

MASONS HONOR HERO OF OCEAN RADIO RESCUES

**Benjamin Beckerman, Who in
26 Years Has Averted Many
Tragedies, Gets Citation**

Benjamin Beckerman, key man
in many heroic rescues for over 26
years, has received recognition in

the form
of a cita-
tion for his
disting-
guished
service
from
Brooklyn
Consistory
No. 75 of
Free and
Accepted
Masons.



Becker-
man's hero-
ism at sea
has saved
innumera-
ble lives
and many
millions of
dollars.

Answering BENJAMIN BECKERMAN.
radio dis-
tress calls under emergency condi-
tions has become almost a habit
with this radio operator.

Twice his facile and accurate
key brought the S.S. Madison into
prominence. Once, while its deck
housing was being battered to
bits, his calls brought help in
time to prevent the loss of a single
life. Again, when the S.S. Monroe
and S.S. Nantucket met and
crashed in mid-ocean in 1914,
Beckerman's alert ear caught the
tragic message.

OTHER RESCUES.

Passengers and crew were res-
cued, but Frederick Kuehn, opera-
tor of the S.S. Monroe and a
friend of Beckerman's, lost his
life with the surrender of his life-
belt to a woman passenger.

Beckerman's instrument it was
that brought rescue to every pas-
senger on the ill-fated Merida
when she went down in 1911 with
\$4,000,000 worth of treasure, off
the Virginia coast.

When the Princess Anne left
only a spar above water off Rock-
away Point in 1920. Beckerman
summoned aid from the New York
City Police Boat Patrol, and
everyone was rescued.

In addition to these incidents,
the heroic radio operator has
been a principal in two fires and
three collisions at sea.

A WORTHY PRINCE.

The resolution of the Masons
says:

"Resolved, that it views with
great pride and deep gratifica-
tion that one of its own Sublime
Princes, Benjamin Beckerman,
by his rare and extraordinary
ability and humanitarianism did
exemplify in practice the tenets
of our body by steadfastly and
under the most trying condi-
tions do his duty to his fellow-
men and to his God, and there-
by inscribed himself indelibly as
a worthy and enviable Sublime
Prince, and may his deeds con-
tinue to the credit of himself
and of all his associates."

*Furnished by
Dick Egoef.*

