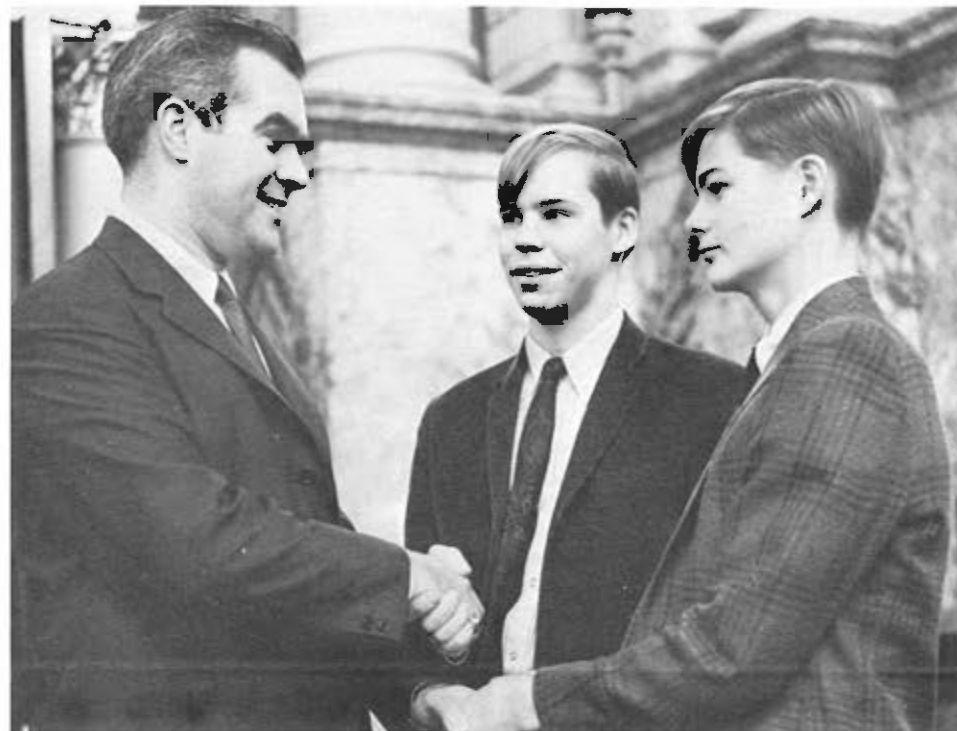


Three-Month Itinerary of GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Gand Lodge Offices have a busy schedule for 1968, with the exception of July and August. The schedule for the next three months includes:

- June 1—Grand Master, meeting with 53rd Masonic District Officers, Masonic Temple, Jamestown, Mercer County.
- June 1—Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Adelpic Lodge No. 424, Jamestown.
- June 4—Grand Lodge Officers, Committee on Landmarks and Committee on Finance, Masonic Temple, Scranton.
- June 5—Grand Lodge Officers, meeting of District Deputy Grand Masters and Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Scranton.
- June 8—Grand Master, meeting with 60th Masonic District Officers, Masonic Temple, Pine Grove.
- June 8—Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Pine Grove Lodge No. 409, Pine Grove.
- June 8—Deputy Grand Master, Masonic Night, Jaffa Shrine, Altoona.
- June 11—Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, William B. Schnider Lodge No. 419, Philadelphia.
- June 15—Grand Master, attend the Sectional Meeting of the School of Instruction, Masonic Temple, Allentown.
- June 22—Grand Master, meeting with 56th Masonic District Officers, Masonic Temple, Tidioute, Warren County.
- June 22—Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Temple Lodge No. 412, Tidioute.
- June 24—Grand Master, 175th Anniversary, Washington Lodge No. 59, Philadelphia.
- June 28—Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- June 29—Grand Master, meeting with 42nd Masonic District Officers, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- July 12—Grand Master, Council of Deliberation, Scottish Rite, Erie.
- July 26—Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- August 15—Junior Grand Warden, Rainbow Girls Assembly, Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa.
- August 23—Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.



Robert P. Casey, First Vice President of Pennsylvania's Constitutional Convention, is shown greeting James Weiss (center) and Ronald Hubert (right) both Patton Masonic School students, as they arrived to serve as honorary pages during a week of the Convention.

Bro. John R. Rouse Appointed D.D.G.M. Of 24th Masonic Dist.

Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, has appointed Bro. John R. Rouse, Past Master of Eureka Lodge, No. 366, Union City, as District Deputy Grand Master for the 24th Masonic District.

The Grand Master, accompanied by several of his Elected and Appointed Officers, officially presented Bro. Rouse to the Lodges of his District at a Special Meeting of Eureka Lodge, No. 366, held in the North East High School, on Saturday, May 11th.

Over 800 Attend Four Sectional Meetings of School of Instruction

The attendance and efforts have been excellent at the four Sectional Meetings of the School of Instruction held thus far this year.

The Sectional Meeting held at New Castle on March 16th, had a registered attendance of 181, representing 53 Lodges of the 11 Masonic Districts covered.

The Sectional Meeting held at Uniontown on March 23rd was attended by 187 of the Brethren representing 53 Lodges of the 11 Masonic Districts covered.

The Sectional Meeting held at Harrisburg on March 30th, for an area covering 15 Masonic Districts, attracted 304 of the Brethren representing 76 Lodges.

On April 6 at Everett, 192 of the Brethren were registered and representing 48 Lodges in the six Masonic Districts of that area.

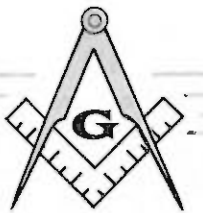
A Sectional Meeting will be held at Allentown on June 15th for the several Masonic Districts in the northeastern section. The R. W. Grand Master has scheduled a visit to this particular Sectional Meeting to review the Work.

A sixth Sectional Meeting has been scheduled for Meadville on September 21st for the northwestern area.

The date for a Sectional Meeting in the Philadelphia area is still pending.

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R. W. Grand Master of Penna. Elected Chairman, Grand Masters' Conference

Bro. John K. Young, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, was unanimously elected Chairman of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America at its annual meeting, held February 19 and 20 in Washington, D.C.

As Conference Chairman, Bro. Young presided at all Conference meetings, including the Grand Masters' Banquet, which was attended by approximately 800 Masonic and political leaders.

At the opening of the Conference, Bro. Eugene S. Hopp, Grand Master of California, delivered the keynote address.

He pointed out that the very existence of Freemasonry depends upon the preservation of freedom of all people, adding:

"Freedom is in danger today, but less from those who are actively undermining it than from the many millions of silent citizens who fail to act on behalf of truth and freedom."

He pointed out that Masons, although comparatively few in number, could provide a sound sense of values to mark the path for others. He concluded with:

"And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the years, 'Give me a Light, that I may tread safely into the unknown,' and he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'"

The Conference of Grand Masters reaches no conclusions or recommendations since each Jurisdiction in North America is autonomous unto itself and operated by its own rules and regulations.

The following topics were discussed:

What are a Mason's responsibilities to his Fraternity and to Mankind?

What are the values of Grand Lodge publications among Masons and non-Masons?

Irregular Bodies

Scranton Set for June Quarterly

The June Quarterly Communication will be held in the Masonic Temple and Scottish Rite Cathedral, Scranton, Pa., at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 5, 1968.

This will be the first time a Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge has ever been held in the northeast section of the state.

Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, urges as many Masons as possible to make a special effort to attend the June Quarterly.

He pointed out that it is not necessary to be a Lodge Officer or a Past Master to attend a Quarterly Communication. All Master Masons are invited.

Scranton has ample hotels and motels for those planning to stay overnight. The Masonic Temple is located in the center of the city, 420 North Washington Avenue.

Problems of the large city Lodges. How does the individual Mason live daily?

From the above five topics, many varied and conflicting opinions were presented.

If a conclusion was reached, it was generally agreed that a Lodge is just about as good as its leadership.

The Grand Master, however, stated that such conferences are valuable in that Grand Lodge Officers have an opportunity to meet and discuss problems with leaders from other Jurisdictions.



The Masonic Temple and Scottish Rite Cathedral, Scranton, Pa., where the June Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held Wednesday evening, June 5, 1968. Opened for use in 1930, this spacious building is the meeting place for six Symbolic Lodges, one Royal Arch Chapter, one Council of Royal and Select Masters, one Commandery and four Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Scranton.

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Grand Lodge Officers Attend Annual Masonic Service Assn. Meeting

Grand Lodge Officers attended the 49th Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association of the United States on February 21 in Washington, D.C.

It was reported that no requests for assistance because of a major disaster were made by any Grand Lodge in the United States during the year.

