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The Seamen's Church Institute of New York, an agency of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New York, is a unique organization devoted to the well-being and special interests of active merchant seamen.

More than 753.000 such seamen of all nationalities, races and creeds come into the Port of New York every year. To many of them the Institute is their shore center in port and re-

mains their polestar while they transit the distant oceans of the earth.

First established in 1834 as a floating chapel in New York harbor, the Institute offers a wide range

of recreational and educational services for the mariner, including counseling and the help of five chaplains in emergency situations.

More than 2,300 ships with over

96,600 men aboard put in at Port Newark annually, where time ashore

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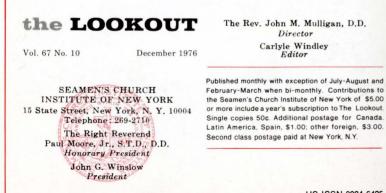
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is extremely limited. Here in the very middle of huge. sprawling Port Newark pulsing with activity of container-shipping, SCI has provided an oasis known as the Mariners International Center which offers seamen a recreational center especially constructed, designed and operated in a special way for the

> very special needs of the men. An outstanding feature is a soccer field (lighted by night) for games between ship teams.

Although 62% of the overall Institute

budget is met by income from seamen and the public, the cost of special services comes from endowments and contributions. Contributions are tax-deductible



Mariners International Center (SCI)

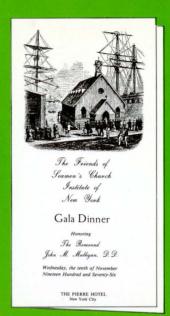
Port Newark/Elizabeth, N.J.

Benefit Dinner

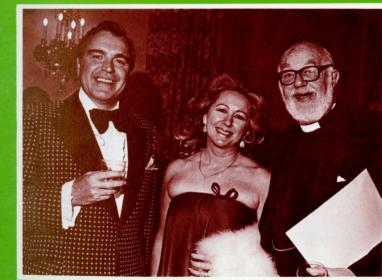
On Wednesday evening this past November 10, close to 600 people gathered at the Hotel Pierre for a gala dinner honoring the Institute's director, Dr. John M. Mulligan, who will retire the end of this year.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Seamen's Church Institute, this black tie affair was attended by an amalgam of maritime executives, clergy, labor representatives, bankers, lawyers, SCI board members, government officials, family members; and wives, friends and guests of all the above.

> The dinner chairman checks to see if all is ship-shape ...







While the honored guest greets the evening's master of ceremonies and his lovely wife.

Their presence attested not only to the high regard they have for the work of the Institute and its director of the last sixteen years, but also for the men the Institute serves, the world's merchant seamen.

The chairman of this event was the dean of the maritime industry, Mr. James A. Farrell, Jr., chairman of Farrell Lines, Inc. His presence alone, made it a most auspicious occasion. More than fifty other maritime executives served as vice-chairmen including Mr. Edward J. Barber, Chairman of Barber Steamship Lines, Inc., who headed the silent auction committee; and Mr. Conrad H.C. Everhard, president of Dart Containerline, Inc., who served as a most adept Master of Ceremonies.

Among the highlights of the evening was the playing of Tom Bottomly and Tom Murray who, in full clan regalia "piped" the guests into dinner.

Prior to the dinner, a reception was held during which guests could bid on a variety of nautical artifacts offered via "silent auction." (Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Barber)

Later during the dinner, Mr. Farrell presented Dr. Mulligan with a handsome English barometer on behalf of the Friends of SCL

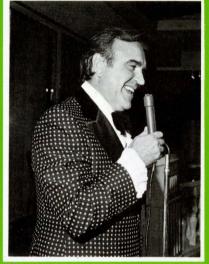
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Though glamorous in setting, the evening was purposefully informal in tone and perhaps the true spirit of the evening was best put by Dr. Mulligan when during his brief speech he noted that ...

"One reason that the Institute can have a group known as the Friends of the Seamen's Church Institute is because it is a very personal operation. Everything it does is people-service-oriented. On the offshore side its programs arise out of the fact that it meets the men on the ships and learns of their needs. Shoreside this is also true. It learns the needs of the maritime community and then devises ways of meeting those needs and promoting career development. In the end this all enhances the welfare of seamen because a healthy and well run industry means better jobs all around.

and soon the dinner begins.

