



In these photographs taken at Patton Masonic School, Elizabethtown, are shown students in the Carpentry Shop (left) working on a large scale model of a house where they learn the basics of construction. In photo (upper left), students are learning the procedures in house wiring in the well-equipped Electronics Shop. To the right (above) are students learning precision work in the Machine Shop. College preparatory courses are also available for students not attracted to the vocational courses.

Closed Circuit TV Being Used at Homes To Entertain Guests

What began a few years ago as a simple audio system, installed so that religious services held in Sell Chapel could be heard by Guests in other buildings on the grounds, has since expanded into a complete closed circuit television installation.

The channel reserved for closed circuit programs enables all Guests throughout the various buildings to view as well as hear entertainment and other activities emanating from Deike Auditorium and from the Main Dining Room and the Assembly Room

in Grand Lodge Hall. A master antenna located on a hill north of the grounds brings in outside programs over seven additional channels.

Individual television receivers, equipped with remote controls and pillow speakers, have been installed in all hospital rooms in Areas 1, 2 and 3, North, so that those patients unable to leave their beds, may now enjoy this entertainment.

Included in the installation is a complete underground cable network. For closed circuit programs, one portable and three permanently mounted cameras are available. A control center with monitor has been installed in one of the basement rooms in Grand Lodge Hall.

Three-month Itinerary of GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Following is the schedule of Grand Lodge Officers for the next three months:

- June 3 — Grand Lodge Officers, June Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Williamsport.
- June 6 — Graduation Exercises, Patton Masonic School, Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.
- June 6 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Saucon Lodge, No. 469, Coopersburg.
- June 13 — Grand Lodge Officers, Cornerstone Laying Ceremony, Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, Erie.
- June 13 — Grand Lodge Officers, Masonic Day, sponsored by Zem Zem Shrine Temple, Erie.
- June 20 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Keystone Lodge, No. 455, Erie.
- June 20 — Deputy Grand Master, 50th Anniversary, Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 704, Lebanon.
- June 26 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- June 27 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Lamberton Lodge, No. 476, Lancaster.
- July 18 — Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Master's Day, Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.
- July 24 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- July 25 — Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Master's Day, Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.
- August 1 — Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Master's Day, Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.
- August 28 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- August 29 — Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Master's Day, Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

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Grand Master's Days Scheduled at Homes

Seven Officers from Each of 610 Symbolic Lodges Have Been Invited to Participate

More than 4,000 Masonic leaders from 610 Symbolic Lodges in the Jurisdiction will visit the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown at one of four "Grand Master's Days" this summer.

The dates are:

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

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R.W. Grand Master, has extended the invitation to the following Lodge Officers:

Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Representative in the Grand Lodge and Chairman of the Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture.

The District Deputy Grand Masters and District Chairmen for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture are also expected to attend.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 18th —

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

SATURDAY, JULY 25th —

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1st —

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29th —

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

The program will include:

- 10:00 a.m. — Meeting with the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers.
- 12:00 Noon — Lunch for all those attending.
- 1:00 p.m. — Guided tours of the Masonic Homes and Patton Masonic School.
- 4:00 p.m. — Conclusion of activities.

Bro. William A. Carpenter, Secretary to the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture, has been appointed Coordinating Chairman by the Grand Master.

Lodges have been urged to work with other District Lodges to charter buses for the trip to Elizabethtown.

District Deputy Grand Masters have been directed by the Grand Master to assist Lodges to formulate transportation plans.

Bro. Ball has authorized the use of Subordinate Lodge funds to defray the expenses of the Lodge Officers. He added:

"This is the most important function that we have scheduled in Freemasonry in Pennsylvania this year.

"This will give our Lodge Officers an opportunity to visit the Masonic Homes — for most, the first time in their Masonic careers."

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."

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Seven New District Chairmen Appointed

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

MASONIC DISTRICT "I" — Bro. William H. Land, Jr., Lodge No. 384.

3rd MASONIC DISTRICT — Bro. Floyd R. Sowers, Lodge No. 315.

4th MASONIC DISTRICT — Bro. Charles G. Hoover, Lodge No. 143.

8th MASONIC DISTRICT — Bro. Leon R. Cope, Lodge No. 596.

13th MASONIC DISTRICT — Bro. Howard O. Stahl, Lodge No. 323.

34th MASONIC DISTRICT — Bro. W. Earl Troutwein, Lodge No. 572.

54th MASONIC DISTRICT — Bro. William G. Knox, Lodge No. 784.

