

Bro. Frank W. Bobb Appointed Grand Lodge Librarian and Curator

Bro. Frank W. Bobb, librarian of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, was appointed Librarian and Curator for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, effective December 27, by Bro. John K. Young, when R. W. Grand Master.



Bro. Bobb is Past Master of George W. Kendrick, Jr. Lodge, No. 690, Philadelphia. He also served for two years as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture.

He succeeds Bro. William A. Carpenter who was appointed Secretary to the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture by Bro. John L. McCain, R. W. Junior Grand Warden and Chairman of the Committee.

Bro. Bobb has had varied experience in the library, archival and records management fields. He joined the staff of the Historical Society in 1927 as library assistant.

In World War II, he served as an officer with the United States Army on detail to the Office of Strategic Services. After the Korean War, he served as senior records analyst in the Department of Records, City of Philadelphia. He returned to the Historical Society in 1961.

He has written papers on records management, library systems and control, microphotographic techniques and devices, and other allied subjects.

Bro. Bobb is married and serves as Vestryman and Treasurer of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Francisville, Philadelphia.

Patton School Graduation — June 6th . . .

New Board Chairman Appointed at Patton; Lodge Representatives Urged to Get Involved

Bro. D. Luke Biemesderfer, Past Master of Charles M. Howell Lodge, No. 496, former president of Millersville State College, was appointed Chairman of the Trustees of the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys, located at Elizabethtown.

He replaced Bro. Thomas H. Ford, who served as a Trustee for many years, but resigned, effective December 27, 1969.

Bro. M. Wayne Podvia, Past Master of Blyth Lodge, No. 593, and a former District Deputy Grand Master, was appointed as a new Trustee. He replaced Bro. Ford.

Bro. John L. McCain, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, was appointed to replace Bro. Hiram P. Ball who became Grand Master.

The other members of the board were reappointed.

Patton School Graduation exercise will be held in the Deike Auditorium of the Masonic Homes at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 6.

Masons and their families have been invited to attend.

The Grand Master has urged Lodge Representatives to the Patton Masonic School to make a special effort to attend the graduation program. He added:

"This would be a good opportunity for the Representatives to see the final results of the Patton program."

Many Lodges have not complied with the Grand Master's directive to appoint a Representative to Patton School. The Grand Master urged the

Worshipful Master to immediately send in the name and address of the appointee to the Grand Master's Office.

Representatives have been provided with a brochure on Patton School and sample applications.

It is hoped that the Representatives will help Patton to receive at least 20 applications for the freshman class that starts in September.

There also will be openings in the other three grades.

Those interested in obtaining further information on Patton School should contact their Lodge Representative to Patton School, or write direct to Bro. John W. Kopp, Superintendent, Patton Masonic School, Elizabethtown 17022.

In Memoriam BRO. C. HOWARD WITMER

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was saddened by the death on November 20 of Bro. C. Howard Witmer, physician, civic leader and a member of the Committee on Masonic Homes for many years.

Bro. Witmer, 84, of Lancaster, dedicated many years to Masonic activities and for many years served as Chairman of the Hospital Committee for the Committee on Masonic Homes.

The following are excerpts from an editorial that appeared in a Lancaster newspaper on the day he died:

"In his posts as head of the school board in Manheim Twp., and as president of the Pennsylvania School Directors Association, he brought his personal views on excellence in education into effective application.

"Among his many other varied roles were those as president of the Lancaster City and County Medical Society; medical director and chief of staff at St. Joseph's Hospital; president of the Community Chest, director of the Lancaster County Library, and district Rotary governor."



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Bro. Hiram P. Ball Is Installed as Grand Master of Masons in Pa.

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, a Pittsburgh industrialist, was installed as R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania on December 27, 1969.

The ancient installation ceremony was held at the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania in Syria Mosque, 4423 Bigelow Boulevard, Pittsburgh.

