

Seek and Ye Shall Find

Informed Masons Are Better Masons

The making of a Freemason consists in a continued course of education, of training, and of character forming. While it may be accepted that it is an innocent desire, followed by obligations that makes one a member of the Craft, yet in a truer form and better sense, a man is never a Freemason until he truthfully and loyally lives up to his obligations. And he cannot do that until he understands them, and eventually knows their scope and real meaning.

Freemasonry can very well be divided into many phases. Its landmarks, its customs, its constitutions and its laws—just to mention a few—if studied and mastered, can provide a most interesting course for the Master Mason seeking Masonic knowledge. Its historical background can provide a most interesting program of investigation to the Member attracted to a desire for research.

One peculiarity about Freemasonry is that it will stand investigation. The deeper the research, the more extensive the knowledge of its hidden art and mysteries, the more highly it is appreciated. A Member of the Craft who merely takes his Degrees in a listless, careless sort of manner, and then remains as just a spectator at Lodge Meetings, may hold to the opinion that Freemasonry differs little from other societies. To the contrary, the Master Mason who delves deeply into Masonic literature, takes a lively interest in every part of the Ritualistic and Lodge Work, and learns the origin,



Four Members of Warren Lodge, No. 310, held at Collegeville, are shown as they met in the home of Bro. F. Wallace Beltz, Sr., (second from right) at Bradenton, Florida, when he received his Grand Lodge Fifty Year Masonic Service Emblem from Bro. Robert M. Bronson, Past Master and former Trustee. Bro. Raymond T. Beltz, Past Master, (left) and Bro. John H. Beltz, (second from left) both former recipients of this coveted award, were on hand to make this presentation a real family affair for Warren Lodge.

meaning and moral bearings of its symbols, cannot possibly fall into such an error. To him, Freemasonry has a refining and elevating influence not to be found in the ordinary run of societies.

The philosophies of Freemasonry, when discovered and practiced, provide that simple but profound solution to the problems of human relationships. May it be accepted that Freemasonry is a way of living to the Master Mason who is interested enough to appraise and value the wealth that is his, and his alone, by virtue of his Masonic membership.

The best informed Master Mason, is the Master Mason who reads and studies. Consequently, if we want Freemasonry to be of practical usefulness and cultural attainment, we, as Freemasons, must not neglect our Masonic reading, our Masonic study and our search for more Masonic Light.

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Freemasonry needs the support of all of us!

Over 500 Attend Two Sectional Meetings of School of Instruction

Bro. Raymond H. Grimm, Instructor of Ritualistic Work, and his six Regional Instructors, have been highly pleased with the interest and participation evidenced in the seven Sectional Meetings conducted this year.

The registered attendance at Meadville was 121 with eight Districts being represented by 43 Lodges.

Attendance at the Sectional Meeting held for the Philadelphia Area reached 424 with 15 Masonic Districts represented. Thirteen of the 15 District Deputy Grand Masters involved were present and participated.

Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Past Grand Master, was pleased to visit the Philadelphia Sectional Meeting and delivered an inspiring and informative address during the closing session.

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Let's Not Forget 'GUEST FUND'

If you have misplaced, or have not received, a self-addressed envelope for your annual contribution to the Guest Fund for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, send your check direct to: Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022. Please indicate your name, address and Lodge number. Thank you.

Newest Lodge to be Constituted December 14th in 29th District

McMurray Lodge, No. 807, will be constituted on Saturday, December 14, in the Peters Township High School, East McMurray Road, McMurray, Washington County, at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge.

There will be approximately 130 Warrant Members, making it one of the largest Lodges to be constituted in recent years.

Bro. Walter L. Sykes, District Deputy Grand Master for the 29th Masonic District, has been working with the Brethren from the McMurray area for the past eight months.

Lodge No. 807 will hold its Stated Meetings in the Elm Grove Elementary School in McMurray.

