

Fund Closing Nears, Gifts Urged

Every Pennsylvania Mason is urged to send his contribution — no matter how small — to the Guest and Building Fund for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The closing date of the fund drive is March 15 and Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, is hoping an outpouring of donations puts the collection over the top.

THE GUEST AND Building Fund goal of \$1,000,000 is twice the amount ever requested. The goal was determined by taking into consideration (1) the needs of the Guests at the Homes and (2) the need for the new 116-bed extended care building under construction at the Homes.

Bro. Kimmel pointed out that contributions to the fund are deductible for income tax purposes.

Checks or money orders should be made payable to the "Masonic Homes Guest and Building Fund." They should be mailed to the Executive Director, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.



Deputies Assemble in Zembo Mosque

Shortly before Grand Lodge convened in Harrisburg's Zembo Mosque at the Annual Grand Communication, a group of District Deputy Grand Masters of Pennsylvania gets prepared to enter the auditorium. Grand Lodge was attended by a record turnout of 1,080 Brethren who represented 242 Lodges.

Bro. Rife Chairman

7 Named to Culture Committee

Seven Past Masters, two of whom are also Past District Deputy Grand Masters, have been appointed to the Committee on Masonic Culture by Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master. They are:

Bro. Martin D. Rife, of William S. Snyder Lodge No. 756, Harrisburg, chairman.

Bro. W. Frederick Warren, of Thomson Lodge No. 340, Paoli, vice chairman.

Bro. Herman A. Dotter, of Azalea Lodge No. 687, Hazleton, Past District Deputy Grand Master for the 45th Masonic District.

Bro. John Lawson, of Eureka Lodge No. 302, Mechanicsburg, Past District Deputy Grand Master for the 3rd Masonic District.

Bro. C. Harry Lefever, Grand Chaplain and also of Lodge No. 302.

Bro. Kenneth W. Nebinger, of Steelton-Swatara Lodge No. 775, Steelton.

Bro. Howard O. Stahl, of Peter Williamson Lodge No. 323, Scranton.

After appointing the committee, Bro. Kimmel stressed that Lodge programming will be one of its biggest concerns. Through Masonic culture, he said, "our Lodge programming must be improved."

Bro. Carpenter Gets Education Post

Bro. William A. Carpenter, Past Master of Chester Lodge No. 236, Chester, has been appointed Director of Masonic Education by Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master.

In the new post, he will work under the direction of the Committee on Masonic Culture.

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BRO. W. ORVILLE KIMMEL
Right Worshipful Grand Master

Activities Planned For March Quarterly

The March Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held March 1 in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

The day's activities will open at 10:30 a.m. with a Committee on Finance meeting. At 1:30 p.m. the District Deputy Grand Masters' meeting will be held.

Grand Lodge will convene at 7 p.m. in Corinthian Hall. Following Grand Lodge, refreshments will be served about 9 p.m. in the Grand Banquet Hall.

Bro. Kimmel Takes Office As State's Grand Master

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, a prominent Harrisburg funeral director, civic and church leader, has been installed as R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

The ancient ceremony which marked his installation took place Dec. 27, 1971 at the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge held in Harrisburg's Zembo Mosque.

BRO. KIMMEL succeeded Bro. Hiram P. Ball, a Pittsburgh industrialist, in being elected to the highest office in Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.

Bro. Kimmel will head more than 242,000 Masons in 610 Masonic Lodges throughout the state.

He was elected to R. W. Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge on Dec. 27, 1965.

He is chairman of the Building Committee for the new 116-bed extended care facility which Grand Lodge is building at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. For the past six years, he has served Grand Lodge as a member of both the Committee on Masonic Homes and the Committee on Finance.

BRO. KIMMEL is a Past Master and member of Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, F. & A. M., Harrisburg.

For his years of Masonic work, he was honored in 1950 when he was coroneted an honorary Thirty-third Degree Scottish Rite Mason. In 1966 the Supreme Council, the Scottish Rite's governing body, crowned Bro. Kimmel an Active Member for Pennsylvania. Only four other men presently hold this distinction in the state.