This marked the first time in the history of Freemasonry that the installation ceremony was held in Pittsburgh. It is normally held in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, the headquarters of Grand Lodge.

As Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, Bro. Ball will head approximately 250,000 Masons in 610 Masonic Lodges throughout Pennsylvania.

He succeeded Bro. John K. Young, a Philadelphia attorney.

Bro. Ball is a Past Master of Harmony Lodge, No. 429, F. & A. M., Zelenople, a former Member of Corinthian Lodge, No. 573, Millvale, and was Warrant Master of Col. Henry Bouquet Lodge, No. 787, Pittsburgh.

He served as District Deputy Grand Master of the 48th Masonic District from 1961 until elevated to Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge on December 27, 1963.

He has been a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance since 1958 and served as vice chairman for eight years. He also served six years as a Trustee of the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys.

In York Rite Masonry, Bro. Ball is a member of Zerubbabel Royal Arch Chapter, No. 162; Mt. Moriah Council, No. 2; Pittsburgh Commandry, No. 1; and Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, all of Pittsburgh.

In Scottish Rite Masonry, Bro. Ball is a member of the Scottish Rite



Bro. Hiram P. Ball
Right Worshipful Grand Master

Bodies in the Valley of Pittsburgh and Valley of New Castle.

For his years of Masonic work he was coroneted an Honorary Thirty-third Degree Scottish Rite Mason in 1964.

In the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Bro. Ball served as Illustrious Potentate of Syria Temple, Pittsburgh, in 1957. He also is a member of Court No. 2, Royal Order of Jesters.

His other Masonic organizations in-

A Final Reminder . . .

March 15 Closing Date for Current 'Guest Fund' Appeal

March 15 is the closing date for the 1969 Guest Fund collection for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Every possible effort is being made to reach \$500,000 — a fund equal to an average of \$2.00 per Member.

The Grand Master reported that the Brethren have been very generous in their contributions to the 1969 collection. He said that many have increased contributions over previous years.

It will take additional contributions of approximately \$30,000 before March 15 if the goal is to be reached.

Contributions to the current Guest Fund should be made payable to the Guest Fund; mailed to the Executive Director, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022, and are tax exempt.

clude Islam Grotto, Pittsburgh, and Forest No. 138, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Pittsburgh.

Bro. Ball graduated from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., attended Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, and received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws from Thiel College.

In 1952 he was elected a trustee of Franklin and Marshall College and continues to serve.

In business, Bro. Ball is president and chairman of the board of Ball Chemical Company; secretary and director of The Cleanola Company; secretary and director of Pittsburgh Insulating Company; president and director of B.B.I., Inc.; and a partner of Ball Associates.

Bro. and Mrs. Ball, the former Florence H. Campbell of Indianapolis, Ind., have three children: Bro. Hiram P., Jr., Victoria I. and Susan C.

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Grand Lodge Officers Elected and Installed

In addition to the Grand Master, other Grand Lodge Officers installed at the Annual Grand Communication on December 27th, 1969, include:

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, a Harrisburg funeral director, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, a retired Philadelphia businessman, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

Bro. John L. McCain, of Pittsburgh, engaged in personal investments, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, a Philadelphia engineer, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Ashby B. Paul, of Harrisburg, R. W. Grand Secretary.

Elected to the Committee on Masonic Homes to operate the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown:

Bro. William E. Yeager, R. W. Past Grand Master, of Warren; Bro. Scott C. Rea, of Sunbury; Bro. Robert E. Woodside, Jr., of Harrisburg; Bro. Ellis E. Stern, of Coatesville; Bro. Walter P. Wells, of Coudersport; Bro. Milton Fritsche, of Douglasville; and Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Past Grand Master, of Philadelphia.

In addition to being elected officers of Grand Lodge, Bros. Ball, Kimmel, Woodall and McCain are also members of the Committee on Masonic Homes.