Bro. Benjamin S. Barbour, Past District Deputy Grand Master, who has

initiated and assisted most of the new Masonic Lodges in Western Pennsylvania for the past 30 years, has made it possible for the Lodge to receive the gavel used by Bro. George H. Deike when he was Grand Master.

Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, will use Bro. Deike's gavel to constitute the Lodge.

Chartiers Lodge, No. 297, Canonsburg, voted to sponsor Lodge No. 807 and donate the \$100 necessary for the Warrant fee. Bro. Sykes reported:

"The members of Chartiers Lodge, No. 297, have opened their hearts and Lodge facilities, as true Brothers and Masons, to assist the Officers and Warrant Members of the new Lodge."

The Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Pittsburgh, donated \$1,000 to Lodge No. 807 to be used for the purchase of Lodge paraphernalia. Other Masonic groups have also contributed most generously.

The Grand Master complimented and thanked the Scottish Rite Bodies for their continued interest and their financial support of new Masonic Lodges in Western Pennsylvania.

The Officers Select of Lodge No. 807 are:

Bro. John C. Moore, Worshipful Master; Bro. Walter F. Long, Sr., Senior Warden; Bro. Robert P. Lapp, Junior Warden; Bro. William A. Edwards, Treasurer; and Bro. William C. McMurray, Secretary.

The Special Communication of Grand Lodge will be followed by a Constitution Banquet at 5:30 p.m. in the Peters Township High School. Admission will be by ticket.

Three Cornerstones Placed and Five Lodge Rooms Are Dedicated by Grand Officers

Grand Lodge placed three cornerstones and dedicated five Masonic Lodge Rooms in the past three months.

On September 14 the cornerstone was placed and the Lodge Room dedicated for the Lower Bucks Masonic Temple, Woodside, Bucks County.

The new building is the meeting place of Newtown Lodge, No. 427, Penn-Morris Lodge, No. 778, and Levittown Lodge, No. 788.

On October 4 the Lodge Room for Forbes Trail Lodge, No. 783, Export, Westmoreland County, was dedicated.

On October 12 the cornerstone was placed and the Lodge Room dedicated for the new Masonic Temple near Hamburg, Berks County. It is the meeting place for Vaux Lodge, No. 406.

On October 19 the cornerstone was placed and the Lodge Room dedicated for the new Masonic Temple at Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County. It is the new meeting place for Eureka Lodge, No. 302.

On November 16 the Lodge Room for Cressona Lodge, No. 426, Cressona, Schuylkill County, was dedicated.



Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, with trowel in hand, symbolically preparing the cornerstone he placed at the new Masonic Temple of Vaux Lodge, No. 406, near Hamburg, Berks County.

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Three-month Itinerary of GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Our Grand Lodge Officers will continue a most active program with a schedule for the next three months that includes:

December 4—Grand Lodge Officers, December Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

December 5—Grand Lodge Officers, Quarterly Communication, Grand Chapter, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

December 6—Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

December 14—Grand Lodge Officers, Constitute McMurray Lodge, No. 807, Elm Grove Elementary School, McMurray, Peters Township, Western Pennsylvania.

December 27—Grand Lodge Officers, Annual Grand Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

January 11—Grand Master, Masonic Night, sponsored by Lu Lu Temple, A.A.O.N. M.S., Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

January 24—Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

January 25—Grand Master, 175th Anniversary, Brownsville Lodge, No. 60, Brownsville.

February 15—Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Lodge of the Craft, No. 433, New Castle.

February 21-25—Grand Masters' Conference and meeting of George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, Washington, D.C.

February 26—Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

A toast: To that excellent key—a Mason's tongue, which ought always to speak as well in the absence of a Brother as in his presence, and when that cannot be done with honor, justice and propriety, adopts the virtue of a Mason—which is silence.

'Guest Fund' Contributions Lagging; More Masons Urged to Participate

The Guest Fund is running \$10,000 behind anticipated contributions.