In the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, Bro. Kimmel is chairman of the Scottish Rite's Committee on the 1976 Bicentennial Celebration of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence.

BRO. KIMMEL is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Harrisburg, and served as commander-in-chief of the Harrisburg Consistory from May, 1958 to May, 1961.

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Officers Installed, Members Elected To Homes Committee

Grand Lodge Officers installed besides the Grand Master at the Annual Grand Communication Dec. 27 included:

Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, a retired Philadelphia businessman, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. John L. McCain, personal investments, Pittsburgh, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

Bro. Walter P. Wells of Coudersport, president judge of the 55th Judicial District in Pennsylvania, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, a Phila-

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Bro. Kopp to Retire At Patton School

Bro. John W. Kopp will retire July 1 as superintendent of the Thomas Rinken Patton Masonic School for Boys at Elizabethtown.

He was appointed to the post six years ago.

Bro. Kopp has worked 43 years in education at public and private schools and with the Pennsylvania State Department of Public Instruction. He received his doctorate at Penn State University in 1951.

Bro. Kopp is a member of Ashlar Lodge No. 570, Lykens; the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Harrisburg; and Zembo Temple, Harrisburg.

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12 Brethren Created Past District Deputies Under Masonic Law

Twelve Brethren have been created Past District Deputy Grand Masters in accordance with Masonic law. They are:

Bro. C. Max Ivins, Past Master of Equity Lodge No. 591, Philadelphia, Masonic District "E."

Bro. Paul F. Hoffer, Past Master of Charles M. Howell Lodge No. 496, Millersville, 1st Masonic District.

Bro. Carl A. Focht, Past Master of Chandler Lodge No. 227, West Reading, 7th Masonic District.

Bro. Clark W. Howell, Past Master of New Milford Lodge No. 507, New Milford, 15th Masonic District.

Bro. John J. Allio, Past Master of Lodge No. 408, Meadville, 25th Masonic District.

Bro. I. Burdette Coldren, Past Master of Fayette Lodge No. 228, Uniontown, 31st Masonic District.

Bro. J. Robert S. Aufderheide, Past Master of Allegheny Lodge No. 223, 32nd Masonic District.

Bro. John B. Cottrell, Jr., Past Master of George W. Bartram Lodge No. 298, Media, 36th Masonic District.

Bro. Herman A. Dotter, Past Master of Azalea Lodge No. 687, Hazleton, 45th Masonic District.

Bro. Theodore M. Hatter, Past Master of Bangor Lodge No. 565, Bangor, 50th Masonic District.

Bro. John G. Johnson, Past Master of Hebron Lodge No. 575, Mercer, 53rd Masonic District.

Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, Past Master of Tyrian Lodge No. 612, Wilmerding, 54th Masonic District.

All-Time Attendance Set At Harrisburg Annual Grand

The Annual Grand Communication in Harrisburg last Dec. 27 attracted the largest attendance for such an event in the history of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Ashby B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary, said 1,080 Brethren were present when Grand Lodge convened in Zembo Mosque.

The Brethren, he added, represented 242 Lodges or 40 per cent of those in Pennsylvania.

Distinguished Brethren from nine other Jurisdictions were received and took part in the program. They represented Georgia, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Ireland.

SPEAKING FOR the distinguished Guests during the activities were Bro. Woodrow W. Morris, M. W. Grand Master of Iowa, and Bro. George A. Newbury, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

The highlight of the Annual Grand came with the installation of the Grand Lodge Officers. They were elected at the December Quarterly Communication in Philadelphia.

The Quarterly, Bro. Paul reported, was attended by 807 Brethren who represented 419 Lodges. He said distinguished Guests from 24 other Jurisdictions were received at the Quarterly, which was held Dec. 1 in Corinthian Hall of the Masonic Temple.

Bro. Herbert H. Jaynes, M. W. Grand Master of Massachusetts, spoke for the distinguished Guests. They represented 18 states, the District of Columbia, England, Scotland and Ontario, Nova Scotia and Quebec, Canada.

