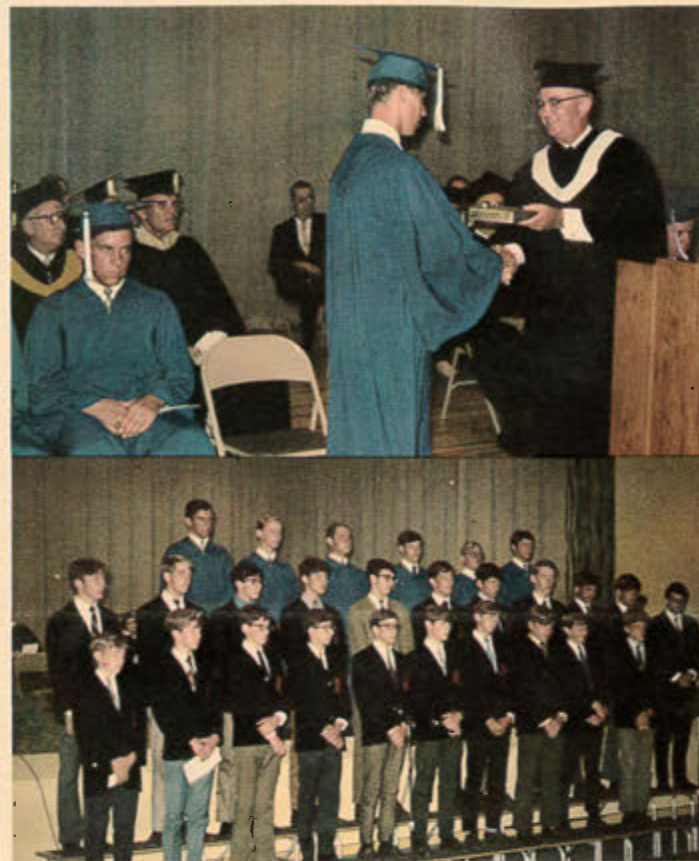




Photos taken at the Commencement of the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic School for Boys, Elizabethtown, Pa., shows Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master (upper left) who presented the Grand Master's Award; Bro. John L. McCain, R. W. Junior Grand Warden



(upper right) who presented Bibles to the Graduates; Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, R. W. Grand Treasurer (lower left) who was the Commencement guest speaker and the Patton Boy's Chorus, who also participated.

Diplomas Presented to Ten Boys At Patton School Commencement

Commencement exercises of Patton Masonic School were held on Saturday morning June 6, 1970, in the George H. Deike Auditorium. Dr. D. L. Biemesderfer, President of the Board of Trustees of Patton School, presided. Other participants included Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master; Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; Bro. John L. McCain, R. W.

Junior Grand Warden, and Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Dr. John W. Kopp, Superintendent of the School, presented diplomas to the ten graduates. A copy of the Holy Bible was given to each and numerous other awards were made to various class members.

The singing of two numbers by the Patton Boys Chorus and instrumental

solos by two class members were a part of the program.

Speaker for the occasion was Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, R. W. Grand Treasurer. He talked on the theme "Achievement" stating: "One symbol of life is change — another is continuity and they do not necessarily conflict." Addressing the graduating class directly he said: "Hopefully your years at Patton have given you a sense of continuity and growth as well as encouragement to make the necessary adaptation to modern living. There is nothing you cannot attain if: first, you get a clear vision of what you want most to do; second, believe that you can and will succeed; and third, start now to do it and keep at it."

The Trustees of the T. Harrison Gibson Memorial Fund of Lodge No. 9, Philadelphia, donated \$3,700.00 to Patton Masonic School. The money was used to carpet student rooms and the dining room.

At the conclusion of the program, luncheon was served to the faculty members, students and their guests.

For Your Convenience

For your annual contribution to the "Guest Fund" and for your convenience, your Lodge Secretary has been supplied with special self-addressed, postage-paid envelopes and has been directed to insert them with your September Lodge Notice.

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GUEST FUND



The Guest Fund at the Masonic Homes next year will need:

- \$300,000 to create and equip facilities for 23 additional hospital beds.
- \$90,000 for Guests' spending money. Each Guest at the Masonic Homes is given \$10.00 a month to use as he or she desires. This money provides small pleasures not necessarily provided by the Homes.
- \$60,000 for recreation and occupational therapy programs, including instructors and materials to help Guests occupy their time with creative projects and entertainment, such as leather and metal crafts, painting, jewelry, pottery crafts and recreation such as movies and special bus trips.
- \$55,000 for holiday gifts and activities, such as Christmas presents and Christmas programs, Easter treats, other holiday activities and holiday dances.
- \$30,000 to maintain barber and beauty shops, including these services at the hospital.
- \$25,000 to Patton Masonic School to conduct athletic programs, dances, school activities and to give special assistance to students.
- \$40,000 to operate the Masonic Homes' special bus, to operate the Deike auditorium, the Masonic Temple, the Recreation Room beneath the Deike Audi-



torium, and for special programs for Guests using the above facilities.

