaker at breakfast will be our Grand Chaplain R.:W.: I. Vincent Lloyd. Based on previous occasions, I know he will bring us an inspirational and enjoyable message.

By now you will all have received your summons to the Annual Meeting on December 13th. Please do not underestimate the importance of answering and obeying this summons, for your presence not only enables you to give your input to the Lodge proceedings, but it also assures your officers of your continued interest and support for the future activities of the Lodge.

At this time, since this is my last column, I am compelled to express something of my feelings for the year now past. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as Master this year. I am happy to have had two classes of candidates, and proud of the way in which the officers and brothers exemplified the degrees. I am thankful for the support and assistance I received from all with who I worked this year, both at the local and the District level. It has been a wonderful experience.

TRESTLEBOARD

- Dec. 3rd - Communion Breakfast
 - Dec. 13th - Annual Communication
 - Jan. 10th - Installation of Officers
- Fraternally,
Leo H. Pancoast, Master

VALLEY LODGE
No. 109
1st and 3rd Mondays

Brethren -
We are in December - the year 1978 has been chaotic for many people especially yours truly. We have seen prices of all commodities and necessary products for living skyrocket - inflation has gained it's largest percentage in many months of constant increase - people on fixed incomes find it more and more difficult to make ends meet. During the Great Depression there was a saying - tighten your belt - put your shoulder to the wheel and we shall make it over the top! - To me this looks like the right time for that to be the case again. We shall all work

together and we shall make it over the top.

We had an excellent Past Master's Night very good attendance - Our thanks to all who helped make it so enjoyable - The P.M.'s who filled the stations so well. The lovely ladies who prepared and served the old fashioned chicken & biscuit dinner - and a very special tip of the hat to Wor. Bro. Verne Saunders who led us in song. "For Old Times Sake" - The whole evening was "out of sight".

You will be visited very soon by a member of "The Think Big & Build" program - please - do the best you can. Fraternally
Cliff Merritt

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Ronald Seiler lost his son - our heartfelt sympathy goes out to him.

Ralph Smithers - home convalescing from an operation at Genesee Hospital Tuesday.

Harvey Bauer Jr. recovering from minor surgery.

William T. Croney - still under doctor's care - needs cheering up - send cards - 198 Mehard Dr. 198 Mehard Dr., Rochester, 14616.

James Barrett - shows improvement - help him with cards or phone calls.

Any information on the above may be obtained by calling Cliff Merritt (342-2080).

TRESTLEBOARD

Dec. 4th - Right Worshipful Night. Ralph Biggar has spent a great deal of time & effort on this program. We should all enjoy this evening - be there.

Dec. 11th - Fellowcraft - Election of next year's Officers - a good turnout will insure good results.

Dec. 18th - Annual Meeting - Election and Installation.

FELLOWCRAFT CLUB

Hi there: The Fellowcraft Club held its Annual Elections of Officers Dinner at the Kopper Kettle on Chili Ave. Nov. 13, 1978. A delicious dinner was had by all who attended.

A short business meeting was held to announce the financial status of the club. It was also voted to hold a Special Meeting for the Election of Officers at our December 11, 1978 meeting at the Masonic Temple 7:30 P.M. all members are urged to attend this meeting.

As this will be my last letter to you as President of your Club, I wish to express my thanks to all who have assisted me this past year. It has been a pleasure to serve you and I hope you will give your support to our next body of officers, whoever they may be. A special thank you also to Bob Belt who has been Vice President and Dewey Bartholomay our Secretary - Treasurer for their support

this past year. We have had fun this year. Let's keep it up.

Do not forget the Special Meeting December 11th at the Masonic Temple, a lunch and refreshments will follow the meeting.

Yours in the faith,
Ed Miller, Jr. President

ROCHESTER LODGE
No. 660
2nd Monday

Dear Brethren,
It doesn't seem possible but the year is approaching its end and this is my last letter to you as Master. This has been an exciting and rewarding year for me - I learned the meaning of brotherhood at its finest. I could not have carried out this year with the success that it was if it had not been for the dependability, thoughtfulness and every readiness to aid me by my officers and fellow brothers. I thank you all once again for your confidence in me and hope I have served you with the dignity this office deserves. It will be with mixed emotions that I turn over the gavel in January. I only hope that I support the incoming Master with the same support that was given to me. His will be a harder task with all they new business at hand, therefore it is my fervent wish that as many brothers who are able attend ALL monthly meetings to help make many important decisions that are forthcoming - he will need your support.

My best wishes to all for a healthy, happy, prosperous and blessed holiday season. Fraternally,
Alberto Echevarria, Master

TRESTLEBOARD

- December 4th - Fellowcraft
- December 11th - Election of New Officers
- January 8th - Installation of Officers.

FROM THE SECRETARY

ANNUAL SUMMONS

You are hereby summoned to attend the Stated Communication of Rochester Lodge No. 660 F. & A.M. to be held in Doric Hall, Masonic Temple, Rochester N.Y. on Monday, the 11th of December 1978. A.L. 5978 at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of electing the Officers for the ensuing year and such other business as may regularly come before the Lodge

By order of:
Worshipful Master
Alberto G. Echevarria
W. George M. Adams,
Secretary

Congratulations to the following Brothers who celebrate their Birthday in December: Bernhard Brinson in South Carolina 12/1; Henry Darwent 12/2; Charles Adams in Arizona 12/3; Robert Burkhardt in

Pennsylvania 12/4; Glenn Murat in Florida 12/5; Samuel Freedland 12/5; W. B. Donald Leisten 12/6; Ashley Williams 12/9; Donald Woodruff 12/9; Alfred Hoog 12/11; Harold Webster in Colorado 12/13; Earl Pearce 12/15; Harvey Feldman in Florida 12/16; Martin Feinberh 12/17; Theodore Hamilton in California 12/19; David Admas 12/20; Max Barwald 12/24; Sidney Grossman in Florida 12/26; Emanuel Poulis in Florida, who received his 50 year pin this year 12/27; Leroy Wilson 12/27 and Ralph Rowlingson 12/31.

CALLED HOME

Bro. Thomas C. Wombwell, Entered Apprentice, passed away November 10, 1978 after a short illness. W.B. Kenneth Moore conducted a Masonic Service at the Lakeview Community Church. The sympathy of the Lodge was extended to the Family.

I would like to extend Season Greetings from the Officers of Rochester Lodge to all our Members and Friends.
George M. Adams, Secretary

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

Dear Brethren:
This will be my last column as Master. On December 15 another Master will be installed and I hasten to wish him, and his line, every success during the ensuing year. They have my assurance of continuing support during their year.
The past year has been a gratifying experience for me. It passed all too quickly - it seems only a few weeks ago that I was installed myself.
Before leaving the East I want to express my sincere gratitude to those Past Masters and Brothers who so faithfully attended communi-

cations and who went out of their way to support their officers. Special mention is made of W. Bro. Henry F. Leiske and W. Bro. Francis E. Nunnold who were ever willing to pitch in and fill gaps when they occurred.

At this writing it is too early to report on the results of the Summons Meeting held on November 17 but I have every hope that the Brethren who attended that communication approved the recommendation of the Action Committee I appointed last spring. Their diligent efforts have resulted in a plausible solution to a pressing problem.


It is unfortunate that an injury kept me from being in the East for the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master. A trip to the hospital resulted in a week at home for me. I want to express my sincere gratitude to W. Bro. Norman L. Jermyn for stepping in to fill the chair. I understand that the meeting was both interesting and informative.

