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Fidelity Triangle Donates Checks at their Nov. 10th Installation

The girls earned the money for these gifts by holding car washes, charity bazaars, waiting on table and selling fruit cakes and calendars.



R.:W.:Ray Beardsley, D.D.G.M. of second Monroe District, accepts check for \$200.00 for Masonic Brotherhood Fund, from Beloved Queen Eileen Quenell.



R.:W.:William Zufall, accepts checks for \$160.00 for Masonic Service Bureau and \$50.00 for Monroe Masonic News, from Beloved Queen Eileen Quenell.

R.:W.:WILLIAM DWORKIN D.D.G.M. FIRST MONROE DISTRICT



In my daily movements about this Terrestrial Planet, I encounter people who commune with me on all subjects; and since I make no secret of my Masonic Affiliations, many of these conversations involve the subject of Masonry. Recently, a long time friend, who is a dentist, told me why he has not attended a lodge function in years. It seems that, at one time, he was an active member; and during one regular communication, his answering service received an emergency call, immediately transmitting it to the Masonic Temple. For some unexplainable reason, he was not given the message, and even lingered longer than usual at the fellowship events after the meeting. When he finally arrived home and learned of the situation, he vowed never to return to lodge. And he has kept this vow, even though he still pays his dues regularly. To compound error upon error, the same thing happened in this lodge to another brother two weeks later. This man was needed for a sudden family emergency; and he, too, never received the message. Upon learning of the situation, he immediately submitted his resignation from the lodge, and never acknowledged his Masonic ties after that.

The lessons to be learned here are obvious. It should be possible at all times to reach a brother in the event of an emergency. A tiler has just as much a moral duty to get word to a brother inside as he has to prevent the approach of "cowans and eavesdroppers" on the outside. Conversely, a brother should be more tolerant of human frailties, knowing that we are not infallible. He should realize that none of his lodge brothers would purposely cause him anguish. Undoubtedly, this must have been a regrettable happenstance. Forgiveness on both sides would be in order.

The faces of Grand Lodge Officers from the Grand Master on down, were literally beaming at the Warden's Leadership Seminar in Buffalo on Sat. Nov. 10. The Scottish Rite Cathedral was filled to overflowing; and the enthusiasm displayed was something to behold. In the quiet of a small gathering later that evening, the Grand Master was heard to comment, that the wealth of talent and expertise available to the Craft, could not be purchased on the open market. With such leadership, he felt that the destinies of our Masonic Heritage was in safe hands.

Coming up this month are the Annual Stated Communications of the various lodges. I strongly urge each incoming Master to give careful thought to the selection of his appointive line. Sit down with your advisory group and carefully screen your membership roster for new vigorous

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R.:W.:RAY BEARDSLEY D.D.G.M. SECOND MONROE DISTRICT



This month I would like to turn our attention to the Brotherhood Fund. By this time each Lodge has elected a chairman of its Brotherhood Fund Campaign, and he has received from Grand Lodge a package of supplies and information to assist him. The purpose for initiating the Brotherhood Fund several years ago was to obtain voluntary Masonic contributions for a number of programs supported by the Masonic fraternity and which bespeak the highest ideals and principles of our Masonic traditions. The current Brotherhood Fund campaign is now underway and will continue through May 1980, with the respective staff officers of the Monroe Districts in charge.

Although the financial returns have continued to rise each year, it is estimated that only about 30 percent of the Masons throughout New York State contribute. Because of this, it has sometimes been suggested that Grand Lodge decree an assessment for the Brotherhood Fund which would be levied as a part of each Mason's dues and returned by each respective Lodge in its annual returns to Grand Lodge. However, it is not deemed appropriate by Grand Lodge to level assessments for charitable purposes and it is felt that the Brotherhood Fund should be supported individually by each Mason.

It is important to note for what purposes the Brotherhood Fund is used. First of all, it is used to help and brighten the lives of our guests at the Masonic Home in Utica. But it should be remembered that it does not become a part of the basic

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DO ALL YOUR
CHRISTMAS
SHOPPING AT
OUR AUCTION
DEC. 15

AUCTION BULLETIN AUCTION CHANGED TO DEC. 15

Due to a scheduling mix-up at the Monroe County Fairgrounds, it has become necessary to change the date of our giant Auction to save the Masonic Temple. The new date is December 15, and the time and place remain as they were: the doors will open at 9 A.M., and the auction will begin at 11 A.M., with all the auction action taking place in Building 1 of the Monroe County Fairgrounds. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION NOW MORE THAN EVER!!!

Sisters, Brethren, the time for talking has come to an end. We need ACTION!

There are still many of you who do not understand the predicament we're in, and who are so apathetic that frankly, they just couldn't care less.

How many times have you said: "Oh, I'm Sorry, If

Only I'd Known". Well, now you know. To state it again, as we have tried to do over the past few weeks and months, unless we can raise sufficient funds, by this action and other means, we will lose the temple. Read that again! WE WILL LOSE THE TEMPLE. Where does your lodge plan to go? Do you relish the thought of being separated from your "CRONIES" and being scattered throughout the districts? Do you really want to lose the building? Are you so blind that you cannot face facts? We don't think so. In fact, we're sure of it. So-o-o, what do you plan to do about it?

Remember the old adage! Actions Speak Louder Than Words! Remember, Saturday, December 15th.

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LET'S GO VISITING

- 3rd - Valley - 3rd Degree
- 4th - Charlotte - Official Visit of D.D.G.M.
- Corinthian Temple - 3rd Degree dinner at 6:30
- 5th - F.R. Lawrence - Summoned Mtng.
- Union Star - Annual Mtng. & Election
- 6th - Webster - 3rd Degree with dinner
- 7th - Monroe Commandery - K.T. Full Form Opening
- Etolian - Wine tasting party at 7:30 by Taylor wines
- 10th - F.R. Lawrence - Annual Mtng.
- Fairport - Annual Mtng.
- Etolian - Election of Officers
- Rochester - Annual Communication
- 11th - Ionic Chapter - R.A.M. Annual Mtng.
- Henrietta - Annual Meeting & Election of Officers
- Flower City - Annual Mtng. & Election of Officers
- F.L. Simes - Election of Officers
- 12th - Churchville - Annual Mtng. & Election
- Germania - Annual Mtng. & Elections
- 13th - Hamilton Chpter - R.A.M. Annual Meeting
- Zetland - Annual Mtng.
- Genesee Falls - Annual Mtng.
- 14th - Cyrene Commandery - K.T. Pot Luck Supper 6:30 with ladies
- 17th - J.A. Robertson - Election of Officers
- Valley - Annual Mtng.
- 18th - Charlotte - Annual Mtng. & Elections
- Yonnondio - Annual Mtng. & Elections
- 20th - Webster - Annual Mtng. & Elections
- Northfield - Annual Mtng. & Elections
- 21st - Cyrene & Monroe Commanderies - K.T. Annual Christmas Toast
- W.C. Hubbard - Annual Mtng. & Election

25th - MERRY CHRISTMAS

STAFF OFFICERS MESSAGES

Staff Officer Message
First, I would like to thank all those who attended the seminar in Buffalo on Nov. 10th. An overflow was in attendance, many of which were Sr. Wardens. The 1st Monroe had 11 Sr. Wardens out of the 15 Districts, Congratulations. The 1979-1980 Brotherhood fund is now on its way. A brotherhood kick-off breakfast was held at Fairport Lodge on Nov. 11th. The purpose being to meet the brotherhood chairmen; Set some goals; Set some guidelines; Answer questions; and in general, try to get the drive off on the right foot. Listed below is my report as of Nov. 15, 1979:

THINK BIG & BUILD
Brethren have you made your three year PLEDGE yet? We as masons have got to support the fund drive. Seven and one-half million dollars are needed. About four million dollars has been pledged. Please see your chairman, and each of us must pledge with our hearts, and GIVE to the Think Big & Build chairmen: Please do not hold any checks, mail to: TRUSTEES OF THE MASONIC HALL AND ASYLUM FUND, 71 West 23rd St., N.Y.C., N.Y. 10010

R.W. Richard L'Amoreaux
Grand Dir. Cerm.
1st Monroe District

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YONNONDIO	386	1	\$25.00
MONROE	173	1	\$10.00
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ETOLIAN	342	0	
WEBSTER	426	4	\$35.00
CLIO	260	2	\$35.00
FLOWERCITY	367	10	\$95.00
SENECA	376	3	\$80.00
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December - that month of the year when we all try to finish that which we have put off for the first eleven months of the year. I am not saying that this isn't as it should be for I find myself doing the same. We all wait to do our Holiday shopping, therefore, it always appears that December is a very busy month.

The month of December is no different when it comes to our Masonic activities. It is the last month for the Masters of Lodges to accomplish the goals they have worked for all year. In most cases it always seems that there is much to be done at the last moment and never enough time. This situation has existed for many, many years and probably will continue for many more.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer a suggestion to ALL the Masons of Monroe County which would help make the month of December more meaningful. Attend the Annual Meeting of YOUR Lodge. It will be a welcome change of

pace from the other busy activities of the month. If you attend this meeting with the right frame of mind, you may realize that you have been missing a great deal by not being present more often. In addition, you will be helping your Worshipful Master achieve one of his goals - better attendance.

I would like to thank the Masters of the Lodges for the warm reception that I have been granted on my travels throughout the two Monroe Districts. It has been a pleasure to work with the 1979 Masters and I know that many of them will be a driving force in Monroe County Masonry for years to come. I look forward to being associated with the incoming group of 1980 Masters. My relationship with them to this point has been excellent and I know that they will continue to extend the right hand of fellowship in the months to come.

Fraternally,
Ronald D. Mertens
Grand Steward

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

by Rev. William H. McKee

The darkest month of the year in hours of sunshine is December whereas in our religious services it is truly the one of festivals of light and joy.

