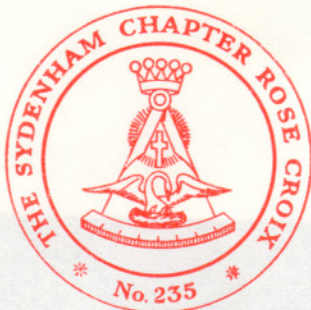


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30th April 1967.

M. Ill. Bro. Erskine W. Simes,
1a, Queens Gate,
London S.W.7.

Dear Bro. Simes,

Thank you for your card and I am sorry that you will be unable to attend the meeting next Friday.

The members will I am sure hear with regret that Major Loyd has found it necessary to relinquish the office of Sovereign Grand Commander. On the other hand they will be delighted to hear of your appointment as Lieutenant Grand Commander and I feel it an honor in tendering the congratulations of the Chapter in advance of the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Henry Bundock

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L. W. GREENWOOD 33°

INSPECTOR GENERAL



May 5th 1967.

POUND PIECE

ASTLEY

Nr STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN

TE. STOURPORT 2612

Dear Erskine,

I want you to know how pleased I am personally + how gratified all the members of this order in our district are also that a Worcester mason has been appointed second in command. Many congratulations + best wishes, though I fear you have probably added a good deal to your many responsibilities. May you enjoy good health for many years to come + please sometime contrive to visit S. Dunstan's who would love to see you in your native city.

Yours ever

Leonard Greenwood.

No reply of course!

THE
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No. 583

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23rd June 1967

Very P. Bro. C. Erskine W. Simes, Q.C., 33°,
Lieut. Grand Commander,
1a Queens Gate,
S.W.7.

Dear Sir, and Very Puissant Bro.

It was with very real pleasure we learnt of your election to the office of Lieut. Grand Commander and extend to you most sincere congratulations and best wishes.

I enclose a copy of the summons for our meeting on Thursday 6th July 1967 with which I would express warmest fraternal greetings from our M.W.S. and indeed every member of the Chapter.

Yours sincerely,

Reg. Plummer

Recorder.

ST. DUNSTAN CHAPTER No. 12

Western Lodge
Hanley Swan
Worcester

Tel. Hanley Swan 343

May 6

Dear Mr. M. Bro.,

I was indeed ^{pleased} yesterday evening
at the meeting of St. Dunstan Chapter
to write to you to congratulate you
on behalf of the members on your
election to the office of Lieutenant
Grand Commander. The Chapter was
most pleased to hear of this honour
to an already illustrious son of Worcester.

Yrs. v. frat. & sin.

W. M. 31°
Reader

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V. Ill. Bro. A. Erskine Lewis,

20th April 1967

Dear Bro, In the letter from Supreme Council of
26th April, I learn with pleasure of your election,
to the office of Lieutenant Grand Commander. I
would like to congratulate you on this high
appointment which, I know will be well
received by the Fraternity of the District of Essex.

May you enjoy many years of good
health, & be able to carry out your
new duties.

Yours very sincerely,
Stanley Frohnsdorff

19. 4. 67

My dear Erskine.

I am so sorry to have been so long in answering your very dear letter of 1st April. I was having rather a bad week as my heart machine's connection was giving trouble - since then it has been changed & all is well again.

I want to say how delighted I am that you will be our L. G. C. I had hoped so much that this would be the case, but I feared that your rheumatic leg might be too much for you. I have not seen you since you developed it.

We could not ask for or wish for a better L.G.C. & from the bottom of my heart I wish you many happy years in that office before the time comes to succeed Eric at S.G.S.

I am going to write now in absolute confidence - my fear with Eric is that he will be afraid of anybody who might be "bigger" than him - afraid that anyone should steal his limelight - and that he would rather surround himself with "faceless nonentities" than risk having a greater man than him on the Council.

