



Macedon Lodge No. 665

M & A

125th Anniversary

June 5, 1993

WELCOME

On behalf of Macedon Masonic Lodge and its members, I wish to express our appreciation for your coming today and helping us celebrate this 125th anniversary.

When we look at the last two-and-one-half decades, we can see what has been accomplished since our 100th anniversary.

Twenty-five years ago, we looked at the century that had passed and set some goals. Today, some of these goals have been achieved, and some are in the process of being fulfilled.

This turnout today is a good example of how the Masons of the district and the state are working together with our communities to make them better places to live.

We look to the youth of our communities to carry on for us. It is to them that the principles of Masonry will be handed down. It is through them that Masonry, one of the greatest organizations in our society, can continue for the century to come.

Thank you,

Claire Stalker
Master

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The members of Macedon Lodge would like to thank all who have made this celebration possible. Without the support of Grand Lodge, concordant organizations, businesses, the community and area at large, we are indebted.

Most of all, we would like to thank the unsung brothers and their families of this lodge, who gave their time, donations, and efforts. We have hopefully demonstrated that Masonry is a viable community fraternity.

A fraternity whose only aim is to instill in its members the promotion of friendship, morality, and brotherly love. With these characteristics, Masons are bound to be better sons, husbands, fathers, and community citizens.

To the following team leaders who strived to make no mistakes, lest we remember, "To err is human; to forgive is divine."

Reception: Robert F. Sheldon, Claire G. Stalker
Widows: Robert F. Sheldon
Parade: A. Penn Sheldon
Set-up: Donald E. Kemp
Programs: John A. Donatelle
Tickets: Leonard G. Bennett
Master of Ceremonies: Benjamin M. Fosmire

To the Town Board, the Village Board, the Chamber of Commerce, Masonic War Vets, Caring Clowns, Sheriffs' Department, Mobil, Macedon Police Department, Bob James Equipment, Macedon and Macedon Center Fire Departments, and to all who participated in either the parade or festivities at Gravino Park... Thank You.

There are many others to whom we owe a debt of gratitude, and hope we have not overlooked anyone.

William C. Jones
General Chairman

1982	J. A. Donatelle	1988	A. P. Sheldon
1983	A. A. Herendeen	1989	T. C. Good
1984	C. R. White	1990	G. E. Popenhusen
1985	J. P. Doyen	1991	B. M. Fosmire
1986	R. F. Sheldon	1992-93	R. F. Sheldon
1987	R. S. Padgham	1993-94	C. G. Stalker

DEDICATED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

1975	A. H. Clark
1979	A. E. Eldredge
1981	L. G. Bennett
1987	A. N. Westerman
1988	J. E. Padgham
1992	L. W. Harrison, Jr.

PAST GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

1992-23	L. F. Allen
1937-38	W. H. Eldredge
1944-45	G. H. Padgham
1957-58	W. A. Youngman
1969-70	R. C. Brigham
1970-73	J. B. Crocker
1973-75	W. C. Jones
1980-81	F. A. Sheldon
1986-87	L. G. Bennett
1991-93	G. E. Sheldon, Sr.

PROGRAM

The program for the activities of the afternoon will be under the direction and discretion of the Deputy Grand Marshal, R..W.. Louis J. Wunsch, as per Masonic protocol, and will include:

Parade..... Starting at 2:00 p.m., from elementary school on West Street to Gravino Park

Invocation..... R..W.. and Rev. Charles M. Roberts, Grand Chaplain

Greetings..... W.. Claire G. Stalker, Master Macedon Lodge

Introductions..... W.. Benjamin M. Fosmire, Master of Ceremonies

Presentations..... DeWitt Clinton Award to Elmer L. Clark; Community Service Scholarship to Jennifer A. Cox-Hartman

Message..... R..W.. Earle J. Hino, Jr., Deputy Grand Master

A chicken BBQ by Kings Catering of Canandaigua will follow.

This will be your opportunity to meet our guests and ask any questions that may arise concerning the Masonic Fraternity.

It is hoped that you enjoyed this day in our history, and will leave here enlightened as to what we as Masons believe. Thank you for your participation and attention.

GUEST OF HONOR

Our guest of honor for this auspicious occasion is the Right Worshipful Earle J. Hino, Jr., Deputy Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, his Masonic biography includes:

Symbolic Masonry:

Casimir Pulaski Lodge No. 1158

Master 1969

Buffalo Lodge No. 846

Tokyo Masonic Lodge No. 2, Tokyo, Japan

Holy Land Lodge No. 20, Tel-Aviv, Israel

Educational Lodge No. 1002, Minneapolis, Minn.

