Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It seems barely weeks ago, I was writing an article for the newspaper about what occurred at St. Johns Weekend. Now it is already winter with Christmas just weeks away. I strongly believe, when you are enjoying what you do, time passes very quickly. Celestino and Sue, together with Barbara and I are enjoying participating in the many lodge events we are invited to attend. We are all looking forward to visit-the Ninth Manhattan’s Masonic Park in Tappan is once again, quiet and dormant for the winter, already covered in its first blanket of snow.

On behalf of myself and the Board of Trustees I would like to wish you, your families and loved ones a very special Christmas. We always speak of holding onto our traditions and that is true especially this time of year. Dumont Home is fading away further into our distant memory but at least we can be assured that the Newspaper will continue on to keep us united as one big family both near and far in sickness and in health a few times a year. This is the fifth Christmas that we won’t be having a party for the guests of our own Home, but that;

The Ninth Manhattan’s Masonic Park in Tappan is once again, quiet and dormant for the winter, already covered in its first blanket of snow. The old Home for the Aged at 120 Western Highway serves but memories of by-gone years like the ghost of Christmas Past. If those old walls could speak, we would hear of the rich history and traditions that were once the cornerstone of our Noble Ninth. There are Brothers and Sisters who, if asked, could tell you first hand of the laughter, good times, merriment during the holidays and summer fests together with the residents. The park grounds, pavilion, ...
Christmas in our family has always been very traditional and somewhat old-fashioned. Barbara and I both come from Italian-German backgrounds and have continued many of the practices we remember from our childhoods. We both remember the dining room table was never large enough for our extended families, but Dad always had plywood to make the table accommodate our family. Our food was always a combination of fine Italian and German fare. I learned to enjoy each because of my mom’s superb ability to cook both types. Barbara has the unique ability of cooking for large family gatherings without aid of recipes or cookbooks; she has always been gifted in the kitchen.

The dynamics of our family have changed in recent years. Now we wait for that holiday invitation from the kids to come for dinner, even though Barbara cooks and brings most of the food. Our Christmas now revolves around Mia, our grand-daughter. There is no sweeter sound to Barbara and I than, ‘Gammie and Gampie are here’...

Having both grown up in homes where Midnight Mass was always a part of Christmas Eve, Barbara and I both have an appreciation for a traditional religious Christmas. We are both concerned what is happening to Christmas today. Stores are putting away unsold lawn furniture, replacing it with artificial Christmas trees as early as October. Christmas has become the time of year which determines if retail stores survive another year. Many communities are now discouraged from displaying the Nativity scene depicting the birth of Jesus. We are now politically incorrect when saying “Merry Christmas” as a holiday greeting. We should all be entitled to celebrate this season in the manner in which we choose.

Barbara and I wish our Brothers and Sisters celebrating Hanukkah a joyous and meaningful time of year. To our Brothers and Sisters celebrating Christmas, we wish you all a Merry Christmas.

"May the Great Architect of the Universe watch over us and keep us safe"

Barbara and Jerry Messina

Happy Holidays
To all our friends in the Noble Ninth
from
BAMBI
And
ROBERT SCHIMMEL

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2015
to all brothers & sisters of Allemannia Lodge
and brothers & sisters
of the
“Noble Ninth” Manhattan District

R. W. Leo Helmprech and Olga
As Christmas grows nearer, the merriment reaches a feverish new level. There are dawn masses and street fairs where a variety of traditional holiday food makes its rare appearance. For Filipinos, Christmas is both of paramount cultural and religious importance. Of course, the holiday season is as culturally significant here as well. To some, it is also a religious celebration. So the only difference, perhaps, is time.

In every other day and season of the year, we are busy working. In between, many of us spend the meager moments of re-prieve recuperating if not relaxing. The holiday season is special in that it calls us not only to celebrate but also to contemplate. And that requires time, time that we need to invest in. For it is one of very few instances in a year when the whole world is in sync, when we are all aware of each other as a member of a global community, when we are united in commemorating our common humanity. This very important reminder takes time to reflect upon. It isn’t easy to fully appreciate in between errands and appointments. But it is, in fact, the principle behind many of the things we do during the holidays.