"I think today we have come to realize that although men need not be of the same mind and there is no reason why they should, they can now sit down in one house. When I came on this scene that was not possible and in whatever ways it has been given to me. I have earnestly tried to foster this. The ministry that I was invited to share has always been a ministry of reconciliation because basically unless you can have



The M.C. greets the audience



a hectic business day.



Good friends continue to arrive



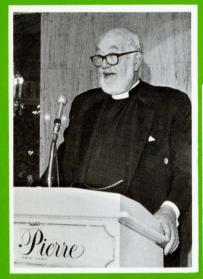
and...that's right folks - it's a hula dancer!

Friends have a chance to say hello



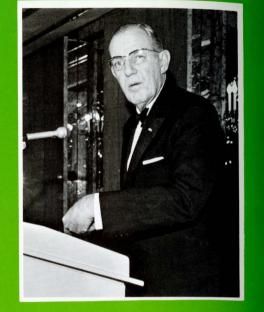
reconciliation there is little possibility of redemption. I most sincerely hope that this will progress and continue, and I hope that in many ways the SCI, whether through forums, courses, meetings, conferences, or whatever, may increasingly be that house in which men of this industry, no matter what their persuasion, may sit down together as brothers. Enemies can only destroy each other. Friends can differ and still mutually profit."

Net proceeds from the evening will go towards the establishment of The Archibald R. Mansfield Chair in Maritime Studies ... an honorary SCI faculty chair which is named for a former director who established the Institute's first maritime school in 1896.



Our favorite director says a few words ...

The auction chairman announces the winners.





and before too long, the evening's over, except for a skirl or two.



- 1. FIRST CLASS ROUND TRIP FREIGHTER CRUISE for two to Venezuela Donated by: Spyros S. Skouras Winning Bid Richard Hunnings
- NAUTICAL PRINT ... framed and linen mat Donated by: Shannon Wall Winning Bid James A. Farrell, Jr.
- 3. SET OF FOUR ANTIQUE MAPS matted (re-strikes) Donated by: Admiral John M. Will Winning Bid Wm. Bevan-E. Celosse
- 4. SETH THOMAS SHIP'S CLOCK & BAROMETER Donated by: Robert T. Young Winning Bid Richard F. Pollard
- LIMITED EDITION ... STOBART LITHO OF SOUTH STREET ... signed and framed Donated by: E. Virgil Conway Winning Bid Alfred E. Bowen
- BAUSCH & LOMB BINOCULARS with case ... 7 × 50 Donated by: James Estabrook
- Donated by: James Estabrook Winning BidJames M. Estabrook
- 7. LITHOGRAPH "OVERHAUL" by John Nobles ... signed and framed Donated by: Conrad H.C. Everhard Winning Bid Robert E. Martin
- SKI HOUSE IN VAIL, COLORADO ... 7 days; January - March or July - August; sleeps 12; near lifts and golf course Donated by: Niels W. Johnsen Winning Bid Niels M. Johnson
- 9. FOUR HOUR TUGBOAT RIDE FOR FOUR ... includes meals aboard Donated by: McAllister Brothers Winning Bid Henry C.B. Lindh
- 10. DUTCH WATERCOLOR OF "ANGELINA" in orginal frame Donated by: Clifford D. Mallory, Jr.
 - Winning Bid Mrs. Constance West
- 11. ORIGINAL CURRIER & IVES OF HUDSON RIVER BOATS (1874) framed Donated by: Seamen's Church Institute Winning Bid Mrs. Virginia Daly
- COPPER "ANKERLICHT" ICE BUCKET Donated by: George Ketchum Winning Bid Edward J. Barber
- 13. ORIGINAL PRINT OF STATEN ISLAND QUARANTINE GROUNDS ... Valentine's Manual (1859) Donated by: Clifford B. O'Hara Winning Bid Clifford D. Mallory

Silent Auction

November Tenth at the Pierre

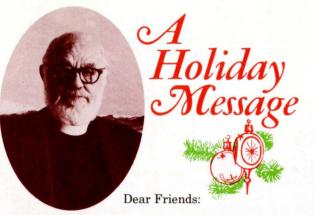
So that everyone who participated in the Silent Auction will know who the winning bidders were, here is a listing of the items, the donors and "The Winners."

Plus, a "hearty thanks" from the Institute to all involved.