In the Jewish Temples there is the commemoration of Hanukkah, celebrating a great victory for religious freedom won by the Jews more than two thousand years ago. They were under the rule of the Syrian Greek Emperor, who tried to force everyone to follow his way of worship or die. The Jews refused to give up their faith in one God, followed their leader into the hills of Judea where Judas Maccabe, which meant "a hammer", because of the blows he struck for freedom. For three years he fought a much larger well equipped army under the Syrians. He won by executing a military maneuver which George Washington used over 2,000 years later. The Maccabeans set up a dummy camp which the Syrians believed held all the Jewish army and found themselves surrounded and defeated. The Maccabeans regained Jerusalem, cleansed the Temple and prepared for worship. Only one small jar of Holy Oil, enough for one day was found, miraculously it burned for eight days during which time the priests were able to prepare more sacred oil to continue the eternal light. Maccabe proclaimed an eight-day holiday to celebrate the rededication. Hanukkah means "Dedication".

That festival was still observed - there is a giving of gifts often on each of the eight evenings, special food, and lighting of the candles, one each night until all eight are used. There is special scripture reading, group singing, Rock of Ages is a favorite at this season.

It is interesting to note the many similarities in the beginnings of Christianity. God's chosen were under another dictator in Jerusalem when Jesus was born in the same region. Again we find the attempt to prevent freedom of worship and once more God cared for his chosen people enabling the child to escape the Roman legions who now were in charge where the Syrian Greek ruled some centuries earlier. Again God enabled the chosen one to live and bring his message to the hungry world. Christianity faced many problems that had beset the Maccabeans a few centuries before.

There are many similarities in these two great world wide faiths - in worship and celebration: the special food, the giving of gifts, the multi candle lighting and family celebrations.

When you have to turn on the lights earlier each evening until December 21, just remember that our Heavenly Father many centuries ago, provided the light which has never ceased to strengthen all mankind, whether in the Temple or Church.

Walk in that light from this day, forever more!

Chaplain



GROTTO

Prophets:

The annual pilgrimage of Lalla Rookh Grotto to the Happiness House in Geneva is scheduled for Wed., Dec. 19. We have been informed that P.M. Joe Davis, the present President of the E.S.G.A. will attend. This is one of the most important events that our Grotto participates in and our line officers, the clowns, and of course, Santa Claus, will be there. P.M. Ron Charron has been busy buying toys and gifts for the children and it is through the generosity of our Grotto that over \$200 was given for this affair. Thank you all, Prophets.

The second important event will also be on the same evening--Dec. 19--the annual election of officers of our Grotto, preceded by a full-course turkey dinner under the auspices of our Master of Ceremony, Danny Geska assisted by the Entertainment Committee. There is only one stipulation--IT WILL BE BY RESERVATION ONLY--Where can you go and get a delicious dinner for only \$3.00. And the carving will be done by none other than our own Monarch, Ken Milner. So let's try to turn our and show our officers that we appreciate what they have done during the past year.

Prophets, this has been my fifth year for writing this column, and I'm getting weary. If anyone is interested in doing this job, please contact our Chief Justice, Charley McClary.

In closing out the year of 1979, I would like to wish all our Prophets a Merry Christmas, a Happy Chanukah and a Happy New Year.

Until then, my best to you all.

Fraternally,
George Francis
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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: (From a District Deputy) One of the lodges in my District, at the annual election, elects the Junior Warden, then the Senior Warden and finally the Master. They feel that the most important office should be filled last, and point to the Installation Ceremony at which the Master is the last to be installed.

Is there any objection to that?

ANSWER: It is a Masonic tradition that at the annual election every brother who fulfills the requirements of any office should be eligible for nomination. To be eligible for Master, the brother must have served as a Warden. Every brother (in good standing) is eligible for nomination as Warden. If a Trustee is elected first he is no longer eligible for nomination as Warden (or Master, if he qualifies).

If the Junior Warden is elected first, it makes him ineligible for nomination as Senior Warden. Likewise if the Senior Warden is elected first, it makes him ineligible for nomination as Master.

Therefore, the order for electing the Lodge officers should be Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Trustee.

At installation, the officers are installed in reverse order, with the Master last, when the Master is installed, all the elected and appointed officers should be in their stations and places.

QUESTION: At the annual election, is it permissible for a brother to object to a nomination?

ANSWER: The only objection that is valid and permissible is when a nominee is ineligible:

1. If the nominee for Master has never served as a Warden.
2. If the by-laws of the Lodge provide that a brother who owes dues for a year shall be disfranchised at the election the following year. Thus a brother who owes dues for 1978 (and 1979) shall not be eligible to vote at the annual communication in 1979.

However, a by-law which requires that a nominee must have his dues paid for the current year, is invalid since the brother is still in good standing to December 31st, of that year.

It should be noted that a brother who owes dues for 1978 and 1979 cannot be unaffiliated at the annual communication in December 1979. Our constitutions require that he must be delinquent a full year.

A suggested method is to summon the brother (or brothers) at least 30 days prior to the communication. At the annual meeting adopt a motion that if the brother (or brothers) has not responded to the summons by making suitable arrangements prior to December 31st, he (or they) shall be unaffiliated for N.P.D. on that date.

For the brother who objects to a specific nominee, the recourse is to nominate and/or vote for another candidate.

MASONIC SERVICE BUREAU

Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat - but not everyone can afford to dine on goose this Christmas, or on turkey, ham or even chicken. We would again like to help some needy families have a nice Christmas, but we can't do it unless we know who they are, and for that **WE NEED YOUR HELP**. The only families we give Christmas baskets to are those that are recommended to us by YOU, the Masons (and their families) in Monroe County. Please send us the names of anyone you know of that is really on tough times, and could not afford to have a decent holiday meal without 'a little help from a friend'. These people do not have to be Masons, or affiliated in any way with our Fraternity, but they must be needy, and they must be referred to us by you. We need to know the number of adults in the family (18 and over), and the age and sex of each child under 18, so that we can include an appropriate Christmas present for each child. If we also know the names of the children, we can personalize the gift even more. Baskets will be distributed either Saturday, Dec. 22 or Monday, Dec. 24, so our list must be complete by Weds., Dec. 19. Naturally, any assistance in delivering the baskets would be much appreciated.

Of course, there are always other ways to be helpful for the Christmas season. On Tuesday, Dec. 11, we will be wrapping about 3,000 presents at the Canandaigua VA Hospital, and I would like to take a full car there. We will be leaving about 8 AM, and we get back about 2 to 3 PM. Let me know if you can help. On Sunday, Dec. 23, we will hold the Christmas parties in the various wards at Canandaigua, and we are looking for a large group of volunteers to sing Christmas carols with us, and to distribute refreshments to the patients. We must be there by about 12:30.

Christmas Day! Surely a day to spend with your own family, and not be bothered by that pesty Zufall asking for volunteers! Wrong!! How would you feel if your father, brother, etc. - or even yourself - were in a hospital on Christmas Day? Think about that. Then why not truly enrich your Christmas by coming along with us to Canandaigua (arriving by 10:30) to distribute presents to the patients? The more the merrier, and the less time it will take any of us. Please come.

Fraternally,
Bill Zufall
Exec. Dir.

LODGE news and views

SENECA LODGE No. 920 3rd Tuesday



Here is my last message, it just doesn't seem that a year has gone by - you are 10 years working your way up, and the 11th year when you have finally made it goes by in a flash.

This note is particularly difficult, as I'm laying in General Hospital awaiting bypass surgery as I write it, but with the schedule ahead of me next year, they have convinced me it is a must.

I just can't thank the members, the officers and the past masters enough for their assistance and help this year. They have been great.

In a sense, it has been a trying year for Seneca, with the Temple Civic Center problems, merger discussions, etc., but to date all seems to be going well. I especially thank P.M. Larry Snodgrass and P.M. and Secretary Bill Staples for the many hours they have expended on these matters.

There are many flowery things I could say, but this just isn't the right place or situation to get in the mood. To me Seneca is a great word - it means so much:

S - for the special friendships it has given each of us.

E - for effort in obtaining new members of high calibre.

N - for nurturing its many new candidates into active participating members.

E - for excellence in its ritual and degree work.

C - for "class" and cooperation in social affairs and fellowship with other Masonic organizations.

A - for its attitude and activity in concordant bodies.

I tip my hat to all its members and to our ladies who have been so understanding and cooperative in all our undertakings.

I am happy to turn the reins over to Bill Bare and his officers. Bill has been a true man and mason in taking over for me in some of these trying times and I'm sure the new men I appointed in line will join in with the other officers and continue with Seneca's pride and proficiency and to you "out of town" members who are unable to attend meetings I hope we have kept you informed and I thank you for your cards, letters and good deeds. You know your thoughts and ideas are just as important to Seneca as those of us who are able to attend the meetings regularly.

In closing, my most sincere and heartfelt thanks for honoring me by permitting me to lead you this year. Its been the most rewarding experience I've had. God bless you all and may you have the happiest holiday season ever and a healthy and prosperous 1980.

Yours in the faith
Robert B. VanDen Bergh
Worshipful Master



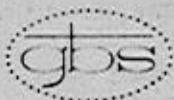
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It is far healthier, emotionally, to allow the clergy to help the family work through their grief openly than to permit their sadness to be repressed or concealed.

The clergy have been trained to assist in time of stress. Their experience through study and from real life-and death situations make them invaluable to you - and us. Their many sources of comfort and aid, especially in grief-counseling, can be very beneficial. They are especially anxious to serve their congregations at such time. They would also like to be contacted early so they can be of assistance as soon as it is possible for them to do so.

This is one of a series of short articles which we hope will be helpful. We welcome your questions in private, or publicly through this column.

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

CHARLOTTE LODGE
No. 1088
1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Brethren:

As the end of my reign as Master of your lodge draws near I wish to express my sincere thanks to the officers and brothers for their dedication and help in making my year with them one which I shall hold in high veneration for the rest of my days. To my wife Helen and the many wives of my officers, I wish also to extend my gratitude for the unselfish help they extended to me.