Your tact & your strength of character will be needed so much - the very high prestige

From MAJOR R. L. LOYD, O.B.E., M.C., King's Walden, Windsor, Berks.
Telephone: Windsor 62624

which the Council has today both at home and more particularly abroad & with the American & the Canadian Supreme Councils depends so much on having on our Council men who are widely known & respected -

By this summer you will have standing in the wings General Sir Harold Williams - Don't, I beg, keep him standing there & don't make the mistake of side tracking him into a District 1st. in England - He is just what we want on the Council - He will see how we do things, his outlook will be widened beyond India by hearing you all discussing "wold" A & A Rite & his wisdom will be valuable.

Richard Shannon is a man I picked out

some years ago & whom I have brought on -
first by means of the K.E. VII chapter of
Improvement & then by making him one of
our D.C's. He is a little noisy & perhaps
pleased with himself at present, but that
can be stopped by a word of warning. He
will be a Supreme Council man very soon.
but here again Eric may be afraid of a lord.

I have just read this through - It is not
meant to be spiteful or catty

With much love
Yr ever

Bobbie

HULME HOUSE,
CHISLEHURST, KENT.
IMPERIAL 3983.

5.5.67

Dear Erskine,

Most sincere, if belated,
congratulations on your election
as Lieutenant Grand Commander.
Having accepted an invitation to
Chancery Bar Lodge on Tuesday
I missed the annual demonstration
where I should have seen you
in your new glory, and only
heard the news tonight at
Sydenham Chapter, where

everybody was genuinely
delighted but a little afraid
that you would now be too
heavily committed to be able
to come among us: still,
here's hoping.

With every good wish,

Yours ever,

Harold Prestige.

Captain G. F. Smith, O.B.E.
40, Willersley Avenue,
Sidcup, Kent.

11.5.67.

My dear Very Puissant Brother,

Your absence was very greatly felt by all present, last night; more especially by myself, since I was naturally desirous of congratulating you on your change of status, from Most Illustrious to Very Puissant.

My knowledge of the word was inadequate, I could only remember that in my youth I had read the word Puissant in historical novels, so, checked up in the Oxford dictionary, and found that it meant "Potent" and "Wielding great Power", and thought, that, the title was inadequate to express what all your friends had always known. Your personality has always been such, that, mentally and spiritually, you have ever dominated any society of men where you were present, that rare gift of leadership that one instinctively feels, honours and appreciates, and so, the Supreme Council have been honoured by your so called promotion, and I, as one of the "rank and file" salute you, fervently and smartly.

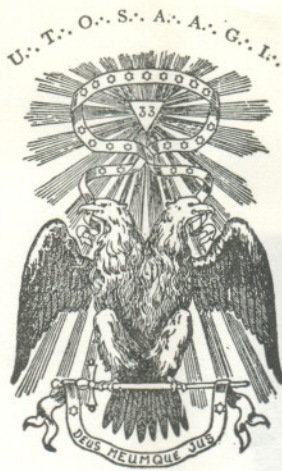
Yours in the Bonds of the Order,

G. F. Smith

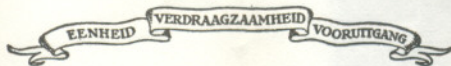
P.S. I was elected to be Em.P. last night, Sinclair away

for two years, means that I hope that you will install or supervise my installation.

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OPPERRAAD VAN DE 33^E EN LAATSTE GRAAD
VAN DE ALOUDE EN AANGENOMEN SCHOTSE RITUS
VOOR HET KONINKRIJK DER NEDERLANDEN

The Lieutenant Grand Commander Erskine Simes, 33^o.
Supreme Council for England, Wales, etc.
10 Duke Street, St. James'.
London, S.W.1.

BUSSUM, 1 May 1967.
Corverlaan 5

Very Puissant and dear Bro. Simes.

From the Secretary General's circular letter I read that you have been called to the function of next in command of the Supreme Council.

May I extend my warmest and most sincere congratulations to you? I know that you are a very busy man, so this new duty to which you have been called will not fail to add to the burden of your daily life.

I express the hope that it will be a pleasant burden, and that you will enjoy the fulfilment of it.

We all are very glad that you have accepted this position. Believe me, with warmest regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely and most fraternally,

Hofman.