An Expression of Appreciation

The daughter of a former Guest at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown wrote the following letter:

"I want to try to express my most sincere thanks and appreciation to all of you for having my Mother as a Guest at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown.

"I have never seen such loving care, kindness and thoughtfulness, capability and refinement in all respects from doctors, administrators, nurses, porters, and all sorts of personnel, during all this time, and in addition to the medication and medical equipment, hoists, bathtubs, hairdresser, etc., and most of all the Hobby Shop where my mother made perfectly lovely gifts and was able to contribute even to her church in that way.

"Mother was in the hospital with a broken hip, but she was mentally alert and was content and able to participate from the wheel chair in the activities and particularly in visiting other Guests and making friends with many people.

"The food was delicious, the halls and rooms spotless, and most of all, her bed was immaculate at all times.

"Mother was content while there and as I visited her at least twice a month and she wrote me daily — and I to her, as well as other relatives and friends — we could all tell.

"You certainly have a wonderful organization and I was always very proud to tell people that my Mother was at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown."



Officers of Grand Lodge, elected and installed to serve for this Masonic Year: (Front row, left to right) Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R.W. Senior Grand Warden; Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R.W. Grand Master and Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R.W. Deputy Grand Master. (Second row, left to right) Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, R.W. Grand Treasurer; Bro. John L. McCain, R.W. Junior Grand Warden and Bro. Ashby B. Paul, R.W. Grand Secretary.

Four Phase Program of Our Grand Lodge Committee On Masonic Culture Now Includes a Speakers' Bureau

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture is sub-divided into four categories — Library and Museum, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia; Masonic Culture and Information; "The Pennsylvania Freemason" and Other Publications, and now a new sub-division, a Speakers' Bureau.

The Speakers' Bureau is being established as another effort to better serve the Symbolic Lodges in planning and conducting interesting and informative meetings.

This new Speakers' Bureau will be sub-divided by geographical areas within our Jurisdiction to minimize the

time and travel of those Brethren willing to participate.

Names, addresses and Lodge numbers of competent and available speakers should be submitted to the local District Chairman for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture or the District Deputy Grand Master. Topics covered and the number of assignments the speaker is willing to accept during the year will also serve as useful information. This information will be recorded and filed for ready reference.

The speaker need not be an authority on all phases of Freemasonry nor need his subject be confined to Freemasonry. Although Lodge Officers should encourage Masonic information and inspiration whenever possible, it may be that some of our Members are exceptionally well versed in other fields of endeavor that would prove both interesting and enlightening to the Brethren attending a Lodge Meeting or banquet.

Constructive ideas and suggestions are welcomed as we attempt to finalize and administer this added service.

From Our Grand Secretary's Office

Quarterly Communication — March 4, 1970

The March Quarterly Communication, as customary, was well attended, with over 500 present. This was the first time Bro. Hiram P. Ball, our new R.W. Grand Master, had the pleasure of opening Grand Lodge, and he not only thoroughly enjoyed this experience, but also conducted the Communication with dispatch and decorum.

Committee Reports

The usual Committee and Trustee Reports were brief but informative. The Committee on By-Laws report indicates the continued interest of the Lodges in up-dating their By-Laws. Twenty-three Lodges presented Amendments, most of which were approved by Grand Lodge.

The report of the Committee on Finance for the first fiscal quarter indicated Receipts of \$2,469,735 and Expenditures of \$2,392,975, both figures being quite a bit higher than last year.

At a recent meeting of the Committee on Masonic Homes, the Grand Lodge Officers and Committee Members formed a receiving line to meet and greet close to 400 Guests at the Homes. This was televised, on closed circuit, to the Guests in the Hospital. The Officers and Committee had previously lunched with the Guests living in the Allegheny Building.

The 40 Students at the Patton School are progressing very well, and a larger enrollment is anticipated through the efforts of the newly appointed Lodge Representatives to the School. Graduation Exercises will be held on June 6.

1969 Membership Statistics

The preliminary Membership statistics show a net loss for 1969 of 2,249, slightly higher than last year. While 5,037 were initiated, there were 6,093 deaths, bringing the total down to 245,064 as of December 27, 1969.

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, gave an interesting report on the annual Grand Masters' Conference held in Washington, D.C. Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R.W. Senior Grand Warden, highlighted the Masonic Service Association meeting, and Bro. John L. McCain, R.W. Junior Grand Warden, covered the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association meeting at Alexandria. Incidentally, quite a few of our Lodges have forgotten to forward to Grand Lodge the annual donation of One Dollar for each new Initiate. This money is badly needed by the Memorial Association.