When Hurricane Beulah struck portions of Mexico and Texas last year, the Association offered to provide help if needed. The Grand Lodges affected expressed appreciation but reported they could meet the need with their own resources.

During the past year, however, American Grand Lodges, through the Association, sent contributions for the relief of Masonic Brethren in Italy, Korea, and to aid Hungarian Masons in exile.

It was reported that the Short Talk Bulletin program has been continued. There are now 540 Short Talk Bulletins in print. The Association also distributes digests and other materials.

An extensive report was made on the Association's hospital visitation program. It was stated that more voluntary help is urgently needed to "extend a cable tow to the bedside of our disabled servicemen."



A view of a corner area of the beautiful new Museum Room in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria, Va. A special loan exhibit of several articles from our collection are now being featured in this room and will be there until after Labor Day of this year.

Facts and Needs Related at Annual Meeting Of Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria

One of the highlights of the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association of Alexandria, Va., on February 22, was a display sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. It was arranged by the Committee on Masonic Culture and included 32 items on Bro. George Washington from the Grand Lodge Museum.

One cherished Grand Lodge article is the Masonic Apron made by Madam Lafayette and worn by Bro. Washington when he laid the cornerstone for the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. The apron remains in the Grand Lodge Museum but a facsimile of it is now on permanent display in the Memorial Museum.

At the annual meeting, Bro. John H. Hessey, Past Grand Master of Maryland and President of the Memorial Association, urged Grand Lodges to institute a financial plan to assist the Memorial, similar to the plan completed seven years ago in Pennsylvania.

The highlights of his address included:

- The City of Alexandria wanted to take some of the Memorial's land for a highway. New plans are being prepared to prevent this.
- The Memorial is now open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., including Saturdays and Sundays.
- There is a colored motion picture of the Memorial. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has one copy that may be obtained from the Grand Master's Office.
- It costs approximately \$156,000 a

year to operate the Memorial.

- The auditorium stage has been refurbished for the first time in 35 years. The new curtain and enlarged stage make the auditorium more functional.
- A master plan for landscaping on a large scale, to include walks, arbors and shrubbery, is being formulated.

Gifts to the Association from Grand Lodges totaled \$105,000. This is not adequate to operate the Memorial for one year.

The endowment fund of the Memorial is approximately \$2,615,000. Brother Hessey pointed out:

"Our Endowment Fund is not increasing as fast as hoped when the Pennsylvania Plan was announced. Only a small percentage of states have adopted this plan. We hope Grand Masters will be inspired to adopt it."

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania completed the plan seven years ago and presented more than \$260,000 to the Association. The Pennsylvania Plan calls for a donation of \$1 for every Mason and \$10 from every Masonic Lodge.

From the Grand Secretary's Office

March Quarterly Communication, March 6, 1968

Our Grand Lodge Quarterly Communications are much more than the few hours spent behind tyled doors; many other meetings are involved. For instance, the March Communication was held in Corinthian Hall at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 6th.

But the various other meetings began on Tuesday morning, the first being the Committee on Landmarks which considered many items of interest to Grand Lodge and all our Lodges.

Immediately after lunch, the Committee on Finance went into session and discussed matters, most of which dealt with allocation of funds, and budgets.

After dinner, Masonic sketches were portrayed and considered for possible use after the close of Lodge Meetings.

Wednesday morning was devoted to a meeting with the District Deputy Grand Masters, during which many questions were raised and answered.

Following lunch, the Committee on Masonic Culture spent several hours in session, reviewing The Pennsylvania Freemason and many other Masonic Culture subjects.

Shortly after 7:00 P.M. Grand Lodge was opened with a fine attendance.

A request was received from the Grand Lodge of Para, in Brazil, for fraternal recognition, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The first merger in many years in the Pittsburgh area was approved with Thomson Kerr Lodge, No. 786, merging with and into Fellowship Lodge, No. 679.

The proposed amendments to the

By-Laws of 13 Lodges were approved, three were rejected and action on three was deferred for more information.

Most of the income from the Lodges is received in the first fiscal quarter and as a result the Receipts for this period totalled \$2,486,560, well above the Expenditures of \$1,699,285.

A resolution was adopted giving the Grand Master and Grand Secretary authority to execute the necessary documents in connection with the transfer and sale of securities.

Interesting reports were given by the Committee on Masonic Culture; Committee on Masonic Homes; Committee on Temple; and Trustees of the Patton School.