During the past month we received word of the death of Bro. Arlie E. Paige in Parker, Colorado. An area Lodge held a Masonic Service for Bro. Arlie and a Memorial Service was held for him at our last communication. We offer our sympathy to Mrs. Paige and family.

Bro. George Graf is still confined at home but improving daily. We will be very happy to welcome him back in his Steward's place as soon as he is well enough to attend Lodge.

And so we come to the end of our year with fond memories and some regrets.

May Almighty God bless you all!
Fraternally,
Robert H. Lauzon Master

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WEBSTER LODGE
No. 538
1st and 3rd Thursdays

Brethren,
Because of you it's happening. The new Webster Masonic Temple is what is happening. On Thursday, November 16, 1978, the lodge approved funds to start the site preparation for the new building. This will allow site work to start immediately after the building permit is issued. On November 6, Brother Tom Pellett, Jr. presented an impressive case to the Webster Village Planning Board for a construction variance to reduce the construction types. The Planning Board concurred with our request & Tom will plead our final case on November 29 at the Webster Village Zoning Board of Appeals. This construction variance will allow us the option of using a wood decking and trusses in the building to reduce the cost of the building significantly. After the construction variance is approved a building permit will be applied for on November 30 and site work will start. The bids for the construction of the building will be presented to the lodge for approval on Dec. 7th. If the bid is approved construction will start this year. To tie all of this together and commemorate this historical moment of Webster Lodge, a ground breaking ceremony will take place on Dec. 3, at 2:00 PM at the site of the new Masonic Temple site on Orchard Street, Webster, N.Y. R.W. Bruce Widger, D.G.M. will be present to assist in this historic event along with other past and present Grand Lodge officers representatives from Royal Arch, and OES. Plan to attend and be part of a historical first for Webster Lodge.

Now its up to each member to make his commitment to the Webster Lodge Building Fund. As of November 16 only \$24,836 in pledges and cash of which has been received of which \$21,266 is in cash. This is not enough to build the building as we must have a minimum of \$40,000 before we can start to build. Each member living in the Monroe County area will receive a personal call from a member of the Lodge to answer any questions about the building and receive a pledge for the building. Don't wait to make your pledge until "you see something happening"; without "your" pledge nothing will happen. If you have not received a personal call at this please call me at 422-4693 or 671-3281 so that I can arrange a personal call.

Meanwhile the life in the lodge continues. On Dec. 13, the Fellowcraft Club Annual meeting will be held at the

VFW on Jackson Rd, Webster. The cost for the buffet and your next years dues card will be only \$6.00. Reservations are a must and can be made by calling Clayton Field at 671-2778 or Charles Moore at 872-1094. Don't miss a fun nite.

Congratulations to Ed Woen on completing a year as president of the Past Matrons & Patrons Association and to Kenny (Who) Hutchinson who was elected to serve as president next year.

TRESTLEBOARD

Dec. 3rd - Ground Breaking Ceremony at Orchard Street
Dec. 7 - Approve Bids for New Building
Dec. 13 - Fellowcraft Club Annual Mtg. at VFW
Dec. 21 - Annual Mtg & Dinner at 6:30
Jan. 4 - Installation of Officers
W. Scott Hollander, Jr. Master

FAIRPORT LODGE
No. 476
2nd and 4th Mondays

Dear Brethren,
There will only be one meeting during the month of December. Our annual communication will be Monday, December 11th. A dinner will be served by the youngmen of Genesee Valley Chapter of DeMolay at 6:30 P.M. Reservations can be made by calling Brother Tom Goodrich, 223-0642. Reports, a proposed budget, and the election of the Officers will be the business of the evening. As regular as this may look, it behooves every Brother that has an interest in the welfare of the Lodge to be there.

The Monroe Districts' investiture service will be held at the Rochester Temple, Thursday, December 28th. Dinner reservations will be necessary. I hope the Past Masters will come out to show their support of the Master-elect.

The Attendance Banner for the Grand Lecturer's Convention has been awarded to Fairport Lodge. The Officers, proxies, and members are to be congratulated for making the effort and winning the recognition from their Brethren.

I am told this may be my last opportunity to communicate with the Brethren at large in this column. I would like to thank everyone for the privilege of presiding in the East. It certainly has not been a one-man show. Everyone has been more than cooperative. We have faced a number of challenges this year - membership growth, financial stability, and building maintenance. I would like to think the Lodge has progressed, but know well of the things left undone. While I tried to have varied programs of general interest

to all. Lodge attendance has not been a primary concern to my program this year. This may appear to be contrary to all we hear at leadership sessions. I do not think so. I am well aware of the many important community roles filled by dedicated Masons. Time does not always allow some of these to attend Lodge. But to those Brethren who do not attend Lodge or actively serve the human family I can only say "you may use your Masonic membership as a drawing account if you wish, but don't forget the deposits."

I wish for all the Brethren and their loved ones a joyous holiday and a prosperous future.

Fraternally,
David W. Taber
Master

FAME LODGE
No. 945
2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Brethren,
Just a short reminder that December 12, 1978, is the date of our Annual Summoned Communication. On that date we will be voting on many things, including the raising of dues, initiation fee and also a change in the starting time of our Lodge meeting. So, if you want your opinion voiced, be sure to show up and voice it. This meeting is also held for the purpose of electing the officers of our Lodge for the ensuing year.

I thought the toughest letter I ever had to write was the first one I had to submit to the Monroe Masonic News. I along with many others, was not accustomed to this routine. However after writing a few of the letters, I looked forward to the next writing. This was my chance to communicate with so many of the Brothers I had not had the pleasure of seeing in Lodge or meeting at other Lodge functions. So now that I look back in retrospect, I realize that the first letter was not the hardest. It is this last one, My Swan Song, that was the most difficult to compose.

How does one condense his feelings of thanks to such a great Lodge? How can I thank each one of you for your assistance whenever I called upon you? I only wish there was enough room to thank each one of you personally. I know we've had a few potholes to contend with along the way, but this is true in all Lodges, I'm sure. We happen to be fortunate

enough to have less problems than others, and I'm sure this is due to the support of the Officers and Brethren of our Lodge. I have no doubt that same support will be extended to the new incoming Master, to enable him to have the greatest year in the history of Fame Lodge.

At this time I would like to personally thank a few people: First, my wife, Joanne, without whose help, perseverance, and good memory, I may not have made it through the year. To my sons, Jon and Scott, now dad will be able to attend some scout meetins and football practices and other things that always seemed to fall on the second or fourth Tuesday of the month. And finally, to all of the Brethren of Fame Lodge and their wives, and friends I have met during the year, thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the honor of serving as Worshipful Master for 1978 and for your making it the most memorable year of my life. It was a pleasure and a priveledge I will never forget.

So at this time I wish you all a happy, healthy, and a successful future, the best Holidays ever, and I'll see you in Lodge in "79".
Thanks again for the chance to serve,
Fraternally,
Stu Woodard Master

SICKNESS & DISTRESS
Why not take the time now to add these names to your Christmas card list for this year. Nothing seems to speed up a recovery more than greeting cards.

John Norton is at home recuperating, along with Ollie Matzky, Ray Riker, Walt Dutton and Sherm Morey. At the time of this writing Bro. Len Johnson was at Park Ridge Hospital, I hope you are home now Len and not chasing all of those nurses around. I'm sure a call or a visit would be greatly appreciated.