What is behind gift giving, family and fraternal gatherings, even the season’s decorations, for example? Isn’t it celebrating our connection to each other? These actions are not mere gestures but are actually testaments to our commonality, that we are truly one small community in the vast universe. Sharing, helping and making others happy become global priority for a swift, fleeting season. In these short few weeks, we strive to actively live our better selves.

Finally, our numerous season’s gatherings with family and friends are meant to pass on to our children not only very important cultural traditions but two immutable universal concepts as well—hope and goodwill. Hope is what directs us, and goodwill is what preserves and augments us.

These two are pillars concepts of Freemasonry. In our passing of traditions—from generation to next generation, Grand Master to Masters to officers and the entire brotherhood and sisterhood—we pass along and work towards strengthening the bond within and outside of our communities. Thus the vision of Freemasonry, just as it is in this and every holiday season, is that vision of charity, of goodwill, of brotherhood and of hope.

So the next time we find ourselves saying that the holiday season has come too early, we ought to remember what it is really about. It is really also about giving like giving donations to your favorite Charities (Do not forget the Masonic Brotherhood Fund) which bring hope and joy to the recipients. Then maybe one day we might find ourselves wishing, like so many children in the world, that Christmas never end --- that every day is Christmas day.

From all of us in the Ninth Manhattan District and to all our brothers and sisters, families and friends, we wish a Holiday Season and New Year of hope, love, good health, joy and peace.
void was filled with the 100th Charity Ball in May, the Traveling Man Music Festival which has seen growth every year, the 57th Steuben Day Parade in September and our flagship Traubenfest in October. We over filled our meeting and party rooms to welcome home and thank our Past District Deputy Kevin Koeberl and Staff Officer Georg Dauterman for their outstanding service to our beloved district and with the same gallantry sent our newly appointed Grand Lodge Officers off to continue their work in the quarries. Let us not forget that somewhere right in the middle of all that came the approval of the amended charter and name change. This was unquestionably one of those good old years that we will always remember!

I would like to thank all of our generous donors and our wonderful volunteers for your continued support, ideas and contributions. So much of what we achieve is as a direct result of your efforts and this has been true for the past 134 years.

Christmas is a time of celebration, joy and togetherness and I certainly hope that these sentiments can be enjoyed by all families of the Noble 9th.

It is with good old fashion Sentiment that we extend to you and yours our sincere Best Wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season and the very best of Health, Happiness and Prosperity in the New Year.

R.: W.: Heinz Jacobs
Past District Deputy Grand Master
and
Sister Ursula

Merry Christmas,
Happy Chanukah
And sincere Best Wishes for a
Happy, Healthy
and Prosperous
New Year
from the Officers and Members of the
Half Century Club
R.: W.: Heinz E. Jacobs - President
R.: W.: Klaus J. Vogel - Vice President
R.: W.: Robert A. Schimmel - Treasurer
R.: W.: Eric H. Jacobs - Secretary

A Merry Christmas,
Happy New Year
and A Happy Chanukah
To All
R.: W.: George J. Schwarz
& Sister Marian

Our
Best Wishes
for a
Wonderful Holiday
and
Warmest Thoughts
Of the
Season
and a very
Happy New Year!!
To The Brothers and Sisters of the Noble Ninth
From Our Family to Yours
R.: W.: Jerry Messina and Barbara
District Deputy Grand Master

R.: W.: Celestino Carlos and Sue
Grand Director of Ceremonies

NINTH MANHATTAN DISTRICT
and lodge booths at 89 Western Highway are an ever present reminder of service to the community as well as being a facility supporting the Ninth Manhattan’s charitable endeavors and goals. This past season the park grounds were made available in support of The Blue Grass Festival, the NAM Knights, the Orangetown Day Camp, the Tappan Volunteer Fire Association, the Shrine Circus and our own annual Traubenfest just to name a few. The income derived from park rentals have helped defray the operating costs. Only in preserving the present can we be assured that the Ninth Manhattan will continue as a living symbol in future years.