- 14. LIFE SAVER FROM CIRCLE LINE Donated by: Francis J. Barry Winning Bid R.F. Feeney
- 15. HAND-CARVED WOOD CURLEW BIRD by Ernest Steck of Long Island Donated by: George D. Benjamin Winning Bid Peter Hartmann
- DEDICATION PLAQUE FROM PIER 92

 Home of the Great Ships
 Donated by: Dr. William J. Ronan
 Winning Bid Mrs. Edwin Longcope
- 17. SHIP MODEL LAMP with shade Donated by: Joseph F. McGoldrick Winning Bid Peter Lambos
- 18. STORMOSCOPE BANJO BAROMETER Donated by: Raymond J. O'Brien Winning Bid Eliott Walpo
- 19. SET OF FOUR PRINTS (NYC) Late 19th Century ... framed Donated by: Anonymous Winning Bid Michael Cowhey
- 20. SET OF FOUR PRINTS (NYC) Late 19th Century ... framed Donated by: Anonymous Winning Bid Mrs. M.C. Hagen
- 21. SET OF FOUR PRINTS (NYC) Late 19th Century . framed Donated by: Anonymous Winning Bid Mrs. M.C. Hagen
- 22. NAUTICAL LAMP & SHADE Donated by: Robert F. Chiarello Winning Bid Mrs. Armando De Peralto
- 23. SHIP'S CLOCK FROM "MAYAGUEZ" mounted ... with letter from Captain Donated by: Charles I. Hilzheimer Winning Bid Cowhey Brothers
- 25. ANTIQUE MINIATURE SHIP ... Encased Donated by: James A. Farrell, Jr. Winning BidJoseph F. Daly
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- 27. YACHT "AMERICA" Painting by Len Pearce ... traditional 19th century ship portrait; mahogany panel Donated by: Clifford D. Mallory, Jr.
- Winning Bid Alden S. Blodgett 28. NAUTICAL LAMP

Donated by: Joseph F. Daly Winning Bid Richard F. Pollard



My last Christmas greeting to you is a sincere "thank you greeting" for a magnificent gift you have given me. Your continuous, generous and loyal support of the ministry of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York has provided me with the most enjoyable and satisfying sixteen years that any man could possibly have had. I pledge to you that I will continue my support of the Institute in the years ahead and I sincerely hope you will, too. My successor, the Reverend James R. Whittemore, is an outstanding clergyman as well as an avid blue water sailor, and I know that he will do credit to the Institute. We all wish him well.

Our work here continues to be a very important ministry. The need for it is just as great now as it ever has been. I know that you will do your best to make it even more effective. May the Holy Season be for all of you a time of rejoicing and thankfulness and may the New Year bring to all of us health, prosperity and the infection of a good courage.

May God bless and keep you all.

Most sincerely,

THE REVEREND JOHN M. MULLIGAN, D.D. Director

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Christmasa season of the heart



HRISTMAS — a time for remembering — for bringing together friends and loved ones into the home and around the hearth...a time for recalling those special moments which bring so much joy and

meaning to all our lives.

Christmas ... a time for sharing the joys and hopes which call forth the spirit of "Peace on Earth; Good-Will Toward Men" everywhere.

IT IS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON that we invite your Special Christmas Gift so that you may join with us in making Christmas brighter for the many lonely seamen — far from home and families — who spend their Holidays with us.

Share with us the responsibility and joy of being your brother's brother, especially during this holiday season when just having a friend can mean so very much ... not only to our American seamen, but to the hundreds of other seafaring friends staying with us who have never known the warmth and and joy of Christmas. Thank You.



YES, I too would like to share in bringing the warmth and joy of Christmas into the hearts of merchant seamen of all nations.

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Thank You and Merry Christmas

Editor's Note:

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This is the second of 16 articles in the series "Oceans: Our Continuing Frontier." In this article, George P. Elliott, Professor of English at Syracuse University, considers how the sea has captured the imagination of poets and novelists through the ages, and he asks whether the sea will continue to be the inspiration for great literature in the future. These articles, which explore the whole range of human involvement with the sea. were written for COURSES BY NEWSPAPER, a program developed by University Extension, University of California, San Diego, and funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

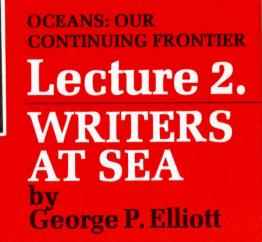
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About the author

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Among his awards are fellowships from the Fund for the Advancement of Education, the Guggenheim Foundation, and the National Institute of Arts and Letters. His novels include "Parktilden Village," "David Knudson," "In the World," and "Muriel." He is also the author of two collections of short stories – "Among the Dangs" and "An Hour of Last Things;" of a narrative poem, "Fever and Chills;" and of collections of poetry and essays.