Worshipful Bro. John Faro and the officers who conferred the first section of the third degree on Nov. 8 are to be commended for the fine work they performed. The lodge's thanks to the 1979 Senior Wardens for the second section of the degree. They also did an excellent job.

It may be the first time a Senior Warden's degree team has conferred a third degree.

We have been informed Bro. Sol Stillman is home from the hospital and doing fine, also Bro. Nick Wargo has returned home. Stop in and see our Brothers or drop them a card, I am sure they would be glad to see or hear from you.

Brethren; our annual meeting is Dec. 13th, a good turnout at this meeting will help the Master next year. I look forward to seeing as many members as possible at my last meeting of the year.

Called home by the Supreme Architect was Bro. Simon Stillman in October, to his family and friends we offer our deepest sympathy.

Fraternally yours,
Loren F. Alexander
Master

Brethren,

As the old year is rapidly coming to an end, so is my year as master of Fame Lodge, & this being my last message to you, I would like to express to all, my appreciation for the honor & privilege of serving as your Master. I have enjoyed it immensely. For my officers thank you for the cooperation that you have given me in the past year. A special thank you goes to my secretary, Wor. John Dense who has been a great help to me. Also to my wife Sandy, without her to remind me of all my appointments, I'm sure that I would have missed quite a few of them. We also have Sandy to thank for all the cakes that she has baked for the lodge. Thank you Sandy. (Just think next year you're going to feel like you're on vacation)

Nov. 13th was the date for our official visit from our D.D.G.M. Raymond W. Bearsley & R.W. Ronald Mertens, Grand Steward of the 2nd Monroe District. One of their main topics was on our Think Big and Build Program. Our Grand Steward R.W. Ron Mertens was very well pleased with Fame, (we purchased all the magnetic squares & compasses he had with him). I even managed to get two dollars from him, for the purchase of two bricks on our Think Big and Build Program. Thank you Ron.

Fame has been very fortunate to have 11 new members for the year of 1979, also 4 dual memberships. Let's hope that 1980 will bring 15 more.

At the reading of his publication, we will already had our 3rd degree (Nov. 27th) with yours truly in the East for the 1st section, & our

Our Wor. Bro. Oli Matsky is at the Beechwood Nursing Home on Culver Road. He is feeling much better & can have visitors.

Here's wishing you all a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally yours,
Manny Syracuse
Master

P.S. Please don't forget to put in your reservation for your children & grandchildren for our Xmas Party, which is being held on Sunday Dec. 16th at Fame Lodge.

Call any of my officers or myself, I can be reached at 342-8781.

Manny

CHURCHVILLE LODGE
No. 667
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

This may be my last column as Master. At any rate, the January issue should be about the New Year, and all pertaining to it. So, THANKS A LOT, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN, for my year as Master. I've certainly enjoyed and appreciated it. I've tried to do my best by and for you and the Lodge. A special thanks to Bro. Burt Sage for staying on as treasurer for one more year. A special thanks also to Nola Chapter, #368, O.E.S. for the dinners this fall, (three of them), and good luck of R.W. Susan Skelton during her year.

Our Nov. 14th meeting was the night of our Official Visit from our D.D.G.M., R.:W.:Ray Beardsley. He was accompanied by R.:W.:Ron Mertens, Grand Steward. They delivered an excellent message. We had room for more sideliners, by the way. I hope more of you turn out for the annual meeting on Dec. 12th.

R.:W.:Beardsley presented 25 year certificates to Bro. Ray Volk and Bro. Stan Brew. They expressed their appreciation and now I want to express the appreciation of the LODGE to them.

Sr. W. Dave Morris was very impressed by the Sr. Wardens Seminar held in Buffalo. He'll tell you all about it, I'm sure.

Sickness & Distress

Bro. Mert Richards spent 2 weeks in the hospital, and should be home now.

TRESTLEBOARD

Dec. 8th - Auction at Dome Arena
Dec. 12th - Annual meeting & election

And now, in closing, don't forget THINK BIG AND BUILD, don't forget to send your BROTHERHOOD FUND check to Bro. Dick Kern and don't forget to have a happy holiday. My best to all of you.

Fraternally,
Rod Meier
Master

I would like to thank the Shrine Degree Team for conferring the Third Degree on Bro. R. Standing on Monday 3rd of Dec. They did a very commendable job, and was appreciated by all who observed it. I also want to welcome Bro. R. Standing to J. A. Robertson Lodge, and I hope his search for light in Masonry will be found amongst us, I know I did!

Well, the time has come to bid you all a fond "Au Revoir" you'll notice I didn't say "good-bye" as I expect to be around J.A.R. for some time to come. This year has been, and still is, a very invigorating one, with many pleasant memories to reflect on when I'm old!!! You'll be aware by now that this letter will complete one of the jobs the Master does in his year of office, some look upon this as a task, I've always thought I was writing to my friends and brothers, that made it much easier.

Our Election of Officers meeting will be preceded by a dinner, that is, on the 17th of December. Reservations would be appreciated by our J. W. Terry Ramsey 225-7649 and our Secretary, W.B. Merle Nulton A36-3311.

The lodge performed the Masonic Funeral Service for Bro. Jacob P. Mertens on Sunday the 28th of Oct., 1979 at Crawford's Funeral Home, to a very large attendance, and which was very much appreciated by the family of the deceased.

W.B. Ray Pinder is recovering from Surgery and I'm sure would appreciate cards. Bro. Patsy C. Hristo had ear surgery, and he too would appreciate cards.

Birthday greetings are as follows, may your birthday's be one of the best days of your life!!!

I must say thanks very much, to everyone who came to the lodge meetings, to the Bros., who helped in every way they could, to the Past Masters who have helped me as my officers, to the Past Masters, who weren't officers, but found themselves being one when they arrived at lodge without all of you I don't think it would have been possible to do what we did, I guess I knew it all along that you are all "A Good Bunch of Guys" and so again "Thank You!"

Yours fraternally,
Archie Barbour
Master

By the time you read this article, we will have probably had a typical "Rochester Snow Storm," Thanksgiving weekend with turkey dinner and all the rest, being a huge success. Along this same train of thought, I want to continue to wish you and yours the same good fortune for the holidays and the coming New Year.

The passing year has been an exciting and enjoyable one, and I would like to thank each and everyone of you for providing me the privilege and honor of serving as your Master. But, it is NOT OVER YET!!

Our "Official Visit" is on December 4th and the "Summoned Meeting" with "Election of Officers" will be on December 18th. I would appreciate a large attendance at both meetings, so please check your calendar and cabletow - stretch it a bit more.

At the present time we are having some extensive repairs made on the south wall and roof of the Temple. This will stop the water damage both inside and out and will cost approximately \$9,000. We hope to have extended the life of the building at least 10 more years.

Do not forget the Christmas Party on December 16th at two o'clock sharp. Age: 0 - 99.

Sickness & Distress

I regret to state that two of our members have passed away. Bro. William Blum and Bro. H. Kenneth Ireland. There was no funeral requested.

While over the Holiday Season, **Do Not Forget those who are less fortunate than you.** Life could be better but then it could be worse.

Fraternally,
Duane Manchester
Master

TRESTLEBOARD

Dec. 4th - Official Visit D.D.G.M. Please plan to attend this meeting.

Dec. 11th - Fellowship Night
Dec. 16th - Annual Christmas Party - 2:00 PM at Lodge

Dec. 18th - Annual Summoned meeting and Election of Officers for 1980
Jan. 8th - Open meeting - first meeting of the New Year because New Year's Day is on the first Tues.

From my house to yours, we wish you all a very safe and happy holiday season.

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

At the November 13th, 1979 meeting there were 8 members present. We have some faithful Past Masters coming like Merle Rogers Robert Cartwright, Arnold Mundy, Robert Pendlebury and Charles Seifert.

At our past masters dinner we had only 19 and very few past masters. Not even the most recent past masters came out. What a meal you missed. R.:W.:Gordon Hoag will be the next master. He is looking for line officers. Please think about getting into line and helping the lodge and Gordon out. It's not hard once you start.

We are glad to hear that Daniel Gilchrist is better. We are sorry to hear that Paul Hegeman is no better. Send him a card at 40 Northrup Trailer Park, Victor, NY 14564.


East Rochester Lodge says well done to one of our Brothers. Rev. Willard Paul on 25 years of service at the 1st Presbyterian Church in E.R.

We also wish the new queen of Lilac Triangle #121 Denise Hedges success in her new term.

The Rotary dinners have been a good income for the lodge. Please serve when you are called. This helps keeps our dues down and bills paid. Remember the Brotherhood Fund and the bldg. fund.

Alexander Arthur
Master

ZETLAND LODGE
No. 951
2nd and 4th
Thursdays



Brethren:

Since this is my last article as Master for 1979, I would like to use this opportunity to thank you for your faith in me in electing me Master, especially after the history of illness that I have had during the previous six years. I do not know if I have benefited the Lodge much this past year but I do know that the experience has helped me prove things to myself. There are still feelings of so many things remaining to be accomplished but I realize that this would always be true. Again, I thank the Lodge for this tremendous honor and opportunity!

During this past year there have been some failures and some sad news of deaths and illnesses of brothers and friends. There were also many special occasions such as: visiting ill Brothers and seeing some fantastic recoveries, awarding 50 year and 60 year pins and certificates, presenting the Dedicated Service Award to Bro. Alfred Perkins, the Tureen Supper and Ladies Night.

As with other organizations we have been challenged by

financial difficulties at almost every level. In spite of being a born pessimist, I think that we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. Many very dedicated and talented men and women are working hard in many ways to solve these problems. One of these ways is the merchandise auction to be held Saturday, December 8, at the Monroe County Fair Grounds in Henrietta. Please support this if you possibly can.