IN OTHER action at the December Quarterly, Bro. Paul reported approval of the merger of 2 Philadelphia Lodges.

He said the merger of Charles M. Swain Lodge No. 654 into St. Alban Lodge No. 529 became effective last Dec. 8. The merged Lodges are known as St. Alban-Swain Lodge No. 529.

With the merger, there are now 610 Lodges throughout the state.

Bro. Seabury Named Regional Instructor

Bro. William L. Seabury, Past Master of Acacia Lodge No. 355, Blairsville, has been appointed Central Region Instructor by Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master.

A long-time instructor of the ritualistic work, Bro. Seabury served the past eight years as principal of the School of Instruction at Indiana, Pa.

He was named to replace Bro. John M. Smouse of New Enterprise, who resigned after serving 15 years as Central Region Instructor.



BRO. CHARLES W. J. WHITCROFT
Assigned to Valley Forge

New Field Agent Serves Valley Forge

Bro. Charles W. J. Whitcroft of Malvern has been appointed a new Field Agent of the Masonic Service Association of the United States.

He has been assigned to carry out visitation program services at Valley Forge General Hospital at Phoenixville.

A MEMBER OF Cassia Lodge No. 273 in Ardmore, he retired in 1966 as postmaster at Villanova, Pa.

Bro. Whitcroft, who attended Drexel Institute, served in the Adjutant General's Office during World War II. He was assigned to the Casualty Branch. He retired in 1968 as a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve.

A past commander of the John Winthrop American Legion Post in Bryn Mawr, he is a member of Valley Forge Chapter No. 444, National Sojourners.

AS A HOBBYIST, Bro. Whitcroft cuts and polishes gem stones and creates original jewelry designs in silver and gold.

He is a member of the Pennsylvania Mineralogical Society; the Science Institute of Delaware County; Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen; and the Tuscarora Lapidary Society.

New Deputies Are Appointed In 13 Districts

Thirteen new District Deputy Grand Masters have been appointed by Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master. They are:

Bro. Herbert J. Garber, Past Master of Leonard Forman Lodge No. 782, Philadelphia, Masonic District "E."

Bro. Charles A. Achey, Jr., Past Master of Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, 1st Masonic District.

Bro. John R. Price, Past Master of Reading Lodge No. 549, Reading, 7th Masonic District.

Bro. A. Ralph Taylor, Past Master of Warren Lodge No. 240, Montrose, 15th Masonic District.

Bro. W. Jack Yates, Past Master of Lodge No. 408, Meadville, 25th Masonic District.

Bro. Eustace H. Bane, Past Master of Laurel Lodge No. 651, Uniontown, 31st Masonic District.

Bro. Edward H. Fowler, Jr., Past Master of Avalon Lodge No. 657, Bellevue, 32nd Masonic District.

Bro. H. Dean Smith, Past Master of Chester Lodge No. 236, Chester, 36th Masonic District.

Bro. Walter S. Metzger, Past Master of Leighton Lodge No. 621, Leighton, 45th Masonic District.

Bro. John H. Parker, Past Master of Pocono Lodge No. 780, Swiftwater, 50th Masonic District.

Bro. John H. Crilley, Past Master of Hebron Lodge No. 575, Mercer, 53rd Masonic District.

Bro. Byrl J. Johnson, Past Master of Tyrian Lodge No. 644, New Kensington, 54th Masonic District.

Bro. Gregory L. Christ, Past Master of Mahanoy City Lodge No. 357, Mahanoy City, 58th Masonic District.

School Schedules 9 Sectional Meetings

The 1972 schedule for sectional meetings of the School of Instruction is:

March 4 — Harrisburg

March 11 — Washington

March 18 — New Castle

March 25 — Pittsburgh

April 8 — Everett

May 13 — Williamsport

June 3 — Allentown

September 9 — Kane

September 30 — Philadelphia

A seminar for principals and instructors also will be held at Everett on a date to be announced.