Symbolic Lodge Officers Urged to Attend 'Grand Master's Days' at Masonic Homes

Four Saturdays during the summer months have been scheduled as "Grand Master's Days" at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The dates are:

Saturday, July 18; Saturday, July 25; Saturday, August 1; and Saturday, August 29.

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, will extend invitations to all the Elected Officers, the Lodge Culture Chairman and Representative in the Grand Lodge from all 610 Masonic Lodges in the Jurisdiction.

A tentative program includes:

10 a.m. — Meeting with the Grand Master.

12 noon — Lunch for all those attending, at the Masonic Homes.

1:00 p.m. — Guided tours of the 1600 acres of the Masonic Homes and Patton Masonic School.

4:00 p.m. — Conclusion of activities.

In an effort to be sure that adequate plans are made to handle the large gathering, the Grand Master has made the following assignments for the four days:

Saturday, July 18, for Masonic Lodges in Districts A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 36th and 40th.

Saturday, July 25, for Masonic Lodges in Districts 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 37th, 38th, 39th, 43rd, 47th, 48th, 49th, 51st, 54th, 55th and 57th.

Saturday, August 1, for Masonic Lodges in Districts 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 41st, 44th, 46th, 52nd, 53rd and 56th.

Saturday, August 29, for Masonic Lodges in Districts 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 9th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 42nd, 45th, 50th, 58th, 59th and 60th.

District Deputies have been urged by the Grand Master to charter buses to transport Brethren to and from the Masonic Homes. Bro. Ball has authorized the use of Subordinate Lodge funds to defray the expenses of the Lodge Officers. He added:

"This is one of the most important functions that we have scheduled in Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.

"This will give our Lodge Officers an opportunity to visit the Masonic

Homes—for most, the first time in their Masonic careers to visit the Homes."

Because of the details necessary to plan for the four events, Bro. Ball has urged Masonic Districts not to request changes of dates.

If the assigned date presents a serious conflict with other activities in the District, Bro. Ball has requested the District Deputy to ask for a change of dates. The Grand Master explained:

"We do not want to create a hardship. Our goal is to have every Lodge Officer in Pennsylvania visit the Masonic Homes.

"I am sure this will be worth every effort put into the visitations."

Further details will be provided to District Deputy Grand Masters and Lodge Officers at a later date.

School of Instruction Sectional Meetings Set

The following are the dates for the Sectional Meetings of the School of Instruction for 1970:

March 7 — Harrisburg

March 14 — Uniontown

March 28 — New Castle

April 4 — Scranton

April 11 — Pittsburgh

April 18 — Everett

May 9 — Pleasant Hills, Pittsburgh

September 12 — Oil City

September 26 — Philadelphia

A seminar for instructors will be held in the Masonic Temple, Everett, on September 19. This session is held to enable the Principals and Instructors to check their work and make certain that only the Ritual as authorized by the R. W. Grand Master is being taught in the Schools.

The quality of the rehearsals at the Sectional Meetings has been improving each year and increased interest is evidenced by the fact that a great percentage of those attending are there for the first time. The District Deputy Grand Masters are to be commended for their efforts in contributing to the success of these meetings.

From Our Grand Secretary's Office

December Quarterly Communication, December 3, 1969

The attendance at this interesting and important Communication was close to the 800 mark, including all of our R. W. Past Grand Masters, 52 District Deputy Grand Masters, 20 Past District Deputies, and 8 Grand Lodge Chaplains. Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, warmly greeted the Distinguished Guests from Massachusetts, New York, Maryland, New Hampshire,

Vermont, Kentucky, Delaware, District of Columbia, Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Philippines, the Scottish Rite, Masonic Service Association, Conference of Grand Masters in North America, and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. Many prominent Masons from our Jurisdiction were also presented, including Bro. Harry Sley, who was sincerely thanked for his recent generous contributions to both the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown and the Patton School for Boys.

