

Grand Lodge Officers Dedicate Lodge Room At East McKeesport

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held on November 1 to dedicate the Lodge Room of East McKeesport Lodge, No. 765, in North Versailles Township.

Lodge No. 765 purchased a school building from North Versailles Township school officials and completely remodeled the structure for a Masonic Temple.

Following the dedication, a banquet was held in the Park Terrace High School.

Bro. Lorimer H. Brown Appointed D.D.G.M. of 14th Masonic District

Bro. Lorimer H. Brown, Past Master of Salem Lodge, No. 330, Hamlin, was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 14th Masonic District, vice Bro. Clarence C. Reineke, deceased.

Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, presented Bro. Brown to the Officers in the 14th Masonic District at a Special Meeting of Lodge No. 330 in Masonic Hall, Honesdale, on November 11.

Bro. Brown resides in Newfound-land, Pa.

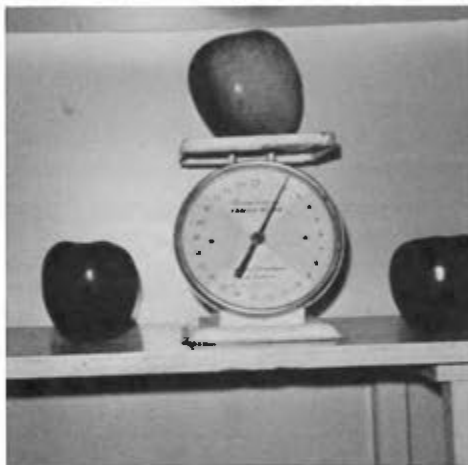
HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Your Lodge Dues for 1969 should be paid on or before the Annual Meeting of your Lodge.

Why not forward your check to your Lodge Secretary and pre-serve your good Masonic standing?

If your 1968 Dues are still un-paid, avoid suspension by prompt payment. We do not want to lose YOU!

Freemasonry needs the support of all of us!



A few prize-winning apples picked from the orchard at the Homes. The "king-size" apple on the scale actually weighed 2 pounds. This happened to be a large apple year, due to the heavy rains. Some varieties had fewer apples on the trees, but they were big ones.

Please Notify Your Lodge Secretary When You Change Your Mailing Address

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 that 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.

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Bro. Alvin A. Gasser, Sr. Appointed D.D.G.M. of Masonic District "F"

Bro. Alvin A. Gasser, Sr., Past Master of Richmond Lodge No. 230, Philadelphia, was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District "F", vice Bro. E. Robert W. Whitesel, Sr., who resigned because of health.

Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, presented Bro. Gasser to the officers in Masonic District "F" at a Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 230 in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on September 16.

Bro. Gasser resides at 1104 Bloomdale Road, Philadelphia.

Three-month Itinerary of GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Grand Lodge Officers have a busy schedule for the next three months, including:

November 29 — Grand Master: Visitation, Williamsport Scottish Rite Body.

December 3 — Grand Lodge Officers: December Quarterly Communication, Philadelphia.

December 5 — Grand Lodge Officers: Meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

December 17 — Grand Lodge Officers: Grand Visitation; Grand Master's last Visitation, Melita Lodge, No. 295, Philadelphia.

December 27 — Grand Lodge Officers: Annual Communication, Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh.

December 27 — Grand Lodge Offices, Visitation; Special Meeting, Col. Henry Bouquet Lodge, No. 787, at 3 p.m., Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh.

January 9 — Grand Master: Visitation, Corinthian Lodge, No. 573, Millvale.

January 10 — Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Covenant Lodge, No. 456, Philadelphia.

January 14 — Grand Master: Visitation, Glenshaw Lodge, No. 793, Glenshaw.

January 17 — Grand Master: Masonic Night, sponsored by Lu Lu Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

January 22 — Grand Lodge Officers: Reception for Guests, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

January 23 — Grand Lodge Officers: Meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

January 24 — Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Richard Vaux Lodge, No. 454, Burgettstown.

January 31 — Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Oriental Lodge, No. 460, Orangeville.

February 14 — Grand Master: Masters and Secretaries Night, sponsored by Syria Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh.

February 17 — Senior Grand Warden: 75th Anniversary, E. Coppee Mitchell Lodge, No. 605, Philadelphia.