All set for the downbeat to start in on one of their favorite country tunes are the four original members of the "Hillbillies" of Union Lodge No. 259 in New Brighton. They are Bro. William C. Bryan (foreground), a Past Master of the Lodge, and (left to right rear) Bros. James W. Whittle, Sr., James M. Kartalia, a Past Master, and Irvin L. Miller, Jr., also a Past Master. Bro. Emmett Mateer, the fifth member of the band, wasn't able to be on hand for the photo.

Guest Fund Grows

'Hillbillies' No Strangers to Giving

The "Hillbillies" of Union Lodge No. 259 in New Brighton, Beaver County, are a unique musical group.

The five devotees of country music are not only having lots of fun doing their thing.

IN PROVIDING delightful entertainment for their audiences, the "Hillbillies" also are bringing a good measure of happiness to the Guests at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

For the group contributes the monies it receives from playing engagements to the Guest Fund at the Homes. Through their entertainment efforts, the "Hillbillies" have turned over hundreds of dollars to the fund in the past several years.

It was 1967 when four members of Union Lodge put their talents together for the first time to play on a "Past Masters' Night" program.

THE ORIGINAL members of the band are Bro. William C. Bryan, Bro. Irvin L. Miller, Jr. and Bro. James M. Kartalia, all Past Masters of Union Lodge, and Bro. James W. Whittle, Sr. The fifth "Hillbilly" who joined the group later is Bro. Emmett Mateer, a professional auctioneer and heavy equipment operator.

Bro. Mateer is the lead singer while Bro. Whittle, a steel company foreman, does the calling at square dances. They share the emcee chores as both have been top performers on numerous radio shows in Western Pennsylvania and Ohio.

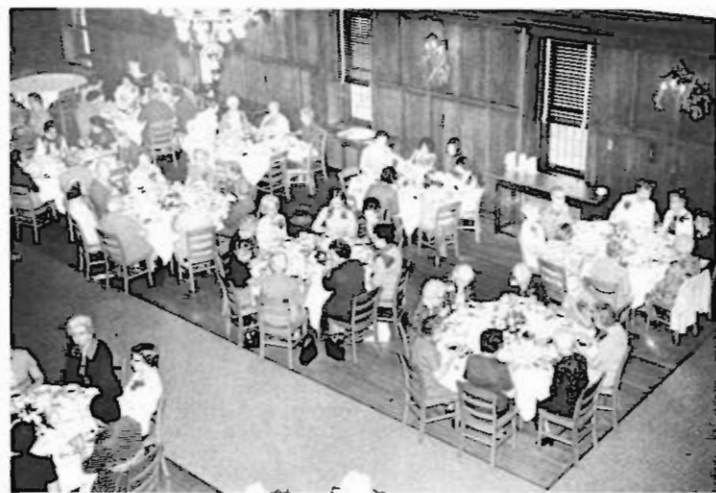
When it comes to comedy skits the comedian of the "Hillbillies" is Bro. Bryan, who works as a turner at a chinaware company.

Bro. Miller, general foreman of a steel firm, is accomplished on the mandolin and banjo but "my favorite is the violin." The bass fiddler is Bro. Kartalia, who plays professionally in other dance bands in the area. He is an industrial engineer.

ASKED WHO wields the baton for the "Hillbillies," Bro. Whittle remarked:

"No one, really. We just get the downbeat and start right in."

In the beginning, the popular group only played at Union Lodge activities. But Bro. Robert Batto, District Deputy Grand Master of the 37th Masonic District, said so many requests for the "Hillbillies" came in from other Lodges, fraternal clubs and churches that they began accepting these engagements.



Memories of An Unforgettable Time

It was an inspiring scene as 1,080 Masons assembled in Harrisburg's Zembo Mosque on Dec. 27 to take part in the Annual Grand Communication.

The gathering, including distinguished Brethren from nine other Jurisdictions, was the largest to attend such an event in the history of Grand Lodge.