TRESTLEBOARD
Dec. 12th - Annual Summoned Communication
Dec. 25th Christmas (Have a Merry one)

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



On October 16th, a First Degree for (2) candidates, Brother Albert P. Benjamin and Brother A. Edward Hageman, the ritual went off smoothly being assisted by the following; Apron presentation P.M. Raymond Unger Jr., 1st Lecture P.M. Bernard Bonnington and P.M. Donald P. Fox; 2nd Lecture P.M. Bertram M. Steene and P.M. Blair Cosman; the Charge, P.M. Warren Trimble Jr. The Working Tools and in the East George A. Shagler, master. Also assisting were P.M. Edward Shaw, P.M. John Hinds, P.M. Stanley Allen, and Brother Robert Mulcock.

On October 22nd - saw Corinthian Temple 805 attending the INTERFAITH SERVICE AND BREAKFAST. Attending were Brother Wm. Hinds and his son Stephen, George Shagler, Bestram Steene, Stanley Allen and Mrs. Allen, Elbert Freman, and Charles Vaughn.

P.M. Stanley Allen Served on the Committee for the selection of this Distinguished Service Award. R.W. Bestram Steene also served on the Breakfast Committee. The 1978 Masters were ushers wearing the familiar gold coats.

A large turnout was in attendance at Brother Robert Mulcock's home for the October Fellowcraft Meeting.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

P.M. John Hinds has returned to work with mended ribs. However, Mr. John Hinds has had a similar injury, get well Ginny.

P.M. Mathias B. Barry fell on a newly waxed floor at the film plant and injured his left elbow.

Brother John H. Devries, sorry to hear of your illness.

Brother Edward Capauldy has had a heart attack and is at St. Mary's Hospital.

TRESTLEBOARD

Nov. 6th - Official Visitation: A well given talk was given for the Grand Master William Punt by R.W. Gordon D. Davidson, District Deputy Grand Master 2nd Monroe District. Also, R.W. Donald P. Magruder spoke on the Brotherhood Fund for 1978 - 1979.

Nov. 20th - Recognition Nite - awards to long service members, (2) 70 year Brother Masons, dinner at 6 P.M. Donald P. Fox's home - Pittsford, N.Y.

Dec. 4th - 2nd Degree with out Senior Warden Daniel E. Nesbitt in the East.

Dec. 18th - Annual Meeting. Brethren,

This will be my last writing to you through the Monroe

Masonic News. The January 1979 issue will be written by our newly elected Master.

In review, this past year has been quite eventful, our schedule was full and the lodge meetings and social events were all quite enjoyable.

For 1978 - 1979 I have been chosen to be your Brotherhood Fund Chairman. The pledges are coming in at a fairly good pace, if you haven't sent in yours, as yet, please do.

I wish to thank all the past and present officers and the brothers who have given of their time to assist me and thus help our great organization. Please give of your help and energy to our new 1979 officers. Thank you.

Fraternally,
George A. Shayler, Master

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren, the dues notices have been in your hands now for a month and I am very gratified at the number of returns that have been coming in. With inflation the way it is taking a 7% discount on regular members dues is a great savings. You don't find \$2.00 laying around in the streets. Your lodge is giving you an incentive to pay your dues early so that we can pay our bills on time. There are still some brothers who owe 1978 dues and this is a reminder to try and get them in now.

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

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Br. John DeVries, Bro. Earl LaForce, Bro. Leonard Treman, Bro. Edward Capauldy, Bro. Walter Herman and Bro. Ara Ballarian.

Observations from this corner tells me that attendance is picking up and I hope that more of the brothers will come out and meet your Officers and members.

Fraternally,
Bertram M. Steene, Secretary

OATKA LODGE No. 759
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Brethren,

We had a very good turn out for our Ladies Night, Nov. 4. The food good, music great and hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves. A big thanks to the committee, chaired by Bro. Gordon Bell for a job well done. Along the same line, the O.E.S. of Oatka Lodge served a delicious meal at the Annual Smorgasbord.

Our last meeting of the year will be Dec. 13. This will be Election of Officers, Reports of Committees and The Treasurer's Report. There will be a dinner preceding this communication at 6:30 P.M. For a good meal and pleasant evening call 533-1067.

There will be a class starting the degree work Jan. - 79, so any of you Bros. who have petitions out please get them to Lodge.

Bros. keep Jan. 14th open on your calendar. Bro. John Pascucci is preparing a baked Lasagna Dinner. Tickets are available from Bro. Gordon Bell (889-2531) and myself (533-1067).

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Bro. Robert P. Connal, raised April 3rd 1918 was called home by the Supreme Architect Nov. 5th, 1978. A Masonic service was held, and our sympathy is extended to the family.

Fraternally
John Henderson
Master

EAST ROCHESTER LODGE No. 1020
2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Brethren:

Thanks to Bro. Stan Allen and the Damascus Third Degree Team for all their help.

Your support with the Rotary dinners has been outstanding. Please continue to support your chairman as much as possible. Mrs. Rogers is doing a wonderful job putting on these dinners.

Thank you Mrs. Rogers and the Eastern Star for the dinner at our Third Degree. Thanks again to the Eastern Star & Triangle Girls for the dinners throughout the summer and fall.

I have a sad task of reporting to you that our financial situation is becoming dismal. We are facing the possibility of raising dues and/or finding ways to earn money to keep the lodge financially stable. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Please don't take this lightly for if you do our lodge will suffer. We need your physical & financial support. I know of brothers that have gone beyond their blue lodge and only support their blue lodge with their dues. Please come home as you would to your families for

holidays. You wouldn't have those double eagles if you weren't a master mason. This doesn't apply to you only, this applies to all master masons who have received their master mason's wages but have forgotten the meaning of the square & compass which they wear proudly, and have overstretched the length of their cabletow to the point of weakness.

Fraternally Yours,
David Williams, Master

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



Brethren:

When Worshipful Master Norris Curtis asked me to try my hand at the December report of lodge doings I suspected that, along with the pleasure of anticipating Past Master status, he wanted some assurance that his strange (but loyal) Senior Warden could at least write. He may deny the though but I remember the look in his eyes.

On October 28th our lodge was honored by the presence of DDGM Worshipful Harold E. Weiser who spoke about the on-going THINK BIG AND BUILD program and its importance to the residents and research

personnel at the Masonic Home in Utica.

Accompanying him was RW Roger M. Scott who stressed the need for 100% participation in the annual Brotherhood Fund Campaign.


Our Junior Warden, brother Joseph Mlayess, is chairing our portion of this campaign for the second year in a row and will be in contact with all Ancient Craft brethren. Please make his effort a rewarding one both for himself and for the brothers of the craft.

VERY IMPORTANT DATE - DEC. 13th, 1978.

Meeting commences at the usual 7:30 P.M. with main business to be election of officers for 1979, annual reports and other matters. As stated in our November report, this is a Special Summons for all Ancient Craft brethren.

The annual Past Master's get together dinner will be at the Wishing Well Restaurant on Thursday, Dec. 7th with a social period commencing at 6:30 followed by dinner at 7:00. I received what I felt to be a rather off-handed and reluctant invitation to attend and also note that the date coincides with Pearl Harbor Day and all that that implies. I wonder???

