

Annual Grand Will Be Held In Philadelphia Monday, December 28

The Annual Grand Communication of Grand Lodge will be held Monday, December 28, in Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia.

The Annual Grand is being held on December 28 this year because St. John the Evangelist's Day is a Sunday, December 27.

The Grand Lodge will open at 10 a.m., with highlight of the Communication being the installation of the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers.

All interested Masons are invited to attend. Lunch will be served at approximately 1:30 p.m.

New Hours Announced For Library and Museum

New hours have been announced for visitors to the Library and Museum of the Grand Lodge in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Beginning December 28, 1970, the Library and Museum will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, except during July and August when the hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Library and Museum will be closed Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.

Bro. Frank W. Bobb, Librarian and Curator, said special visitations may be arranged at other than the scheduled hours.

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Two More Field Agents Appointed to Veterans Hospital Visitation Program

With the appointment of Bro. Edward L. Vice, Field Agent at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lebanon, and Bro. William B. Brown, Field Agent at the Butler Veterans Hospital, Pennsylvania now has six Masonic Service Association Field Agents ministering to the needs of our hospitalized veterans.

Bro. Vice, a Member of William S. Snyder Lodge, No. 756, Harrisburg, is a veteran of World Wars I and II. Now retired, he has been engaged in various business enterprises, each dealing in a service to his fellow men. Just recently, he was chosen "Marine of the Year" by the Pennsylvania Marine Corps League in recognition of his many services to veterans and their families.

Bro. Brown, a Member of Theodore Roosevelt Lodge, No. 697, Pittsburgh, served as a Petty Officer in World War II. He has enjoyed a most active life,

both in business and as a civic leader. He served as Mayor of Portersville, Butler County. Associated with the insurance field for years, he later became self-employed as an income tax consultant.

Our other Field Agents include Bro. Paul S. Stewart at the Veterans Administration Hospital and U.S. Naval Hospital in Philadelphia; Bro. Everett F. Ackermann at the Army General Hospital, Valley Forge; Bro. Julian R. V. Johnson at the Oakland Unit of the Pittsburgh Veterans Hospital, and Bro. Thomas A. Cook at the Aspinwall Unit of the Pittsburgh Veterans Hospital.

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

December Quarterly Set for Philadelphia

The December Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held in Philadelphia.

The Quarterly will open at 10 a.m., Wednesday, December 2, in Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street.

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, Right Worshipful Grand Master, has reminded that this is the Communication at which the election of Grand Lodge Officers is conducted.

After a luncheon for the Brethren at 12:30 p.m. in the Temple, the Grand Lodge will resume its labor at 2 p.m., concluding at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Three-month Itinerary of GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

The schedule for Grand Lodge Officers the next three months includes:

November 7 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Le Ray Lodge, No. 471, Le Raysville, Bradford County.

November 14 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Palestine Lodge, No. 471, Philadelphia.

November 20 — Grand Master, Visitation, Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg, Columbia County.

November 21 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Laurel Lodge, No. 467, White Haven, Luzerne County.

November 28 — Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication, dedicate Lodge Room, Coraopolis Lodge, No. 674, Coraopolis, Allegheny County.

December 2 — Grand Lodge Officers, December Quarterly Communication, Philadelphia.

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

December 4 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

December 12 — Grand Master, Centennial Anniversary Banquet, U.S. Premier Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, University Club, Pittsburgh.

December 28 — Grand Lodge Officers, Annual Grand Communication, Philadelphia.

January 16 — Grand Master, Master's Night, sponsored by Lu Lu Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

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

February 21-25 — Grand Lodge Officers, Conference of Grand Masters, Washington, D.C.

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

February 27 — Grand Masters' Night, sponsored by Syria Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh.

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Grand Lodge Library to Mark 100th Year

The Library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is preparing to celebrate its 100th anniversary next year. The Library has one of the most rare collections on Freemasonry in the world today.

From its beginning in 1871, when it had nearly 300 Masonic reference volumes on the shelves, the Library's collection today has grown to about 75,000 volumes.