The money is used for the benefit of our Guests at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

In September the Grand Master urged Pennsylvania Masons to contribute \$300,000 to the fund—an increase of only \$18,000 over last year.

To date, figures show that only one Mason out of six has sent a donation to the Guest Fund.

Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, said this Fund is important to the continued comfort of our Guests at the Homes. He added:

"The money is not used to meet operating requirements. It is money that makes our Masonic Homes a 'Home' and not just another institution."

With the approach of the Holiday Season, the Grand Master urges Masons to be thankful for their blessings by remembering others. He added:

"This is the Season to remember our charitable responsibilities, and I hope you include the Guest Fund in your remembrances."

Fortunately, many Masons in Pennsylvania have increased their efforts

this year in response to the Grand Master's appeal. One wrote:

"I am increasing my donation to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown from \$20 to \$25.

"I know it costs more to operate the Homes every year on account of the rising prices."

Another Mason wrote and asked for an extra contribution envelope. He said he could only send \$10 at this time but hoped to make a second contribution within the next few months.

Self-addressed, postage free envelopes were distributed to all Members of Masonic Lodges in this Jurisdiction in the September Lodge Notices.

However, if the envelope has been misplaced, checks should be made payable to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown and sent to the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

All contributions to the Guest Fund are deductible for income tax purposes.

In sending checks to the Guest Fund, please include a note with full name, address and Lodge Number.

Don't put off sending your contribution. Your help is needed. If every Mason in Pennsylvania would make a contribution, regardless of size, the Grand Master's goal would be realized.



One of our Guests with a sight problem but not actually blind, is shown enjoying a talking-book record obtained from the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind through the Recreation Department's Program at the Homes. Contributions to the Annual Guest Fund help underwrite the many phases of the Recreation Department's Program.

From Our Grand Secretary's Office

September Quarterly Communication

The September Quarterly, held in Philadelphia, was brief and to the point; as a result, the large number of Members in attendance had more time to enjoy the fellowship in the ensuing social hour in the Grand Banquet Room.

One of the most important items of business was the receipt of a petition for a new Lodge to be held in McMurray in the southwest portion of the Jurisdiction. It will be known as McMurray Lodge No. 807 and is expected to be Constituted on December 14, 1968. This will be the second new Lodge this year, Southampton Lodge No. 806 having been Constituted on February 10th.

Committee Reports

The usual interesting and comprehensive Committee and Trustee Reports were received. The By-Laws Amendments submitted by 7 Lodges were approved and action on 2 was deferred for more information. As usual in the third fiscal quarter the Expenditures slightly exceeded the Receipts. Alterations and repairs to a food storage building at the Masonic Homes at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 were approved, as well as a salary increase of \$30,000 for the Homes' employees.

An additional physician and other employees are still needed at the Homes.

Guest Fund

It is hoped each Member will contribute generously to the Guest Fund. This Fund means so much to every one of the nearly 800 Guests at the Homes. Have you sent your donation in as yet?

Over 249,000 copies of the August issue of "The Pennsylvania Freemason" were mailed. When you move, won't you please promptly notify your Lodge Secretary; the Secretary should be just as prompt in forwarding the quarterly change of address forms. Every new initiate is immediately entitled to receive this publication.

Patton School

A good complement of boys is enrolled at the Patton School. Additional books can be used in their new library.

Much progress has been made in the renovations and improvements to the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

By the time you receive this issue, attractive new Masonic Temples will have been dedicated at Woodside, Export, Hamburg, Mechanicsburg and Cressona.

Prominent Visitors

When the yearly American Bar Association meetings were held here in Philadelphia earlier this year, we were happy to welcome many prominent Masons in our Masonic Temple. Included from distant points were Bro. Hipolito Marcano, Grand Master of Puerto Rico; Bro. Mauro Baradi, Past Grand Master of the Philippines, who is the Philippine representative to the

Mason in the above Lodge on September 6, 1895. Shortly after he celebrates his 100th birthday, he will reach his 75th Masonic milestone. Best wishes from all of us, Bro. Daum.