- \$10,000 for Religious Services, to compensate visiting ministers who conduct year-round religious services, such as Sunday service in the Sell Chapel, weekly prayer meetings, visits with those confined to the hospital and burial services.
- \$20,000 for Guests' personal needs, such as hearing aids, glasses and dentures.
- \$5,000 for vacation camps for boys and girls at the Masonic Homes.
- \$50,000 for various capital expenditures, such as a new 16-passenger bus, air-conditioning for library, bedside lamps, various outdoor canopies, draperies for many of the Guest buildings and an addition to the greenhouse.

It would not be possible to list all the expenditures provided by the Guest Fund, but the need also includes:

- Additional transportation for Guests.
- Movie projector for the hospital.
- Paintings and pictures for Guest Rooms.
- Gymnasium equipment for boys' and girls' home.
- Special chairs for specific hospital Guests.



From Our Grand Secretary's Office

Quarterly Communication — June 3, 1970

The attendance of 935 Brethren in the magnificent Scottish Rite Auditorium in Williamsport was one of the largest ever for a June Quarterly Communication. It was truly an awe-inspiring sight to see so many Masons present.

Committee Reports

The Committee and Trustees Reports were precise and illuminating. The Committee on By-Laws had thoroughly reviewed the Amendments submitted by 30 Lodges and upon the recommendation of this Committee most were approved by Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Finance report for the second fiscal quarter showed Receipts of \$1,141,916.68 and Expenditures of \$1,438,754.11. The Receipts for the first fiscal quarter usually well exceed those of the second quarter. Upon the recommendation of this Committee, as well as the Committee on Temple, improvements to the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia at a cost not to exceed \$300,000 were approved. The sale of a property in Allentown was also approved.

The Committee on Masonic Culture is planning to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Library in the Masonic Temple in 1971 and vast improvements to the Library and Museum are under way. A Speakers' Bureau is being established, which should be most helpful to the Lodges.

Efforts are being made to obtain a Physio-Therapist and Speech Therapist for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. The Grand Master congratulated the Brethren for their contributions of over \$490,000 to the 1969 Guest Fund.

With the assistance of the Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms, many Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction are improving their Lodge Rooms and quarters.

Ten boys graduated in June at the Patton School for Boys, and it is hoped the total enrollment for the Fall classes will be close to 60.

The Committee on Temple, which is in charge of the many improvements that are expected to be completed by September 1, also announced a Catering firm has been engaged to provide exclusive food services in the Masonic Temple.

The 1976 Committee is continuing to develop an interesting program for the 1976 Celebration.

Amendments to Ahiman Rezon

Two proposed Amendments were submitted which will be acted upon at the December Quarterly Communication. These Amendments are explained elsewhere in this issue.

Interamerican Masonic Confederation

Brothers Richard A. Kern and John K. Young, Past Grand Masters, attended the Eighth Conference of this Con-

federation earlier this year in Santo Domingo, and Bro. Kern gave a most interesting and illuminating report on the Conference as well as the purposes of this important Masonic organization.

Grand Lodge was saddened by the recent death of four Past District Deputy Grand Masters, Brothers Edmund W. Tomb, Mott J. Robertson, Cecil F. Reeser and Samuel F. Myers.

One of the most pleasing experiences for a Brother is the presentation of his Fifty Year Emblem. Bro. Harry Forrest, Jr., a Member of Youghioghenny Lodge, No. 583, flew back from Florida to receive his Emblem, while Bro. Charles P. McCann, of Chester Lodge, No. 236, came all the way from California for this purpose. Bro. Earl W. Barton, of Muncy Lodge, No. 229, had an interesting experience. He flew from London, England, to visit his Lodge not only to receive his Emblem, which was presented by his son-in-law, Bro. Leon C. Myers, Jr., P.M., but also to see his grandson, Bro. Keith B. Myers, Raised. Also of interest: Bros. Hobart M. Thomas and Samuel M. Thomas, who are twins,

Bro. Theodore K. Warner, Jr., Appointed to Homes' Committee; New Grand Lodge Gen. Counsel Appointed

Bro. Theodore K. Warner, Jr., District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District "J", Philadelphia, has been appointed a member of the Committee on Masonic Homes by the Grand Master.

He will replace Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Past Grand Master, who resigned when his legal firm, Peck, Young and VanSant, was appointed General Counsel for Grand Lodge.

The vacancy in the Office of General Counsel for Grand Lodge occurred when the legal firm of McKinley and Anthony, headed by Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Past Grand Master, resigned as legal counsel after many years of dedicated service.

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, has stated that he would create Bro. Warner a Past District Deputy Grand Master when he is replaced as a District Deputy.

Bro. Henry G. Schaefer, Jr., a partner in the firm of Peck, Young and VanSant, resigned as a member of the Com-

were Raised in Carbondale Lodge, No. 249 on May 7, 1920 and both received their Fifty Year Emblems in their Lodge on May 6, 1970.

Bro. Charles L. Strunk, a Member of Orient Lodge, No. 590, now lives in Florida. Because it is usually so warm there, he seldom wears a coat. So that he could wear his Emblem, his wife had his Emblem made into a ring. He said, "Now I can wear it, coat or no coat, and I am very pleased and proud of it."