Bro. Frank W. Bobb, Librarian and Curator, said the Library's collection

not only contains rare books but manuscripts, pamphlets and prints. The interesting manuscripts include the minutes of early Lodges, account books and correspondence of famous Americans.

Among the Library's many rare books are Benjamin Franklin's 1734 printing of Anderson's "Constitutions," the first book on Freemasonry printed in America, and "A Pocket Companion for Free-Masons," published in Dublin in 1735.

Only one other copy of the Pocket Companion is known to be in existence, and that is in the possession of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The Library also has two valuable letters of Bro. George Washington addressed to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. One is his reply to a Grand Lodge message to him as President of the United States, January 3, 1792. The other is his letter of December 27, 1796, beginning, "Fellow Citizens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

Of interest is William Birch's "High Street, from the Country Market-place Philadelphia: with the procession in Commemoration of the death of General George Washington, December 26th, 1799." Another valuable print is Max Rosenthal's "Grand Lodge Room of the New Masonic Hall, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia (1885)."

More familiar, perhaps, are the Library's rare prints by Currier and Ives of New York. They include "Washington As A Mason" and "The Masonic Chart."

Establishment of the Library is best related by the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Annual Quarterly Com-

munication held December 27, 1871. The Proceedings included this report:

"Office of The Library Committee, of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons, Masonic Temple, Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, October, 1871. Brother: The Minutes of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania contains Resolutions passed as early as March 26, 1787, and subsequently on October 7, 1816, and March 17, 1817, showing that efforts were made to establish a Library. Attention has also been at various times called to the subject in the addresses of the R. W. Past Grand Master Richard Vaux: Nothing appears however to have been accomplished, and the subject was permitted to rest, until the Quarterly Communication held June 7, 1871, when the following was unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, It has for a long time been the desire of a large number of the Brethren, that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania should possess a Masonic Library that would reflect credit upon the Fraternity: and,

"WHEREAS, The Building Committee have with a wise forethought set apart a room in the New Masonic Temple for that purpose. Therefore, be it Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to examine and arrange such material as may now be in the possession of the Grand Lodge, to procure, if practicable, complete sets of the Proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges with which we are in correspondence, and takes such other steps as may be necessary for the formation of a Masonic Library."

The resolution was implemented without delay and on December 5, 1871, the Library Committee reported there were nearly 150 volumes of Proceedings of Grand Lodges ready for binding and nearly 300 Masonic reference volumes on the shelves.

Today the Library's rare books and manuscripts are available for research



Bro. Andrew R. Golmitz (left) of Philadelphia, Past Master of Independence Lodge, No. 723, and a Mason for 35 years, and Bro. Frank W. Bobb, Librarian and Curator, looking at Benjamin Franklin's 1734 printing of Anderson's "Constitutions," the first book on Freemasonry printed in America.

by qualified and experienced persons. Bro. Bobb said:

"It is our hope that scholars will find in our collections source material for research in those fields in which Freemasons and Freemasonry play a part.

"Selected rare and interesting items from the Library's holdings will regularly be on exhibit in the Grand Lodge Museum. Since refurbishing of the Library and Museum during July and August, it is gratifying that there has been a marked increase in the use of the Library by members of the Craft and by scholars in general."

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Sectional Meeting Is Well Attended At Philadelphia

Eight District Deputy Grand Masters and 396 Lodge Officers and Members attended the September 26 Sectional Meeting of the School of Instruction held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. Approximately 60 per cent of those present were attending a Sectional Meeting for the first time.

The rehearsal of the work was outstanding. Chester, Norristown, Pottstown and Northeast Schools are to be commended for the proficiency of those who participated in the rehearsal.

An unusual part of the rehearsal was the careful and detailed instructions in the mechanics conducted by the principal and Lodge Officers from the Germantown School. It proved to be an interesting and profitable instruction period.

The Regional Instructors most capably conducted the rehearsal.

The following are tentative dates for Sectional Meetings in 1971:

March 6 — Harrisburg
March 27 — Pittsburgh

April 3 — Uniontown
April 10 — Everett

April 17 — New Castle
May 15 — Pleasant Hills

August 28 — Seminar for
Instructors at Everett

September 11 — Meadville

September 25 — Philadelphia

The date for the Scranton Sectional meeting will be announced later.