For Worshipful Master Norris Curtis, respectively and fraternally,
Albert R. Johnson, SW



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December 12 is the last meeting of this year and it is an important meeting for you to attend. The main order of business will be the election of officers to run your lodge for the next year. We will also be discussing several proposals which could greatly affect your future. I hope you will be able to attend this important meeting.

On November 14, we raised five new brothers. If you were not able to attend that evening, you missed an excellent evening. We started with a superb dinner that was put on by Dick & Rita Snyder. Afterwards the Third Degree was put on by the officers and brothers of our lodge, and the work was done excellently. The Fellowcraft Team was headed up by W: Charles Schrader, who did an outstanding job, as did the whole team. Also doing an outstanding job were W: George Stear and R:W: Fred Stahl, who sat east and west during the second half of the degree. My thanks, again go out to all who helped out that evening, I know that the new brothers were impressed by your work.

As this is my last letter of the year, I wish to express my sincere thanks to everyone for the time they gave during the year to lodge affairs. Several times during the year, we had to ask for help at the last minute, and the help was always there. We saw many different faces on the sidelines this year, and I hope that we will be able to see more next year. We all owe a special vote of thanks to Dick Snyder for all the work he has done on all the dinners and lunches this year. This was not his duty, but he volunteered and did a great job. Also, I wish to thank W: Richard VanZandt and R:W: Fred Stahl for their support and wise counsel during this last year.

As always, there are many things that I hoped would get done that went undone, and I hope that the lodge did not suffer because of any of these. I am proud of our increased proficiency in degree and regular work. If we can keep progressing as we have, we will shortly be letter perfect.

Even though I am not planning to be Master again next year, I hope that you will still feel free to contact me if the lodge or I can help you in any way.
Fraternally;
Glenn A. Stahl, Master
473-8080 W
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Brethren:
As my year concludes, I would like to thank the Brothers of Zetland Lodge for the opportunity and honor to serve as Master during 1978. The experience has been very rewarding and I would like to recognize and thank my elected appointed officers for their support and encouragement.

But to have a successful year it takes the collective efforts of all Brothers, form those who serve on Lodge committees to those who attend the meetings. Two Brothers who have worked on major projects this year who deserve recognition are W: Ernest Wilson our Secretary and Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund and Brother Hazen Coulter who Chaired our Think Big and Build Drive. Also a Brother who has been of great personal help and encouragement to me is our Immed. Past Master, W: Donald Joseph.

Two others deserve my thanks as well. One a Past Master, my father R:W: R. Kenneth Crawford for his support, and my wife Linda for her understanding and patience.

Two meetings are scheduled for December which I encourage you all to attend. A Special Communication will be held at 7:30 PM on Thursday evening, December 7th for the conferral of the Third Degree.

Our Annual Meeting and Election will be the final meeting for 1978 on Thursday, December 14th at 7:30. Preceding the meeting at 6:30 in the Third Floor Dining Room we will have a Roast Beef Dinner. Please make your reservations with our Jr. Warden, W: Ted Theodor at 342-7275 not later than Monday December 11th.

I regret to inform the Lodge of the death of Brother Donald Beldue who died in New Port Richey, Fla., on October 27th following a long illness. The sympathy of the Lodge is extended to his family.

If any Brothers and their wives wish to attend the Christmas trip to the Masonic Home in Utica on Saturday, December 16th, please contact the Masonic Service Bureau.

In closing, may I extend to each Brother and his family, my sincere best wishes for a happy holiday. May 1979 be filled with Peace, Faith, Hope and Charity for you and yours.
Fraternally,
David P. Crawford, Master

Brethren,
With the holiday season upon us I wish to call your attention to our sick and shutin brothers. If you know of one near you, drop in and see him or send a card as it makes their days much happier and also lets them know they are not forgotten.

At this time I would also like to thank all the past masters for all of their help and dedication to our lodge for without them I doubt if we could have carried on so well.

We will be planning several social activities for the coming year for the benefit of our brothers, their family's and friends.

I will bring to your attention the program of activities for the coming year in future letters to provide ample time for your attendance.

Please remember our annual meeting on December 13th. Your attendance is urged at this time.

The installation of 1979 officers will be held January 11th and I also would like to see a good turnout and support for these officers.

I also call your attention to our yearly dues. Please remit to our Secretary Worshipful Ron Mertens.

The chairman of our Brotherhood Fund will be our Senior Deacon Brother Fred Birr.

The chairman of our Think Big and Build Fund is Worshipful Brother Larry Geith.

To all our Brothers their family's I wish to extend a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Fraternally Yours
Loren Alexander
Senior Warden

SICKNESS & DISTRESS
We are sad to announce the passing of Brothers Arthur Devlin, Walter Seils and Phil Bubes and extend our sympathy to their family and friends.

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**GERMANIA LODGE
No. 722
2nd and 4th Wednesdays**

Seasons Greetings!

A warm greeting to you all and a sincere wish for a most enjoyable holiday season. Soon it will be time to sing Auld Lang Syne and welcome in the New Year. The ushering in of 1979 also signifies that my year as Master of your Lodge is just about over. I feel that it has been a year of modest improvement and that the framework has been re-established so that your Lodge can continue to grow and flourish. I wish to thank all of you who have made my year as Master one that I will never forget.

There are, however, a few events that I strongly urge you to attend. The first is our Annual Communication on December 13th. At this meeting, we will be electing the officers for 1979. This, of course, is a very important event. The reports of the year's activities will also be presented. This meeting will be a good review of the past year and a good time to reflect on our commitment to Masonry. I hope you will make every effort to attend this meeting.

I would also suggest that you might attend our Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 9th. There is something special about this Christmas Party and you can really see the wonderment and excitement of the children as Santa calls their names and holds them on his lap. Here is a great opportunity to get the whole family together for a special holiday treat. And, of course, if you haven't done so already, please get your contributions in to Wayne Cowell. Remember, only these contributions fund the party - nothing comes out of your dues.

I want to remind you that Allright Parking now operates the parking lot at the Temple. Tickets (4 for \$1.25) are available from the Temple office only. If you don't have a ticket when you arrive at the lot, it will cost you \$.50 or even more on special event nights. Make sure that you have a supply of these tickets.

Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairman Bruce Howland informs me that he is planning on beating last year's campaign. You should have received a mailing by now and hopefully some of you have already sent in your gifts. Let's all get together and push hard this year. Last year only about 25% of the Lodge gave donations. Let's see if we can't get that up to 50% or more. Please help your brothers!

I'd like to close now with my personal wish for a safe, happy, and outstanding holiday season to you and your families. At this special time of year, I hope you will remember the importance and

real meaning of those precepts that bind us all together in Masonry and that this meaning might strengthen that Light in all of us. Peace to you all!

Have a joyous holiday season! Fraternal and sincerely,
David N. Foster, Master

**SPECIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT**

Brethren:

Our annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 9th at the Masonic Temple starting at 6:30 P.M. Please bring a gift plainly labelled for your children or grandchildren so that Santa can call their names. Please come and join us even if you don't have children or grandchildren.

Please remember that this party is financed totally by voluntary contributions from the members of our Lodge. If you haven't done so already, please make out your checks to Wayne Cowell, and mail it to: Wayne Cowell, 115 Hinchey Road, Rochester, New York 14624. Thank you. Fraternal and sincerely,
Wayne Cowell, Christmas Party Chairman

TRESTLEBOARD

December 5 - Officers Meeting - Important

December 9 - Annual Christmas Party

December 13 - Annual Communication - Election of 1979 Officers

**CLIO LODGE
No. 779
1st and 3rd Tuesdays**

Brethren, a few reminders of coming events at Clio Lodge:

On December 5th, Tuesday, we have a Master Masons Degree and a dinner preceeding the meeting, provided we get enough reservations. We must have a minimum number of twenty-five reservations, so get your reservations in now. Call Bro. Don Wright, the Jr. Warden, who will take care of this for you. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 10th, at 1 p.m. we will hold our Children's Christmas Party. Bring your small children to Clio and brighten their Christmas Holiday.