Bro. Clifford E. Pepperman, of Dietrick Lamade Lodge, No. 755, who received his Emblem recently, was the fifth of five brothers to receive this honor.

Bro. James M. Hammond was made a Mason in Saint John's Lodge, No. 115 in 1919. A review of the Lodge records indicates he has not missed a single Stated Meeting since then. He has also attended most Extra Meetings, as well as Lodge funerals, rehearsals and Instruction Meetings. He is now 85.

Bro. William Klingelhoefter, of Michael Arnold Lodge, No. 636, has attended 494 of the 501 Stated Meetings of his Lodge in his 50 years.

Bro. and Dr. Norman Vincent Peale recently said, "A Smile Costs Nothing, But It's a Lasting Gift."

Fraternally,

Ashby B. Paul

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R. W. Grand Secretary



Bro. Theodore K. Warner, Jr.

mittee on By-Laws when his firm was appointed General Counsel. He will continue to serve the committee as a consultant.

Inquiry Procedure Relaxed and Committee on Homes Enlarged In Ahiman Rezon Amendments

Two proposed Amendments to the Ahiman Rezon were presented at the June Quarterly Communication at Williamsport and will lay over for final action at the December Quarterly.

Article XXI, Section 8, now requires, if a petition for initiation and membership is received by a Lodge which is not nearest the residence of the petitioner, an Inquiry must be made to the nearest Lodge.

The proposed Amendment would permit a Lodge to receive a petition from a petitioner whose residence is anywhere in the County in which that Lodge is located or in any adjoining County whose border touches the other at any point, without making an Inquiry.

The proposed Amendment reads as follows:

"Section 8 — A petition for initiation and membership may be filed with any Lodge where the place of meeting is in the same County as that in which the petitioner resides, or in any adjoining County, without inquiry being made of the other Lodges in said County or adjoining County. For the purposes of this Section, an adjoining County is one whose border touches the other at any point.

"In all other cases, however, when a petition is received by a Lodge, other than that which is nearest to the place of residence of a petitioner, the Lodge receiving such petition for initiation and membership, shall, under its seal, request a Lodge within this Jurisdiction, nearest the place of residence of the petitioner, to appoint a Committee of Inquiry, consisting of three Master Masons, members of the Lodge. The Committee shall be appointed as soon as the request is received. The request need not be read in Lodge before the Committee is appointed. The notices for the meeting of the Lodge inquired of shall state 'A Committee of Inquiry has been appointed to determine the standing and character of and his fitness to be made a Mason in Lodge No. and shall give the age, occupation and residence of the petitioner.' If the inquiry is received in sufficient time to print it in the notice for the next stated meeting, it shall be placed in that notice.

"The Committee appointed by the Worshipful Master shall promptly make diligent and careful inquiry as to the character and fitness of the petitioner to be made a Mason and determine whether any valid Masonic objection exists against him. The report of the Committee to be favorable must be signed by all members of the Committee. If any member of the Committee refuses or fails to act, the Master shall appoint another member in his place. If one member of the Committee reports unfavorably, the petitioner must be considered as unworthy. When the Committee has completed its investigation, it shall submit its report in writing to the Worshipful Master at the stated meeting the notice for which informed the members of the appointment of the Committee of Inquiry. The Worshipful Master shall then direct the Sec-

retary of the Lodge to certify under the seal of the Lodge to the Grand Secretary the result of the investigation."

Article XXI, Section 12, would be rescinded and Sections 13 through 17 would be renumbered Sections 12 through 16, inclusive.

The other proposal would amend Article XIII, Section 34, to permit the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary to become members of the Committee on Masonic Homes. This proposed Amendment reads as follows:

"The Committee on Masonic Homes shall consist of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, and seven other members of the Grand Lodge, who shall be chosen annually by ballot at the Quarterly Communication next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day, and shall serve until their successors are elected, or as hereinafter provided.

The Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary and the seven members of the Committee on Masonic Homes who are not Grand Officers shall serve until their successors are elected, but no such member shall serve more than ten years on the Committee.

Any Grand Officer except the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary who subsequent to his service as such, becomes one of the seven other members of the Committee referred to above, shall be eligible to serve a full ten-year term, exclusive of the time served as a Grand Officer.

The ten-year limitation shall not apply to those of the seven other members referred to above, who were serving as such on December 2, 1969."



The Scottish Rite Cathedral, Coudersport, Pa., located in Potter County in North Central Pennsylvania, where the September Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held Wednesday, September 2, 1970.

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In North Central Section

Coudersport is Site of September Quarterly

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

The Coudersport Cathedral is located in the beautiful mountainous region of Potter County, North Central Pennsylvania.

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, has urged as many Masons as possible to attend the Communication. He pointed out that the area is beautiful in early September.

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

Bro. Edward T. Fuller, a Past District Deputy Grand Master and Secretary of the Coudersport Scottish Rite Bodies, 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.