An "In Memoriam" for our beloved and devoted Bro. Louis Bacharach, who had served as R. W. Grand Treasurer since 1951, was presented.

The preliminary Membership statistics show a net loss for 1967 of 1,716 members. While 5,448 were initiated, death took 5,964 Members, bringing our total down to less than 250,000.

Reports on the various activities in connection with the annual Grand Masters' Conference were presented



Capt. and Bro. William H. Alexander, Member of Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, Harrisburg, and son of Bro. Wallace H. Alexander, District Deputy Grand Master of the 2nd Masonic District, is shown handing one of the packages containing soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and light clothing to a young girl of a school in Chu Chi, Vietnam. Bro. Alexander, stationed with the 554th Engineers at Chu Chi, communicated with several organizations of Harrisburg, including his Lodge, and received items for 750 families of the South Vietnamese Army in this Civic Action Program.

and are reviewed elsewhere in this issue.

How many of you heard the touching broadcast early this year by Bro. Arthur Godfrey describing the Masonic funeral services for Bro. Duke Kahanamoku, the former great Olympic swimming champion? The funeral services were conducted on the beach at Waikiki by Bro. Duke's Lodge, after which his ashes were borne to sea on a surfboard.

Bro. J. Oscar Kelley, a Mason in the central part of the State, has established an enviable record which is hard to match. In the late forties he was given the assignment of preparing the Candidates in his Lodge for their degrees. Seldom did he miss a meeting and in a period of close to 20 years he has performed that duty 1,948 times. Who can top that record?

Bro. Charles H. DeCoursey, who was made a Mason in 1901 in Bloss Lodge, No. 350, celebrated his 100th birthday on September 26, 1967. He still lives in Liberty in Tioga County. How many will ever reach that age?

Bro. Mark Sigismund, the Senior Warden of Saint John's Lodge, No. 115, is a government employee and is engaged in climatic testing. This requires trips to the North and South Poles as well as locations where the temperature is extremely high. As a result of his extensive travelling, he has already been able to visit Lodges in sixteen Grand Lodges around the world.

Fraternally,

Ashby B. Paul

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R. W. Grand Secretary

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

For your convenience, the telephone numbers at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, are as follows:

Grand Master's Office
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Grand Secretary's Office
215 — LOcust 7-4156

Librarian and Curator's Office
215 — LOcust 7-4190

Superintendent's Office
215 — LOcust 7-5674



Group picture taken at the Annual Conference of Grand Master's of Masons in North America, held in Washington, D.C., February 19th and 20th. Seated in first row, sixth from the left is Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania, who was elected Chairman of the Conference. To Bro. Young's left is Bro.

Samuel W. McIntosh, Past Grand Master of Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, who has long served as Executive Secretary of the Conference, and next to Bro. McIntosh is Bro. James B. Patrick, Grand Master of Kentucky, who was elected Vice Chairman of this year's Conference.

Full Time Doctor Needed at Homes

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown need a full time medical doctor. The opening is for night duty, five days a week.

The doctor selected will be provided a beautiful, six room, two bath home, a short distance from the hospital.

It includes a dishwasher, most of the draperies and rugs, and complete laundry facilities. Yard services are provided.

Membership in the Masonic Fraternity is not required, but desirable.

Doctors interested in obtaining further details should contact Dr. Leonard C. Hamblock, Medical Director of the Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital, by writing direct to him at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022, or by calling (Area Code 717) 367-1121.

When You Change Your Mailing Address Please Notify Your Lodge Secretary

When you change your mailing address, please take the time to notify your Lodge Secretary. This will enable him to keep his Lodge mailing list accurate and current. Your Lodge Secretary will then be able to notify us so we can keep a current name and address stencil in our general mailing list for mailing your copies of "The Pennsylvania Freemason." When a former address is imprinted on your copy of any issue of "The Pennsylvania Freemason," it is returned to us with a Postage Due of 10 cents. Help us eliminate these costly Postal Returns. **THANK YOU.**

An all-time high . . .

Guest Fund for '67 Totaled \$282,441

The 1967 Guest Fund appeal ended on March 15 with a new all-time high collection of \$282,441.15.

This is equal to \$1.13 per member.

The Grand Master announced that the 1968 program will start with the September Lodge Notices. It is hoped that the total collected will pass \$300,000.00.