February 23-26 — Grand Lodge Officers: Conference of Grand Masters, Washington, D.C.

February 27 — Grand Lodge Officers: Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

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Grand Master Pleased With 'State of Craft'—Highlights Teamwork

Dear Brethren:

With this final comment as your Grand Master, I express a feeling of personal pride and encouragement in the "State of the Craft" in our Jurisdiction.

Every Grand Master looks forward to his term in office with hopes and desires of advancing the cause of Freemasonry. As I look back over the past two years, I am pleased with the accomplishments and activities made possible by the cooperation and dedication of so many Masons.

A more detailed listing of the activities of my term as Grand Master will be covered in the Abstract of the Proceedings.

Highlighting the many accomplishments of the past two years was the display of teamwork evidenced in the fulfillment of most, if not all, of my objectives, both large and small. I have been inspired with the determination of so many "to get the job done." Without this teamwork, your Grand Master could not have carried out his program.

With great pride and satisfaction, I can now refer to the wisdom and efforts of many dedicated Masons in bringing about a more efficient administration of the Masonic Homes; the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys; and to the extensive renovations of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, the headquarters of our Grand Lodge.



Aerial view of the "Golden Triangle," Pittsburgh, where the Allegheny River (left) and the Monongahela River (right) come together to form the Ohio River. The Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, site of the Grand Master's Banquet on St. John the Evangelist's Day, December 27, is located in the center at the apex of the triangle. The new 68-floor United States Steel Building, still under construction, is near the top of this unusual complex of construction.

"Masonic Day in Pittsburgh"

Annual Grand Communication to be Held in Pittsburgh for the First Time

The Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge will be held in Pittsburgh on Saturday, December 27 — "Masonic Day in Pittsburgh."

This will mark the first time in history for the Annual Grand Communication to be held in Pittsburgh and the second time it will be held outside of Philadelphia.

The first time, Bro. Sanford M. Chilcote was installed as R. W. Grand

My numerous travels and visits throughout our Jurisdiction, not only for the many Special Meetings and Ceremonies but during the thirty-six District Meetings, have afforded me the rare opportunity of meeting and mingling with the Officers and many of the Members of all of our Symbolic Lodges. In this experience, alone, I have observed an enthusiasm for Freemasonry that is most encouraging. I have good reason to believe that these

Other information concerning the Annual Grand Communication at Pittsburgh, December 27th, including coupon for reservations to Grand Master's Banquet, appear on Pages 6 and 7.

Master on December 27, 1958, in the Masonic Temple at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The Annual Grand this year will be

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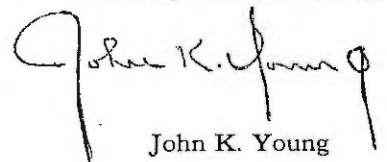
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personal contacts or "get-togethers," between the Officers and Members of our Symbolic Lodges and many Grand Lodge Officers have brought about a much better understanding of the Craft in general.

I feel we have been able to better inform the Craft and the profane on the mission of Freemasonry. I am pleased with the new folder, "Freemasonry, A Way of Life," designed and produced to be placed in the hands of interested non-Masons, other Masonic literature, and "The Pennsylvania Freemason," which is our direct contact with the nearly 250,000 Pennsylvania Masons living throughout the world.

The office of Grand Master which you have entrusted to me has been treasured. I am grateful to you for this rewarding experience. I know you will extend to our new Grand Master the same measure of loyal support and teamwork.

Sincerely and fraternally,



John K. Young
R. W. Grand Master



Bro. and Mrs. Frank Strait, Guests at the Homes since 1965, who celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary at a dinner party at the Homes on October 18, 1969.

Married Couple, Guests at Homes, Mark 75th Wedding Anniversary

Bro. and Mrs. Frank Strait, Guests at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on October 18 at a dinner party in their honor at the Homes.

Bro. Strait, age 94, and Mrs. Strait, age 93, became Guests at the Masonic Homes on April 13, 1965. Bro. Strait is a member of Lodge No. 106, held at Williamsport.

News of their diamond anniversary celebration was carried by a national news service.