Bro. Chester A. Hogan is not only Imperial Potentate of the Shrine, but he is also Worshipful Master of Corinthian Lodge No. 38 in Puyallup, Washington. Despite his extensive traveling as Imperial Potentate, Bro. Hogan has not missed a Stated Meeting of his Lodge. He is the first Imperial Potentate to serve simultaneously as Master of his Lodge.

Masonic Astronaut

Navy Captain and Astronaut, Bro. Walter M. Schirra, Jr., who so successfully completed the recent Apollo 7 space flight, is a Member of Canaveral Lodge, No. 339, held at Cocoa Beach, Florida. Born in Hackensack, New Jersey, Bro. Schirra was selected as a Project Mercury Astronaut and was assigned to the NASA Manned Spacecraft Center in 1959.

Now that the end of the year is fast approaching, each of us should make sure we are current in our dues; we are hoping for a major reduction in suspensions this year. Please give us your help and support.

Faternally,

Ashby B. Paul

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R. W. Grand Secretary



Practical and usable items, with a Masonic flavor, and made in the Hobby Shop at the Homes by our Guests. Shown on the left are ceramic ash trays and a bud vase or candle holder. On the right is shown a Bolo tie, tie clasp, cuff links and a key chain. These items are but a few of the many articles made and sold by our Guests through the Gift Shop at the Homes, all of which is made possible through the funds received in the Annual Guest Fund appeal.

One of Our Many Guests Writes Of Her First Six Months at Homes

(The following are excerpts from an article written by Mrs. Gwendolyn F. Frank, a Guest at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.)

MY FIRST SIX MONTHS

My cup runneth over with Love and Appreciation.

I thank God for the Masons who make it possible for me to live in the nearest place to Heaven on Earth — the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

I was assigned to a lovely, well furnished room. I was introduced to a charming roommate whose friendly smile and welcome made me feel as though I was really home at last.

Meal times are always eventful to folks when Guests come to the dining room from all the cottages. One is reminded of a college campus where students come from far and near and converge on their dining room.

Sunday worship services are held in the John S. Sell Memorial Chapel. Beautiful chimes ring out the call to worship. Ministers from nearby cities conduct the services and the girls and boys from the Homes furnish the special music in the choir.

Monday, as on all days, Guests are free to do as they please. In the fall and winter seasons, Bingo Parties are held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Classical and semi-classical music are always enjoyed by the Guests.

Tuesday evening there is a card party. The card room is on the first floor. The windows form a background for beautiful, rare plants.

Wednesday is movie night in the large, air-conditioned theater that seats 500.

Thursday, immediately after supper, hundreds of Guests attend a prayer service in the assembly room of Grand Lodge Hall.

Friday is always a night for movies and beautiful travelogues, so educational to folks who cannot travel abroad.

Saturday afternoon we have special

entertainment by bands, dramatic groups, choral groups and orchestras. Saturday evening there is a dance in the Dance Area, which will accommodate 500.

When spring arrives in all its splendor, Guests are taken through the towns and country to see the beauty. We stop at nice restaurants for supper.

We are taken to the circus, baseball games and other activities. Porters and matrons are constantly on the job to see that all the Guests are well cared for. We enjoy a supper on the way home.

A few weeks ago, 300 Guests attend-

Popular Bronze Dedication Medallion Is Still 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.

ed a performance of "The Music Man" at a summer theater in Boiling Springs. We were served a delicious dinner at the famous restaurant.

We have so many special treats on Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day and others, when each Guest finds a box of chocolates at the dinner table.

Each cottage has a TV and sitting room to entertain Guests. Our library has 15,000 books and most all the current magazines and papers.