On Tuesday, December 19th the Annual Summons and Election of Officers. It is of the utmost importance that you attend this meeting where you can learn of our financial standing and where you can cast your vote to elect your officers for the ensuing year.

My thanks and the thanks of all the Brothers of Clio go to Brother John Burgess and Brother Gordon McCoy for the fine job they did in repairing the sign on the lawn in front of the Lodge hall. We thank

them for a job well done.

W: Jim Fallon and his Captains of the Think Big and Build Campaign are well organized now and will be contacting you for your support. The Grand Master is really going all out for this great Masonic project. Please give what you can financially to help make sure there will always be a Masonic Home for the Aged. This is a project worthy of your immediate attention.

Fraternaly,
James P. Wells, Master

TRESTLEBOARD

Tues., Dec. 5 - Master Masons Degree, Preceded by Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 10 - Children's Christmas Party 1 p.m. Clio Lodge, Hilton

Tue., Dec. 19 - Annual Summons, Election of Officers

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

Brethren,

This is my last opportunity to communicate to you through the Monroe Masonic News. I will have two occasions, after this publication, to work with you as Master of the Lodge.

December 4 - We will confer the Third Degree upon our recently passed Brother, Peter A. Anderson and will celebrate his raising at a dinner following the degree.

December 18 - Our annual meeting will be held for the election of next year's officers and for the presentation of the Masters Year End Report and Message.

As all Masters who have passed before me, Looking back upon this year, I am grateful to those who supported me, realizing that any measure of accomplishment can only be a product of their efforts.

It has been particularly fulfilling to be associated with that core of dedicated men who are not only responsible for the sustenance of this lodge, but who, by their words and actions, exemplify that code of ethics upon which Masonry is built. I am referring to that group of Past Masters and senior members who have matured with the Fraternity and continue to stand by to offer guidance and support. It is also appropriate to note that the caliber of a number of our officers should insure the continuation of that dedicated core upon which this Fraternity continues to rely.

The challenge before next year's line remains to transform a larger portion of our membership from passive dues payers, to active, vital contributors.

I bring to you glad tidings.

The following members have celebrated milestones in their lives; Brother Archie Barbour has become a Grandfather. Brother Cliff Minard recently celebrated his 40th Anniversary with Eastman Kodak Company. Your Master has become a father for the second time, a daughter.

Brothers in need of our aid or sympathy: Brother Bill Gersley is recuperating from a hernia operation. Brother George Pasch is recuperating from surgery. Condolences are extended to Brother Walter Gibaut who's brother has passed away and to Brother Merl Nulton who recently lost a stepbrother.

Birthday greeting are extended to: 12/1 - Francis Montbach, 12/4 - Edward Drojarski, 12/5 - Walter Swail, 12/6 - Stewar LeBarron, James Passarella, 12/8 - John Willis, 12/11 - Urban Knight, 12/13 - Newell Ferris, 12/16 - William Hnatiw, Kenneth Pierce, 12/17 - Leslie Leaty, Kenneth Thompson, 12/18 - Frank Baron, 12/20 - James Gilzow, Gordon Watts, 12/23 - Richard Gundry, 12/25 - Arthur Gundry, 12/26 - William Greenwood, Jr., 12/27 - Edwin Smith, Elwin Smith, 12/30 - John Auer, Jr., Clifford Hayner, Russell Rankin, 12/31 - Arthur Daughton, Donald Rhoads, Jr.

Fraternaly,
Frank D. Zaffino, Master

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

Brethren:

This will be my last communication to you, it's hard to believe that this year is almost over, and I wanting to do so much for the Lodge. However, we did accomplish some of the ideas that I had wanted to put across. A communion service and breakfast, big turnout, we brought more brothers back into the Lodge. The Senior and Junior Wardens had a very successful picnic. The telephone committee which was started in late 1976. We reversed tradition with the Eastern Stars by cooking and servicing a dinner. We received four New Candi-

dates, whom were taught the ritual by W.: John Borland and W.: Albert Clark. Ladies night at the Lodge, we established a budget for 1979 in which the New Master elect can work with and other Masters in the coming years. All of this could not have been accomplished without your help and co-operation.

I want to thank the officers and Past Masters for their help and advise. I made many new friends not only in this Lodge but other Lodges as well.

After my term is over it will be a honor and a pleasure to help the Lodge in any way I can and finally, I thank the Lodge for the privilege and honor of serving as Master for 1978.

It is my sad duty to inform you that Brother Thomas W. Fischer was called home by the Supreme Architect, Sept. 30, 1978. We will miss you, my Brother.

Ladies night, Roast beef dinner. The band of Bill, Al and Karen. A most enjoyable evening was had by all.

Dec. 18th, do you want to have an enjoyable evening? Call a friend, go to Walworth Lodge #254, Walworth in Wayne County, play in the Euchre tournament. The best way to go, is to take 441 East past Highway # 350 next red light turn right and it is the 2nd building on your right, as they say in England, you can't miss it.

Dec. 19th meeting; electing of new officers for 1979.

Jan 2nd meeting, installation of Officers, dinner by the Eastern Stars will precede the meeting and Lodge will open at 7:30 P.M. We the Officers, their wives and myself and Mildred wish all of you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Fraternaly
Jesse O. Maltson
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SENECA LODGE
No. 920
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MASTER'S MESSAGE

Brethren:
This is the last Master's Message I will be privileged to write as Master of Seneca Lodge. It has been a great honor for me and a deeply rewarding experience. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all the Officers, Past Masters, and Brothers for their overwhelming support.

At our November meeting, our Senior Warden Brother Robert VanDenBergh conferred the Tird Degree and what an excellent performance. To all the Officers and Brothers who participated in the Ritual Work, I want to express my thanks for an outstanding dramatization of the Second Section.

On December 19th, Lodge will convene at 5:30 P.M. for Election and Appointment of Officers and Financial and Committee Reports. Dinner will be at 6:30 P.M. and Installation of Officers at 8:00 P.M. I urge you to attend and give your new Master and Officers the same zeal and support that you gave me.

Again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone, who when asked did his part in making this year a most memorable milestone in my life as Master of Seneca Lodge.
Fraternally yours,
James B. Scobell, Master

UNION STAR LODGE
No. 320
1st Wednesday

Brethren,
At our November meeting, Brother Dick Bennett reported that there has been little response as of late on the 'Building Fund'. It was our hope to of had the campaign completed before the annual meeting. I encourage each of you to do something about the campaign before the end of 1978. Don't put it off until later. We must receive a response from every member before we can end our campaign. Brother Ken Spohr just recently visited our Utica Home and will report to the lodge at the December meeting.

R:W: Don Magruder reported that the 'Brotherhood Fund' campaign is starting and that all of us will be receiving information soon on this. We have already gotten a great boost on this campaign as Brother Willard Nichol had requested that contributions in memory of his Beloved wife be allocated to the Brotherhood fund.