"The most important things," said Mrs. Strait, "is that after 75 years we still like each other. All of the other women I know got their second husbands, but I've got just one, and I expect that's all I ever will have."

"We're very happy that God has given us all these years together."

Old age hasn't dulled the senses of either the bride or the groom of 75 years ago. She calls him "Dad," and he calls her "Mom."

"Dad and I have had our spats over the years," she said, and then added with an impish gleam in her eye — "But they were fun, it was so nice to kiss and make up."

He chuckles when he remembers their first date.

"It was at a box social," he remembered. "All the girls stuck their feet through a curtain and we bid on the box lunches that went with the feet. I paid two-bits for the lunch and I got Mom for the next 75 years."

The Straits admit to a couple of "vices."

"We play a lot of Canasta," he said, "but Mom is a better player than I am and she beats me more than I can beat her."

"We also have TV right here in our room," he added, "and we watch a lot of that."

Mrs. Strait also has a big hobby at the moment and spends considerable time in the Home Hobby Shop where she creates costume jewelry.

"It is lots of fun," she said, "and I'm always giving the stuff away to my friends."

You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer
And even once say, "I."
You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer
And even once say, "My."
Nor can you pray the Lord's Prayer
And not include another
For when you ask for daily bread,
You must include your Brother.
Yes, others are included
In each and every plea.
From the first word to the last word,
The Lord's Prayer doesn't once say, "ME."

From Our Grand Secretary's Office

Quarterly Communication — September 3, 1969

Despite the wet weather, the September Quarterly Communication, held in Philadelphia, was well attended, especially by the District Deputy Grand Masters.

The usual productive and interesting Committee and District Deputies meetings were held during the two days preceding the Communication.

Committee Reports

The comparatively recently constituted Grand Lodge of Iran has requested fraternal recognition, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Many Lodges continue to up-date their By-Laws, and a big majority of the submitted Amendments were approved upon the recommendation of the Committee on By-Laws.

As usual, the Expenditures, of \$1,501,430, for the third fiscal Quarter exceeded the Receipts of \$1,394,435. Most of the income is received in the first and fourth Quarters. Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Finance, six Resolutions were adopted, the majority covering needed betterments and improvements at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown.

The August issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason, in color, is receiving much favorable comment. If YOU move, please let your Secretary and the Committee on Masonic Culture promptly have your new address.

The Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms is kept busy traveling throughout the State assisting the many Lodges that are interested in improved Lodge facilities.

The Hospital at the Masonic Homes continues to be filled to capacity, and a waiting list for new Hospital Guests still exists. It is hoped that additional facilities may be available next year.

The Committee on Temple has practically completed the approved improvements to the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

The 1976 Committee is actively reviewing the suggestions it is receiving in connection with this interesting project.

Distinguished Guest Speaks

Bro. Conrad Hahn, Past Grand Master of Connecticut and Executive Director of the Masonic Service Association, gave a most interesting address on the many activities of this Association, especially the Hospital Visitation program in which our Grand Lodge now participates in the Southeastern area.

Fifty Year Emblems

Back in 1919, an unusually large number of Masons were made in our Lodges, and as a result, more Grand Lodge Fifty Year Emblems are being

presented this year than ever before. It is expected the total will approach the 2500 mark this year.

The receipt of this Golden Anniversary Award is one of the most outstanding and exhilarating achievements in the lives of so many of our Members, as expressed in their letters of appreciation.

For instance:

"I was happy to receive this prized Emblem and shall wear it with honor and much pride."

"It is the finest gift I have ever received."

"Freemasonry has given me understanding and compassion for my fellow man, and I will cherish this Emblem for the remainder of my life."

Bro. Chauncey P. LeFevre was made a Mason in Integrity Lodge, No. 187, on November 13, 1919. On October 10, 1969 he was presented his Grand Lodge Fifty Year Emblem. Immediately after receiving this Award, Bro. LeFevre conferred the Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree in his Lodge. It was the first time in his Masonic career that he had ever conferred a Degree. This just shows that you are never too old to learn the Work and take an active interest in your Lodge.