Every Guest is really someone to our most dedicated Superintendent, Mr. Paul S. Shank. No problem, great or small, that can be solved by understanding and dedication to his work, is overlooked.

Everything at the Homes is as free as the air we breathe, including hospital, dentists, doctors, recreation and therapy.

The flowering shrubs are in abundance everywhere from spring until late fall. Cottages, sitting rooms, dining rooms and corridors are supplied with flowers every day. We are fortunate to have Mr. Albert Ziegler as superintendent of landscaping. He plans all the beautiful and artistic floral designs throughout the Homes.

One of the most fascinating therapeutic activities is the Hobby Shop, where the Superintendent of Recreation, Mr. Robert Holmes and his wife, teach Guests the art of making useful gifts too numerous to mention.

I wish I had the ability to write more about the many wonderful, dedicated members of the Homes' personnel. My cup runneth over with Love and Appreciation.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Most of the activities Mrs. Franks relates are provided directly by Masons in Pennsylvania who contribute yearly to the Guest Fund at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Grand Lodge Begins Hospital Visitation Program for Veterans and Servicemen

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has inaugurated a hospital visitation service in Veterans Administration and Service Hospitals in Pennsylvania.

The start was made on October 1 in the Southeastern area of the state, with the hope that it will be extended to other areas of the state in the near future.

The Masonic Service Association, which has been conducting similar programs in 35 states, has been requested to supervise the visitation program in Pennsylvania.

The program is designed to help those confined to Veterans and Service Hospitals.

Bro. Paul S. Stewart, Past Master and Secretary of Crescent Lodge, No. 493, Philadelphia, was selected by M.S.A. as the first Field Agent in Pennsylvania.

He received "on-the-job" training from Bro. Paul C. Sherwood, a veteran M.S.A. Field Agent from North Carolina. He also received additional training at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Wilmington, Delaware.

One of the first and most important projects facing Bro. Stewart is the recruiting of a corps of volunteers to assist in the visitation program.

An important project will be the organizing of an escort team to assist handicapped patients to attend Chapel Services.

The next step to expand the program will be to include the huge United States Army Hospital at Valley Forge. This hospital offers Freemasons an opportunity to assist hundreds of Viet Nam casualties fighting their way back to health.

Bro. Stewart will welcome an opportunity to discuss this great humanitarian work with Masons and Masonic Lodges. His address is: 118 Chestnut Ave., Narberth, Pa. 19072.

The M.S.A. also will welcome inquiries as to how a Brother Mason can enlist in this great work. Inquiries should be addressed to Mr. William C. Edmunds, Chief Field Agent, Masonic Service Association, 700 Tenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001.

In announcing the program, Bro.



Bro. Paul S. Stewart

Masonic Service Association Field Agent in Pennsylvania

John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, said:

"This offers an excellent opportunity for Brethren to engage in a Masonic program and to assist those Veterans and Servicemen who are in need of our assistance.

"In an effort to make this program successful, we must recruit a corps of volunteers. We cannot afford to pass up this opportunity to serve others, particularly to help those who have given so much to their country."

15 New Students at Patton School; Room For More Freshmen

Fifteen new students are now attending classes at the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys at Elizabethtown.

Bro. John W. Kopp, Superintendent of the school, reported that the new students include 1 senior, 3 juniors, 2 sophomores and 9 freshmen. He said:

"The real need at Patton is for at least six more freshmen. The quota desired is 15 students per class."

Bro. Kopp thanked the many interested Masons who contributed band and string instruments to the school. He reported there is now a real need for 2 tenor saxophones, 1 baritone, 1 French horn, 1 clarinet, 4 guitars and 3 accordians.

At the present time, 7 students are taking drum lessons; 17, horn; 15, stringed instruments; 7, accordion; and 2, piano.

Bro. Kopp also reported that 49 students participate in the Patton Chorus. He said the instrumental and vocal programs at Patton are showing real development.