Distinguished Visitor

Bro. C. Joseph Chacko, who has been an active Member in the Grand Lodge of India for many years, is now a Professor of International Law at

the Pennsylvania Military College. On behalf of the Grand Lodge of India, Bro. Ball presented to Bro. Chacko the Past Rank of Deputy Grand Master Patent.

Grand Lodge was saddened by the recent death of Bro. and Dr. John C. Pillow, a Past District Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. and Judge James F. Henninger, who served for many years as a Trustee of Title to the Masonic Temple and Other Real Estate of Grand Lodge.

Some interesting membership figures: 31 of our Lodges had 20 or more Initiates in 1969, the largest number being 34; 11 Lodges had no Initiates; 61 Lodges suffered 20 or more deaths during the year, the highest number being 59; 7 Lodges reported no deaths; the most suspensions by any Lodge was 30.

Perry Lodge, No. 458, celebrated its 100th Anniversary on March 28. While it has a membership of 450, the attendance at the celebration was 800. Then a few days later, just across the Susquehanna River, the much larger Robert Burns Lodge, No. 464, had a turnout of over 2,000 at its 100th Anniversary. Many Members were pres-

ent at both unusually well attended ceremonies. Lodge No. 464 was honored by the presence of not only Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R.W. Grand Master, but many other dignitaries, including Bro. Sir Ronald Orr Ewing, immediate Past Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It was his first visit to the United States.

In the recent issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason, mention was made of the unusual ritualistic ability of Bro. Bernard D. Holland. Now here is another outstanding feat. A few years ago, Bro. Edgar F. Merrill was Raised in East Liberty Lodge, No. 725. Shortly thereafter, he conferred two First Degrees; the next month the Fellow Craft, and the following month, he Raised a Brother. In each instance he gave the Charge, which was then required. Several years later he served as Worshipful Master.

A good Brother recently received his Fifty Year Emblem while hospitalized. His daughter stated, "It was the most effective therapy he could have had, and contributed a great deal to his recovery."

It has been said that "A thousand words do not leave so deep an impression as one good deed."

Fraternally,

Ashby B. Paul

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R. W. Grand Secretary



Still smiling and representing over 500 years of Masonic membership are nine Members of Cassia Lodge, No. 273, Ardmore, and one Member of Crafton Lodge, No. 653, Crafton, who received Grand Lodge Fifty Year Masonic Service Emblems at the Stated Meeting of Cassia Lodge on April 2nd. Photograph, taken following the meeting, shows (front row, left to right) Bro. David J. Godschall, District Deputy Grand Master for 6th Masonic District, who made the presentations, Bro. Newton W. Fox, Bro. William Pinch, Bro. Alvin E. Shull, Bro. Stanley B. Boyle of Crafton Lodge, No. 653, Bro. Melvern L. Dilks and Bro. Chester W. Speidel, Worshipful Master of Cassia Lodge, No. 273. (Back row, left to right) Bro. L. Clyde Lockwood, Bro. William R. Robertson, Bro. Charles G. Robertson, Bro. Andrew S. Bain and Bro. William L. Buchholz.

Four Timely Topics Discussed at Grand Masters' Conference

Highlighting the two days of business and activity at the Annual Conference of Grand Masters in North America, held at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C., on February 24th and 25th, were four group discussions on the following topics:

- What is the proper role of Freemasonry in relation to modern civil, political and religious problems? Where does legitimate Masonic teaching and prohibited political activity begin?
- What are proper civic, political, religious and charitable activities for Freemasons as a Craft; as individuals?
- What is the ultimate purpose and end for Masonic teaching and is it being achieved?
- What should the Masonic Fraternity do to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of 1776?

Our R.W. Grand Master, Bro. Hiram P. Ball, was honored by being asked to chair the group discussing the "200th Anniversary of 1776."

Many of the Grand Lodge delegations showed an interest in this particular group and attended in great numbers.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania seems to have taken the lead in the 1976 Celebration, having appointed a Special Committee nearly two years ago. Our preliminary plans were reviewed at the Conference for the benefit of the other Jurisdictions represented.

The Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and Maryland have been giving consideration to this important period and are aware of the Masonic responsibilities concerning the 200th Anniversary of our Nation. The report of this group discussion at the Conference certainly made all of the Jurisdictions cognizant of the fact that the year 1976 is close at hand and planning must begin now.

The 1976 Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has been re-appointed by the R.W. Grand Master and is designing and planning for that eventful year.