When Bro. Martin R. Kiggins, District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 40, Raised his son, Bro. Martin R. Kiggins, Jr., in Royersford Lodge, No. 585, on October 10, 1969, he was assisted by five other District Deputy Grand Masters. Bro. Joseph J. Myers acted as Senior Warden, Bro. Paul F. Kunkel as Junior Warden, Bro. Alfred K. Mills, Jr. as Senior Deacon, Bro. George Nichols as Junior Master of Ceremonies, and Bro. Carl A. Focht as Pursuivant.

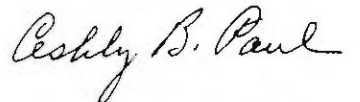
Bro. and Dr. Richard A. Kern, R. W. Past Grand Master, was recently appointed by President Nixon to the National Advisory Committee on the Selection of Physicians, Dentists and Allied Specialists and the National Health Resources Advisory Committee.

Forty-two years ago, Bro. Charles A. Lindbergh accomplished an amazing feat. And now, 42 years later, Bro. Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., a Member of Mont-

clair Lodge, No. 144, in New Jersey, landed on the Moon.

There is a well known saying, "It takes only half as much time to do a thing when it should be done as will be required a week later." It is hoped our 610 Lodges will all get their Annual and other Reports in on time.

Fraternally,



Ashby B. Paul
R. W. Grand Secretary

All Lodges Have Been Directed To Appoint a Representative To the Patton Masonic School

The Grand Master has directed Worshipful Masters to appoint a Lodge representative to the Patton Masonic School.

In a letter to all Worshipful Masters in Pennsylvania Lodges, the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master wrote:

"We are interested in obtaining a more efficient Masonic relations program for the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys, located at Elizabethtown, Pa."

Worshipful Masters are urged to give careful consideration to the appointment. The letter continued:

"We suggest that it be a Brother now engaged in school work, or a Patton Masonic School graduate, or a Brother interested in educational matters who would be willing to spend some time working in the interest of the school."

It was also suggested that the Worshipful Master confer with the Senior Warden on the appointment in order that the representative would not be replaced at the end of the year.

Lodges were authorized to carry the name of the man selected on the Lodge Notice, similar to other appointments.

Worshipful Masters were directed to send the name, address, occupation and phone number of the man selected to the Grand Master's Office as soon as possible.

Bro. John W. Kopp, Superintendent, said there are only 39 students at Patton School. He said the need is for approximately 10 more for the Ninth Grade and several more in the other three grades of the school. He added: "Please help us to locate eligible orphan boys. It is not too late to make application for this school term."

"If you have an applicant, please contact me at Patton Masonic School, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022."

Broad and Extensive Insurance Coverage for Penna. Lodges Now Provided by Grand Lodge

Quite a few years ago, a Committee on Insurance was appointed to make a thorough and comprehensive study of the Insurance needs and requirements not only of Grand Lodge, but of all of our Lodges. Similar investigations were being made by many other Grand Lodges.

A review of the Insurance carried by many of our Lodges disclosed that the coverage was inadequate in many, many instances; some Lodges had little or no Insurance. It was also apparent that the cost for this coverage, carried by each Lodge separately, was excessive.

This subject was discussed frequently at the annual Grand Lodge Conferences held in Washington, D.C. and as a result a prominent Insurance Company agreed to make the necessary Insurance coverage available for all the Grand Lodges and their Subordinate Lodges.

Early in 1965 in order to assure that each of our Lodges was at least covered for Workmen's Compensation, our Grand Lodge took out such a Policy and paid the premium at no charge to the Lodges. The Lodges were notified of this coverage and were

requested to cancel their Policy, if they had one.

By the spring of 1967, arrangements had been completed for broad and extensive Insurance coverage for all our Lodges. The Lodges were so notified, and the May, 1967, issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason carried a detailed article on this coverage. As Grand Lodge paid for this Insurance, the Lodges were informed their similar Policies could be immediately cancelled.

On May 24, 1967, each Lodge was forwarded a copy of the "Memorandum of Insurance" prepared by the Company carrying this coverage giving a detailed explanation of the different Policies then in effect.