On November 11, 1978, at the Mill Restaurant, Union Lodge No. 45 and Union Star

Lodge No. 320 held their annual 'Ladies Night.' A excellent dinner was had by all and the entertainment following was excellent. It was unfortunate that so many of you had missed this fine evening. My thanks are extended to W: Brother Bill Clark and W: Brother Jim Lee for their efforts in making this "Ladies Night" a success.

You have all received your summons to attend the annual meeting on December 6, 1978. As I have tried to explain to you in previous letters in this paper, your attendance is greatly needed. As orders of Business, there will be election of officers, committee appointments, and discussion of Grand Lodge Constitution changes in committee.

I hope to see all of you on December 6, 1978.

Fraternally
Ken Buckland, Master

FLOWER CITY LODGE
No. 910
2nd Tuesday

TRESTLEBOARD

Saturday, Dec. 2nd - Memorial Service, Jewish Old Age Home.

Tuesday, Dec. 12th - Annual Meeting: Election of Officers. Annual Reports.

Saturday, Dec. 16th - Channukah "Hop at J.C.C. Square Dance with Latke Party.

Tuesday, Dec. 19th - Fellowcraft Club.

At our November meeting, the District Deputy made his official visit. Rt. Wor. Harold Weiser was accompanied by R.W. Roger Scott, Grand Steward, and both received a warm welcome from the members of the Lodge. In his message, the District Deputy stressed the importance of the Brotherhood Fund, particularly the Utica Home Building Fund Drive, and also the need for further education in our Officers.

December promises to be a very hectic and busy month. On Saturday morning, December 2, we will honor the memory of the Late Wor. Dr. Nathan Schwartz with a special service at the Jewish Old Home, with a "Kiddush" to follow. Our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers for 1979 will be held on December 12, and the following Saturday, December 16, we will hold a Channukah "Hop" at the J.C.C. Edgewood Avenue, with Square Dancing, and a Latke Party catered by Wor. Gerald Glaser and Wor. Erwin Newell. Bon appetit! There will be a flier in the mail with full details.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

We mourn the passing of Bro. Abrahahm Mink, and extend our sympathy to his family.

We offer our condolences

to Bro. Hyman (Red) Graver on the death of his father, who was also the father-in-law of Wor. Sy. Kopen.

Bro. Sol Tanenbaum, Max Abrahamson, Simon Pogel and Mel Fernandex are all, or have been on the Sick List. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

R:W: Henry Projanski is in the Highland Hospital. Wm. R. Dunsky, Hospitaler

To all our brethren, a happy and joyous holiday season.

CHARLOTTE LODGE
No. 1088
1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Brethren:

Although it seems inconceivable, this is my last newsletter. My year as Master of Charlotte Lodge is nearly over, and I wish to thank all of you for your cooperation and support during 1978. For me, this has been a very busy, yet most rewarding year. To be Master during our 50th Anniversary year has been a special privilege and honor.

On November 9th, along with Rt. Wor. Gordon G. Davidson and Bro. William Flemming, our Secretary, I was privileged to present Bro. Earl M. Simpson with his 60-year pin and certificate. We visited him at his home, since he is not able to come to Lodge. Bro. Earl, a member of Welcome Lodge, No. 829, F. & A. M. Amsterdam, N.Y., has the unique distinction of having been initiated, passed, and raised on the same day -- April 3, 1918. He was home on a furlough from the armed services at the time. The three degrees were conferred upon him by special dispensation from the Most Worshipful Grand Master. The honor of making this special 60-year presentation was given to us by Grand Lodge.

This brings to mind that I neglected to tell you in the October issue that we presented Bro. John Crinean with his 50-year certificate and pin. Bro. Crinean is a member of Cambuslange Royal Arch Lodge, No. 14, located in Glasgow, Scotland. Wor. Bro. Marvin Williams, Past Master of our Lodge, arranged to have Bro. Crinean present for this presentation.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Gordon G. Davidson, D.D.G.M. of the 2nd Monroe District and our own Past Master, Will make his official visit to Charlotte Lodge on December 5th. Let's fill every seat of the Lodge to honor Rt. Wor. Bro. Gordy, who will bring us a message from the Most Worhsipful Grand Master.

Mark your calenders for Sunday, December 17th -- this is the date of our Annual Children's Christmas Party at the Lodge, beginning at 2 P.M. As is our custom, Santa Claus will have gifts for the children, and refreshments will be served.

The date of our Annual

Summoned Meeting is December 19th, when we will elect the officers for 1979.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Wor. Bro. Robert L. Thrash underwent a kidney transplant at Strong Memorial Hospital on November 6th. Our thoughts and prayers are constantly with him and his wife, Cora.

Bro. Albert Padget suffered a slight stroke and is confined to his home.

We ask the Heavenly Father to help restore these two brothers and Bro. David Peggs to better health.

Bro. Harold L. Smith was called home by the Supreme Architect of the Universe on November 10th. He affiliated with Charlotte Lodge on May 6, 1947. The heartfelt sympathy of the Lodge members is extended to his family.

Please remember that "Help and spiritual strength are there in the Lodge meeting for the brother who diligently seeks them, and whose need for further enlightenment is now!"

My wife, June, and I extend our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah. In the New Year, may there be Peace, Faith, Hope, Love and Joy!
Sincerely and fraternally,
Robert N. Forest, Master


TRESTLEBOARD

Dec. 5th - Official Visit of D.D.G.M. R:W: Gordon Davidson.

Dec. 17th - Annual Childrens Christmas Party Sunday at 2 P.M.

Dec. 19th - Annual Summoned meeting and election of Officers for 1979.

Jan 2nd, 1979 - Installation of Officers
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TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON



Brethren:

I would like to start out by making a correction to the November Masonic News article. The restaurant dinner will be at The Colonial Inn with a get together at the Zabel's after the dinner. Repeat; the dinner will not be at the Zabel's. That will be December 2nd, our telephone committee will be in touch with you.

Installation of officers will take place on December 21st, and I would like to thank all those whose cooperation made my year as Grand Tall Cedar easier, in fact it was a real pleasure. With Cedars like our secretary Norm (I couldn't get along without him) Fedrau, and trusty Scribe Frank Denton, you can't hardly go wrong. I would also like to thank Bob Orne and all the cast for the exemplification of the Royal Court. I am sure with the same cooperation the incoming Grand Tall will have a good year. Perhaps next year we will have a Sidonian.

A little bird told us that PGT Fred Kittleberger and Cedarette Ruth Meyer have gotten engaged. Congratulations to you both. It seems we have an epidemic on our hands, with two of our PGTs smitten. On that score we would like to welcome back our newlyweds PGT Gene Brown and his wife Martha, hope your honeymoon in the Bahamas was enjoyable.


Again I would like to thank each and every one of the cedars who attended the many functions and meetings to make this year a success.

We offer our condolences to W: Bob Pettit on the death of his father.

Fraternally;
Don Brugger
Grand Tall Cedar



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York Rite News

and all the other Officers wish for you and your families a very Happy Christmas time and a Happy New Year.

On Jan. 3rd 1979 our Commandery has been requested to furnish an Honor Guard of SK's at the Lodge Installation in Livonia. When asked please comply. Thanks.

It is very gratifying to observe the good attendance of the SK's of our Commandery at the various functions of zone 11. We were represented by 12 of our SK's and their Ladies at the public and open Inspection held for our Friends from Canada on Nov. 4th and we were sorry that more could not come at that time. The Station of Captain General was filled by SK Horace Porter, Senior Warden by SK Horace Denton and Treasurer by SK C. Ray Hager, E.P.C. Thanks to all the other SK's who helped out. It was just grand.