On behalf of myself and my colleagues on the Board of The Noble Ninth, Inc. I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Johnny Kelly and Family wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season

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In Memory
of
Bro. William Altmann
W:. Richard Flor
W:. Walter Hemsley

The Altmann Family,
Allemania #740

Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year
to all the brethren
of the 9th Manhattan,
their ladies and
families
from
Gemelli Jewelers

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Hans Alois Grimm
from his loving family
- Janet, Hans Jr., Kristina, Patrick, Patrick Jr., Connor & Christian

From the
Lessing Fellowcraft Club
Jack Rohan, President

Merry Christmas
& Happy Holidays
to Allemania and The District
From the
Allemania Sister Circle

Happy New Year
From Our Family...
To Yours
Mark & Samantha Rampanelli
wish you
All The Best Holiday Season
and a
Happy, Healthy & Prosperous
New Year in 2015

In Memory of
R.: W.: Wolfgang Schlichter
District Deputy Grand Master
2006-2008
We wish you all
a Joyous Christmas Season
& A Happy Healthy New Year
Paula & Robert

Loving Husband & Father

In Loving Memory of
Adam & Fannie Dietzel
Von Mensch Lodge #765
From John & Dorothy Dietzel

Happy Holidays
To Everyone in the Ninth Manhattan District
from
The Copernicus Fellowcraft Club
Joe Lackner, President

Season’s Blessings
To all friends in the “Ninth”
RUTH & R.: W.: KURT OTT
MARLIES & R.: W.: WERNER KRESS

Happy Holidays
To Yours
Mark & Samantha Rampanelli
wish you
All The Best Holiday Season
and a
Happy, Healthy & Prosperous
New Year in 2015

From Our Family...
To Yours
Mark & Samantha Rampanelli
wish you
All The Best Holiday Season
and a
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New Year in 2015

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We wish you all
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Paula & Robert

Loving Husband & Father
Dear Brothers
And Friends
Of the
Ninth Manhattan
District
On behalf of the
German Masonic
Home
Corporation
I wish you all
Season’s Greetings

Peter Unfried
President of the
German Masonic
Home Corporation

To the Master, Officers,
Brothers and Sisters Of
Allemania Lodge #740
Greetings from Florida
Merry Christmas and Happy,
Healthy New Year
Elisabeth and Gerhard
Schopen

Season’s Greetings
To all of our friends in
the Noble Ninth
R.: W.:
Roy Puckhaber
Lorraine, Scott, Heather & Mike

In Loving Memory of
My Husband,
Father & Opa
HELMUT
STEGMANN
Elli Stegmann, Robert & Patty,
Linda & Richard,
Jennifer, Lisa,
Valerie & Emily

Best Wishes
For a Joyous Holiday Season
And a Prosperous New Year
To all Brothers, Sisters and
Friends

R.: W.: Eric H. Jacobs
District Deputy Grand Master
2002-2004

R.: W.: Dennis &
Barbara Christiana
Grand Steward
2002-2004

In Loving Memory of
Vincent Traub
My Beloved Husband,
Our Father and
Grandfather
Emma Traub and Family
Member of the
Von Mensch Lodge #765

Merry Christmas and
Season’s Greetings
to All Our Friends
Von Mensch Lodge
#765

Stefan Koehler
& Erna Maichin
Best Wishes for the Yule Tide Season and a Happy and Prosperous New Year from

R.: W.: Frank and Paulina Chriissotimos
Paloma, Paul, and John Paulo

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year

To all the Brothers and Sisters of the Noble Ninth Manhattan From

Right Worshipful Kevin Koeberl & Michelle
Right Worshipful Georg Dauterman & Sarah

Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah May the Great Architect Of the Universe Bless Us with Good Health for the Following Year
Season’s Greetings from Marge & Ted Morgo and Family Copernicus Lodge #545