The Policies include:

	Coverage
1. Comprehensive Public Liability	\$1,000,000
2. Medical Payments	\$5,000 per person/\$50,000 each occurrence
3. Fidelity Bond	\$5,000 each person
4. Money and Securities	\$5,000
5. Depositor's Forgery (checks, etc.)	\$5,000
6. Paraphernalia (Based on Inventories furnished by each Lodge)	\$1,000
7. Workmen's Compensation and Employer's Liability	Statutory

Four New District Chairmen Appointed

To fill vacancies, due to resignations, Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, has appointed the following District Chairmen for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture:

- MASONIC DISTRICT "C" — Bro. Herman Kaufman, Lodge No. 91.
- 14th MASONIC DISTRICT — Bro. Richard E. Leslie, Lodge No. 218.
- 39th MASONIC DISTRICT — Bro. Francis L. Anderson, Lodge No. 534.
- 59th MASONIC DISTRICT — Bro. Henry G. Russell, Lodge No. 499.

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

such Lodge (or Grand Lodge) functions. This Policy extends to and covers owned building property only if the building is not used or occupied by other Lodges, organizations or tenants. Otherwise the building and elevators must be separately insured.

MEDICAL PAYMENTS INSURANCE (\$5,000 each person, \$50,000 each occurrence)

This Insurance covers Members and Guests for reasonable necessary medical, surgical, hospital, etc., expenses caused by injuries or sickness resulting from activities in Lodge Rooms or Quarters. Also for accidents away from the Lodge Quarters if loss arises out of authorized Lodge activities for which liability insurance is provided. This Insurance is in excess of any other collectible insurance carried by the Lodge or the individual, including Workmen's Compensation.

MONEY AND SECURITIES (\$5,000)

This Insurance covers the loss of money and securities by destruction, disappearance or wrongful abstraction within the Lodge Quarters, or by robbery; also if the loss occurs outside the Lodge Quarters while being conveyed to bank or to within the home of the Member.

FORGERY BOND (\$5,000)

This Insurance covers loss sustained through forgery or alteration of Lodge checks or similar papers.

PARAPHERNALIA (\$1,000)

This Insurance covers loss to Paraphernalia by fire, lightning, explosion, riot, storm, motor vehicle, aircraft, smoke, burglary, etc. It does not cover loss or damage caused by war, infidelity of Members, wear and tear, moth, etc., or damage done while in the course of refinishing, cleaning or repairing unless fire ensues. Lodge furniture, typewriter, files, etc. are not covered.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (Statutory)

This Insurance covers only the paid employees of the Lodge, such as Secretary, Treasurer, and Tyler, and does not include those employees who are paid by Masonic Temple Associations or other bodies. Personal injuries caused by accident in course of employment are covered by this Insurance.

NOTE: Each Lodge must carry its own Unemployment Compensation Insurance for any employee of the Lodge who is paid more than \$50.00 a Quarter.



Shown above is a familiar scene near the Accounting Department at the Homes since the Grand Master set his goal for \$500,000.00 in his annual appeal for the "Guest Fund." For the first several weeks the white and blue contribution envelopes actually did arrive from the Post Office in mail sacks. The contributions have, however, diminished — only because so many Pennsylvania Masons haven't responded to the "Guest Fund" appeal.

'Guest Fund' Growing — Increase In Giving Needed to Reach Goal

It appears that Pennsylvania Masons are meeting the Grand Master's challenge to increase the Guest Fund for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

As of this date, the total collection for the fund is running more than \$100,000 ahead of the same period last year.

However, unless there is an increase in giving before the closing date of March 15, 1970, the collection will fall short of the \$500,000 goal set by the Grand Master.

Many Masons have made sizable contributions to the fund.

Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, has personally thanked Pennsylvania Masons for responding to his personal appeal. He said:

"As I near the end of my tenure as Grand Master, I am deeply appreciative of the help and assistance I have received from the Brethren for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

"Your financial consideration is needed and deeply appreciated.

"I extend to you and yours a Happy Holiday period, deeply grateful at this time for your contributions to the Guest Fund."

Brethren who have not sent their contributions and who do not have a postage-free envelope may make checks or money orders payable to and send them to the Executive Director, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

Newest Amendments To the Ahiman Rezon Ready for Final Action

Action will be taken at the Quarterly Communication on December 3 on the proposed Amendments to the Ahiman Rezon which were submitted at the June Quarterly Communication. They were discussed briefly in the August issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason and a copy of the Amendments has also been mailed to each of our Members in their Lodge Notice.