Patton School is very thankful to the individuals and Masonic Lodges that made contributions to the library at Patton. Bro. Kopp reported:

"The evaluation criteria for secondary schools require that certain standards be met in order to have an approved library program.

"To attain these standards, certified personnel has been secured, the organization of library facilities has been improved and reference materials greatly increased."

Masons interested in Patton Masonic School, either in obtaining an application for a qualified orphaned boy or assisting in the many activities at Patton, should contact Dr. John W. Kopp, Superintendent, Patton Masonic School, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.



View of the new Masonic Temple of Newtown Lodge No. 427; Penn-Morris Lodge, No. 778 and Levittown Lodge, No. 788, located at Woodside, Lower Bucks County. Cornerstone was placed and Lodge Room dedicated by Grand Lodge Officers on September 14th.



The new Masonic Temple of Vaux Lodge, No. 406, near Hamburg, Berks County. The cornerstone was placed and the Lodge Room was dedicated by the R. W. Grand Master and his Officers on Saturday, October 12th.



A view of the new greenhouse complex at the Homes, another source of pleasure and activity for our many Guests, who thoroughly enjoy this phase of the Recreational Program.



Inside the greenhouse we see Bro. Albert Zeigler, Head Gardener, and one of our Guests at the Homes, among some of the beautiful plants that will eventually grace a table or room.

Medical Consultants For Homes Honored At Annual Dinner

The Committee on Masonic Homes honored the Medical Consultants for their devoted and outstanding services to the Guests at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, at a testimonial dinner on October 24. The dinner was held in the Grand Lodge Dining Room at the Masonic Homes. It was the twentieth annual testimonial dinner for the Consultants and their ladies.

The Consultant Staff was organized by Bro. Richard A. Kern when he was R. W. Grand Master. There are now more than 130 participating in the voluntary program. Their "pay" for this dedicated work on behalf of the Guests at the Masonic Homes is a testimonial dinner once a year.

Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, expressed deep appreciation to the Consultants. He pointed out that Guests at the Masonic Homes have the finest medical assistance possible because of the volunteers who have dedicated a portion of their leisure time in order to help others.

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor—now therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the . . . day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States, to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the Benificent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country.

—GEORGE WASHINGTON



A Nyce family affair. Shown above (front row, left to right): Bro. Harvey W. Nyce; Bro. Russell W. Nyce, and Bro. Richard W. Nyce. (Back row, left to right): Bro. Vincent W. Nyce; Bro. Harvey R. Nyce, Past Master, and Bro. Harold W. Nyce. The occasion was the Raising of Bro. Russell W. Nyce in Warren Lodge, No. 310, by Bro. Harvey R. Nyce, immediate Past Master of Perkiomen Lodge, No. 595, with his father, Bro. Harvey W. Nyce and his four uncles, all Members of Warren Lodge, assisting.

Please Notify Your Lodge Secretary Promptly If and When You Change Your Address!

If you have, or are planning, to change your address, please take the time to notify your Lodge Secretary. You will help him keep his mailing list current and he, in turn, will be able to notify us so we can make the necessary correction in our general mailing list for "The Pennsylvania Freemason." Your prompt and courteous attention in this respect will be greatly appreciated. You will help us eliminate those costly Postal Returns and will assure yourself a copy of each issue of "The Pennsylvania Freemason" when mailed. And incidentally, always include your ZIP Code when reporting a change of address.

THANK YOU.



Still enjoying their Masonic fellowship fifty-two years since they shared the Throne Chairs in Summit Lodge, No. 312, Ebensburg, are: Bro. Harry H. Hasler, Past Master, who served as Worshipful Master in 1916; Bro. Clarence E. Davis, Past Master, (center), who served as Senior Warden in 1916; and Bro. Alvin W. Evans, Past Master, who was Junior Warden that year.