On Nov. 8th 1978 the School of Instruction was held at Red Jacket Commandery #81 and under the direction of SK Steven Wing, Grand Standard Bearer, was attended by 10 of our SK's. Our Ladies accompanied us to a Tureen Supper arranged for by the Ladies Auxiliary of Red Jacket. SK Howard Hornik, Grand Warden acted as Inspecting Officer. Just getting in shape. SK Donald Evans, E.P.C. served as Warden and SK James Nersinger as Standard Bearer.

On Nov. 11th 1978 at the Commandery Pilgrimage a very creditable Exemplification of the Order of Malta was given by the SK of Cyrene Commandery assisted by SK's of Zenobia Commandery, under the direction of S.K. Howard Hornik, Grand Warden. We were very happy to conduct 8 Companions into Knighthood in Cyrene Commandery at this time and occasion. Thanks to all who help out.

At this time we have no deaths or sickness to report. Everyone seems to be OK. Let's try and keep it that way.

Our Recorder, Gordon Mosher says that the Annual dues notices and assessments are in the mail now and that a early payment would be appreciated. Let's make him happy. Thanks.

The Birthday's for Dec. are as follows: Vincent Blodgett the 8th, Robert Gallo way the 17th, James L. Hussey the 21st, Raymond Nersinger the 22nd, John Sherman the 23rd and Robert White the 24th. If we have missed anyone please let us know. Thanks.

Believe that is all for now and will close with this: "Jesus has walked this Road before me and all I need to do is follow." How true. Have a Happy.

Fraternally yours,
 Em. Comm. Stanley V. Peterson

SK Roy E. Huff,
 Reporter, PC

Companions:

The Royal Arch District Festival on October 28 is now past history and was an outstanding success in every way. Ionic Chapter opened in full form in the Royal Arch degree, and after the change-over, conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in full form on a class of 30 candidates. The Past Master degree was conferred by Webster Chapter, the Most Excellent Master by Hamilton Chapter, and the Holy Royal Arch by a team from Dansville and Livonia Chapters. The quality of the degree work was excellent and was enthusiastically received by the candidates. This date can certainly be recorded as a red letter day for the 27th Capitular District.

Ionic's principal officers for the Mark Master Mason degree were: Companions Porter, Baldwin, Angold, Airy, Jr. Nersinger, Stelianou, Hood, Michaels, Barbour, and Ballou. The Craftsmen were: Peterson, Thompson, Mosher, Rapson, Clark, Ray. Nersinger, Huff, and Orians. George Stear gave the readings accompanied by Dave Cordy on the organ, and the lectures were presented by companions Airy, Peterson, Michaels, Baldwin, Mosher, and Osco Peterson, Past Grand High Priest. The degree was directed by High Priest Horace Porter.

Ionic had a fine class of seven candidates for the festival including these Brothers: Donald Joseph - Zeland Lodge, Robert Lauzon - Warren C. Hubbard, William Mengel - Warren C. Hubbard, Lawrence Miller - Seneca, James Mooney - Humanity Lodge of Lyons, Robert Pettit - Wakan, Joseph Savage - ZeltaInd. The addition of these Companions will strengthen our ranks substantially and from their number there should be some well qualified officer material. Our new Companions are urged to attend our meetings and thus become familiar with Royal Arch ceremonies and procedures. It is significant to note that nearly all of these Companions have also received the Orders in Cyrene Commandery, and most have petitioned Doric Council for membership, thus completing all of the regular word in the York Rite.

As previously announced, only one meeting was scheduled for November on the 28th, at which we entertained Grand Scribe Earl Hino, representing Grand High Priest Stewart McCloud. This was a District affair with Ionic acting as host. As this writing goes to press, it is expected that the Chapters of the District will respond by sending sizeable delegations to


honor our distinguished guest and listen to his message.

There will be one meeting in December on the 12th. This will be our annual meeting, and business to be transacted includes the following: Reports of officers, trustees, and committees; consideration of and action on the proposed budget for 1979; consideration of and action on proposed changes in By-laws; election of officers for 1979; such other business as may regularly and constitutionally come before the Chapter.

At the request of the Illustrious Master of Doric Council, Royal and Select Masters, Royal Arch Companions are cordially invited to petition the Council for membership, if they have not already done so. Petitions should be presented by the Council's December 11 meeting.

Fraternally yours,
 Horace C. Porter, High Priest
 Roy E. Huff, Reporter

MONROE COMMANDERY
 No. 12
 KNIGHTS
 TEMPLAR
 1st and 3rd
 Fridays
 Chartered in 1827



Greetings from your Commander. Monroe Commandery again has a busy month, first of all, we will meet December 1st in Gothic Hall (Full Form Opening).

December 8th, we will have the Christmas Toast with Cyrene Commandery after dinner with the ladies present. Cyrene is putting on the dinner and our ladies will help with cranberry molded salad and squash, if you care to bring a \$2.00 grab bag gift for a man or woman marked so. December 15th, we will have dinner with our ladies and after Commandery meeting, The Generalissimo Ron Brown will show two films entitled 'Christmas in Europe' and 'Christmas Through the Ages'. We invite all Sir Knights ladies and friends to share this evening with us. We will have a \$2.00 grab bag marked man or woman.

On behalf of Monroe Commandery and myself, I congratulate M.R. Frank W. Allen, on the Civic Service Award. He is a great friend and supporter of Monroe Commandery. I ask him for much advice as your commander.


I will always remember November 11th, when the three Orders of Templery were exemplified. I enjoy the Orders more every time. It was probably a first to see present and past Grand Officers exemplify the Order

of the Temple.

An important date coming in January will be a Memorial Service Jan. 19th open to the public in care of Rev. William Plews. Please make reservations for the evening and dinner with my wife at 334-4540 in the evening.

May God Bless You, as we celebrate the birth of Christ and a Happy New Year.
 Fraternaly yours,
 Em. Comm. Harold W. Gruschow

CYRENE COMMANDERY
 No. 39
 KNIGHTS
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 2nd and 4th
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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND THE REGULAR CON-CLAVE OF CYRENE COMMANDERY #39 KT TO BE HELD AT CATHE-DRAL HALL, MASONIC TEMPLE, ROCHESTER, NY ON FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 12TH, 1979 AT 8:00 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING REPORTS FROM VARIOUS OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES, AND TRANSACTING SUCH BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COMMANDERY.

Gordon C. Mosher
 Recorder.

On Dec. 8th 1978 Cyrene's Annual Christmas Toast will be observed. This year Monroe Commandery #12 will join with us in this Festive event. Recalling last year's successful combined service, we look forward to a warm fellowship as we Toast to our Fraternity, our Friends and our Faith. The evening will begin with a dinner prepared by the Schicker Club assisted by the Ladies of Monroe. This will be served at 6:30 PM after which we will move to Cathedral Hall for the Christmas Service. Returning to the dining room after the Service, we will proceed with a reception for our newly Installed Grand Line Officer, SK Howard Hornik, Grand Warden and a Christmas party and gift exchange. The gift should be in the \$2.00 range and be marked His or Hers. Reservations are requested for the dinner and further information can be had by telephone to the Commander, Stanley V. Peterson, 586-1932. Let's all make this success.