In Loving Memory of Heinz Hennig
My Beloved Husband,
Our Father and Grandfather
Frances Hennig and Family Member of the Von Mensch Lodge #765

Best Wishes for 2015

JOHN KUHLMANN
To all my Masonic Friends and Their Families: May Good Health and Happiness “Blanket” You for Many More Holiday Seasons!
Blessings to All
RUDY FEYE
Trinity #12

In Loving Memory of our Dear Husbands of Von Mensch Lodge #765

W.: KLAUS APOLD
By Susan Apold and Family
&
W.: ALLAN D. Gartley
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From All the
BROTHERS and SISTERS
Of
COPERNICUS LODGE #545

V.: W.: Richard Witthohn, Master
Happy Holidays &
Happy New Year

Trinity Lodge No. 12 &
Trinity Relief and Aid Association

Best Wishes for a Wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all the Brothers, Sisters and Friends of the 9th Manhattan District


From Our Family To Yours
Von Mensch Wishes You All
A Very Merry Holiday Season and A Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year

To all my Brothers and Sisters of the Ninth Manhattan District
I would like to wish you all a Very Happy Holiday Season and a Very Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah
God Bless America and God Bless all our troops that protect us both near and far

R.: W.: MICHAEL MORIARTY AGL
Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year
To Our Masonic Friends
from
Barbara and Eddie WIEHMANN

May the Joy of the Season Be yours throughout the coming year.

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Holiday Greetings and Best Wishes from ERNST & PAULINE LOGEMANN

Blessed Holidays And New Year BETTY & KARL HANK
In Memory of R. W. William Schweizer

Happy Holidays To All Our Friends and Family
Robert and Gayle Griek

Holiday Greetings Gordon and Ruth POULSEN Copernicus Lodge #545

Happy Holidays To One and All

STEIN Bob, Kathy, Fred, Rich And DUNNE Chris, Luann, Caroline & Christopher
Trinity Lodge #12
Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year to All the Brothers and Sisters of the Noble 9th, from the “Trinity Sister Circle”

President: Ingrid Wolf,
Vice President: Joann Siewertsen,
Secretary & Treasurer: Helga Lins

In Loving Memory of
Gertrude Graba

Always In Our Hearts

Loving Husband Of Sixty Years,
Werner
Daughter Ellen & Son-in-law Robert Quaglio
Son Bill & Daughter-in-law Eileen Graba
Grandchildren - Matthew, Patrick, Meghan, Kelsey

Happy Holidays

from
Robert & Maxine KATZ
And
Horst & Gisela MAHR

Thanks for your years of support to the VA Hospital Programs at 23rd Street in NYC

R:. W:. John Balash
(life member of said VA advisory committees as a Representative of the Masonic Services Association of the U.S.)
In Loving Memory
Of our Parents
SISTER ANNA LOGEMANN
&
W.: LOUIS LOGEMANN
Marianne & George
Blasch

In Memory of
M.: W.:
WILLIAM R. PUNT
Past Grand Master
Who Loved Masonry and
All the Brothers from the
Noble Ninth
Manhattan District
Mrs. Elsie D. Punt

Always In Our Hearts
William E. Schweizer
Heidi B. Schweizer
John Betley
Love,
Thea, William & Elke

Happy Holidays
Larry, Lindsay,
Hollie, Heather,
Sal & Ryley

May the spirit of the Holidays bring you
Peace and happiness
Now and throughout the New Year
M.: W.:
RICHARD P. THOMAS

A Blessed Christmas
And a Happy and Healthy New Year
To all our friends of Allemania Lodge
As well as the district
Lillian and Karla Schnase

Eugene & Una Heiter
Allemania Lodge #740
Wish all their friends in the 9th and their families
Best Wishes for the Holiday Season
And throughout the New Year

Holiday Wishes from Joseph Goldbloom

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In memory of Walter Emeritus Trustee

From the Sisters Circle

Happy Healthy New Year

And a Season's Greetings