Our annual meeting on December 13, will be preceded by a dinner. As usual, the election and installation of your new officers will occur at this meeting. Officers formal.

I hope that your holidays will be joyous and that the New Year will be the best ever for us all!

See you in Lodge. Attend and help make things happen.

Fraternally,
Kenneth L. Meyers
Master

FLOWER CITY LODGE
No. 910
2nd Tuesday

Saturday, Dec. 1 - Annual Memorial Kiddush, Old Age Home.

Tuesday, December 11 - Election of Officers - Annual Reports.

Dec. 18 - Fellowcraft Club Tuesday, January 8 - Annual Installation and Dinner

On November 13, 23 had the pleasure of welcoming into our Lodge R.W. William Dworkin, District Deputy Grand Master, who was accompanied by R.W. Richard L'Amoreaux, Grand Director of Ceremonies. During the course of the evening, the District Deputy presented a 50-year emblem and certificate to Bro. Hy Freeman, former Vice-Mayor of Rochester. In his remarks, R.W. Dworkin reiterated the constant need for growth in membership, the efforts to save the Temple, and the drive for funds to ensure that the Masonic Home meets all necessary standards of New York State.

He especially emphasized the effort to save the Masonic Temple, with particular attention to the work done by W. Erwin Newell and Flower City Lodge, for the Auction on Dec. 8.

Brethren are reminded of the Annual Memorial Service and Kiddush at the Old Age Home on Saturday, December 1, in memory of Wor. Dr. Nathan Schwartz.

Sickness & Distress

R.W. Sam Markus is home recovering, and is coming along very well. Bro. Myer Levinson was unable to attend to receive his 50-year emblem, but the District Deputy promised to return to present it to him.

W. Meyer Fix is home recovering.

Wm. R. Dunsky
Hospitaler

FRANK L. SIMES LODGE
No. 990
2nd Tuesday

This will be my last newsletter in the Monroe Masonic News as your Master. It doesn't seem possible that a year has passed so soon. But we are fortunate that our lodge has such a fine young group of Officers working their way up thru the chairs.

I would like to thank all my Officers for the great support they gave me during my year. A Master of a Lodge is only as good as the Officers in his line, and I think mine were the BEST... I would also at this time like to give SPECIAL THANKS to Wor. Bro. Glenn Stahl, for filling in as Senior Warden for the first half of the year, due to the untimely death of our Senior Warden Ronald E. McAuley, Sr.

On Nov. 11th we had our Annual Lodge Steak Roast, and a good time was had by all... So thanks go out to our Junior Warden Ray Seward and his wife, Marlene, for all the work and effort they put into it to make it a success...

Our December Fellowcraft Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 18th, at Bro. Dave Long's home, located at 11 Galley Hill Lane in Fairport, N.Y. For information & reservations, call our Jr. Deacon George Horning at 334-0009.

On Dec. 11th, we will have our annual election of Officers for the ensuing year, and also the reading of our annual budget.

I would now at this time like to wish all our brethren & their families a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR...

SICKNESS & DISTRESS
Wor. Bro. Fred Hills is ill, and is being treated at General Hospital.

Bro. Mike Robinson received an injury to his leg while at work, and is now at home recuperating.

TRESTLEBOARD

Dec. 11th - Regular Lodge meeting - Election of Officers, and Annual Budget reading.

Dec. 18th - Fellowcraft Christmas Party (with wives), Dave Long's home - 11 Galley Hill Lane, Fairport, NY.

Jan. 8th, 1980 - Regular Lodge meeting - Installation of Officers (Officers wear Tux).

Fraternally,
Glenn E. Bishop
Master

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Wor. Bro. Chalmers Dinger (left) presenting Wor. Bro. Clark Kunes (right) with key to his new office.

ETOLIAN LODGE
No. 479
2nd and 4th Mondays

Brethren:

It's hard to believe that a year less a month has gone by since I wrote my first column in the Monroe Masonic News. This is one pleasure as Master I won't be sorry to turn over to my successor.

Since our last writing we have enjoyed a visit from our Canadian Brethren from Stanley Lodge. During this visit we conferred a Fellowcraft Degree on three of our brothers. The entire day was enjoyed by all.

The R.:W.: William Dworkin delivered the Grand Masters' Messages to Etolian Lodge on November 12th. I thank the Brethren for the turnout and support.

The R.:W.:Richard L. L'Amoureux also delivered messages and pleas on the Brotherhood and Think Big and Build Funds. Brethren, we need your 100% support on these two projects.

On Nov. 7, 1979, Bro. Russell Smith was called home by the Supreme Architect. A Masonic Service was held at the Walker Brother's Funeral Home in Spencerport, our heartfelt sympathy to the family.

Our Secretary, Clark Kunes has a new office on the third floor of the Lodge Building. If our picture is printed and you

can't read the sign on the door, the room has been named, "THE KUNES DEN." Hope you enjoy your new office Clark.

As this writing is nearing the holiday season and it is my last message to the news as master, I want to thank all the Brethren for their support during the year and I hope this message finds all our Brethren well where ever you may be. Wishing you a happy and enjoyable holiday season.

A wine tasting party will be held at the Etolian Lodge on Dec. 7th, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. by Taylor Wines. Donations will be \$3.00 a person. Both the officers of the Lodge and ladies of the Eastern Star have tickets for this event.

The election of officers will be held on December 10, 1979 at a regular meeting.

Brethren I will be looking forward to seeing you in lodge.

Fraternally,
Al Ingram
Master

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W.C. HUBBARD LODGE
No. 964
3rd Friday

Brethren:
As this will be my final column as Master, I want to express my appreciation to all who have given me such fine support during this past year. There have been some outstanding examples but if I were to name names I am afraid I would miss someone - suffice to say "Many thanks for a job well done."

In these difficult times your new master will need all the support you can give him and I know that he can count on you.

Thanks to the great effort of our Junior Warden, Arnie Frear, the Lodge was the winner for most attendees at the Interfaith Service and now has a beautiful plaque for the next 12 months. It will be displayed in the outeroom of Doric Hall. I urge you to look for it.

Despite some difficulties due to current gambling regulations, our spaghetti dinner and Monte Carlo night last Friday was a great success. There were more than 70 in attendance and if you weren't present you missed a most enjoyable evening. Thanks to a great group of brothers who worked long and hard.

As our Summons Meeting of November 16 has not yet taken place, I am unable to report to you at this time. To keep you posted, I will ask our new Master to give you the results in his January column.

Due to the busy season ahead, our only activity in December will be our annual summons meeting on Friday, December 21 for the purpose of electing and installing officers for the coming year. Your attendance will set a tone that will be important to W.C. Hubbard's future. Fellowship at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Call one of the officers or Bro. Arnie Frear at 225-1713 for your reservation. See yo there!

Rt. Wor. Bro. Bill Wood needs your help. On Saturday, December 8, a merchandise auction has been planned at the Dome Arena to raise funds for the support of the Masonic Temple. Each Masonic organization has been asked to furnish merchandise, services or antiques with a total value of \$1,000 to support this effort. If this important event is to be successful, every W.C. Hubbard brother needs to either solicit or donate something of value that can be included in the auction within the coming week. Call Rt. Wor. Bro. Bill at 288-4451 or myself at 381-8438 now and help us meet our goal.

During this season of brotherly love, let's not forget the Masonic Brotherhood Fund and the Masonic Home "Think Big and Build" campaign. Bro. Arnie Frear

will be happy to hear from you on the former and Wor. Bro. Mike Rapson on the latter.

With best wishes to you and yours for a happy holiday season and a successful and enjoyable New Year.

Fraternally,
Bernard E. Smith
Master

VALLEY LODGE
No. 109
1st and 3rd Mondays

This is a VALLEY LODGE YEAR, Are you part of it? This is the month that should be a joy for all our members. With Hannukkah and Christmas following one after the other we should all be happy in our celebration of these two events of our religious history. Experience tells that there will be some that will be sick or in other distress and to these we send our deepest sympathies.

WE have had several sick members during the Month of November and hope they are all well on the way to recovery by this time. Could it be that December will be free from sickness* for our members?

Think Big and Build
The Grand Master has requested that we put forth greater effort on this drive. The money is badly needed. If you have not made your pledge please do. Even one dollar will help us care for our words in Utica. If you have pledges see if you can increase it. Do all you can, your help will be welcomed.

December 3rd
This is the night for the 3rd degree. John A. Robertson Lodge is joining us for this degree, they have one candidate. It is hoped that, between the two Lodges, that a degree team can be put together. W.: George Francis is working on this and we wish him all kinds of success. It will be nice to see our own men doing this degree again. Remember there is a Dinner before this meeting. Make your reservations with our Junior Warden his number is 288-9126, Please Come.

December 17, 1979 is our annual meeting. You have received a summons to this meeting. Masonic summons are such that a member is required to obey it except for good reason. Let it not happen that you do not attend this meeting unless you have such a reason why you cannot.

The 1980 Brotherhood Fund drive is now in process. Our secretary is ready to receive your donation. In 1979 we were at the top of our Districts giving. It could be that we can do even better this year. Your Lodge is proud of the fine response it's members make to this drive.

HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!!!

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



Brethren:
R.:W.:William Dworkin D.D.G.M. of the 1st Monroe District, honored Br. William Oshwan, from McKinnley Lodge #318 of Penn. by presenting him with a 50 year pin. Congratulations Bro. Bill from all of us.

The D.D.G.M. was accompanied by R.:W.: Richard L. L'Amoureux Grand Director of Ceremonies. Their messages were two fold. First to support the Brotherhood Fund and The Think Big and Build Fund, with sincerity and confidence in their voices that all masons will rise to meet the needs of our Great Fraternity.

Bro. Robert Shrader will receive contributions for the Brotherhood Fund. Donations have been received from: Mrs. R. Harper, Mrs. M. Radcliffe, Mrs. E. Wolfe, Mrs. J. Calkins and Mrs. M. Slack. More contributors will be listed monthly. Remember to "Buy a Brick for Utica" when you come to Lodge.