There will be no Conclave on Dec. 22nd because of its proximity to the Christmas Season.

Our Em. Commander, Stanley V. Peterson, his wife

Dear Companions;

By the time you receive this newsletter another chapter year will be almost over. The next regular meeting comes on the 23rd of November which is Thanksgiving Day so there will be no meeting. The one meeting we will have in December will be on the 14th which will be a Summoned meeting and the official Summons is printed at the end of this letter. At the Festival on October 28th several new companions joined the chapter and I hope each of them will attend every meeting they can and help make the chapter go in the coming year. My time in the East is almost over and the incoming High Priest is putting the finishing touches on his program for next year. The next newsletter will be written by the new High Priest and I am sure he will have a copy of the program in that letter. There is not very much I can say about the past year as the results speak for themselves so I will close my final letter with a wish for each companion to have a safe and happy holiday.

ANNUAL SUMMONS

In compliance with Section 33 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, Royal Arch Masons, you are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Stated Convocation of Hamilton Chapter No. 62, Royal Arch Masons to be held in Cathedral Hall, Masonic Temple, 875 Main Street East, Rochester, New York on Thursday evening, December 14, 1978 at 7:30 P.M., at which time officers will be elected for the ensuing year, and such business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

Ex. Ivan H. Ball Jr.
 High Priest

Attest:
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Ladies Organization NEWS

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

Dear Members,

We had a very nice birthday dinner and meeting. We were joined by friends from Tyrian Chapter in Erie, Bergen, Brockport, and Spencerport. I want to thank the Oct. Comm. and all who furnished for our dinner.

We all send our best wishes to W.S. Charlotte Stein who is home again after a second trip to the hospital.

Our Annual meeting and Christmas party will be Dec. 5th.

Officers Club will hold a party to honor our Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron Dec. 11th at the Star rooms. It will be a tureen dinner at 6:30 P.M. Bring a dish to pass and your table service. There will be an exchange gift for those who care to. Everyone is invited and hope we have a good turn out.

The Past Matron's will hold their Christmas party at the home of the Worthy Matron on Dec. 6th at 7:15 P.M. There will be an exchange gift for those that care to.

Sister Eleanor and Brother Stewart Dick have sold their home and have moved to Florida. We will miss S. Eleanor as she was a most loyal member. We wish them much happiness in their new home.

Congratulations are in order for S. Grace Brodie who has 50 years and W.S. Leta Campbell who has forty years in our Chapter.

Installation of Officers will be Jan. 2nd. and practice will be Sun. Dec. 31st at 1:30 P.M. at the Chapter Rooms.

Friends at home and friends afar,

These my Christmas wishes are:

Loved ones near and those away,

Peaceful be your Christmas day.

Comfort, Lord, the sick and sore;

To the weary, strength restore.

'Til the shades of night shall fall

Happy be the day for all.

May the Star that guided them

To the child at Bethlehem,

Symbol of good will to men,

Just as brightly shine again.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours. My thanks to everyone who made my year as Worthy Matron a very lovely one. Carol Wynings W.M.

FROM THE PATRONS CHAIR

By the time you read this, I will have been a has-been, and I know quite a few of you will say "join the crowd". The Patrons Assoc. now has a new slate of Officers. I can not comment on the Patrons dinner as of this message, as it is forth coming.

Our new Officers are as follows:

W. Ken Hutchinson - Pres. Webster Chapter #171.

w. Art Shaw - V. Pres. Henrietta Chapter #475.

R. W. Cliff Swope - Sec. & Treas. - Paul Chapter #480

W. Earl Branch - Chaplain Germania Chapter #72.

I feel assured that these Officers will serve you & the Patrons Assoc. as well as the outgoing Officers and I wish good luck to them. I know they will have the full support of all of you.

I would like to mention that the Assoc. voted to donate \$15.00 to the Masonic News and also \$10.00 to the Masonic Service Bureau. I would like to thank the Masonic News for getting our messages in and hope our donation helps a little bit. Also, the Masonic Service Bureau was a great help. Any time I called for information they were very helpful, thanks to you people also.

I will now cut this message short and hope I served you well and I enjoyed it very much. I hope to see all of you many times in the future, especially at the Official Visits. Help support your Chapters. Go to meeting and meet old friends.

That's what its all about. Fraternally,

W. Bro. Ed Wood

Past President

Patrons Assoc.



Fidelity Triangle Booth at Charity Bazaar at Greece Town Mall

FIDELITY TRIANGLE

Oct. 12 -13-14- Fidelity Triangle had a booth at the Giant Charity Bazaar at Greece Town Mall. The girls & parents had been very busy, for several months, making a variety of home made articles, to be sold at the bazaar.

The sales were good, and the profit will be used for our regular charity program.

Oct. 14- Regular meeting followed by a social hour with refreshments.

Oct. 21- We congratulate R:W: Edna L. Marsh, who is the new District Deputy Grand Matron of Niagara Orleans District, O.E.S., who is also the Jr. Deputy of Niagara River Triangle #120.

About 300 people attended her reception at Flagler Chapter #355 O.E.S. in Niagara Falls, including many past & present grand officers of the Eastern Star, the Masons, the Amaranth & DeMolay. Also present were, Miss Pauline Overturf and Mr. Richard Miller of the Senior Advisory Council of Triangle. A motion Choir of

16 girls from Niagara River Triangle presented a very beautiful candle light degree to honor R:W: Edna Marsh.

It was a very pleasant evening, with old friends, and we hope that R:W: Edna Marsh, will have a very happy & successful term in office.

Oct. 28- Regular meeting, election of officers & pant suit night, waiting, Eileen Quennelle; Jr. Lady in waiting, Karol Ann Midgley; Guardina, Wanda Watson; Chaplain, Carol Mewhirter; Marshall, Melissa Irish; Asst. Marshall, Sue Harrington; Recording Secretary, Virginia Irish; Financial Secretary, Janet Wilson; Flag bearer, Amy DeGeorge; Merit Secretary, Dolores Hill; Trustee Diana Schofield.

Nov. 14-15- As this article goes to the printer we will be participating in another giant charity Bazaar at Long Ridge Mall. We hope that the results will be as good as the last one.

JENNIE M. LORD CONSTELLATION NO. 5

The Jennie M. Lord Constellation had a Halloween get-together at Penny Podski's home and we all had fun with different activities at the get-together. November 4 we performed the ceremony of initiation after the beautiful Birthday Banquet. Our District Deputy Grand Exalted Star, Amy Ferris made her official visit to our Constellation at this meeting. Amy told the girls after the meeting that they did a good job. On November 12 eight girls from the Jennie M. Lord Constellation went to the District Deputy's official visit to the Leigh Harvgrave Constellation in Newark Masonic Temple. Five of our girls filled stations, and the meeting went very well.

The next get-together is to have an instruction night then a sleepover. On December 2 we will have a regular meeting for the purpose of Election of Officers. On December 15 we will be having our Christmas Party get-together and it will be at Michele Proter's home. Debbie Plassche Exalted Star of Light and Love

K.P. SQUARE CLUB

November was a busy month, the Annual Ladies Nite was held at the Mapledale Party House on November 3rd and everyone had a good time.

November 17th was Meeting nite, Turkey Drawing and Election of Officers.

For those of you who have forgotten meeting nites are held the 3rd Friday of every month, next meeting is on December 15th, hope to see you then.

There is still a number of members who are in arrears on their dues. Charles H. Brooks Vice-President

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