Amendments Adopted

The Amendments to the Ahiman Rezon which were presented at the June Quarterly Communication were adopted. Briefly, these Amendments limit the term of newly elected members of the Committee on Masonic Homes to ten years. This Amendment does not affect the present members of this Committee.

The other Amendment permits the Lodges to remit the Dues of 50 Year Members; if this action is taken, their Grand Lodge Dues are also remitted by Grand Lodge.

The Annual Election was held at which Bro. Hiram P. Ball was elevated to R. W. Grand Master. The other Line Officers were advanced and Bro. John L. McCain was elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

The present members of the Committee on Masonic Homes were re-elected, Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, being elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bro. Willis R. Michael.

Henry Price Medal

This Medal, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts many years ago, was presented to Bro. John K. Young by Bro. Herbert H. Jaynes, M. W. Grand Master of Massachusetts, who spoke for the Distinguished Guests.

Committee Reports

Interesting and informative Reports were presented by the following Committees and Trustees: By-Laws; Finance; Masonic Culture; Masonic Homes; Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms; Patton School for Boys, and Committee on Temple.

One of the most important reports

was that of the Committee on Finance, including the proposed Budget Receipts and Expenditures for 1970 amounting to \$4,860,500. The largest expenditure, \$3,714,000, is for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The Communication closed at 2:40 p.m.

Annual Grand Communication December 27, 1969

This Annual Communication, for the first time, was held in Pittsburgh, and despite the severe snowstorm that hit most of Pennsylvania, the attendance was well over 800. This is believed to be the largest number ever to be present at an Annual Communication in our Jurisdiction. Despite the bad weather, Distinguished Guests were with us from: Virginia, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Ohio, Indiana, Texas, Illinois, Colorado, West Virginia, Bermuda, Canada (Province of Ontario), the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Scottish Rite, and many prominent Masons from our Jurisdiction.

New Grand Lodge Recognitions

Bro. Richard A. Kern, R. W. Past Grand Master and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presented a most interesting report. Upon the recommendation of this Committee, fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Iran and the Grand Lodge of Piaui, in Brazil.

Bro. Bruce B. Foster, M. W. Grand Master of Canada in the Province of Ontario, spoke in a most gracious manner for the Distinguished Guests.

Bro. John K. Young, the retiring R. W. Grand Master, briefly commented on his 1968 and 1969 activities. His complete Report and all the Annual Reports will be printed in the Proceedings.

Promptly at High Noon, the Grand Lodge Officers were duly installed.

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, the new R. W. Grand Master, presented his inaugural address and announced his appointments, some of which are listed elsewhere in this issue. All are included in the Proceedings.

Grand Lodge closed at 1:30 p.m.

Every year there are new and outstanding achievements. Here is one for the books. Bro. Bernard D. Holland

was Raised in Crescent Lodge, No. 576, on September 11, 1969. Right after he was Raised, he donned the proper attire and conferred the Second Degree. A month later he Raised a Brother in this Lodge. How many, if any, can duplicate this splendid accomplishment?

One of our Members received his Fifty Year Emblem in Michigan in December, and was so happy he informed us "that was the greatest Christmas present I have ever received." Another recent recipient wrote us, "I will wear it with respect, and hope my conduct will be an inspiration to others who recognize this Emblem."

Our Grand Lodge was happy to have Bro. Ralph L. Sloan, M. W. Grand Master of New Hampshire, present at our December Quarterly Communication. But all of us were shocked and saddened when we learned of his sudden death on December 31, 1969.

Oliver Wendell Holmes once said: "The great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving." May we in Masonry all move in the right direction.