Your Correct Address Is Always Needed!

When you change your mailing address, please take the time to notify your Lodge Secretary. He will then be able to notify us so we can keep your name and address in our general mailing list for mailing your copies of "The Pennsylvania Freemason." **THANK YOU.**



Appointed Floor Officers for the present Masonic Year include: (Front row, left to right) Bro. Wilmer E. King, Grand Steward, Bro. Wilbur L. Hemstreet, Junior Grand Deacon and Bro. Henry G. Schaefer, Jr., Grand Steward. (Second row, left to right) Bro. Edward H. Fowler, Jr., Grand Sword Bearer; Bro. George N. Holmes, Grand Marshal; Bro. James R. Ziglar, Senior Grand Deacon and Bro. Carl G. Johnson, Grand Pursuivant.

Improvements and Plans Reported at Meeting Of The George Washington Masonic Memorial

The Sixtieth Annual Convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association was held in the Memorial Building, Alexandria, Va., on February 23. The meeting was presided over by Bro. John H. Hessey, Past Grand Master of Maryland and President of the Association. Bro. William T. Watkins, Grand Master of Virginia, gave the address of welcome to the 400 Brethren present and Bro. Charles F. Gosnell, Grand Master of New York, gave the response.

The various Masonic Jurisdictions of the United States were well represented. There were also representatives from Canada, Mexico, Austria, Belgium, France and Germany.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Bro. John Brannon, Grand Master of Alabama, renominated the current slate of Officers and those Trustees whose terms expired on February 22, 1970. All were reelected.

Bro. William B. Stansbury, Jr., Grand Master of Maryland, served as Chairman for the committee responsible for the wreath placement on the Tomb of Bro. George Washington at Mount Vernon. This ceremony was performed during the afternoon on February 23.

It was reported that the cost of operating the Memorial during the past year was \$149,696.00. The income from the Endowment Fund failed to cover this expenditure, as it amounted to \$116,000.00. Fortunately, contributions from the various Grand Lodges and other Masonic Bodies amounted to \$87,000.00, thus avoid-

ing a deficit year. The many Grand Masters present were made cognizant of the financial problems of the Memorial Association and were urged to increase contributions to the Endowment Fund.

Improvements to the Memorial Building included the installation of new gas fired boilers in the heating plant at a cost of \$135,000.00. These new boilers are completely automatic and should result in reduced heating costs and maintenance cost. A landscaping program for the 14 acres of the Memorial grounds was approved in the amount of \$35,000.00.

A Special Loan Exhibit for 1970 has been arranged in the beautiful new Museum Room in the Memorial Building by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Many other exhibits relating to Bro. George Washington are on display throughout the building.

Pennsylvania Masons and their families and friends are urged to visit this outstanding Masonic Shrine located on Shooters Hill high above the Potomac River in Alexandria, Va., and overlooking the Nation's Capitol.

Hospital Visitation Service Expanding in Pennsylvania



Bro. Julian R. V. Johnson

Masonic Service Association Field Agent
Pittsburgh Veterans Administration Hospital
Oakland Unit

New Accountant and Admissions Officer Appointed at Homes

It's quite a trek from the busy scene at Pittsburgh to the comparative calm and security of Elizabethtown, but Bro. George F. Stephens, new Admissions Officer at the Masonic Homes, is convinced the move he made on February 2, 1970, was a proper one for him.

Having served more than 21 years in the claims department of a large insurance company, he has acquired a sympathetic and understanding approach to humanity, undoubtedly one of the essential qualities helpful in his present undertaking.

Bro. Stephens is a graduate of Western Maryland College and received his A.B. in 1945. He is a Past Master of Avalon Lodge, No. 657, Bellevue, Pa.

Another Administrative Assistant recently appointed to the Homes staff, is Bro. Robert W. Boltz, new accountant at the Homes. He comes to the Homes after 21 years of military service — 10 in the U.S. Marine Corps and 11 in the U.S. Air Force. His latter years of enlistment were served in the Auditor General's Office, Air Force Department.

Bro. Boltz, a native of Elizabethtown, was made a Mason while in military service. Retiring from government service in 1968, he spent 2 years in accounting with the Hershey Estates before coming to his present assignment at the Homes on Feb. 16, 1970.