A plaque was given to our lodge, honoring our Past Master W.:Duane Rubenstein. In 1979, his Brotherhood Fund Drive came in 2nd. His inspiration is greatly missed.

The 3rd Degree will be put on by the Past Masters of Penfield on Dec. 4th at 7:30 PM. Dinner will precede the Degree at 6:30 pm. Those wanting tickets, contact Bro. Bob Shrader at 381-0842.

The 2nd Degree was put on by Bro. Bob Shrader with the assistance of the Brothers. My thanks to all. We also had the complete line from Seneca Lodge.

Their visitation and presence we hope will continue. The Brotherhood Fund kickoff breakfast was at Fairport Lodge on Nov. 11th. A fine turnout was greatly appreciated. The speakers contributed much information. They were R.:W.: Ronald D. Mertens Grand Steward and R.:W.: Richard

L. L'Amoureux G.D. of Ceremonies.
Wishing every member and family a happy Thanksgiving with your friends. At this time let us remember those that are not as fortunate as others.

Fraternally,
Donald E. Calkins
Senior Warden

SECRETARY'S CORNER

My thanks to the Brothers for their quick response to my Dues Notices in the beginning of November. As of this writing we have received 40 returns. Keep up the good work.

On our Annual Communication in December on the 17th, we will be voting on a change to the By-Laws. The following is the proposed change:

Article 2, Sec. 4
At the Annual Communication in December, 1979, one alternate representative shall be elected for a term of one year. Beginning with the Annual Communication in December 1980, and triennially thereafter, one alternate representative shall be elected for a term of three years.

Birthday wishes go out to the following brothers: Harry Kipp, Donald Scheerens 12/5; John 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.

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UNION STAR LODGE
No. 320
1st Wednesday

Brethren:
This is my next to the last column as your Master.

The Dec. meeting will be our annual meeting -- election of officers, etc.

My second term as master, as the first, was very rewarding in some ways and very disappointing in others. It seems I have begged for attendance and participation and, except for a few faithful, my requests have gone unanswered.

So, I ask each and every one of you -- I did my best, did you??

Don Magruder
Master

ROCHESTER LODGE
No. 660
2nd Monday

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 10th of December 1979 A.L. 5979 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
Theodore C. Epping
George M. Adams
Secretary

We were saddened to hear of Elizabeth Caldwell wife of Bro. Charles E. Caldwell of Nashua, New Hampshire on October 24th. Bro. Walter Hermanson is up and around after his operation. Bro. George Bradshaw is home with a bad back. W.B. Leo French is now driving his car and attended the last Lodge meeting. Bro. Gotthard Wicke of Bedford, Texas is in Egypt on business.

Congratulations to the following Brothers who celebrate their birthday in December: Bernhard 12/1; Henry Darwent 12/2; Charles Admas 12/3; Robert Burkhardt 12/4; Glenn Murat 12/5; Samuel Feedland 12/5; W.B. Donald Leisten 12/6; Ashley Williams 12/9; Donald Woodruff 12/9; Alfred Hogg 12/11; Harold Webster 12/13; Earl Pearce 12/15; Harvey Feldman 12/16; Martin Feinberg 12/17; Theodore Hamilton 12/19; David Adams 12/20; Max Barwald 12/24; Sidney Grossman 12/26; Emanuel Poulis 12/27; Leroy Wilson 12/27; and Ralph Rowlingson 12/31.

As we approach this holiday season to our Jewish Brethren we wish you a happy Hanukkah and to the other Brethren a very Merry Christmas and to all a Happy and Prosperous 1980.

George M. Adams
Secretary

YONNONDIO LODGE
No. 163
1st and 3rd
Tuesdays



Brethren:

Well this is it, so to speak, my final news article as your master. As many before me have said, the one you look forward to in some ways & yet regret in other ways, I have the same feelings.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many who gave their support, enabling many goals to be met in 1979. The 79 line officers also express their thanks for your support.

The major accomplishments this year, were a full schedule of programs & events designed for varied interests. Solid action to meet the possibility of the temple not being available for future use. Personal contact with better than 50% of lodge membership. Laying the basic groundwork for future lodge administration. Membership beginning to level off & a steady influx of new members. An overall increase in average meeting attendance. This all adds up to a positive year for your lodge. Again to the many who made it possible, thanks to each and everyone of you.

November was a busy month for everyone. The 10th was ladies nite & well attended, Norm Mundt & his committee again did a fine job, the food, fellowship & music was excellent. In Nov. we also welcomed new brothers into Lodge & look forward to thier active future participation. Many thanks to Br. Ryal DeVoist & the fellowcraft club degree team, who again did an outstanding job, thanks to each & everyone of the brothers.

December is also a busy month. The 4th is our Euchre tournament & card party. Chairperson Br. Emil Schriano needs reservations, lets take time out & have a relaxing evening of Carols &

fellowship. A fine dinner will precede evening at 6:30 pm, followed by brief meeting & onto the card party. Remember everyone is welcome, if you desire to play euchre fine, if not other card games are available, refreshments will be served. Lets have a good turn out. Contact Emil Schriano.

The annual meeting & elections will be held December 18th with the membership being asked to consider the possible intention of our option to rent space in 1980. This is an important meeting plan to attend.

FELLOWCRAFT NEWS

Many thanks to a fine fellowcraft club, your efforts & programs were appreciated by all who supported the club. Thank you officers, your work was appreciated. Note - Fruit cakes are available from Larry Wiler or any fellowcraft club officer. Let's make this year a banner one for fruit cake sales.

TRESTLEBOARD

Dec. 4th - Card party/Euchre Tournament, Dinner 6:30 pm - Emil Schriano.

Dec. 18th - Annual Meeting/Elections
January 19th - 1980 Public installation of 1980 officers. Details in Jan. news.

In closing, again many thanks & appreciation for my opportunity to serve the lodge as your master in 1979. This truly represented a very important time in my life, and I will cherish it forever. What lies ahead I do not know but this fine experience will always remain with me. Thanks also go to my wife & family for their help they were there when needed. Just a final parting thought, when we ask for what we have not got, take time to thank God for what we are & what we have, believe me it helps. The very best for the holiday season to each & everyone. To the 1980 masters and officers the best of luck.

Fraternally yours,
Larry Canfield
Master

NORTHFIELD LODGE
No. 426
1st and 3rd
Thursdays
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Brethren:

Enjoy a good old-fashioned Northfield dinner and renew your obligation by watching or participating in the Third Degree on December 6th. You master will be recuperating from minor surgery so the officers will move up that night. This gives you a chance to observe each of next year's officers in the chairs they aspire to before you decide how to vote at the annual meeting.

Next comes our festive annual Christmas Party at the Lodge on Saturday, December 14th. Bring yor best girl and two exchange gifts (\$2 limit), one for a man, one for a woman.

The December 20th Annual Communication will consider how to best manage the future of Northfield's building in view of the anticipated jump of property taxes. Changes to the by-laws will be considered to allow other Masonic bodies to be housed in the building with a minimum of discussion in lodge by moving the details of management outside the regular lodge meetings. Come hear the proposals, voice opinions, and elect new officers.

At our November 1st meeting, R.:W.:William Wood presented four 1979 state bowling tournament trophies to our "swinger", Don Dilliplane. This year we entered four teams; next year with your help, we will enter more.

NORTHFIELD CAPITAL FUNDS DRIVE

One year ago, you were each asked to pledge \$25 per

year over four years to support building improvements. If you have not pledged yet, send a note now to W.:Harry Muller, 115 Woodland Rd., Pittsford, 14534; if you have pledged, send amounts due.

BROTHERHOOD FUND

Chairman James Weick reports that he has received the first 1980 contributions, one from W.:Henry McCurdy and one from W.:Earl Cooley. Send your check today to James Weick, 22 Acorn Lane, Fairport, N.Y. 14450.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Br. Louis Hassoldt at his untimely death while helping a friend; to Br. James Arlington and to Br. Marcel Jacot (father) on the tragic loss of Mrs. Arlington; and to Br. Paul Fritshe family on the passing of his father-in-law, Dr. Orville Snyder.

The following have been in the hospital and would appreciate a card: W.:Harry Muller, Br. C. Richard Henry, and Br. James Arlington.

Fraternally,
Robert B. Campbell
Master

SCHOOL OF RITUAL

At the last meeting of the School in November, the question was missed as to the number of black balls required to be present in a ballot box. The matter is covered in Section 354 Constitutions, which states: "It shall be the duty of the Master and the Wardens of every Lodge to see that a ballot box, when presented for use, shall contain at least as many white balls as there are brethren present in the Lodge, and in addition thereto at least six black cubes".

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

Brethren:
For those of you not present at the last meeting, we had our official visit from D.D.G.M. Raymond Beardsley, and along with the deliverance of the message from the Grand Master Wm. R Punt, he related some of his experiences and impressions of the past few months.

This is my last communication to you in this paper as master of your lodge; I leave with mixed emotions.

Reflecting on the past year I have seen some of the major goals of the year turn into accomplishments. The decision of Seneca Lodge consolidating with F.R. Lawrence has been approved by Seneca Lodge. I leave knowing that I shall be the last master to serve under the name of F.R. Lawrence. It is sad, but hard times finally caught up with us. I want to thank R.W. Fred Belluscio, W. Don Scrivints, R.W. Wm. Mason and W. Louis Dijames along with myself served on The Consolidation Committee, but most of all I thank my brethren for the votes that merged us with Seneca Lodge.

There will be a summoned meeting Dec. 5th at 6:30 p.m. to amend the bylaws regarding F.R. Lawrence Memorial Fund. We will also have the past master's dinner at The German Club on Gregory St, at 8 p.m. on Dec. 5th.

Our annual meeting will be held on Dec. 10th at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Call me at 352-0587 for reservations, by Dec. 5th.