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P OEMS ABOUT THE SEA — of these there will surely never be an end so long as there are poets and the sea. But the day of the great sea stories may well be over, at least for a long time, at least in the Englishspeaking world.

One reason for this is the accomplishments of the literary giants Herman Melville and Joseph Conrad. Not many storytellers are incautious enough to enter what is a narrowly defined genre after its possibilities have been explored so splendidly, so exhaustively.

Sea-experience was handsomely suited for treatment by romantic realism, the dominant role in 19th-century fiction, but since Conrad that mode has been eclipsed almost entirely, and with it has waned the sea-tale.

Another reason for this decline is a change in the relations of a seaman to the sea and to shipboard society.

Technology and labor unions have so drastically altered these relations from what they were a century or even half a century ago, have so depersonalized life at sea, that the sense of immediate moral, symbolic conflict identical with or inextricable from sailing a ship has been much weakened. Not a great loss to literature, granted the fine stories we already have, but a real one.

What has the sea traditionally meant to novelists and poets throughout the centuries? Just as the sea is one of the great natural givens of human existence, so it has permeated literature.

Sometimes the sea appears as a far-off power to be referred to in a passing metaphor, sometimes as the occasion of a poem or the scene of a story, sometimes as a central presence dominating the human characters of the drama.

THE MYSTERY OF THE SEA

Perhaps the sea is even more important in literature than in life because it is the strongest of natural symbols. Land and sky, too, are unimaginably vast and powerful.

But man is intimately connected with the land all his life; he can know and be at



Part of the present Seamen's Church Institute is located on the site of Melville's birthplace, 14 Pearl Street, New York City. A plaque near the side entrance of the Institute building identifies the exact spot.

home on the land as he can never know or be at home on the sea, which retains its mystery — its otherness — no matter how long he lives on or by it. And the sky is so remote that man can never know it with that richness of sensory, emotional, economic, philosophical, religious experience with which he knows the sea. You can see a few of the things of the sky, but for the most part your knowledge of it is intellectual, thin, remote like the sky itself.

But the sea you can know in many and intimate ways, on your skin, in your muscles, down into your inmost being and also out into those "oceanic" states of mind you share with all mankind. Nevertheless, it always remains alien and potentially dangerous.

You do not forget, when you are at sea even in calm weather, that you are there as a wary visitor, not as a native. No matter how much you love it, it will not return your love. And still, to know it well can be to learn things about the world and yourself you could learn in no other way, above all about necessity. So we learn from the greatest sea writers, Homer, Melville, and Conrad. Supreme though these three are, many other writers have dealt with the sea, in a fine variety of ways that need to be mentioned here.

Most simply, there are reports of voyages, battles, and explorations; but by and large they are so straightforward and plain that they rarely ascend above the foothills of literature.

A DIVINE PRESENCE

Far more complexly, poets have used the sea as an overpowering, even divine presence, the meaning of which is liable to change at any moment — like the Greeks' shape-shifter of a sea-god, Proteus.

There are fantastic sea voyages that are also a kind of spiritual exploration; of these, none can compare with Samuel Taylor Coleridge's "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner." Sometimes the poet imagines himself on the shore, saying the far-ranging thoughts and larger-thanself-sized feelings generated in him by the sea, as Matthew Arnold does in "Dover Beach."

John Synge used the sea as the dominant presence in his lovely Irish play, "Riders to the Sea" (1904), and so did an old Scottish poet in the lamenting ballad of "Sir Patrick Spens."

In our own day no poet in English uses the sea more effectively than the American Philip Booth. In several of his meditative lyrics, the poet puts himself into complex connection with the sea along the coast of Maine, whether in fear or in reverence, whether the meaning he finds in it comes from the experience of sailing or from symbolic projection.

To the reader, it is the direct, deep, essential connection that matters most, not the shifting meanings which Booth, like many other poets, derives from or imposes upon that connection.

. The greatest writing about the sea has been by writers for whom it is at once inexhaustibly marvelous — transcending the natural — and intensely real.

Of these, Homer's "Odyssey" is the first, especially those parts in which Odysseus recounts his wanderings after Images and/or text cannot be displayed due to copyright restrictions

the fall of Troy. His principal adversary here is Poseidon, great god of the sea.

Turning to more recent literature, the English language contains a richer and more varied body of writing about the sea than any other.