The Sir Reginald Spence Chapter

Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.

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Dear V. P. P. Erskine Lewis,

I was asked, last evening, at
our meeting to write to you as an Hon. member &
offer our congratulations on your promotion to
St. Grand Commander. We like you have many
years to enjoy the office & we are delighted
to have you as an Hon. Member of The Chapter.

Yours fraternally

Thomas Scott



News-Letter

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LIKE SOMETHING WAS GOING TO HAPPEN

RING LARDNER'S "BIG TOWN STORY" registers a striking figure of speech. It is the comment of Mr. Big on his expensive hotel life: "Everybody puts' on their evening clothes, like something was going to happen, but it don't."

OCCASIONALLY AN OLDER HOTEL GETS INTO THE ACT. The spacious lobby is ringed with airline reservation centers, apparel and gift shops, a drug store, theater ticket agency. Interior decorators touch and go. All around is ordered confusion, as though something were going to happen, but it doesn't. The more it changes, the more it remains the same.

WHEN MR. ELIOT WAS CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF HARVARD in 1869, he lost no time in establishing the *elective system*. For two hundred years and more the student had been told what he was to study. Mr. Eliot felt strongly that each lad was different. He should have freedom to pick and choose the courses which captured his interest and were tailored to his personality and talent. The Harvard president believed that this was part of the student's discipline.

IN 1909 WHEN MR. LOWELL BECAME PRESIDENT he had to modify the whole regime. The elective system had given men a freedom which they were not ready to enjoy. For two generations they more and more chose only the *snaf* courses (none before 11:00 a.m. and only one floor up). It was apparent to Mr. Lowell that in a well-rounded education were to happen someone had to make it happen. Almost immediately he returned the students to required courses. Things move in higher education the same way people move, by action and reaction.

IT IS THE BUSINESS OF SCOTTISH RITE FREEMASONRY to communicate the moral requirements of life in our time to those who enter its sphere of influence. It must hold the human mind in the presence of the best character, the best ritual exemplification, the most needed service to God's people. Burne Jones once asserted: "If there had been one cast from an ancient Greek sculpture, or one faithful copy of a great Italian picture to be seen in Birmingham when I was a boy, I should have begun to paint ten years before I did." The candidate may be well acquainted with allegory and symbol. The prologue has sketched the vital truths to be unveiled. The curtain rises. The sets are historically accurate, costumes authentic, make-up befitting the parts,

lighting imaginative, microphones well placed and properly tuned for listening pleasure. The degree has put on its formal dress, "like something was going to happen, but it don't". Communication does not come off. The seeker does not return. The potential humanitarian does not go forth to serve. There is no high, no low—only the dull, dead level of mediocrity.

SOMEONE MUST MAKE THINGS HAPPEN. That someone is any Sublime Prince. And the obvious place to begin is where he finds himself. It may be a place of obscurity and insignificance. He must be as dedicated, and even heroic as he can in that place—remembering Maeterlinck's counsel that "deeds of heroism are only offered to those who have been for many years heroes in obscurity and silence". One by one, with understanding, intelligence and determination, we can begin to make things happen where we are. One by one, we can handle a spear with as much grace, dignity and meaning as we wear, some day, the sackcloth of a prophet or wield the scepter of a king. One error can lose the game. One hit may win it.

THREE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF BEHAVIOR—justice, love, reverence—are laid down in the religion we profess, as Jew or Christian, and in the rituals of our Scottish Rite degrees. They are not electives to be chosen if we desire, or if they suit our purposes and meet our convenience. They are requirements for an orderly society. In a Law Day address on May 1, 1967, United States District Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr., of Montgomery, Alabama, said: "The doctrine of anarchy is offensive to the concept of government by law, whether it be preached in the streets or on state-wide television." Speaking to a group of newly naturalized citizens, Judge Johnson added that each citizen had an obligation to "support and defend the proposition that our law is supreme and must be obeyed. . . . This means that irresponsible criticism—by those who can hardly read the Constitution, much less interpret it—must not be allowed to stand unchallenged."