Elected officers of the newly formed Past Masters Association of the 37th Masonic District, are (left to right): Bro. Robert M. Smith, Secretary; Bro. Robert M. Hildebrand, President, and Bro. Myron C. Yoho, Treasurer. With more than 100 members, this new organization of Past Masters, has added a new dimension to the activities and life of the 37th Masonic District.

Lodges are Urged to Plan and Participate In 1976 Celebration

The 1976 Committee of Grand Lodge has urged Pennsylvania Masons to make program suggestions.

The Committee is planning for Masonic participation in the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 1976.

Suggestions should be sent to: Chairman, 1976 Committee, Grand Master's Office, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

Bro. Theodore K. Warner, Jr., Chairman of the 1976 Committee, said:

"Masons were the leaders in the creation of our nation and have borne major responsibilities in its continuance.

"Therefore, it is fitting that we recognize the dedicated labors of our Masonic ancestors and the contributions of our Fraternity as a whole."

The committee, recently appointed by the Grand Master, has started to discuss ideas for statewide participation in an effort to recommend specific programs and activities for all Masons in their local communities and Masonic Lodges.

The committee is also planning to use the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, as the center for specific functions and programs in cooperation with the nation's primary celebration that probably will be held in Philadelphia.

Bro. Warner said that eventually the committee's efforts will be coordinated with similar committees from other Masonic Bodies in Pennsylvania. He added:

"It is our hope that every Mason, every Masonic Lodge and every Masonic Body in this Commonwealth will plan and participate in specific programs throughout 1976.

"We welcome your suggestions and I assure you that every possible consideration will be given to each recommendation that is received."

The other members of the Committee are:

Brothers Fred Pierce Corson, Edward J. Griffiths, Carlos F. Bodwell, Elmer E. Harter, Jr., John L. McCain, J. Stanley Harker, Harry W. Pedicord and C. Stanton Belfour.

Freemasonry is today what it has always been. It is still governed by the same unchanging landmarks. It still expounds the same unchanging truths. It still teaches its Members to put their trust in God, to invoke His Blessing; to make the Holy Bible the rule and guide of their faith; to obey the moral law; to act upon the square and to walk uprightly before God and man.



The Grand Lodge Officers (left to right) Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master; Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, pose during the cornerstone ceremonies at Woodside, Lower Bucks County.

R. W. Grand Master Arranged, Attended 23 District Meetings New Amendments To the Ahiman Rezon Due for Final Action

When Bro. John K. Young was installed as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania on December 27, 1967, he announced that it was his desire to meet with the Officers of every Masonic Lodge in Pennsylvania.

During this year, the Grand Master has met with the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Secretaries and Chairmen of the Lodge on Masonic Culture Committees in the following Masonic Districts:

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 24th, 30th, 32nd, 36th, 40th, 42nd, 48th, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 58th, and 60th.

It is the Grand Master's hope that District Meetings can be arranged in 1969 for the remainder of the Masonic Districts.

The District Meetings include the Grand Master's meeting with the Worshipful Masters and Wardens; Grand Secretary with Lodge Secretaries; and the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture with the District Chairman and the Chairmen of the Lodge Committees on Masonic Culture.

Action will be taken at the Quarterly Communication on December 4 on the proposed amendments to the Ahiman Rezon which were submitted at the June Quarterly Communication. They were explained in the August issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason, and a copy of the amendments has also been mailed to all our Members in their Lodge Notice.

Article XVI, Section 1 and Section 3, now require the Jewels of the Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters, and the Past Masters to be worn on the left lapel. The proposed amendments would permit these jewels to be suspended from the left breast pocket.

Article XVII, Section 2, now calls for an outright resignation when a Member desires to become a Warrant Member of a new Lodge in our Jurisdiction. The proposed amendment would also permit Conditional Resignations to be used for this purpose.

Article XVII, Section 32, would permit our Lodges to hold meetings in the Masonic Temple at One North Broad Street in Philadelphia.