Something To Think About!

Senior Mason Speaks and Sounds Challenge for Sustaining the Craft

(After reading an article on the Guest Fund for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown in the August issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason, Bro. Frank H. Bauman of 4521 Southland Ave., Alexandria, Va., expressed his thoughts on the subject in a letter to been a Mason 48 years, is a member of Davage Lodge, No. 374, in Pittsburgh. His letter to the Grand Master follows).

Dear Brother Ball:

The article which appeared in the August issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason concerning the Guest Fund has caused me to give the matter considerable thought. If my analysis of the information given is correct, it appears to me there is plenty of room for improvement.

We know some of our members are in the Homes and I assume there are many more who would be much better able to enjoy the few remaining years of their lives if they were our guests. I have no means of determining what the need is but the fact that the trustees plan to add 23 additional beds does indicate that our facilities are inadequate.

Furthermore, I have been told that the Homes cannot accept all eligible applicants who have applied. On this basis, I assume a sum considerably in excess of what was contributed last year could be used to good advantage and I respectfully submit that the goal which has been set is entirely too modest.

If \$491,417 represents an average of \$2 per member . . . then we have a membership of approximately 245,700. Thirty per cent of this number made a contribution to the Homes last year, leaving 172,000 who did not. Assuming further that one-half of this number are not financially able to contribute, we would have approximately 86,000 who could.

This number added to the 73,700 who contributed last year makes a total of 160,000 whom we assume have the means to give some support to the Guest Fund.

An average contribution of \$6.25 from this number would provide \$1,000,000.

On the basis of 250 working days a year, this represents a contribution of only two and one-half cents a day; one-sixteenth of the cost of a package of cigarettes. The \$6.25 is less than the cost of one good steak dinner at a good restaurant, a little more than one night at the movie, but much less than a round of golf or a night at the bowling alley.

These are simple pleasures and I believe if the matter is presented to our brother Masons in the proper manner they will be eager to share in this modest manner with their less fortunate brothers.

As you point out, the contributions are tax deductible. In addition, there is no overhead connected with the solicitation, so where can a Mason get greater value from his contribution dollar?

One last thought which has been giving me even more concern and which I now submit to you in all due respect and sincerity is that the Masonic Order has fallen behind the times. It needs some meaningful purpose to sustain it.

What better purpose can we assume than to build up a truly adequate facility where we could provide rest, comfort and medical aid for those of our brothers who in their declining years have not the means to provide for themselves.

Fraternally yours,

Frank H. Bauman

Davage Lodge, No. 374

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.

From Our Grand Secretary's Office

Quarterly Communication — September 2, 1970

Close to 500 Brethren, who were in attendance at the September Quarterly Communication, thoroughly enjoyed the excellent facilities of the Coudersport Scottish Rite Cathedral.

The Committee and Trustees Reports, as usual, were interesting and informative.

All but two of the Amendments to By-Laws submitted by 21 Lodges were approved on the recommendation of the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance reported Receipts of \$1,668,610.98 and Expenditures of \$1,421,123.53 for the third Fiscal Quarter. Upon the recommendation of this Committee, six Resolutions were adopted by Grand Lodge, the most important one authorizing alterations to the 4th Floor at the Hospital at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The Committee on Masonic Homes report also mentioned that plans are being considered for an addition to the Hospital which would provide over 100 badly needed additional rooms for our Guests.

The Library and Museum in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia have undergone major changes as explained in the Committee on Masonic Culture Report. The next time you visit this beautiful Masonic Temple at One North Broad Street be sure to see these improvements.

The Trustees of the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys hope to have close to 60 students at the School this year. The Lodge Representatives, who were present at the School on October 17, are now fully informed about the operation of this fine School for orphan Boys.

The Committee on Temple has had a busy summer in completing most of the vast alterations and renovations to the Masonic Temple, especially on the First Floor, where most of the Offices are located.

The R. W. Grand Master expressed his deep appreciation to the thousands of Masons who visited the Masonic Homes this summer on the four Grand Master's Days.