Fraternally,

Ashby B. Paul

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R. W. Grand Secretary

June Quarterly is Scheduled For Williamsport, June 3rd

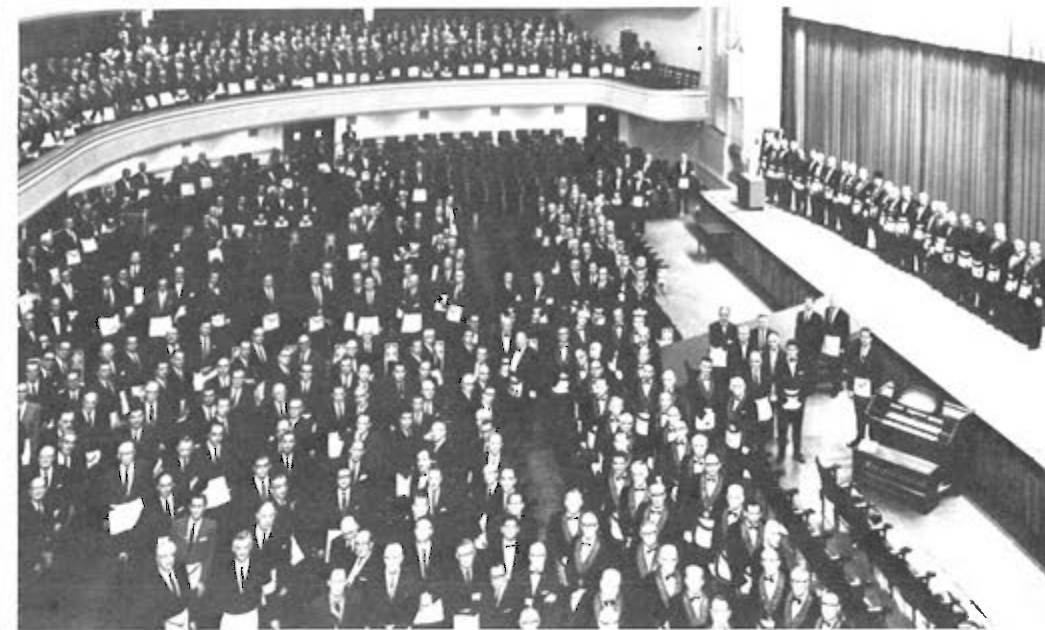
The June Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, in the Masonic Temple and Scottish Rite Auditorium, Market and Fourth Streets, Williamsport.

In making the announcement, the Grand Master said this will give a greater opportunity to the Brethren in central Pennsylvania to attend a Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Paul G. Gilmore, District Deputy Grand Master for the 18th Masonic District, will be in charge of arrangements for the June Quarterly Communication.

The March Quarterly Communication will be held as usual in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, March 4, 1970.

All Master Masons have been invited to attend the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge.



Pennsylvania Masons and their ladies welcomed the opportunity to take part in the many activities during the Annual Grand Communication in Pittsburgh.

This was the first time in the history of Grand Lodge that an Annual Communication was held in Pittsburgh.

In spite of the very inclement weather, hundreds of Masons attended the Communication in Syria Mosque. Visitors from many other Grand Lodges joined in the activities.

The pictures included here are representative of the functions held in conjunction with the Communication.

The Grand Master's Banquet in the Hilton Hotel was attended by more than 1,000 Brethren and their ladies.

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, a Pittsburgher, was installed as R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania at the Communication in Syria Mosque. Other Grand Lodge Officers were also installed.

Bro. John S. McCans, was General Chairman and Bro. Samuel H. Verner, Vice Chairman of Activities at the Annual Grand Communication.



Introducing . . .

Our R. W. Junior Grand Warden

Bro. John L. McCain, of Pittsburgh, was installed as R. W. Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania at the Annual Grand Communication in Pittsburgh on December 27, 1969.

Bro. McCain, a Past Master of Milnor Lodge, No. 287, is engaged in personal finances.

He served as District Deputy Grand Master for the 55th Masonic District, from December 27, 1964, until his installation as Junior Grand Warden.

He also has served Grand Lodge as a member of the Committee on Finance and the 1976 Committee.