Bro. John K. Young, R.W. Grand Master, sincerely thanks those who responded to the 1967 appeal. He said:

"I commend Masons in Pennsylvania, and Pennsylvania Masons everywhere, who contributed to the Guest Fund, which gives assistance to Masons and their wives or widows, their mothers and children.

"I am sure that with our continued interest and support we will meet the increasing needs at the Homes."

Nine New District Chairmen Appointed

The following new District Chairmen for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture have been appointed by Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master:

MASONIC DISTRICT "D" — Bro. George W. Wise, Lodge No. 717.

MASONIC DISTRICT "F" — Bro. E. Robert W. Whitesel, Sr., Lodge No. 134.

MASONIC DISTRICT "G" — Bro. Philip C. Elia, Lodge No. 386.

7th MASONIC DISTRICT — Bro. Thomas K. Leinbach, Lodge No. 227.

11th MASONIC DISTRICT — Bro. Franklin D. Heffner, Lodge No. 222.

15th MASONIC DISTRICT — Bro. John L. Bronston, Co-Chairman, Lodge No. 438.

18th MASONIC DISTRICT — Bro. H. Carlton Sweeley, Lodge No. 755.

33rd MASONIC DISTRICT — Bro. Forrest L. Kinley, Lodge No. 379.

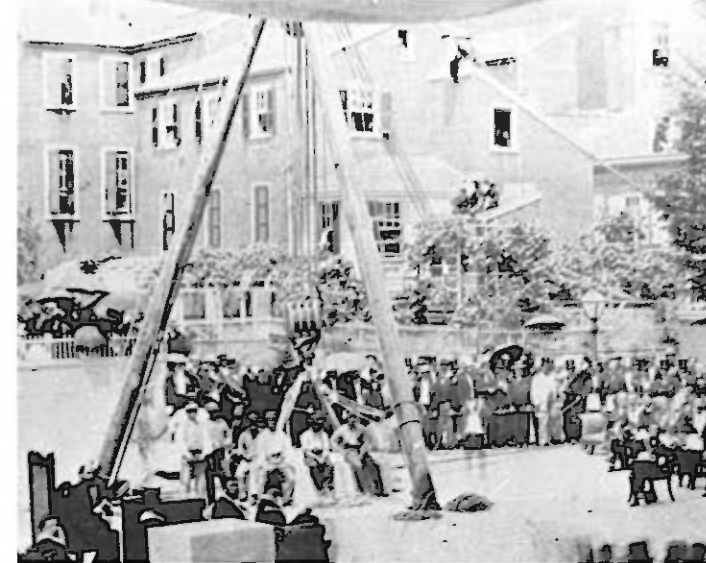
35th MASONIC DISTRICT — Bro. Robert S. Wolverton, Lodge No. 516.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture is most appreciative of the services being performed by the District Chairmen as they encourage and over-see the Masonic Culture Program in their respective Districts.

So long as Freemasons reflect in their lives the spiritual and moral teachings of Freemasonry, the Craft will stand. The destiny of Freemasonry is not in the hands of the profane. The destiny of Freemasonry is in the hands of Freemasons.



An old print showing the location of One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, over 100 years ago, when the site now occupied by our Masonic Temple was a coal yard.



A rare print of the ceremonies marking the laying of the huge cornerstone of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, headquarters of our Grand Lodge, on St. John the Baptist Day, June 24, 1868.

June 24 Marks 100th Anniversary Of the Cornerstone Ceremonies for The Masonic Temple, Philadelphia

On June 24, 1868, St. John's Day, more than 10,000 Masons gathered at Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, to witness the laying of the cornerstone for the Masonic Temple, the home of Grand Lodge.

The ceremony was preceded with a parade of approximately 8,000 Masons and 15 bands through the heart of downtown Philadelphia. There were 72 Masonic Lodges represented in the parade.

The cornerstone was laid by Grand Lodge Officers in full Masonic ceremony in accordance with the Ahiman Rezon.

Bro. Richard Vaux, who was then Grand Master, used the gavel that Bro. George Washington used at the laying of the cornerstone for the Capitol at Washington, D.C.

The granite cornerstone is five feet six and a half inches long, two feet four and a half inches deep and four feet nine and a half inches wide, and weighs between nine and ten tons. It was laid in the northeast corner of the foundation wall. It bears the following inscription:

"This corner-stone of the New Masonic Temple was laid with appropriate ceremonies, in the presence of a large concourse of Brethren from Pennsylvania and sister Jurisdictions, June 24 A.D. 1868, A.L. 5868."