Morality is as fixed as the stars. It must be our guide, as are buoys for the helmsman sailing his ship through the narrow channel out of Nantucket harbor. Requirements, not electives, Scottish Rite is engaged in pursuing. Disregard them and we are in serious trouble.

JOHN G. FLECK

Interamerican Conference of Symbolic Freemasonry Meets at Bogota, Colombia

The June 1965 issue of the NEWS-LETTER contained an excellent report on the "Organization and Role of the Interamerican Masonic Confederation" written by Ill. Richard A. Kern, M.D., 33°. Ill. Brother Kern prepared this explanatory article following his attendance at the VI Meeting of the Interamerican Confederation, which was held in Lima, Peru in 1964.

The latest in this series of conferences which bring together the Grand Masters of South and Central American Grand Lodges, occurred in Bogota, Colombia, between March 5 and 11, 1967. Again a large number of Latin American Grand Lodge leaders were present to take part in the deliberations and to enjoy the accompanying social events, which had been carefully planned by the organizing committee composed of members of the host Grand Lodges in the Republic of Colombia. In addition to delegations from the five Grand Lodges in Colombia—Bogota, Barranquilla, Cali, Cucuta, Cartagena—official representatives were present from Symbolic Grand Lodges in Chile, Ecuador, Mexico (six State Grand Lodges), Cuba, Venezuela, El Salvador, Argentina, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Peru, Puerto Rico, Uruguay, Panama, Bolivia and Honduras. Guest observers traveled to Bogota from the North American Grand Lodges of New York, Pennsylvania, British Columbia and Prince Edward Island. Once again the triennial session of the Interamerican Confederation discussed and considered a highly interesting agenda, including such subjects as: plans of Freemasonry in the face of Latin American problems; basis for the holding of a World Conference of Freemasonry; evaluation of the decisions made at the V Conference of the Interamerican Masonic Confederation; conduct and methods of action by Freemasonry in the face of current events and revisions of the regulations of the Interamerican Masonic Confederation.

For the first time in the history of the Interamerican Confederation, invitations were extended by the Confederation to Sovereign Grand Commanders of Supreme Councils throughout the world to attend the Bogota meetings as observers. These invitations which came about as the result

of the harmony existing between the host Grand Lodge of Bogota, the officials of the Confederation and the Supreme Council for Colombia, resulted in one of the largest gatherings of Sovereign Grand Commanders and their representatives in recent years. Scottish Rite Grand Commanders were present from: Colombia, Argentina, Germany, Ecuador, Canada, Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Chile, Mexico, Guatemala and Venezuela. In addition, the Sovereign Grand Commanders of Panama, Peru and Uruguay were represented by other officers or Active Members. Sovereign Grand Commander George A. Newbury, 33°, represented the Northern Jurisdiction and was accompanied by Ill. Richard A. Kern, 33°, Grand Lieutenant Commander; and Ill. Sidney R. Baxter, 33°, Assistant to the Grand Commander.

The Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for Colombia, Ill. Abraham Mora S., 33°, took advantage of the presence of so many Scottish Rite leaders to conduct two informal "roundtable" meetings, at which matters of importance to Supreme Councils were discussed. S.R.B.

Maundy Thursday Observance

The NEWS-LETTER has noted a new trend throughout the Northern Jurisdiction. Traditionally, Knights of Rose Croix assemble on Maundy Thursday to offer thanks for divine blessings and pay due respect to the memory of deceased brethren, seeking renewed faith, hope and charity.

From the announcements received in 1967, it was learned that some seventy-six per cent of the Chapters of Rose Croix chose a date other than Maundy Thursday for the ceremonial of extinguishing the lights, enabling the Knights to attend their church services with their families.

Sovereign Grand Commander George A. Newbury, 33°, and the late Sovereign Grand Commander George E. Bushnell, 33°, frequently expressed approval of such cooperation with the churches.

Ill. John C. Rieger, 33°, Valley of Buffalo, wrote in the March 1967 SCOTTISH RITE NEWS: "While Masonry is not in itself a religion, it is apparent that a good Mason must necessarily be a religious man."