Membership Statistics

Upon the completion of the examination of the General Returns, the records for 1969 show there were 5,041 Initiates and 648 Admissions for an increase of 5,689.

There were 1,268 Suspensions, while 591 Resigned. Unfortunately, the Deaths totalled 6,123, making a loss of 7,982. This resulted in a net decrease of 2,293, making the Membership, as of December 27, 1969, 245,020.

There were two very enjoyable Special Communications of Grand Lodge in

mid-October. On October 9, the Cornerstone was placed and the new Lodge Room was Dedicated for Chartiers Lodge, No. 297, in Canonsburg. The following day, the Cornerstone was placed and the new Lodge Room was Dedicated for Hebron Lodge, No. 575, in Mercer. Similar Ceremonies are scheduled for Coraopolis Lodge, No. 674, in Coraopolis on November 28.

Each of these three new Masonic Temples is most attractive.

Action will be taken at the December Quarterly Communication on December 2, which will be held in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, on the two proposed Amendments to the Ahiman Rezon. Copies of these Amendments have been mailed to all of our Members and were also explained in the August issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason.

Briefly, the Amendment to Article XXI, Section 8, would permit a Lodge to receive a petition for initiation and membership 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 Committee to which the petition is referred must still make a thorough investigation of the petitioner. As more than 15 Lodges have requested that action on this Amendment be by secret ballot, that procedure will be followed.

The proposed Amendment to Article XIII, Section 34, would permit the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, by election, to become members of the Committee on Masonic Homes.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is now the third largest Grand Lodge in the United States. Ohio is first, with a Membership of 266,051, followed by New York with 247,557, Pennsylvania with 245,020, Texas with 238,540 and California with 236,009. No other Grand Lodge in the United States is in the 200,000 bracket.

Bro. Charles H. Nitsch, R. W. Grand Master, has a unique Masonic record. He was made a Mason in Crescent Lodge, No. 493, on September 14, 1914. On May 11, 1964, Bro. Earl F. Herold,

Do Not Forget 'GUEST FUND'

If you have misplaced the self-addressed postage-paid envelope for your annual contribution to the "Guest Fund" for the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa., send your check or money order direct to: Executive Director, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022. Please indicate your name, home address and Lodge number. Thank you.

then R. W. Grand Master, presented a Grand Lodge Fifty Year Emblem to him. In 1920 Bro. Nitsch served as Worshipful Master of his Lodge and at the October, 1970, Stated Meeting of Crescent Lodge, Bro. Nitsch celebrated his fiftieth year as a Past Master. The East was turned over to Bro. Nitsch at this Meeting and he conducted the business of the Lodge. He is the senior Past Master of his Lodge.

The Members of Lodge No. 2 assembled at the Christ Church Burial Grounds on September 19 and placed a wreath on the grave of Bro. John Dunlap. Bro. Dunlap, who was made a Mason in Lodge No. 2 on November 8, 1768, was the Captain of the First City Troop in Philadelphia, and the first man to print the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, and also was the publisher of the Pennsylvania Packet and General Advertiser, the first daily newspaper in the Nation.

Bro. Charles C. Schmidt drove a total of 2,480 miles so that he could receive his Grand Lodge Fifty Year Emblem in Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158, in which he is a Member. Bro. Schmidt said, "It was well worth driving the 2,480 miles to have this Emblem presented to me in my own Lodge."

Bro. George C. Ries, a long-time Member of Kingsbury Lodge, No. 466, celebrated his 100th birthday on September 25. We hope he will enjoy many more years.