It is proposed to amend Article XIII, Section 34, to limit the term of newly elected members of the Committee on Masonic Homes to ten years.

The proposed Amendment to Article X, Section 1 (Sub-section 7) would permit the Lodges, if they so desire, to remit the Grand Lodge dues of Members who have been in good standing for 50 years or more. If this action is approved by a resolution passed by the Lodge and certified to the Grand Secretary, the Lodge would be relieved from the payment of Grand Lodge dues for these Members.

Another Expression of Gratitude

1700 Oak Avenue
Menlo Park, California 94025
September 21, 1969

Mr. William Yeager, Sr., Chairman
Executive Committee, Committee on Masonic Homes
Masonic Homes
Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022

Dear Sir:

Our Mother, Mrs. Gertrude Teeters, recently passed away at the Masonic Homes. She was a Guest and also a frequent patient at the hospital for four years.

We cannot speak highly enough of the care and treatment our Mother received at the Masonic Homes. Your Staff is dedicated to the highest degree in each department of the Homes. Their job is not an easy one but they treat each Guest with real kindness. We visited the Homes many times and each time were impressed by the personal attention given the Guests by the Staff.

We especially want to mention your excellent facility, The Philadelphia Freemasons' Hospital. Never have we seen such an efficient hospital as this one. The cleanliness of the patients and the rooms is outstanding. We wish to express our appreciation to Dr. Linn, Dr. Meckstroth and Dr. Hamblock while he was in residence.

Their medical care plus their genuine interest in each patient was most outstanding. We are most grateful that Mother had such fine doctors. We also wish to express our appreciation to Mrs. Rathmill and Mrs. Angstead plus the many other nurses and aides who were dedicated to the patients in the hospital.

We were most pleased with the work done at the Frank Miller Funeral Home. All arrangements between the funeral home and the Masonic Homes were handled exceptionally well in every respect.

Again we thank you for maintaining such an excellent Masonic Homes. We will always be most appreciative of the proficient care given our Mother.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Emil H. Samph
John W. Teeters

Where to Stay In Pittsburgh

Brethren desiring to make hotel reservations in Pittsburgh for the Annual Grand Communication have many selections, including:

Hotel Webster Hall, 4415 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213; and the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, 3401 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213, both located in the Oakland section near Syria Mosque, where the Annual Grand will be held:

The hotels in downtown Pittsburgh include:

William Penn Hotel, William Penn Place, Pittsburgh 15222; Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, Gateway Center, Pittsburgh 15230; Pick Roosevelt Hotel, 607 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh 15222; and Howard Johnson Motor Lodge at Chatham Center, Washington Place, Pittsburgh 15219.

Sectional Meeting of School of Instruction Held at Philadelphia

A most successful Sectional Meeting of the School of Instruction was held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on October 25, 1969. Eleven District Deputy Grand Masters and 367 Lodge Officers and Members attended. Approximately 40% of those present were attending a Sectional Meeting for the first time.

The rehearsal of the work was well performed by Officers of Lodges in the Philadelphia area. Credit must be given to the Principals of the three Philadelphia Schools and their Instructors for proficiency of the work. The Regional Instructors most ably conducted the rehearsal.

The following are tentative dates for Sectional Meetings during 1970:

- March 7—Harrisburg
- March 14—Uniontown
- March 28—New Castle
- April 4—Scranton
- April 11—Pittsburgh
- April 18—Everett
- May 9—Pleasant Hills
- September 12—Oil City
- September 19—Seminar for Instructors at Everett
- September 26—Philadelphia.



Syria Mosque, located near Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh, where the Annual Grand Communication of Grand Lodge will be held December 27 followed by the Grand Master's Luncheon, served in the spacious dining room of the Mosque. A Special Meeting of Col. Henry Bouquet Lodge, No. 787, will be held here at the Mosque at 3:00 o'clock, P.M., for the purpose of officially receiving the newly installed Grand Master.

Masons and Their Ladies Invited to Attend Grand Master's Banquet and Entertainment — December 27, 1969

One of the highlights of "Masonic Day in Pittsburgh" will be the Grand Master's Banquet in the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel at 7 p.m., December 27.