The highlight was the installation of Grand Lodge Officers with Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, a Harrisburg funeral director, civic and church leader, being installed as R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

Other activities included the Grand Master's Banquet in the Penn Harris Motor Inn at Camp Hill. More than 1,000 distinguished Guests and their Ladies attended.

A vesper service was held Sunday, Dec. 26 in the Scottish Rite Cathedral and Masonic Temple. Bro. Hermann W. Kaebnick, resident bishop of the Harrisburg area, Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church, was the principal speaker.

The Men and Boys' Choir of St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral sang, directed by Michael H. Shoemaker, choir master and organist.



State Jurist Installed As Junior Grand Warden

Bro. Walter P. Wells of Coudersport, president judge of Pennsylvania's 55th Judicial District, has been installed as R. W. Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

His installation to the high office took place Dec. 27, 1971 at the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge held in Zembo Mosque in Harrisburg.

BRO. WELLS has been a member of Grand Lodge's Committee on Masonic Homes for five years.

He is a Past Master and member of Eulalia Lodge No. 342, F. & A. M., in Coudersport.

He was honored in 1955 for his years of Masonic work when he was coroneted an honorary Thirty-third Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

Bro. Wells has been a trustee of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Coudersport, of which he is a member, for the past 30 years. He served as commander-in-chief of the Coudersport Consistory from 1963 to 1966.

HE IS A Past Wise Master of the Coudersport Chapter of Rose Croix.

In York Rite Masonry, Bro. Wells is a Past High Priest and member of Coudersport Royal Arch Chapter No. 263; and a member of Coudersport Council No. 63 and Potter Commandery No. 69.

He is a member of Jaffa Temple in Altoona; Altoona Court No. 70, Royal Order of Jesters; Royal Order of Scotland; Pennsylvania College of the Society of Rosicrucians; American Lodge of Research of the Grand Lodge of New York; and the Masonic Stamp Club of New York.

In last November's general election, Bro. Wells was retained for another term as president judge. He has held the seat for the past 20 years.

BRO. WELLS was district attorney of Potter County for 19 years before resigning in 1952 to go on the bench. In 1950, he served as president of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys' Association.

He has been active in many civic groups and community projects in Potter County and Coudersport, where he was born.

Bro. Wells is a director of the First National Bank of Coudersport and was president and a director of the Coudersport & Port Alleghany Railroad until the firm was bought by other railroad interests.

He is a member of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church in Coudersport, having served as a vestryman.

BRO. WELLS first entered law practice in Coudersport with his late father,

John Walter Wells, following his graduation from the Dickinson School of Law. Before entering Dickinson, Bro. Wells was graduated from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor of science degree in economics.

He was admitted to the Potter County Bar in 1931 and holds memberships in the county, Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations and the American Judicature Society. He also is a member of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the American Revolution and the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Wells and his wife, the former Anne Mulligan, have four children, John Walter II, Rosemary Anne, Christopher Arthur and Patricia Anne. The family resides at 204 Allegheny Ave. in Coudersport.

Bro. Kimmel Takes Office As State's Grand Master

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He was a member of the Consistory's Board of Trustees from March, 1961 to February, 1967. He formerly served as chairman of both the Consistory's Committee on Investments and the Building Committee.

BRO. KIMMEL served as Thrice Potent Master of the Harrisburg Lodge of Perfection from May, 1949 to May, 1950.

In York Rite Masonry, he is a member of Perseverance Royal Arch Chapter No. 21; Harrisburg Council No. 7; Pilgrim Commandery No. 11; and Trinity Conclave No. 4, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, all of Harrisburg.

Bro. Kimmel is a member of Zembo Temple in Harrisburg; past president of the Zembo Temple Luncheon Club; and an honorary member of Harrisburg Chapter No. 76, National Sojourners.

HE HAS BEEN awarded the honorary Legion of Honor Degree by the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay.

A lifelong resident of Harrisburg, Bro. Kimmel has owned and operated a funeral home there for the past 35 years.



BRO. WALTER P. WELLS
R. W. Junior Grand Warden

He attended Penn State University and was graduated from the Cincinnati (Ohio) College of Mortuary Science. He has been a trustee of Findlay College in Ohio for the past 20 years.