Grand Representative, Grand Lodge of Utah near the Grand Lodge of New York, 1989

Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of New York 1990-1992

Capitular Masonry:

Buffalo-Keystone Chapter No. 71

Excellent High Priest 1971

Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter State of New York,

Royal Arch Masons, 1981

Cryptic Masonry:

Buffalo-Keystone Council No. 17

Illustrious Master 1971

Grand Master of the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of the

State of New York, 1989-1990

Chilivarc Masonry:

Tancred Commandery No. 80, Knights Templar

Commander 1969-1970

Scottish Rite:

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Buffalo

Commander-in-Chief, Buffalo Consistory, 1990-1992

Coronetted 33 Degree, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1986

Related Masonic Organizations:

Knights, York Cross of Honor, Empire State Priory No. 46

Eminent Prior, 1982

Knights, Red Cross of Constantine, St. Marks Conclave

Puissant Sovereign, 1989

Niagara Frontier York Rite College No. 77

Precinctment Governor, 1980-1982

Order of the Purple Cross of York, 1983

Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Precept, Good Shepherd

Tabernacle No. XXX, Very Eminent Preceptor, 1986

Royal Order of Scotland

These are some of the many Masonic organizations that our guest of honor holds membership in and has presided over. It may be noted that Brother Hino has been, and continues to be, a very active Mason. It is with great anticipation that we look forward to the future in the hopes that he will serve this great Fraternity as the Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

PAST MASTERS OF MACEDON LODGE NO. 665 F&AM

1867-69	N.W. Hare	1944	R.C. Brigham
1870-71	W.C. Lawrence	1945	J. Somers
1872-73	S.N. Gallup	1946	S.J. Goodness
1874-76	L. Bickford	1947	J.B. Crocker
1877-79	H.H. Reed	1948	F.M. Kemp
1880	L. Bickford	1949	W.H. Hammond
1881-82	H.H. Reed	1950	G.E. Sheldon, St.
1883-84	C.S. Lacy	1951	J.B. Ellsworth
1885-90	H.H. Reed	1952	W.A. Youngman
1891-93	G.P. Kaiser	1953	F.A. Sheldon
1894-95	H. Greenfield	1954	C.R. Baker
1896-97	C.H. Packer	1955	J.E. Padgham
1898-99	H.H. Reed	1956	R.L. Briggs
1900-02	H. Steiger	1957	J.E. Baker
1903	H.S. Johnson	1958	L.G. Bennett
1904	H. Steiger	1959	D.E. Kemp
1905-06	F.N. Lovejoy	1960	C.D. Short
1907-09	B.M. Smith	1961	R.A. Baker
1910-12	L.F. Allen	1962	R.J. Walton
1913-14	R.H. Breese	1963	G.E. Popenhusen
1915-16	D.H. Parker	1964	W.C. Jones
1917-19	C.P. Jennings	1965	J.H. Ary
1920-21	O.S. Allyn	1966	J.H. Westernman
1922	C.M. Fox	1967	H.L. Hartsough
1923-24	C.C. Wyman	1968	H.C. Wiedrick
1925-26	R.F. Esley	1969	B.M. Fournie
1927	H.F. Jennings	1970	J.G. MacGudwin
1928	S.D. Hare	1971	A.H. Clark
1929-30	W.P. Beal	1972	A.E. Richmond
1931	C.C. Baker	1973	J.B. Crocker
1932-33	K.A. Popenhusen	1974	A.E. Eldredge
1934-35	W.H. Eldredge	1975	L.W. Harrison, Jr.
1936-37	W.F. Frank	1976	A.L. Plumb, Jr.
1938-39	C.J. Stehler	1977	N.M. Cole
1940	A.G. Sheldon	1978	J.P. Garlock
1941	K.A. Payne	1979	S.E. Straight
1942	G.H. Padgham	1980	W.E. Eddy
1943	G. Weir	1981	D.L. Warters

These are only a few of the high points found in our records. We have made no mention of the continuous help that Eureka Chapter No. 209, Order of the Eastern Star, have always given us, and to them we can only say, "Thank You."

This year as Macedon Lodge celebrates 125 years, we can only speculate on its future. Our membership is down. At our peak in 1964, we had approximately 170 members. Today, we stand at 110. But Macedon Lodge and Masonry as a whole has faced these challenges before and survived... we will again.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

In addition to our honored guest, we are privileged to have in attendance today many present and past Masonic dignitaries in the State of New York:

M..W.. and Ill. Bruce Widger, Past Grand Master, 33 Degree Active,
and Deputy for the State of New York
M..W. Calvin G. Bond, Past Grand Master, Grand Lecturer
R..W.. Ronald D. Mertens, Past Jr. Grand Warden
R..W.. Leon R. Wheeler, DDGM-Wayne District
R..W.. James H. Rice, DDGM-OSY District
R..W.. William C. Lotz, Grand Steward
R..W.. Richard W. Bellows, Grand Steward
R..W.. Charles M. Roberts, Grand Chaplain

Representing the Concordant Masonic Organizations:

M..E.. Edward R. Tosin, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons, State of New York, Past Grand Commander
R..I.. Donald Wright, Representing the Grand Master of the Council of
Cryptic Masons, State of New York
S..K.. James A. Sullivan, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand
Commandery Knights Templar, State of New York

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Mr. Elmer L. Clark to receive the first De Witt Clinton Masonic Award for Community Service, given by Macedon Lodge.