Placed in the cornerstone were the following:

Holy Bible, Ahiman Rezon, list of Lodges in this Jurisdiction, copy of the last annual publication, copy of the resolutions of the Grand Lodge in reference to the building of the Temple, Masonic Register for 1868, coins of



The Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, as it appears today and still a monument to the vision and handiwork of our Brethren of 100 years ago.

the United States, Washington Penny 1791, Franklin Penny 1787, a piece of wood cut from one of the cedars of Lebanon.

A piece of marble, part of the Golden Gate of the Temple of King Solomon, a piece of stone from the foundation of the Temple at Jerusa-

lem, a gold Masonic Medal, a silver medal of Past Grand Master Peter Williamson, copper medal struck in commemoration of the election of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England in 1790.

Fragment of foundation stone of Solomon's Temple that was found forty feet below the Mosque of Omar, Gold circular Masonic Medal, a silver set of Lodge Jewels and the Working Tools of a Master Mason's Lodge, Biography of Bro. Stephen Girard, newspapers of the day, various gifts from individual Brethren, and list of Grand Lodge Officers and members of the Building Committee.

Following the ceremony, Bro. Vaux delivered an address, which concluded with:

"Now, in our age of unrest and dissension, we, in unity and harmony, begin the foundation of a structure dedicated to principles of amity and faith, everlasting in their nature, and in their origin antedating all modern institutions.

"May our children's children, in the generations to come, as our fathers did in the generations that have passed, proclaim with triumphant praise, 'In strength we establish our house.'"

When the ceremony was concluded, a marble slab, cut in the form of a keystone, was used to seal the cavity that contains the lead box in which the articles were deposited.

Following the laying of the cornerstone, one of the most unusual banquets in Masonic history was held in the Academy of Music. More than 1,000 Brethren attended.

A newspaper account of the banquet related:

"The galleries were festooned in
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Anthony David Schaefer, one of our children at the Homes, shows his heart-shaped box of Valentine candy to Dr. and Brother Heinz Ruggeberg, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodges of Germany, as Mrs. Minnie Murphy, a Guest at the Homes, looks on. Bro. Ruggeberg visited the Homes for several hours on February 16th, the day following his visit to Hermann Lodge, No. 125, Philadelphia, one of our German speaking Lodges.

Cornerstone Ceremony

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various designs with wreaths and festoons of laurel, and with beautiful rustic hanging baskets suspended in the air.

"In the south was a magnificent canopy of the symbolic colors, royal blue and purple — on the background were the several implements of the Craft, the square, compasses, level, plumb, trowel, etc. — surmounting this canopy was a blazing star, formed of brilliants, which reflected the light from every point.

"In the centre of the building there was suspended from the dome the motto in gas jets, 'Let there be light,' back of this were the national colors; immediately below these were hung the square and compasses, 7 feet high, and to the right and left the level and plumb, 5 feet each, formed entirely of natural flowers; at the extreme end of the stage were two brazen columns, each 40 feet high.

"The orchestra and brass bands were stationed in the balcony."

In closing, the newspaper article on the banquet stated:

"We are satisfied that this part of the celebration will never pass from the memory of participants."



Bro. Martin R. Kiggins, District Deputy Grand Master for the 40th Masonic District (left) and Bro. Carl B. Weed, Jr., Worshipful Master of Phoenix Lodge, No. 75, Phoenixville, stand with the large wreath presented by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and placed at the base of the George Washington at Prayer Statue, Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, on February 22nd, in a Masonic ceremony participated in by the Officers and Members of Lodges in the 40th Masonic District.

Say it with words . . .

Proper Wording Is Important for Homes' Bequests

Brethren desiring to make a bequest to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, operated by Grand Lodge, should instruct the attorney to make such gifts to:

"The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, for the use of the Masonic Homes owned by it, and presently located at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania."

If it is the desire to make a bequest to the Patton School, the wording should be the same as above, except "... for the use of the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys owned by it, and presently located at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania."

Freemasonry, A Way of Life

Every individual is by nature endowed with certain traits of character which form the basis for reasoning and the conduct of life. In fact, these natural traits or tendencies are but signposts along life's highway, directing us in our words, our thoughts, and our actions. If, by self-analysis, we can discover and discard those traits which seem to lead us in the wrong direction, and at the same time, cultivate those natural tendencies which point the way to higher achievement, then we have carried into effect one of the great principles of Freemasonry.