Southern Jurisdiction Mourns

Ill. Luther A. Smith, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, S.J., has announced the death of an Active Member widely known throughout the Northern Jurisdiction because of his regular attendance at our annual sessions.

Ill. Frank H. Thompson, 33°, Second Grand Equerry and S. G. I. G. for Florida, passed away on April 29, 1967. Masonic memorial rites were conducted by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Florida. The funeral service was held in the First Methodist Church, Lakeland, on May 1st. Honorary Members of the Supreme Council served as pallbearers.

Brother Thompson had been president of the Mine and Mill Supply Company and a director of the Florida National Bank, Lakeland, where he operated a general insurance agency for many years.

He received the 32° in 1915; KCCH in 1919; the 33°, Honorary, in 1923; and was appointed Deputy for Florida, 1952. He was crowned an Active Member in 1955 and elected S. G. I. G. for Florida the same year. Sovereign Grand Commander Luther A. Smith, 33°, presented him with the Fifty-Year Membership cap, April 30, 1965.

Grand Standard Bearer in 1965, Ill. Brother Thompson was a member of the following committees: Benevolence and Fraternal Assistance; Nominations; Obituaries; Visitations, Foreign and Domestic. He was the Representative of the National Grand Lodge of Denmark near the Supreme Council, S.J.

During 1955 Brother Thompson had been Grand Master of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.

The Northern Supreme Council deeply regrets the death of this distinguished Mason who was dedicated to God, our country and the Rite. His deeds speak louder than words.

Presiding Officers

Any presiding officer of a Subordinate Body may continue to receive the NEWS-LETTER after retiring if he so desires. The request should be addressed to the NEWS-LETTER, 1117 Statler Building, Boston, Mass. 02116.

Retiring officers who hold the 33°, or the M.S.A., automatically receive the NEWS-LETTER.

England

The Supreme Council, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, 33°, for England and Wales, the Dominions and Dependencies of the British Crown, has announced the retirement, for reasons of health, of the Sovereign Grand Commander, Most Puissant Brother Major R. L. Loyd, O.B.E., M.C., 33°, effective April 30, 1967. He had held the high office for the past twelve years.

Very Puissant Brother Sir Eric Studd, Bt., O.B.E., 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, assumed the post of Sovereign Grand Commander on May 1, 1967.

The Supreme Council has elected M. J. Ill. Brother Erskine Simes, Q.C., 33°, Grand Chamberlain, to the office of Lieutenant Grand Commander with effect from the same date.

Paul Revere Masonic Jewels

In 1796 Paul Revere fashioned the Masonic Jewels of Washington Lodge A.F. & A.M., then of Roxbury and now of Lexington, Massachusetts. He charged twenty-three pounds (about \$125.00 then) for designing these treasures. At the time he was Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts and had issued Washington Lodge its original charter.

When the Lodge moved to Lexington in 1960, the Senior Warden's jewel had been lost for many years. It was the only piece missing from the set. The Roxbury Temple had been searched time and time again. It was felt that the Senior Warden's jewel was lost forever. After the move to Lexington, some workmen found it and returned it to the Lodge.

During his term of office (1795-97) Grand Master Revere issued charters to twenty-three new Masonic Lodges of which twenty-one are currently active.

Washington Lodge considers its Revere Masonic Jewels priceless and keeps them in a bank vault. Only twice a year are they displayed—when new officers are installed in September, and during the annual visitation of the District Deputy Grand Master.

The famous Revere sterling silver Liberty punch bowl, once owned by "The Sons of Liberty" and kept at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern, was finally purchased by Boston's Museum of Fine Arts for \$56,000.

Order of DeMolay

During the 1967 Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, D.C., Sovereign Grand Commander George A. Newbury, 33°, presented a check in the amount of \$10,000 to Ill. R. Lee Lockwood, 33°, S.G.I.G. in Texas and Grand Master of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay. The Northern Supreme Council has been an annual contributor to the DeMolay program.