The Jan. meeting will be held Jan. 15th at Seneca Lodge at Temple Civic Center and on the 3rd Tuesday of each month thereafter.

Wishing all my brethren a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

I remain,
Fraternally yours,
Roosevelt DeCarlo
Master

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



Brethren:
Three out of four isn't bad. Welcome to newly raised brothers John Setley, Keith Emmanuel and Michael Johnson (no. 2 son). Press of business caused a delay with our fourth candidate but hopefully we can resolve this very soon.

The above happened at our November 14 meeting in conjunction with Germania Lodge No. 722. A large thank you to W.:M.:Ed Heath for allowing us to join with his lodge for this work and to the Shrine Degree Team for an

outstanding job.
Earlier in the same evening and following an excellent dinner we had the extreme pleasure of welcoming twenty Past Masters to our meeting. This included several who were therein spirit by virtue of written or telephone messages to the brethren. An inspirational short talk was made by our oldest (1920) PM, W.:Arthur Rathjen. I remember his words but I think the real inspiration was in having him there. A truly remarkable young man.

REMINDER: Per the SUMMONS published in our November column, Wednesday, December 12 is the meeting devoted to our annual election of officers and submission of annual reports. As you read this, Thanksgiving Day will have passed and Christmas will soon be upon us. And another new year. If I survive another month or two I will be a Past Master of Ancient Craft. For this opportunity I give thanks to all my brothers and humbly offer the Christmas gift we all must share during the coming year.

Fraternity and love,
Al Johnson
Master

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

Brethren,
A reminder to all the brothers in our lodge, our December 11 meeting will be our Annual Meeting and election of officers. It is an honor and a duty of all members to be present and to vote. This is your lodge, and it is your vote that will determine the future of our lodge. Make every effort to attend this communication.

I would like to congratulate R.:W.:Bro. Joe Raab on receiving the Master Mason of the year plaque from Henrietta Lodge. It was because of Joe's devotion and dedication to our lodge and to Masonry that he received this honor. I would like to thank him for all the help he has given me in the past year. Brothers such as Joe should not be overlooked. Again I thank you R.:W.:Bro. Joe.

There are still some brothers who have not paid their 1979 dues. There are some brothers who have not paid their 1979 and 1978 dues. These brothers have been mailed letters, and have not responded. My brothers you are on the verge of being unaffiliated according to our by-laws. If there is a reason you haven't paid please let us know. Within the next week or so you will be contacted.

We are coming up on the holidays. I would like to wish all our brothers, their wives, girl friends and families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

My brothers this is the time of year for joy and giving. Let us not forget our less fortunate brothers in Utica. Remember the "Brotherhood Fund" and the "Think Big and Build" campaign.

Our Fellowcraft club has made remarkable progress on the appearance of our lodge. If you haven't been to lodge to see their work, stop in. There is still a lot of work they hope to complete. With the help of our brothers the work load could be a lot easier. If you can come out on a Fellowcraft night your help would be appreciated. Remember this is your lodge too.

Happy Holidays To All
TRESTLEBOARD
Dec. 4 - Fellowcraft
Dec. 11 - Annual Meeting (Election of Officers)
Dec. 18 - Christmas Recess
Dec. 25 Christmas Recess
Fraternally,
Richard J. Daley
Master

FAIRPORT LODGE
No. 476
2nd and 4th Mondays

Brethren:
It hardly seems possible that only one meeting remains in 1979, the annual summoned meeting for the year on Monday, Dec. 10th. In addition to electing officers for the ensuing year & amending our bylaws the following awards will be made:

- 1979 Lodge Service Award Bro. Easton T. Kelsey
- Quarter Century Certificates Bro. Henry H. Camp Bro. Carlton M. Ellsworth Bro. Leonard E. Fulmer
- Fortieth Year Pins & Certificates Bro. Elwood Cox Bro. Albert H. Knapp
- Fifty Year Pin & Certificate Bro. Lemuel H. Peets
- Sixty Year Pins & Certificates Bro. George C. Aitchison Bro. L. Guy Boles Bro. Harold H. Parce Bro. Richard G. Parker Bro. Harold L. Wagner

These service awards total 505 years of Masonic Membership. Congratulations my brothers. Our Treasurer, W.:Jim Comstock, has informed me that he might have a pleasing financial report to make. So, my brethren, get in your dinner reservations to Jr. Warden, Ed Goodrich, by Dec. 7th to enjoy this evening and to prepare for 1980 under the direction of Tom Goodrich, present S. Warden. Bro. Ed Goodrich's telephone no. is 223-0718.

On Nov. 9th, at the final School of Ritual for 1979, your officers under the direction of Sr. Warden, Tom Goodrich "opened lodge" with you truly as Sr. Warden & the remaining officers in their stations & places. All

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officers were present except for the Sr. M. of C. who was represented by W.:Dave Tabor. My brethren, you can be justly proud of your officers. Lodge was "opened" without any errors, each officer did his task well & Bro. Tom, in the East, did an excellent job.

On Oct. 26th at the District Convention, Fairport Lodge again had officers present and one member, W.:Chick Becker, to once again "Walk-Away" with the attendance banner for 1979. We tallied 31 points to our nearest competitor lodge with 19 points. So, once again, the attendance banner will grace our East for 1980.

By this issue of the Monroe Masonic News, our Western Square Dance nite on Monday, Nov. 12th & the master mason degree on Monday, Nov. 26th, will be history. Four brothers will have been added to our membership roll and two candidates are already in waiting for 1980. I am sure Sr. Warden, Tom Goodrich, will have a most interesting, diversified and entertaining program planned for 1980.

The Monroe Districts' Investiture Service will be held at the Rochester Temple, Thursday, Dec. 27th. Dinner reservations will be necessary. Will all past masters please contact me, at 377-7410, if they plan to attend. Worshipfuls, this is your opportunity to show your support for the Master-elect & Fairport Lodge. Let's have a banner attendance at the important affair, under sickness & distress, Bro. Ben Green is now at Pinnacle Nursing Home, 1175 Monroe Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14620, after experiencing a stroke on Oct. 27th. I'm sure he would appreciate your cards & visits at the Nursing home. Bro. Ben is 88 years old. I have also learned that W.:Oscar Allyn, a visitor to Fairport Lodge, broke his hip on Sunday, Nov. 11th, and is now at Genesee Hospital. W.:Oscar is 86 years old & would also appreciate your cards.

As this will be my last Masonic Newsletter as your master, I would like to thank the membership for the honor & privilege of electing me to the East for 1979. You think of the things you could have done better, the mistakes you have made, what lessons you have learned in the East, has the Lodge profited by your leadership and, if you had another year to go as Master, how much better & wiser you might be. I only hope I have met your expectations and fulfilled this station in a manner appropriate for this high office.

What I have accomplished is directly attributed to my fine line of officers and the supporting brethren on the sidelines, without these two necessary ingredients no ruling master can do it alone

successfully. Thank you, Brethren, for your support, assistance and willingness to help when asked. Continue to give of your time and finances to each future master and Fairport Lodge will be a viable institution that we can all be proud of.

Fraternally,
Bob Cameron
Master

WEBSTER LODGE
No. 538
1st and 3rd Thursdays

Dedication Day was everything any of us could ever hope for, and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who made this day possible. The Grand Master was very impressed with the turn out of people we had that day. The lodge room was filled to capacity, with the overflow in the main foyer. A special tip of the Masters hat goes to Phil King who was the chairman of the Dedication Day program. As was very noticable, he attended to every detail; and the program went off without a hitch. Another tip of the Masters hat goes to Wanda Williams and the past matrons of Webster Chapter for the supper meal that was provided that day. The local restaurants had better hope that she doesn't decide to go into business. And lastly a thank you to the people who make all of this possible, those of you who spent many many hours in the construction of the new temple. During the last month, groups of you were working day and night to finish the task at hand.

Thank You One and All
Now for the month to come. The first meeting will be a third degree, and will be preceded by a dinner. On Sunday, December 9, the annual children's Christmas Party given by the Junior Warden, Chuck Gremmels. Wednesday, December 12 is the annual meeting of the Fellow Craft Club, to be held at the lodge. The fare includes a deluxe steak dinner. Reservations can be made with Al Ribis. The lodge annual meeting and election of officers will be on December 20, and a dinner will precede this meeting also.

As you can see, we are going to be busy. Come on out and reaffirm old acquaintances.

Have a happy holiday, and am looking forward to seeing you in lodge.

Paul A. Moore
Master

Notice

Several top coats were found left behind after the dedication; and one practically new beige raincoat belonging to Herman A. Sarachan was reported missing. Please check your closet!!

GERMANIA LODGE
No. 722
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Well, here it is. Another year has raced by and we stand not only at the beginning of a new year, but at the threshold of a whole new decade. Let us look back fondly on our memories but let us not be held back by them. Let's take the time and make the effort to rededicate ourselves to our families, friends, occupations, our fraternity, and our God. It's time, friends, to move ahead.

Let's start by coming to our meeting on December 12th. This meeting is our annual communication where we will be electing the officers of your Lodge for next year. You should really make an effort to come. It's the only lodge meeting in December - come on out.

There will be no Fellow-craft Meeting in December.

Officer's Meeting will be December 4th.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SUMMONS

Dear Sir and Brother:

You are hereby summoned to attend the annual Stated Communication of Germania Lodge No. 722, F. & A.M. to be held on Wednesday evening, December 12, 1979, at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of electing officers and reading of annual reports.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Germania Lodge's Annual Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 8, 1979,

starting at 6:30 P.M. Please bring a gift for your child or grandchild plainly marked with the child's name so Santa can call out the child's name.

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NEWS OF THE BRETHREN

Get Well Wishes are extended to Don Freeman Sr. and Joe Minas. Hope you're feeling better. Take a minute to give these brothers a call. It would be greatly appreciated.