Our station in life is fixed many times by conditions or circumstances over which we have no control. Consequently, the individual is master of his own destiny only in a certain degree. It would, therefore, seem that the niche which we are to occupy in this world has already been carved for us by some natural or Divine power, and the heights to which we can rise are, in all probability defined by powers and deficiencies within us. Our ability to make proper decisions, the height of our own ambition, and the relationship existing between ourselves and our fellowmen are the cardinal principles which can very well determine our success or failure.

Freemasonry recognizes the inherent faults of the individual Member, and endeavors by precept and example to curb irregularities. It provides an opportunity for self-improvement by regular attendance at its Stated and Extra Meetings and throughout the study and application of its beautiful Ritualistic and Lodge Work. It provides the opportunity for social contact, that fraternal fellowship, whereby men from every walk of life may meet upon a common plane or level. Here, are taught the correct principles of righteous living. Here, we learn to get along with our neighbor and our fellowmen. Here, we are taught the three great virtues — Faith, Hope and Love. These should remind us of our obligations and our duties as Freemasons.

If the immeasurable influence of Freemasonry shall continue, then we must have faith in God, faith in our Brethren and faith in ourselves. Our Hope in the future depends on the quality and the sincerity of our Faith, while the journey of life itself will be judged by the greatest of all virtues — LOVE — which is the chief cornerstone of that spiritual temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.



Group picture taken on the occasion of presentation of a Grand Lodge Fifty Year Masonic Service Emblem to Bro. Samuel G. Martin in Parker City Lodge, No. 521, Parker, early this year. Bro. Martin (front and center) is flanked by Bro. George R. Lines, District Deputy Grand Master for the 52nd Masonic District and Bro. H. Alvin Sallack, Northwestern Regional Instructor on his left, and by Bro. Owen R. Hartman, Past District Deputy Grand Master and Bro. Alvin D. Bartlett, Worshipful Master of Parker City Lodge, No. 521, on his right. Standing in the back row are Bro. Martin's five sons, (left to right) Lester, Charles, Dale, Robert and Kenneth, all present to witness the presentation.

Our Expanding Communities Pose Problems In Deciding Location of Nearest Lodge

In the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a man has the right to petition any subordinate Lodge for initiation and membership, but when the Lodge to which the petition is presented is not the nearest Lodge to the residence of the petitioner, the Lodge receiving the petition is required to inquire of the Lodge nearest his residence if there is any Masonic objection to him.

The question as to which is the nearest Lodge is constantly becoming more of a problem. A card file, in the Office of the Grand Secretary, has been established over the years showing the Lodge or Lodges nearest most of the cities, towns and larger communities. But the rapid growth of new suburban areas, and the construction of new highways and bridges has made many of these cards obsolete and incorrect. The elimination of many of the Post Offices in the smaller communities has also complicated this problem.

It is essential that the Secretary of each Lodge be given the definite and exact location of the residence of every petitioner. R.D. addresses are often misleading and should only be used for mailing purposes; but in no case should an R.D. address be shown on a Monthly Return. When a petitioner's residence is outside the boundary lines of the city or community in which the Post Office is located, the Township

and County should be shown on the Monthly Return along with the statement that this location is nearest the Lodge by distance or convenience of access.

If there is any question or doubt as to which is the nearest Lodge, because of these new developments, it is suggested it be referred to the District Deputy Grand Master (or Deputies if more than one District is involved) and in this way the card file in the Grand Secretary's Office can be brought up to date.

The survival of Freemasonry means much more than the survival of an institution. It means the survival of ideals which enrich a nation and it means the survival of that which proclaims Man's Divine Heritage.

Additional Supply of Bronze Medallions Now Available

To satisfy the demand for the special three-inch bronze medallion, struck by the Grand Lodge to commemorate the dedication of the George Washington at Prayer Statue at Freedoms Foundation, a new supply has been ordered.

A reproduction of the statue is shown on the obverse side and a reproduction of the Seal of Grand Lodge appears on the reverse side of the medallion.

These medallions may be purchased for \$5.00 each, including boxing and mailing charges. Make check or money order payable to Ashby B. Paul, Grand Secretary, and mail your order to Committee on Masonic Culture, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.