The April *Cordon* reported that eighty-eight Senior DeMolays have been chosen Grand Masters of Grand Lodges. Elected to this high office in recent months are Mortimer B. Riley, Minnesota, the second for Minnesota; Dr. John Dupree Tomme, Jr., the third for Texas; and H. Bruce Green, the second to serve in Virginia.

The late Walter Elias Disney, probably the most noted high school dropout in the United States, was the 107th member of the original Mother Chapter of DeMolay in Kansas City, Missouri. He held five honorary doctorates, including one from Harvard and from Yale. He received thirty-one "Oscars"—more than anyone else ever been awarded—six "Emmies", and a Presidential Freedom Medal. By the end of his career December 15, 1966, he had been honored with over 900 awards and honors from nations all over the world. The list would fill over thirty typewritten pages.

Here is some of what Walt Disney said: "I feel a great sense of obligation and gratitude toward DeMolay for the important part it has played in shaping my life. Its precepts have been invaluable in making decisions, facing dilemmas and crises, holding on to ideals and meeting those tests which are borne when shared with others in a bond of confidence."

A Reminder

Although this Scottish Rite year is drawing to a close, there is still time for members to assist the current Benevolent Foundation appeal and thus support our longstanding research into the cause of schizophrenia. The 1966-67 solicitation year ends on July 31st.

Please use the blue contribution envelope or one of the blue reminder slips—or simply send your gift (payable to Benevolent Foundation), to the Sovereign Grand Commander, 1117 Statler Building, Boston, Mass. 02116.

McBurney Memorial

Friends and admirers of the late Floyd (Mike) McBurney, Jr., former Dane County district attorney, Madison, Wisconsin, established a blood bank early in April 1967 as a living memorial to his honor. His untimely death came in February, caused by complications after acute abdominal surgery. He had been elected to office in November 1966 despite a severe handicap resulting from a diving accident some twelve years ago.

The first donor to this living memorial was Warren P. Knowles, governor of Wisconsin.

A blood donor for many years, Ill. Floyd W. McBurney, Sr., 33°, Active Member for Wisconsin, said: "Blood cannot be manufactured. It must be given from one human to another, without regard for race, color or political affiliation; this is why a blood donation memorial for Mike is a fitting one, since he had a high regard for all people."

From the Valleys

Evansville, Indiana: Guest speaker at the Spring Convocation was Dr. Wesley N. Haines, 32°, Valley of Indianapolis, president of Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana. In 1960, Dr. Haines received the George Washington Honor Award from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; and in 1957, the Keuka College Award for "distinguished service to the college and community."

Burlington, Vermont: Delta Chapter of Rose Croix presented its annual Maundy Thursday memorial service on March 24th before a capacity audience of 365 in the Scottish Rite assembly room in the Masonic Temple. The Most Rev. Robert F. Joyce, D.D., Roman Catholic Bishop of Vermont, was the guest speaker.

Calling men to faith and to the responsibility of faith, loving one another, Bishop Joyce added: "We are all brothers of the same family—the family of man. We are all children of God. May we learn to love one another as Christ taught us."

When the Bishop was presented with the usual honorarium, he returned it, graciously suggesting that it be given to a Scottish Rite charity. With his consent, the gift has been forwarded to the Supreme Council Benevolent Foundation.

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Wilmington, Delaware—April 1

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HAGLUND

Jamestown, New York—April 3

HAROLD ARTHUR THOMPSON
Burlington, Vermont—April 4

GEORGE MARLETTE HAIGHT
Syracuse, New York—April 11

HARRY SANFORD BANKS
Buffalo, New York—April 16

LEROY BENTLEY WILLIAMS
Utica, New York—April 16

ARTHUR HENRY SCHOK
Evansville, Indiana—April 22

Among Our Friends

Ill. Arthur A. Beduhu, 23°, High Priest of Bahurim Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Cleveland, was a founder of the Children's Theatre at Shaker Heights High School, which produced exciting and lavish productions, 1954-64, starring teen-agers. A smart teacher in the Shaker School system for 38 years, he was largely responsible for the striking sets, costumes and highly successful plays.