Aspinwall & Oakland Units, Pittsburgh V.A. Hospital Have M.S.A. Field Agents

With Masonic Service Association Field Agents already at work in the Veterans Administration and Service Hospital in Philadelphia and the United States Army Hospital at Valley Forge, two additional M.S.A. Field Agents have been assigned to the Aspinwall and Oakland Units of the Pittsburgh Veterans Administration Hospital.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania began this program in Veterans Administration and Service Hospitals in Pennsylvania in October, 1968. The Masonic Service Association of the United States, with headquarters in Washington, D.C., has been asked to supervise this program in Pennsylvania.

Bro. Thomas A. Cook, of Zaradatha Lodge, No. 448, Sharpsburg, has been selected Field Agent for the Aspinwall Unit. Bro. Cook joins the M.S.A. with a wealth of experience, having had over forty years service as outside circulation supervisor with the Pittsburgh Press.

Bro. Julian R. V. Johnson of Dallas Lodge, No. 508, Pittsburgh, has been selected Field Agent for the Oakland Unit. A wide field of experience in business and church work makes Bro. Johnson an ideal appointee for the Visitation Program. The Oakland Unit normally has 600 patients daily.

Bro. Cook and Bro. Johnson have been trained by Bro. Paul S. Stewart, Past Master and Secretary of Crescent Lodge, No. 493, Philadelphia, our first M.S.A. Field Agent who has been doing excellent work at the Philadelphia Veterans Administration Hospital.

Bro. Everett F. Ackermann, Past Master of Phoenix Lodge, No. 75, Phoenixville, is likewise doing excellent work as M.S.A. Field Agent at the huge U.S. Army Hospital at Valley Forge.

At this writing, progress is being made in adding the Veterans Administration Hospital at Lebanon to this expanding program.

This program is being financed by our Grand Lodge. Members interested in assisting our Field Agents should contact Bro. William C. Edmunds, Chief Field Agent Office, Masonic Service Association, 724 Ninth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001.



Bro. Thomas A. Cook

Masonic Service Association Field Agent
Pittsburgh Veterans Administration Hospital
Aspinwall Unit

More Than Ever . . .

\$492,284 Donated To '69 'Guest Fund'

The 1969 Guest Fund collection for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown totaled \$492,284.58.

This shattered the previous high record of \$315,419.25 set in 1968 by \$176,865.33.

Bro. John K. Young, when Grand Master, urged Pennsylvania Masons to contribute \$500,000.00 to the Guest Fund, or an average of \$2.00 a Member.

The total collection for the 1969 fund that ended March 15, 1970, fell short of the goal by \$7,715.42, but equalled slightly more than an average of \$2.00 a Member.

The \$176,865.33 additional collection is the largest increase in the history of the Guest Fund. Ten years ago the fund was less than \$100,000.00, or an average of 40 cents a Member.

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R.W. Grand Master, extends a personal thanks to every Mason who participated. He said:

"I am very proud and thankful for this most generous contribution for our Guests at the Masonic Homes.

"Pennsylvania Masons have once again proved that, given the need, they will meet the challenge.

"I am sure it is gratifying to realize how vital and direct a part you have played in providing the finest kind of human service for youngsters and senior citizens."

Grand Master's Decision Permits Greater Use of Symbolic Lodge Rooms

The Grand Master has changed the Digest of Decisions to permit greater uses for Masonic Lodge Rooms.

The new Decision follows:

"In communities in which there is a definite need for a meeting place by ladies' organizations that require Masonic relationship as a prerequisite for membership, and youth organizations sponsored by them, such organizations may meet in a Masonic Hall (Temple) or in a Lodge Room even though the Lodge Room is dedicated to Masonic uses; provided the District Deputy Grand Master first certifies in writing to the Grand Master that the need does exist and that such certification is approved by the Grand Master. Every request received by the District Deputy Grand Master must be submitted to the Grand Master."



At one end of the receiving line, Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R.W. Grand Master and Mrs. Ball are shown greeting and chatting with one of the Guests at a Special Reception arranged for the Guests at the Homes on February 27. Also shown in the receiving line are Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R.W. Senior Grand Warden and Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R.W. Deputy Grand Master and Mrs. Kimmel. Other Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies and members of the Committee on Masonic Homes and their ladies participated in the receiving line. The Reception included a banquet followed by entertainment. Closed circuit television covered the full evening of activities for those Guests confined to the hospital.

sons to meet in appropriate surroundings.

In issuing the Decision, the Grand Master stated that he is not contemplating any changes whatsoever in the Decisions that prohibit Masons in this Jurisdiction from joining so-called ladies' organizations that require Masonry as a prerequisite for membership.