In York Rite Masonry, Bro. McCain is a member of St. Clair Royal Arch Chapter, No. 305; Mt. Moriah Council, No. 2, Royal and Select Masters; Pittsburgh Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, now serving as Eminent Commander; United States Premier Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders; and the Golden Triangle York Rite College, No. 32, Knights Masons of the United States of America.

In Scottish Rite Masonry, Bro. McCain is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Pittsburgh, including Gourgass Lodge of Perfection, Pennsylvania Council Princes of Jerusalem, Pittsburgh Chapter of Rose Croix and Pennsylvania Consistory. He served as Sovereign Prince of the Princes of Jerusalem in 1965 and 1966.

Bro. McCain was nominated to receive the Honorary Thirty-third Degree in Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

He is also a member of Syria Shrine Temple; Pittsburgh Chapter, No. 38, National Sojourners; Pittsburgh Court, No. 2, Royal Order of Jesters; and the Advisory Board of the South Hills Chapter Order of DeMolay.

Born in Pittsburgh, Bro. McCain graduated from the Pennsylvania State University and attended the graduate

Three New District Chairmen Appointed

To fill vacancies, Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, has appointed the following District Chairmen for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture:

MASONIC DISTRICT "F" — Bro. Wilford H. Lawrence, Lodge No. 441.

26th MASONIC DISTRICT — Bro. Francis D. McPheeters, Lodge No. 433.

52nd MASONIC DISTRICT — Bro. Richard L. Dennison, Lodge No. 276.



Bro. John L. McCain
R. W. Junior Grand Warden

school of the University of Pittsburgh.

He was employed by the United States Steel Corporation prior to serving as an officer in the Chemical Warfare Service of the United States Army from 1941 to 1946 when he was honorably discharged as a Major in the Chemical Corps.

He then served as a vice president of Hachmeister, Inc., until 1961 and after a merger into the H. J. Heinz Co. served in the same capacity for several years.

He is currently serving on the Trustee Board of the Ohio Valley General Hospital as a vice president and a director of the West End Federal Savings and Loan Association. He is a past president of the McKees Rocks Rotary Club.

Bro. McCain and his wife, Genevieve, live in Mt. Lebanon, a Pittsburgh suburban community. They have one son, Bro. John L., Jr.

Three-month Itinerary of GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

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

March 4 — Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

March 6-7 — District Deputies and District Culture Chairmen Seminar, Pittsburgh.

March 7 — Grand Master, Quarterly Communication, Grand Chapter, Pittsburgh.

March 13-14 — District Deputies and District Culture Chairmen Seminar, Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

March 14 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Union Lodge, No. 479, Birdsboro.

March 21 — Grand Master, 150th Anniversary, Washington Lodge, No. 164, Washington.

March 27 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

March 28 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Perry Lodge, No. 458, Marysville.

March 31 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Robert Burns Lodge, No. 464, Harrisburg.

April 3 — Grand Master, banquet, Ligonier Lodge, No. 331, Ligonier.

April 4 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Monongahela Valley Lodge, No. 461, California, Pa.

April 8 — Grand Master, informal visitation to his own Lodge, Col. Henry Bouquet Lodge, No. 787, Pittsburgh.

April 9 — Grand Lodge Officer, 50th Anniversary, William B. Hackenburg Lodge, No. 703, Philadelphia.

April 11 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Westfield Lodge, No. 477, Westfield.

April 18 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Knapp Lodge, No. 462, Berwick.

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

April 25 — Grand Master, 2 p.m., visitation, Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Pittsburgh.

April 25 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, St. James Lodge, No. 457, Beaver.

May 2 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Valley Lodge, No. 459, Masontown.

May 8 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Kingsbury Lodge, No. 466, Olyphant.

May 9 — Grand Master, 100 Anniversary, Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 472, Uniondale.

May 14 — Junior Grand Warden, 75th Anniversary, Progress Lodge, No. 609, Philadelphia.