Bro. Kimmel was a member of the Harrisburg Housing Authority and formerly served six years on the board of directors of the Harrisburg School District.

HE WAS A member of the board of directors of Bethesda Mission and also was chairman of the Commission on Publications of the Central Publishing House, both in Harrisburg.

Bro. Kimmel is a past president of the Harrisburg Kiwanis Club and past state program chairman of Kiwanis International.

A life member of the Green Street Church of God in Harrisburg, he formerly served as president of the Church Council, superintendent of the Sunday School and teacher of the Men's Bible Class.

Bro. and Mrs. Kimmel, the former Florenda H. Lefever of New Cumberland, have one daughter, Mrs. Lorna Baer of Harrisburg.

4 New Floor Officers Appointed

Four new Grand Lodge floor officers have been appointed by Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master. They are:

Bro. William G. Rusch, Past Master of Washington Lodge No. 164, Washington, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. William E. Yeager, Jr., Past Master of Joseph Warren Lodge No. 726, Warren, Senior Grand Deacon.

Bro. J. Reese Beyrent, Past Master of Steelton-Swatara Lodge No. 775, Steelton, Grand Sword Bearer.

Bro. Walter B. Wilson, Past Master of Eureka Lodge No. 302, Mechanicsburg, Grand Pursuivant.

Five floor officers were reappointed. They are:

Bro. Thomas H. Burgess, Past Master of Azalea Lodge No. 687, Hazleton, Junior Grand Deacon.

Bro. Wilmer E. King, Past Master of Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg, Grand Steward.

Bro. William L. Mullin, Past Master of Quaker City Lodge No. 724, Chestnut Hill, Grand Steward.

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

Bro. Charles S. Reyner, Past Master of Fort Washington Lodge No. 308, Fort Washington, Grand Tyler.

Fifteen Grand Chaplains also were reappointed.



Memorable Moment at Annual Grand

Members of Robert Burns Lodge No. 464 in Harrisburg especially rendered honors at the Annual Grand to Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master (far left), who served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1947. Here at the Grand Master's Banquet Bro. Kimmel receives a congratulatory handshake from Bro. John P. Tate, the oldest living Past Master of the Lodge, while looking on are Bro. Charles G. Howard, the immediate Past Master (far right), and Bro. Robert L. Smith, presently serving as Worshipful Master.

Reunions Top Highlights

Springtime Offers Busy Itinerary

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

March 1 — Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

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

March 25 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Jerusalem Lodge No. 506, Philadelphia.

March 28 — Grand Master, Informal Visitation, Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg.

April 22 — Senior Grand Warden, 75th Anniversary, James Cochran Lodge No. 614, Dawson.

April 28 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

April 29 — Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication, dedicate Lodge Room, Evergreen Lodge No. 163, Monroeton.

May 5 — Grand Master, Spring Reunion, Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg.

May 6 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Pollock Lodge No. 502, Tarentum.

May 13 — Grand Master, Scottish Rite Class Named for Grand Master, Lehigh Consistory, Allentown.

May 18-19 — Grand Master, Spring Reunion, Harrisburg Consistory, Harrisburg.

May 20 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Mahoning Lodge No. 516, Danville.

May 21-24 — Grand Master, Grand Conclave, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Johnstown.

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

May 27 — Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication, dedicate Lodge Room, Moscow Lodge No. 504, Moscow.

Father and Son Share Great Joys

An Allentown father and his son have just shared one of the greatest experiences of their Masonic lives — serving as Worshipful Masters of their Lodges.

Bro. Samuel J. Snyder of Allentown was Worshipful Master of Emmaus Lodge No. 792 this past Masonic year. At the same time his son, Bro. Ralph S. Snyder of Weatherly, served in the East at Fidelity Lodge No. 655 in Wilkes-Barre.

They have shared other great Masonic joys together.

One came in early 1968 when the father conferred the three degrees in Freemasonry on his son. And another came when the son was privileged to attend his father's installation as Worshipful Master.