When the Children's Theatre closed its doors, it had about \$1200.00 in the bank. Sponsors asked the Cleveland Foundation to present an annual award to the boy and girl at Shaker who displayed outstanding ability in dramatics. The two awards of twenty-five dollars each are named for Ill. Brother Beduhu.

Ill. Conrad Hahn, 33°, Valley of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and executive secretary of the Masonic Service Association, U.S.A., Washington, D.C., was the guest speaker at the George Washington dinner, March 3rd, Valley of Charleston, West Virginia. Past Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut, Brother Hahn has been editor of publications for the M.S.A. since 1958.

Ill. and Hon. Charles W. Froessel, LL.D., retired justice of the New York State Court of Appeals (1950-63), Past Grand Master of Masons in New York, member of Aurora Grata Scottish Rite Bodies, Brooklyn, was elected a delegate to the New York State Constitutional Convention from the tenth senatorial district, Queens. His experience as educator, lawyer and judge qualify him for this important public service.

Ill. Kenneth B. Keating, 33°, Valley of Rochester and judge of the New York State Court of Appeals, has been named to the board of trustees of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation. The foundation, made up of religious and lay leaders of the Catholic, Jewish and Protestant faiths, is concerned with safeguarding religious freedom for all faiths.

Ill. Max Rosen, 33°, Valley of Scranton, Pennsylvania, has been re-appointed Secretary of Public Welfare by Brother Raymond P. Shafer, 32°, Governor of Pennsylvania. This continuance in office is a tribute to Brother Rosen's efficient service during former Governor Scranton's administration.

Ill. Arthur Levin, 35°, Valley of New York City, Comptroller of the State of New York, former president of the New York City Board of Education, addressed the 49th Annual Banquet of Newfane, New York, Lodge No. 947 on December 7, 1966. He noted that 160 years ago there were no public schools in New York State. Consequently, the Masons established a school under their auspices for the children of Masonic families in New York City. The first school was opened for fifty youngsters in 1809. Eight years later it was converted into a "True public school under the supervision of the state." Freemasonry continues its strong support of our public school system.

Ill. Donald F. Lybarger, 33°, Past Thrice Potent Master, Eliadah Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Cleveland, Ohio, has been elected presiding judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Cuyahoga County.

Ill. Lloyd E. Roulet, 33°, Valley of Toledo, received an award for the promotion of Brotherhood in the City of Toledo from Temple B'nai Israel. The presentation was made on March 27 in the temple by Rabbi Morton Goldberg, Ph.D. Other Toledoans receiving similar awards were Mrs. Ella Stewart and Mr. M. J. Doyne.

Cambridge, Ohio: The Spring Class has been named in honor of Ill. Fred O. Witten, 33°, former mayor and chairman of the City Council, Cambridge. More than any other leader, he has brought the portrayal of the Scottish Rite Degrees to the current high standards in the Valley of Cambridge.

Recently, Brother Witten has completed a history of the Valley of Cambridge, which was instituted by Ill. Killian H. Van Rensselaer, 33°, in 1857, the first Scottish Rite Valley organized west of the Allegheny Mountains.

Buffalo, New York: The Golden Anniversary dinner dance of Palmoni Lodge of Perfection and Palmoni Council of Princes of Jerusalem was held in the golden ballroom of the Statler Hilton Hotel on April 29th. The principal address was delivered by Ill. O. Carlyle Brock, 33°, Valley of Erie, Pennsylvania, Past Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America. The attendance was more than 1100.

Detroit, Michigan: The Spring Reunion, during which more than 400 candidates were initiated, concluded with the traditional banquet on April 29th. The guest speaker was Commander-in-Chief Edward S. Piggins, 33°, one of Detroit's best.

Former Detroit Police Commissioner, Brother Piggins is currently a circuit court judge. As a one-man grand jury (the Michigan procedure), Judge Piggins provided strong support for law enforcement and crime prevention in Detroit and Wayne County. Among other things, Brother Piggins said: "The average American had better join in the war against crime before he becomes a captive and a slave."