May 15 — Grand Master, 50th Anniversary, Delta Lodge, No. 699, Penn Hills Township.

May 16 — Grand Master, 50th Anniversary, Ambridge Lodge, No. 701, Ambridge.

May 22 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

May 23 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, Elysburg.

June 3 — Grand Lodge Officers, June Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Williamsport.



The above picture was taken following the Grand Master's visitation to Col. Henry Bouquet Lodge, No. 787 on December 27, 1969, at a Special Meeting of the Lodge in Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh. Bro. Hiram P. Ball, the first Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 787, became Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania several hours before

the Special Meeting. Accompanying the Grand Master on the visitation were all the Elected Officers of Grand Lodge; six R. W. Past Grand Masters; several Appointed Officers of Grand Lodge, and many distinguished visitors who were attending the Annual Grand Communication. Also included are the Officers of Lodge No. 787.

Grand Master Names New Floor Officers

Following installation of officers on December 27, 1969, Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, announced the following Grand Lodge appointments:

Bro. James R. Ziglar, Past Master of Lodge No. 60, Brownsville, Senior Grand Deacon.

Bro. Wilbur L. Hemstreet, Past Master of Lodge No. 795, Easton, Junior Grand Deacon.

Bro. Wilmer E. King, Past Master of Lodge 464, Harrisburg, Grand Steward.

Bro. Henry G. Schaefer, Jr., Past Master of Lodge No. 295, Philadelphia, Grand Steward.

Bro. George N. Holmes, Past Master of Lodge No. 787, Pittsburgh, Grand Marshal.

Bro. Edward H. Fowler, Jr., Past Master of Lodge No. 657, Bellevue, Grand Sword Bearer.

Bro. Carl G. Johnson, Past Master of Lodge No. 573, Millvale, Grand Pursuivant.

Bro. Charles Higgins, Past Master of Lodge No. 646, Philadelphia, Grand Tyler.

All the Grand Chaplains were re-appointed.

Bro. Henry A. Ball and Bro. Hiram P. Ball, Jr., Grand Master's Aides.

Grand Master Appoints Ten New District Deputy Grand Masters

Ten new District Deputy Grand Masters have been appointed by Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master. They are:

Bro. William S. Corlett, Past Master Lodge No. 781, Camp Hill, 3rd Masonic District.

Bro. C. Grant Brittingham, Past Master Lodge 788, Woodside, 8th Masonic District.

Bro. Robert J. Kopp, Past Master Lodge No. 541, Nanticoke, 12th Masonic District.

Bro. Richard M. Robinson, Past Master Lodge No. 163, Monroeton, 16th Masonic District.

Bro. Louis H. Osenider, Past Master Lodge No. 363, Oil City, 23rd Masonic District.

Bro. Rexford F. Cox, Past Master Lodge No. 601, Irwin, 30th Masonic District.

Bro. D. Eugene Lossasso, Past Master Lodge No. 617, Vandergrift, 39th Masonic District.

Bro. William J. Ebertshauser, Past Master Lodge No. 731, Homestead, 49th Masonic District.

Bro. Joseph I. Greenberger, Past Master Lodge No. 705, Pittsburgh, 51st Masonic District.

Bro. Albert A. Fiok, Past Master Lodge No. 760, Pittsburgh, 55th Masonic District.

In accordance with Masonic Law, the following Brethren were created Past District Deputy Grand Masters:

Bro. John Lawson, Past Master Lodge No. 302, 3rd Masonic District.

Bro. Robert W. Hassell, Past Master Lodge No. 427, 8th Masonic District.

Bro. Andrew O'Herko, Past Master Lodge No. 332, 12th Masonic District.

Bro. F. William Miller, Past Master Lodge No. 108, 16th Masonic District.

Bro. Paul H. Fox, Past Master Lodge No. 483, 23rd Masonic District.

Bro. Burton L. Hirsch, Past Master Lodge No. 390, 51st Masonic District.

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