OBSESSED WITH THE SEA

"The demonism in the world" — this phrase occurs in that crucial chapter of "Moby Dick," "The Whiteness of the Whale," wherein Melville evokes all the things of which "the albino whale was the symbol."

The novel is nearly as obsessed with the sea as Captain Ahab is with Moby Dick. But for Ahab, and to a lesser but real extent for the reader, the White Whale transcends the limit of a natural creature and all but becomes the malignancy he incarnates.

The sea, however, for everybody concerned including the reader, remains the ocean, that actual thing, at the same time that it radiates meanings. A story that is both a handbook on whaling and a meditation on the evil in the universe and in mankind — here, in this celebrated sea tale, you may see the working of passionate imagination bold, pure, and majestic.

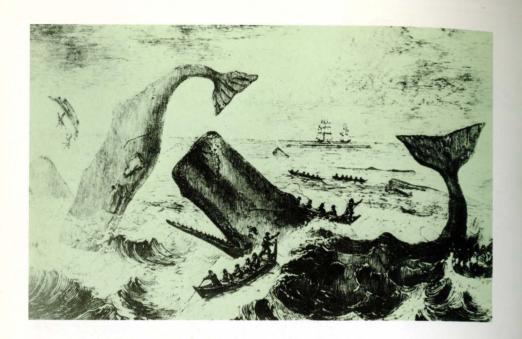
No other great writer has had such extensive experience at sea as Joseph Conrad. The list of his marvelous yarns and

2°. June 1923 EFFENDI HILL to them to watch the weather OYSTER BAY, LONG ISLAND NEW YORK to keep the halliards clear for running, to remember that On leaving this hospitable Country where In cream is "any lool can carry on but only the wise man knows how to excellent and the heilk of shorten sail in time"... and a human Kindness apparente on, in the manner of ancient hever ceases to flow D Mariners of all the world over. assume an ancient marinei's But the vital tauth of seaprivilege of sending to like is to be found in the the Owners and the Shipsalicient saying that it is Company of the Tusitala my "The stout hearts that make brotherly good wishes for the ship safe". brought up feiz winds and clear skies on it I pass it on to them on all their voyages. And in all confidence and may they be many! affection . Joseph And / would Eccommon PAGE 2 PAGE 1 **Reproduction of a letter** presented by Mr. James A. Farrell to SCI's Joseph Conrad Memorial Library

Joseph Conrad December 3, 1857–August 3, 1954

Seaman and novelist. Author of thirteen novels, two volumes of memoirs and twenty-eight short stories.

"THE TORRENS"-1875 Joseph Conrad's last ship



romances and novels of the sea is long, and in them all the sea is only the sea. There are neither gods in it nor metaphysical presences, but only what is there in nature — and what is speculated about by the narrator, usually Marlow.

Conrad's primary fictional interest is in shipboard life, where interconnections among men are starker than they usually are in normal society, where stagnant boredom and repetitive work and serene calm alternate with furious activity and do-or-die struggle and violent storm in the manner of high romance, where the great moral tests are less likely to be confused and evaded. At rendering all this, Conrad is supreme.

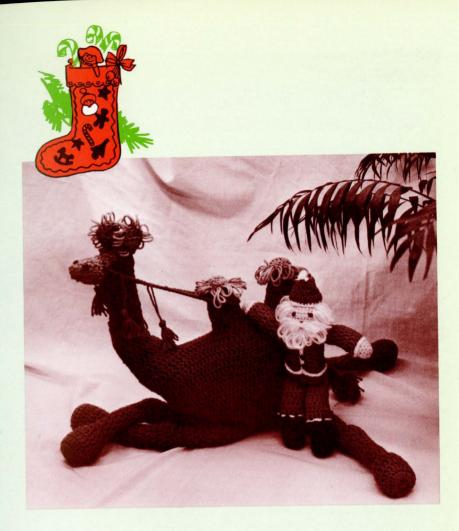
But there are limits to what a sea story can present about people, and Conrad's fiction defines one of them: no families. Put families on board ship and, for literary purposes, you had better have stayed on land.

In normal life, it is primarily through the family that each individual is connected with society. The endless subtleties of making and unmaking love and family are the prime stuff of most fiction which is at all realistic, and they are not accessible to seafaring tales.

Man-against-the-sea is the stuff of fable, and so is the individual in and against the tight, clear, authoritarian order of shipboard society.

Whether life on supertankers and atomic submarines will be the stuff of new fables remains to be seen.

NEXT ISSUE: Eugenie Clark, Professor of Zoology at the University of Maryland and an expert on sharks, discusses "Horrors of the Deep."



and don't forget ...