And, of course, Happy Birthdays to the following

brethren with birthdays in December: William Beckman, Robert Benedict, John Betlem, Herman Brown, Wayne F. Cowell, Warren Graf, Kurt Koch, Frank Krech, Russell Lane, Daniel McGuillicuddy, Gerhard Maleck, Michael Milazzo, Edgar Morse, John Newell, Russell Oldfield, Preston Pitcher and Raymond Weidemiller.

Have a happy, safe and super Holiday Season.

See you in Lodge.

Fraternally and sincerely,
David N. Foster
Correspondent

TRESTLEBOARD

Dec. 8 - Annual Christmas Party

Dec. 12 - Lodge Meeting/ Annual Communication

January 4 - Past Masters Dinner

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No. 368
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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The holidays are fast approaching and you will soon have a new Worthy Matron, and a new line of officers.

November 15 was our reception for our R.W. Susan A. Skelton, Associate Grand Marshall. For a cold, rainy evening, a wonderful, enthusiastic audience was present. Guests and Grand Officers from across Western New York were present. The dining room was beautifully decorated in R.W. Susan's colors - Lilac and yellow. It was a beautiful evening and a delightful tribute to Susan.

As this is my last message to you, I would like to share with you what this year has meant to me. Time has gone by very quickly, and I feel as though I only just began. When I needed help, advice, confidence or just a loving hug, you were all there. I feel as though so many loving friendships were started and continued. I know whatever I endeavored, you were all behind me with confidence, when I had none in myself. My heart overflows with loving gratitude for all of you. I thank you for all of this, plus my own personal gains. You, Nola Chapter have a lot to be proud of!

I would like to thank all my officers for 1979. You were great always helping out.

To our new Worthy Matron Eleanor Gascon - a most successful year. If it's half as great as I feel mine was, you'll feel very satisfied. If I can ever help you know I'm very near.

I honor you Nola Chapter for giving me your love, faith, and confidence. Thank you W. Patron Norm Morgan. You have been wonderful to me, always there to help. It's no secret, how much I think of you!

To my wonderful mother, W. Berneda Riley, thank you for being my chaplain. You bring Nola much grace and praise in this office. Thank you for being my confidante and I love you dearly and you truly "Light Up My Life."

God Bless each and everyone of you. Remember Christ is in your hearts this Christmas Day, and a blessed New Year to all of you.

Susan M. Riley
Worthy Matron



LILAC TRIANGLE

It was Saturday night November 3, 1979 and the East Rochester Masonic Temple was packed. The audience was patiently awaiting the open Installation of Beloved Queen Elect Denise Claire Hedges and her staff of officers. The Installation went well as is usually the case of Lilac Triangle #121. However, there was one minor problem. Denise had lost her speech.

Being the quick witted girl that she is, she have an impromptu speech and did a wonderful job at that.

The officers for Denise's term are as follows: Beloved Queen - Denise Hedges; Sr. Lady-In-Waiting - Marilou Cornell; Jr. Lady-in-Waiting-Jean Bandemer; Guardian-Peggy Cornell; Chaplain-Karen Gunkle; Trustee-Kathy McCollough; Marshall-Judy McCollough; Ass't Marshall-Karen Sue Cornell; Treasurer-Sue Cook; Recording Sec.-Diane Barrett; Corresponding



Sec.-Betsy Cook; Financial Sec.-Lora Smith; Flag Bearer-Judy Fosdick; Standard Bearer-Pat McCullough; Historian-Sandy Arthur; Press Sec.-Linda Gurney. They are featured in the above picture.

Denise's Honor Guard was composed of: Kathy McCullough, JPBQ; Sandy Arthur, PBQ; Debbie Arthur, PBQ & Jr. Advisor; Linda Gurney, PBQ; Diane Barrett and Judy McCollough. They are also pictured above.

Denise has not as yet

disclosed her term plans but being the energetic person that she is, I'm sure it will be a busy and profitable term for Lilac.

Our first meeting is Monday, November 26, 1979. It is a regular meeting at East Rochester and starts at 7:30 p.m.

Be There, Aloha!

Any past Queen from Lilac Triangle interested in joining the Past Queen's Club please call Debbie Leipold at 586-1607.

**FROM THE
PATRON'S CHAIR**

On Nov. 10th, the Patron's Assoc. had the annual dinner and elections of officers at Webster's New Lodge building.

The new officers are Ron Borkhuis as President. Earl Branch continuing as Vice President. Chick Becker as Sec-Treasurer replacing Cliff Swope who is moving to Fla. in Feb. and Al Arthur who will continue on as Chaplain.

Dist. Lecturer Jim Comstock said he and Ron will work closely together to renew interest with the current patrons and the matrons and also West Study group.

Fraternally,
Kenneth Hutchinson



Fidelity Triangle New Line Officers
Karen Hutchinson-Chaplain, Carol Mewhirter-Jr. Lady in Waiting, Karolann Midgley-Beloved Queen, Wanda Watson-Sr. Lady in Waiting, Janet Wilson-Guardian.

FIDELITY TRIANGLE

Beloved queen, Karolann Midgley, and her staff of officers were installed in a lovely ceremony in Gothic Hall.

The installing Marshalls were Roberta Ryan & Jr. Past Queen Eileen Quenell.

The installing Chaplain was past Jur. Advisor Karen Midgley.

The organist was W.: Martin Reitz and the soloist was Sandy Kure.

The Color Guard was past Commanders of the James A. Hard Post; Larry Geith, Gordon Struck & Chic Becker.

The Honor Guard was members of Lilac Triangle, Fidelity Triangle, Rochester DeMolay & Genesee Valley DeMolay.

Guests included: R.:W.: Ray Beardsley, D.D.G.M. Master of Second Monroe District; R.:W.:William Zufall, Executive Director of Masonic Service Bureau;

R.:W.:Ronald Mertens, Grand Steward; R.:W.: Richard Lamoreaux, Grand Director of Ceremonies; R. W. Doreene Smith, D.D. Grand Matron of Monroe District O.E.S.; W.:Albert Johnson of Ancient Craft Lodge; W.:Alexander Arthur of East Rochester Lodge; W. Kenneth Rhodes & W. Doreen Rhodes of Culver Chapter; Sr. Advisor, Miss Pauline Overturf; Sr. Advisor, Richard Miller & Mrs. Miller; Susan Gray, Jr. Advisor of Niagara District; Debbie Arthur, Jr. Advisor of Monroe District; Flora Arthur, Jr. Deputy of Lilac Triangle; Denise Hedges, Queen of Lilac Triangle; Brenda Moreland, Queen of Lockport Triangle; Kenneth Geith, Master Councilor of Rochester DeMolay; Robert McDermott, Master Councilor of Genesee Valley DeMolay; Donald Hollander, Regional Master Councilor; Gary Burke, Dad of Rochester DeMolay; Glen Hedges, Dad of Genesee Valley DeMolay; a delegation from Moda Triangle and many past officers from the Masonic family groups.



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No. 210
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
2nd and 4th Tuesdays

COMPANIONS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND THE REGULAR MEETING OF IONIC CHAPTER #210, ON DECEMBER 11th 1979 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS, REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BY-LAWS CHANGES, ETC., THIS IS A SUMMONED MEETING.

This is the only meeting of our Chapter in December therefore we will have a lot to do. Please join us as it is very important.

Many thanks goes to all who attended the Masonic Dedication of the New Masonic Temple in Webster on November 4th 1979. It is something that only happens once. A very nice time was had by all and the dinner was delicious. Webster Chapter OES sure have some good cooks.

On Nov. 17th we had a Dedication by the R.A. Masons in the New Masonic Temple in Webster. Thanks to all for the attendance of everyone. Just great.

Coming up in December on the 11th of course is our Annual Summomed meeting for our Chapter. Everyone should please try and be there if possible. We need all of you to keep things going for our Chapter. All of you are the backbone of the Chapter and we don't want to lose any of you as members. Please come and support the Chapter.

Our High Priest, Larry Hood, and his good wife Marge wish to thank all who helped in making his year a success. Without your help it could not have been done. We had problems but that is what life is all about. Happens all the time. Thanks again. To all the new Officers going in let's support them in all that they do. Very important that we do.

Let's not forget that on December 8th 1979 the Auction will take place. The purpose is to raise money for the Masonic Temple. Very important that each of us does his own part so that it will work out for each one of us. We need the Temple here in Rochester, very, very much. Let's not let each one of us down. Please help when you can.

Wishing all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the Officers. Wishing all the Officers the same.

We have no deaths to report at this time. Very good. Those people who are sick would like to have cards or a visit from you. Thanks.

Notice of By-Laws changes and dues notices have been sent out. With all your support we can make it. Any questions please contact our

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Believe that is all for now except this saying: "Nothing less than a Miracle will do for me now." Try praying. It works wonders. Things will come to pass that you never dreamed of. Have fun.

Fraternally yours,
High Priest, Larry Hood
R.E. Huff, Reporter. PHP

HAMILTON CHAPTER
No. 62
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
2nd and 4th Thursdays
Chartered in 1819



At the chapter festival this fall, forty-five new companions were exalted, of which ten joined the ranks of Hamilton Chapter prior to our November 8 meeting, we held a dinner in honor of our new companions and to welcome them into the fellowship of Hamilton Chapter. Our ten new companions are: Lauren Blood, Georg Forarassy, Hubert Friedrich, Robert Friedrich, Robert Hebner, Scott Schaeffer, Arthur Schuster, Roger Scott, Timothy Slater and Paul Vick.

Also at our November meeting we honored our Companions who have served Hamilton for twenty-five and fifty years. Receiving 24-year certificates were Robert Dubert, Russel Rankin and James Scobell. We were fortunate in having one of our 50-year veterans with us, Companion John Smith, who was exalted in 1929 and had been recommended by Excellent Grover Bradstreet, a prominent name in Hamilton's history.