For the first time in known history, Pennsylvania Masons and their ladies have been invited to participate in the banquet that follows the installation of the Grand Master.

Tickets are limited to 1,100. They will be reserved on a first come basis.

Masons interested in attending this outstanding Banquet and Entertainment should complete the coupon provided in this issue and send it as directed as soon as possible to assure their receiving tickets.

An outstanding entertainment will follow the banquet.

The Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel is located at the apex of Pittsburgh's Golden Triangle as shown on the photograph on the first page of this issue.

The Grand Master has sent letters to all Pennsylvania Masonic Lodges, urging them to be represented at "Masonic Day in Pittsburgh" if at all possible.

Masonic Lodges desiring to sit with their own members and ladies at the banquet should reserve an entire table. There are ten places at a table.

Those desiring to make reservations

should send a check or money order immediately to Bro. John A. Hollingsworth, Treasurer, Masonic Temple, 4227 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213.

Lodge Secretaries have been requested to include the following in Lodge Notices:

"Brethren and their Ladies are invited to attend the Grand Master's Dinner and Entertainment at 7 p.m., Saturday, December 27, in the ballroom of the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel. Tickets are limited to 1,100 and cost \$15 each."

Grand Lodge Officers and their Ladies will be available at 6:15 p.m. to greet Brethren and Ladies who arrive before the banquet starts at 7 p.m.

Dress for the banquet is: tuxedo preferred, dark suit acceptable.



The Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh, is one of the largest in the world devoted exclusively to Masonic use. It is located near the campus of the University of Pittsburgh, on Fifth Avenue between Tennyson and Lytton Avenues. Brethren attending the Annual Grand Communication on December 27 will have an opportunity to see this famous Masonic Temple.

Annual Grand to be A First for Pittsburgh

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held in Syria Mosque, 4423 Bigelow Boulevard, Oakland, Pittsburgh, near the Cathedral of Learning of the University of Pittsburgh.

All Members of the Masonic Fraternity have been urged to attend. Syria Mosque has a seating capacity of 3,750.

The doors of the Mosque will be open at 8 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be served prior to the opening of Grand Lodge at 10 a.m.

Brethren have been cautioned to have a current dues card to present upon entering Syria Mosque.

Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, will conduct the business of Grand Lodge and receive the many visiting Masonic Officers from other Jurisdictions.

At High Noon, a new Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers will be installed.

In accordance with Pennsylvania Masonic Law, all Members of the Fraternity, regardless of whether they have ever held Masonic Office, are entitled to witness the installation of the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers.

After the installation ceremonies have been concluded, a luncheon will be served to the Brethren in the dining room of Syria Mosque.

Grand Master to be Received in Lodge 787 Following Installation

Col. Henry Bouquet Lodge, No. 787, will officially receive the newly installed Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania at 3 p.m., Saturday, December 27, at a Special Meeting in Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh.

The Grand Master will be accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers including District Deputy Grand Masters and Masonic visitors from other jurisdictions.

The Brother who will officially become Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 787 at Noon on December 27, will receive the Grand Master.

The Lodge has invited all Master Masons, particularly those attending the Annual Grand Communication, to remain for the Special Meeting to assist the Lodge in honoring the Grand Master.

Program at Pittsburgh

The schedule for "Masonic Day in Pittsburgh" on Saturday, December 27, includes:

- 8:00 a.m. — Doors of Syria Mosque open for all Brethren.
- 8:00 a.m. to
- 9:30 a.m. — Coffee and doughnuts served in Syria Mosque.
- 10:00 a.m. — Grand Lodge convenes.
- 12:00 noon — Installation of new Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers.
- 1:00 p.m. — Lunch for Brethren in dining room of Syria Mosque.
- 3:00 p.m. — Special Meeting of Col. Henry Bouquet Lodge, No. 787, in Syria Mosque to officially receive the newly installed Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and distinguished guests. All Brethren are invited.
- 6:15 p.m. — Receiving line of Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies in the Grand Ballroom of the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel.
- 7:00 p.m. — Grand Master's Banquet and Entertainment, Grand Ballroom, Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel.

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