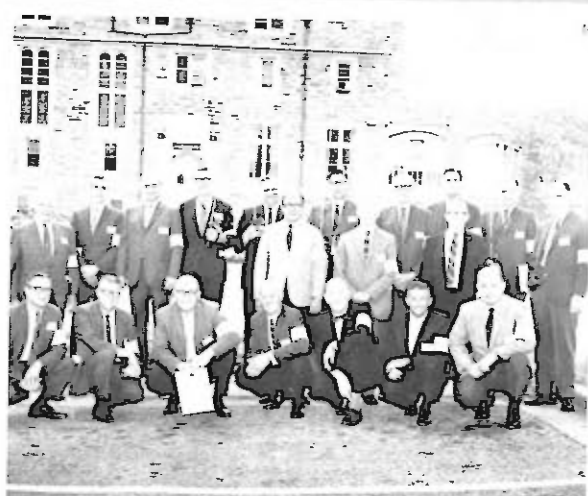
B. C. Forbes said, "Show me a happy person and I'll show you a busy one." Keep busy in and for your Lodge.

Fraternally,

Cashly B. Paul

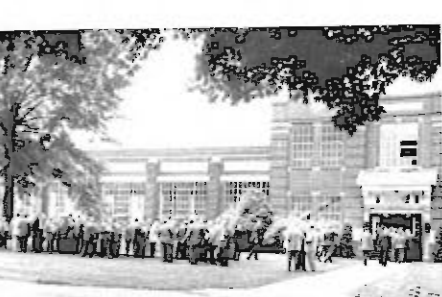
Ashby B. Paul

R. W. Grand Secretary



Grand Master's Day at Masonic Homes

More than 4,000 Symbolic Lodge Officers visited the Masonic Homes this past Summer. Representing each of the 61 Symbolic Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction, they participated in one of the four "Grand Master's Days at the Homes." Each of the four Saturdays, three orientation sessions were conducted. At noon, luncheons were catered at Patton School using the large gymnasium and two of the larger shop rooms. Special guided tours of the Masonic Homes' grounds and buildings and also Patton School were conducted in the early afternoon hours. Packets of informative literature about the "call-off period." It was the first visit to the Homes for more than 2,000. It required 110 large buses to transport the Brethren to the Homes. For two hours in the morning or successful "Grand Master's Days at the Homes."





The Lodge Room of Hebron Lodge, No. 575, was dedicated last month in Mercer.

Grand Lodge Officers Busy Dedication Lodge Rooms and Laying Cornerstones

Two Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held last month to lay the cornerstones and dedicate the Lodge Rooms in new Masonic Temples in Western Pennsylvania.

And a third Masonic Temple recently completed in that part of the state is at Coraopolis in Allegheny County. A Special Communication of Grand Lodge will be held there November 28 to dedicate the Lodge Room of Coraopolis Lodge, No. 674.

The Lodge Room of Chartiers Lodge, No. 297, was dedicated October 9 in the new Temple at 235 West Pike Street, Canonsburg, Washington County.

And the Lodge Room of Hebron Lodge, No. 575, was dedicated October 16 in the new Mercer Masonic Temple.

Bro. Hiram P. Ball, Right Worshipful Grand Master, placed the cornerstones of the Masonic Temples at Canonsburg and Mercer and dedicated the Lodge Rooms. He was accompanied by a corps of Grand Lodge Officers.

Bro. Walter L. Sykes, District Deputy Grand Master for the 29th Masonic District, which includes Canonsburg, commented on the Chartiers Lodge Room dedication:

"This new image of Freemasonry in Canonsburg will bring a new and vital interest to the Masons there."

Bro. Sykes urged other Lodges in his District to consider similar undertakings for their Members.

The Lodge Room is approximately 43' x 55' and has 125 permanent seats for the Members. The seats are vinyl with salmon colored mohair backs. The Officers' chairs are dark oak with light blue, vinyl upholstery.

A large parking lot is at the rear of the 85' x 45' building.

The Lodge Room has flush fluorescent lights and the carpeting is a variegated blue design which gives the white walls a soft blue tint.

The Lodge Room of Hebron Lodge, No. 575, in the Masonic Temple at Mercer has 96 gold and black, theater-style seats. The carpeting is royal blue and there is a rheostat lighting system.

The two-story Temple is 40' x 80'

and features a 20-foot front entrance. The structure is of cement block, with a complete brick veneer. The interior is paneled completely with birch paneling.

The first floor consists of the Lodge Room, cloak room and rest room. The basement level includes social and recreation rooms, kitchen, rest rooms and storage rooms. The social room may be used to seat 240 for dinner.