For all of you who live in the area, our Women's Council Christmas Boutique and Knit Shop will be open weekdays starting Tuesday, November 30.

It's chock-a-block full with hundreds of hand-knitted garments, quilts and toys such as those shown above. In addition, there is a variety of one of a kind items ranging from Christmas ornaments to hand-built ship models...all at reasonable prices.

So, if you're looking for the unusual, come shop with us.

The net proceeds help fund the SCI Women's Council Volunteer Knitting Program which annually places approximately 10,000 Christmas Gift Boxes for seamen on board ships that will be at sea on Christmas Day.



Here are the last two of our Colonial Cookery recipes. We saved them for the Holiday season because they are so special. If the Plum Pudding sounds a little too involved, try the Revolutionary War Pie. It's smashing!

XXXXXX Plum Pudding XXXXXX

A plum pudding like a plum cake never contains plums but is made with currants, raisins, citrus peels and spices. It is either steamed or boiled. It is served for dessert with hard sauce or foamy sauce.

1¹/₃ cups sifted all-purpose flour 1¹/₄ teaspoons salt

- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- ¹/₄ teaspoon each of ground allspice,
- cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg
- ¹/₈ teaspoon ground mace
- 1 cup golden raisins 34 cup dried currants 34 cup chopped candied mixed fruit peel

³/₄ seedless raisins

1 cup seeded raisins

- ³⁄₄ cup firmly packed brown sugar 1¹⁄₃ cups ground beef suet
- 4 cup chopped candled mixed fruit peel
 2 eggs, beaten
 4/3 cup fresh orange juice

Sift dry ingredients except sugar. Add sugar and remaining ingredients. Mix well and pour into greased $1\frac{1}{2}$ quart pudding mold. Cover, put on rack in kettle, add boiling water to halfway up sides of mold. Put lid on kettle and steam for about four hours. Serve hot with hard sauce or foamy sauce.

One pound of Currants, one-half pound of Seeded Raisins, onefourth cupful of Vinegar, one teaspoonful of Lemon Juice, threefourth teaspoonful of Ground Allspice, one teaspoonful of Butter, one-half teaspoonful of Ground Cinnamon, one-fourth teaspoonful of Ground Cloves, one cupful of Cold Water, one tablespoonful of Flour, two cupfulls of Brown Sugar.

Revolutionary War Pie

Wash and dry the fruit and mix thoroughly with the other ingredients.

Cook until thick.

Bake between two crusts after spreading one teaspoonful of butter across the filling before putting on the top crust. This quantity will make three pies.

From all of us here at the Institute, to all of you on whom we rely so much, we thank you for supporting our work in '76 and wish each of you only the best from life with this timeless Christmas greeting.

Take Keaven, Take Leace, Take Joy

I salute you. I am your friend, and my love for you goes deep. There is nothing I can give you which you have not got; but there is much, much you can take. No heaven can come to us unless our hearts find rest in today. Take heaven!

No peace lies in the future which is not hidden in this precious little instant. Take peace! The gloom of the world is but a shadow. Behind it, yet within our reach is joy. There is radiance and glory in the darkness, could we but see, and to see we have only to look. I beseech you to look.

Life is so generous a giver, but we, judging its gifts by their coverings, cast them away as ugly or heavy or hard. Remove the covering and you will find beneath it a living splendor, woven of love, by wisdom, with power. Welcome it, grasp it, and you touch the angel's hand that brings it to you. Everything we call a trial, a sorrow, or a duty, believe me, that angel's hand is there; the gift is there, and the wonder of an overshadowing presence.

Our joys too: be not content with them as joys. They too conceal diviner gifts. Life is so full of meaning and purpose, so full of beauty beneath its covering that you will find earth but cloaks your heaven. Courage then to claim it: that is all I ask.

But courage you have; and the knowledge that we are pilgrims together, wending through unknown country our way home. And so at this Christmas time I greet you. Not quite as the world sends greetings, but with profound esteem and with the prayer that for you now and forever the day breaks and the shadows flee away.

> Fra Giovanni (written about 1515)

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Don't be surprised while I confide, He may be standing by your side! He's every wish and fervent prayer; He's each kind deed everywhere. He's love wherever love is found; He's one's best self the year around. He's every Christmas melody, He's every gift neath every tree. He's in each handclasp of a friend; He's Christmas cheer that has no end. He's faith, and hope, a dream come true ... Why, yes, of course, he could be you!