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 State Convocation of Hamilton Chapter No. 62, Royal Arch Masons, to be held in Cathedral Hall, Masonic Temple, 875 East Main Street, Rochester, New York on Thursday evening, December 13, 1979 at 7:30 pm, at which time officers will be elected for the ensuing year and such business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

The above is the official summons to the annual meeting, and I hope that many of you will come to review our past capitular year and help us in making plans for next year. This will be our only meeting in December and is the final meeting of the year. As I look back over the past year, it is with somewhat mixed emotions, in many respects it

has been a good year with a number of activities supported by our dedicated companions; however, the active participation of many more of you is necessary if Hamilton Chapter is to continue to be a vital force in Masonry throughout the Monroe area.

Doric Council, in view of the fourth Monday falling on Christmas Eve, will hold its December meeting on Monday, December 10.

For all the Companion-Knights of Genesee York Rite College, the next quarterly meeting will be Saturday, December 8, at 3:30 pm, and will be held in the new Webster Masonic Temple. After the meeting, we will join our ladies for dinner at the Jade Fountain Restaurant in the Webster Plaza.

With the holiday season almost upon us, I would like to wish each of you a happy and enjoyable holiday and hope that we will be able to greet you at Hamilton functions in the coming year.

Raymond R. Beardsley
High Priest

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



Prelate's Christmas Message

From an album entitled, "A song is a gentle thing," comes these haunting lines...

*If I had just twenty-fours for living,
The things that don't matter could wait.
I'd play with the children and hear all their stories,
I'd tell you I love you, before it's too late.*

The Nativity Story is telling us that the "things that don't matter" can wait forever, and that the thing that does matter has mattered from the beginning. "In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was in God's presence, and the Word was God" -- and God is Love! Love is the beginning and the end of all that really matters. Before it's too late, make this world worthy of its children.

On the first Christmas Day, the angels "Glory to God in high heaven and peace on earth to those whom His favor rests" (Lk. 2:14) If we want to give all the glory to God we can, we must do all we can to achieve the sacred Christmas ideal of peace and brotherhood on earth. With all our heart and soul and mind and body, we must show our fellow human beings, without exception, that we believe in them, that they are marvelous

to behold, not only in God's eyes, but in our eyes as well, with all our heart and soul and mind and body, we must show our fellow human beings, without exception, that they are loved not only by God but by us as well. We must put aside the things that don't matter, before it's too late.

S.K. & Rev. Paul Gleason
H.P.C.
Prelate (Assoc. Grand Prelate)

At our fall Pilgrimage a total of eight (8) candidates were knighted by the Rt. Em. Grand Commander, Burr L. Phelps. The class was named in his honor and a total of 36 candidates from approximately twelve commanderies were knighted. Our membership goal for the year is twenty (20) candidates. We are well on our way to attaining this goal. We have two additional candidates in waiting for the Spring Class. Do you have a potential candidate?

Sir Knight R. Bruce Dayton is home recuperating from an operation. We hope it won't be too long before Bruce is better and able to visit Commandery again.

It is with regret that I announce the death of S.K. Gifford J. Case - Nov. 3, 1979.

Dec. 7 - Our first Full Form Opening

Dec. 8 - Masonic Auction at the Dome Arena

Dec. 21 - Christmas Toasts with Cyrene Commandery. (Monroe Hosting) Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

I would like to wish each and every Sir Knight a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Fraternally,
Ronald L. Brown
Em. Commander

CYRENE COMMANDERY
No. 39
KNIGHTS
TEMPLAR
2nd and 4th Fridays
Chartered 1867



The Templar Pilgrimage on Nov. 10th was a great success. Our Commander, S.K. Horace Denton, thanks each and every Sir Knight for his participation, not only in the Order of the Temple which was ours to do, but also for joining in to help out on the other Orders when our plans went astray. We had a great turnout of Commanderies, 12 in all and we had 35 new Companions take the Orders of Knight Templar. It really was a sight to be remembered by all. We welcome 5 new Sir Knights to our Templar Family and they are: Tim Boden, Richard Brown, Darryl Griffing, Fred Hartman and George Sluman. We hope that you and your ladies will join with us as often as possible. And to the Ladies of the Schicker Club, you are truly Angels in disguise. The dinner-superbly done on such

short notice was tremendous. Many thanks to all.

To go back a little ways. On Nov. 4th the Commanderies was asked to form an Honor Guard to march from the Old Temple in Webster to the New one. We had quite a few members in line for the march. Everyone was deeply impressed with the Dedication of the New Masonic Temple. This is something that only happens once and if you missed it it is gone forever. Sorry. You Masons have a very good Temple there in Webster and one to be proud of.

Coming up in December on Friday the 14th, we will have a pot-luck supper with our Ladies and the supper is scheduled for 6:30 PM. After a very short meeting, we will join in a family get-together with some goodies. It might be well for your Lady to call Lady Hazel (872-4162) regarding the type of dish-to-pass which we might be needing. Thanks. We will have one Conclave in December.

On December 21st, Cyrene and Monroe Commanderies will join once again in the Annual Christmas Toast in celebration of our Saviour's birth. During this Holiday Season, at once solemn yet joyous, let us join together to refresh our faith and renew our strength in Christ.

Christmas is with us on Tuesday, December 25th, 1979, and here is hoping that everyone had a grand time.

Then comes the New Year with all its joys and sorrows. We all have to take the good with the not so good. Let's all try and make 1980 one of the best we have had. I know that we can do it. Templary has to take a great step forward for all of us, in 1980. Be a part of it, Sir Knights.

The Illustrious Master of Doric Council #19 reminds us our December meeting will be December 10th, 1979.

Your Commander and his Lady, once again, wish each and everyone a Joyous Holiday Season, and may The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit be and abide with you always.

Happy birthday to all you Sir Knights who have one in December: here they are.

Charlie Gremmels - Dec. 3rd, Vincent E. Blodgett - Dec. 8th, Robert Galloway - Dec. 17th, James Hussey - Dec. 21st, Raymond Nersinger - Dec. 21st, John E. Sherman - Dec. 23rd, Robert L. White - Dec. 24th. May each of you have many more and stay healthy.

Just received word as we were going to press that Kitty Decker, mother of Robert Decker who was our Recorder in the Commandery for a number of years passed away on November 13th, 1979. She was a member of the Schicker Club.

Very truly yours,
Em. Comm. Horace Denton
S.K. R.E. Huff, Reporter, PC

D.D.G.M. DWORKIN *Continued from page 1.*

officer material. Then approach each prospect personally. You will be surprised at the result.

My closing words are directed to the Masters. Peel out a member who is a good "salesman", and accompany him in calling on each member, who is up for affiliation for non-payment of dues. If you follow this procedure diligently, you will definitely cut down on your drop-outs.

Fraternally yours,
William Dworkin
D.D.G.M. First Monroe

D.D.G.M. BEARDSLEY *Continued from page 1*

economic maintenance of the home, rather it is used to bring to our guests some of those amenities and extras that can be so vital in making the difference between a bare, monotonous existence and a vibrant, active and meaningful life, regardless of age. Secondly, some of the fund returns are presented to the Masonic Research Laboratories to let these people know how much we appreciate their work; the Masonic Research Laboratories are engaged in cancer and heart disease research which has brought them renown all over the world. Some of the fund goes to Veterans' Hospitals and facilities, so that these men who have sacrificed so much of their lives to support our country will know that Masonry has not forgotten them and wants to help in their care and rehabilitation. Finally, a portion of the Brotherhood goes to our youth groups and to assist in operation of the Masonic youth camp in the Adirondacks. The future of masonry depends upon our youth, and it is essential that these boys and girls realize how strongly we want to support them in their endeavors.

One Brother recently remarked that on each letter he sent out regarding the Brotherhood Fund, he wrote across the top: "Brother, Can You Spare a Buck?" Certainly each of us can spare something, and I hope that every Brother in the Second Monroe District can at least afford one or two dollars for this vital program. Because if you can't, then I don't see how you can afford to pay your Lodge dues, and maybe your Lodge should be remitting your dues.

The Brotherhood Fund is truly one of the finest examples of Masonry in Action. There is no better or finer way to prove to others what Masonry stands for and that the Principles and Tenets of the Craft are being effectively exemplified. So, My Brother, when you receive the request for the Brotherhood Fund, please respond in the true Masonic Spirit.

We are now approaching that time when the present Masters will be passing on their tools of office to their successors. In all of my Official Visits, I have been impressed by the ritual work and conduct of the Lodge by all the Masters; every one of them has done an excellent job and is to be congratulated.

With the holiday season almost upon us, I would like to wish each of you a happy and enjoyable holiday and hope that in the new year, Masonry will receive your support.

Raymond R. Beardsley
D.D.G.M. - Second Monroe

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The book is available in a paperback edition for \$5.00 or in hardcover for \$7.50 from the Masonic Service Bureau, located at 875 East Main Street in the Masonic Temple. Books may be ordered by mail with an additional charge of \$1.00 for postage and handling. Gift copies for friends and relatives may be ordered and mailed through the Masonic Service Bureau.

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Brother Herman

WHAT OTHERS THINK

Wor. and Ill. Bro. Alphonse Cerza of Chicago, Illinois is an eminent lawyer, law teacher, and author of law books and articles. He is also an outstanding Masonic author, lecturer and critic. The following is an extract from his letter dated July 12:

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ROCHESTER FOREST 133

Brethren: Join us on December 8th for our Christmas Party! It will be at the Loose Caboose, Webster. Dinner is planned for 7:00 pm sharp. Cocktails will be at 6:00 pm.

Following dinner we shall then proceed to Bob and Doris Zabel's for more Christmas merriment. Remember, at \$3 exchange gift for each lady and gentleman attending.

Installation of officers is scheduled for December 20th at Fame Lodge. Prior to the meeting Norm Fechou will contact those wishing to join us for the social and dinner hour to be held at the Irondequot Towne Lounge.

Fraternally,
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