Openings Still Available in Classes At Patton Masonic School for Boys

The present student body at Patton Masonic School numbers 40. Since the school's facilities could provide for approximately 60, a renewed effort is now being made to find additional eligible applicants. A Freshman Class of 18 boys is the goal for the coming fall term. There are openings in the upper classes also, for boys who qualify.

Eligible for admission to the school are boys between the ages of 14 and 18 who have lost one or both parents through death. Applicants must have completed at least the 8th grade and be mentally and physically capable of participating in the academic or vocational courses. Priority is given sons of Masons; however, other Masonic relationships such as grandsons and nephews may be considered.

Patton School is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction. Its purposes include preparation for college as well as instruc-

tion in carpentry, electronics and machine shop practice.

Bro. John W. Kopp, Superintendent, urges all Pennsylvania Masons to become more aware of this important Masonic activity and to seek out boys who might qualify for enrollment. When such prospective students are found, information should be given to one of the local Lodge Representatives to Patton School. These appointed Lodge Representatives to Patton School have received instructions concerning admission procedure.

For First Time . . .

Williamsport Site Of June Quarterly

The June Quarterly Communication will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 3, in the Scottish Rite Auditorium, Williamsport.

This will be the first time in the history of Grand Lodge for a Quarterly Communication to be held in Williamsport.

The Grand Master has urged as many Brethren as possible to make a special effort to attend the Communication. He said:

"This will give Masons in the central part of Pennsylvania an excellent opportunity to participate in a Grand Lodge activity.

"Williamsport is centrally located and easy to reach for most Brethren."

Lodge Secretaries have been provided with a list of hotels, motels and restaurants in the Williamsport area.

If you are planning to attend the Communication, check with the Lodge Secretary to obtain reservations.

In urging a large attendance, the Grand Master pointed out that it is not necessary to be a Lodge Officer or a Past Master to attend a Grand Lodge Communication. All Master Masons are invited.



New and Larger Picnic Area Now Ready at Homes

Pennsylvania Lodges and other Masonic Bodies and groups planning a picnic as part of their summer programs, are invited to make use of new picnic grounds at the Masonic Homes. An area for this purpose has been set apart in the attractive Memorial Grove of 268 oak trees planted after World War I to honor 268 Pennsylvania Masons who gave their lives in that struggle.

Arrangements may be made to have meals catered by a local restaurant or food can be brought in by picnic groups. A guided tour of the grounds and buildings and visits with Guests living at the Homes may be had as a part of the picnic activities.

A comfort station, tables with benches, a drinking fountain, several charcoal grills and water supply have been provided. The facilities are intended for daylight use only.

All Masonic groups are cordially

A few photographs taken at the Third Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony of the Grand Lodge at the Washington at Prayer Statue, Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, February 22, 1970. More than 900 Masons and their families and friends attended the impressive ceremony arranged by Bro. David J. Godschall, District Deputy Grand Master of the 6th Masonic District and Officers of his respective Symbolic Lodges. In addition to Officers and Members of Lodges in thirteen other Masonic Districts of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Officers and Members of York Rite and Scottish Rite Bodies participated in this annual event.



invited to take advantage of this opportunity. Inquiries concerning available dates and any other questions should be addressed to Bro. Robert W. Westcott, Executive Director, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

Saturday, June 6th, Is Graduation Day For Patton School

Bro. John K. Kopp, Superintendent of Patton School, has announced Saturday, June 6, 1970, as Graduation Day. A class of 10 Seniors will receive diplomas at Commencement exercises to be held in the George H. Deike Auditorium at the Homes at 11:00 a.m.

Invitations to attend the Commencement are extended to the Alumni, Grand Lodge Officers and Lodges that have sponsored students presently attending Patton School. Masons, their families and friends are always invited.

Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, R.W. Grand Treasurer, will be the Commencement speaker.

Advance Notice — September Quarterly To be at Coudersport

The September Quarterly Communication will be held on Wednesday, September 2, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Coudersport.

The Grand Master has urged Masons to prepare now to attend the Communication and visit in the picturesque Coudersport area.

Bro. Edward T. Fuller, Past District Deputy Grand Master, is General Chairman of Arrangements for the Communication.

Masons desiring to have dinner at 5:00 p.m., September 2, in Coudersport, should make reservations as soon as possible by sending \$3.00 per person to Bro. Edward T. Fuller, Secretary, Coudersport Scottish Rite Bodies, Box 69, Coudersport, Pa. 16915.

The dinner will be held in the spacious dining room of the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

There's no joy in anything we do unless we share it.