Hebron Lodge, No. 575, is in the 53rd Masonic District. Bro. John G. Johnson is the District Deputy Grand Master.



The new Masonic Temple at Canonsburg is the home of Chartiers Lodge, No. 297.

Needs Real Boost!

Current 'Guest Fund' Running Behind '69

The Guest Fund for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown this year is running about \$35,000 behind what it was at the same time last year.

Pennsylvania Masons last year contributed nearly \$492,000 to the Guest Fund.

A major part of the Guest Fund is being used to build facilities for 23 more hospital beds at the Masonic Homes.

While commending those who have given generously to the Guest Fund, Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, said he is concerned that contributions to date have not reached last year's level.

"We cannot afford to let up on this charitable activity," the Grand Master stressed.

He urged all Masons who have not mailed in their contributions to the Guest Fund to use the postage-free envelope they received earlier this year in their Lodge Notices. Make checks or money orders payable to Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa.

If you have mislaid the business reply envelope, use a regular one for your contribution and send to Executive Director, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022. Be sure you give your name, home address and Lodge Number when sending in your contribution.

Bro. Ball again reminded that all gifts are deductible for income tax purposes.

Patton School Host to 550 on "Representatives Day"



Grouped around Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, and other Grand Lodge Officers are twenty-two Alumni of Patton Masonic School, now serving as Representatives to Patton School from their respective Symbolic Lodges. Picture was taken following luncheon on "Patton Representatives Day," Saturday, October 17th.



Photo of several hundred Representatives to Patton Masonic School assembled in the Deike Auditorium at the Masonic Homes where an orientation session was conducted by the R. W. Grand Master and Trustees of Patton Masonic School during the morning hours on "Patton Representatives Day."

Representatives of Over 500 Lodges Get 'On the Scene' Briefing on Patton School

The Campus of Patton Masonic School, Elizabethtown, was the scene of much activity and real fraternalism on Saturday, October 17th, a brisk but beautiful Autumn day. It was "Patton Representatives Day." Over 500 participated.

Brethren serving their respective Symbolic Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction, as Representatives to Patton School, responded to this special day set aside to discuss and hear about Patton Masonic School and actually visit and get-acquainted with the over-all "Patton picture." Most of the District Deputy Grand Masters also participated.

During the morning hours, between 9:00 and 10:30 A.M., more than 400 private passenger cars converged on the parking area set up adjacent to the Patton football field. It was quite a sight watching the Brethren "pulling in" from all sections of the Jurisdiction. The Patton students, wearing their stylish monogrammed jackets, were on hand to greet and welcome the Brethren to Patton.

The students mingled with the Brethren throughout the day.

As they arrived, the Representatives and District Deputy Grand Masters were bused to the Deike Auditorium at the Masonic Homes where they attended an orientation session conducted by Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Grand Master, assisted by his Grand Lodge Officers and the Trustees and Superintendent of Patton Masonic School.

At noon, the Brethren were bused

Make Use of Your Patton Representative

Members knowing of eligible orphaned boys for Patton Masonic School should contact their Lodge Representatives to Patton School.

Lodge Representatives are kept well informed on matters pertaining to Patton School and are available to serve you.

back to Patton campus where a luncheon was served in the spacious gymnasium and the Electronic Shop. Following the luncheon, the Representatives were escorted through each of the buildings at Patton where members of the Staff and Faculty were on hand to describe various features and answer questions.

At 2:00 P.M., most of the Representatives joined in the special guided tours of the Masonic Homes' grounds and a few buildings before leaving for home.



Bro. and Dr. D. Luke Biemesderfer, Chairman of Trustees of the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys at Elizabethtown, is shown addressing Representatives to Patton School. Seated on the stage with Dr. Biemesderfer were Grand Lodge Officers, Trustees of Patton, and Dr. John W. Kopp, Superintendent.



Wearing a different type of apron, Bro. Ashby B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary, is shown pouring coffee at the luncheon served on "Patton Representatives Day." Bro. Paul is a member of the Stewards Association of Zembo Shrine, Harrisburg, caterers of the luncheon.