Miss Jennifer A. Cox-Hartman, a Pal-Mac senior to receive the Macedon Masonic Lodge Community Scholarship Award in the amount of \$250.00.

It is with congratulations that Macedon Lodge offers these awards to two very deserving individuals.

HISTORY OF MACEDON LODGE

Macedon Lodge No. 665 was organized under a dispensation as Macedon Masonic Lodge on July 2, 1867. The following were officers: N.M. Hare-Master, J. Breese-Sr. Warden, H. Underhill-Jr. Warden, W. Lawrence-Sr. Deacon, and J. Parker-Jr. Deacon. The meetings were held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the Bickford and Huffman Building. Many petitions were received during the winter of 1867-1868, and on June 9, 1868, Most Worshipful James Gibson, Grand Master, issued the Charter. The minutes show that on March 17, 1868, \$6.00 was spent for the purchase of spittoons.

In June of 1870, a brother was called up and reprimanded by the Master on account of his past intemperate habits and exhorted to reform. In these early days, brothers practiced charity and brotherly love by payment of funeral expenses, coal bill for a brother's widow, taxes, and buying food.

In 1880, rumors were first heard concerning the need for larger quarters. Much discussion continued, but they continued to meet in the Bickford and Huffman Building until September 13, 1895. At this time, they assembled on the third floor of Deans Hall. Fifteen meetings were held in this hall, committees were appointed to investigate either buying or building a new home for the lodge. In 1903, the Lodge bought a lot known as the Dean lot. A Temple Association was formed and given the power to sell stock. Plans for the present temple began to materialize, brothers purchased stock, and a mortgage was also obtained. The total cost of our present building, including the lot, was \$6,746.32.

The first meeting in the new temple was held April 14, 1905. That year, two candidates joined: Ira Allyn and Lewis F. Allen. Growth continued up to the time of World War I, and much activity is noted by the way of fund raising.

In October of 1917, under a dispensation from the Grand Master Mr. Harold Jennings, who was then in the service, received all three degrees in one night.

In 1920, under the leadership of C.P. Jennings, funds were solicited to pay on the mortgage, and a total of \$2,100.00 was raised.

In 1921, a large fire on Main Street destroyed much of the lodge rooms, as well as other stores in the area.

Progress continued to be made throughout the 1920s, and the debts decreased. On April 19, 1932, all the brothers and their families gathered at the temple to burn the mortgage. This was a very festive occasion, as it had been a long struggle, but the lodge was then free from debt.

We need not tell anyone the history during the 1930s. Fortunately, the debt had been retired at the beginning of these trying times. Many members demitted because they could not pay their dues, and thus membership decreased. During this period, there were no petitions for membership. In 1938, three petitions were received, and this seemed to be the turning point.

During the 1940s, it became necessary to assess extra monies to meet our budget. And in 1949, the old familiar wood stoves on either side of the room were removed, and a new heating system was installed.

In 1953, decoration and renovation were started on the inside rooms and have continued through the present. A fund has been earmarked for future improvements.

In 1965, we were honored to have present on the occasion of a Third Degree, Most Worshipful Clarence J. Henry, who was then Grand Master. This has been the only time that a Grand Master has visited our lodge.

November 4, 1967, the lodge celebrated its 100th anniversary. Again, Most Worshipful Clarence Henry, now a Past Grand Master, was in attendance.

March 16, 1971, after an effort of eight years, the outstanding shares of stock were purchased, the Temple Association was dissolved, and Macedon Lodge became the owner of the property effective April 1, 1971.

Extensive renovations were made to the exterior of the building in 1989, at a price of \$24,000.00, or \$17,254.00 more than the combined cost of the lot and Building 86 years earlier.

The Village of Macedon, which was in need of more parking facilities, inquired as to the possibility of purchasing the parking area and driveway. On June 19, 1990, at a summoned meeting, it was agreed to convey the said parking lot and driveway to the Village for \$1.00, as long as it was used for this purpose.

1992 brought in the era of gas heat, as a new boiler was purchased to replace the oil-fired furnace that had served us for 43 years.