

Quarterly Session, Patton Graduation Highlight Itinerary

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

- June 3** — Graduation Exercises, Patton Masonic School, Elizabethtown.
- June 7** — Quarterly Communication, Scottish Rite Cathedral, Allentown.
- June 8** — Deputy Grand Master, 50th Anniversary, Harry A. Houseman Lodge No. 717, Somerton.
- June 16** — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Braddock's Field Lodge No. 510, Braddock.
- June 16** — Deputy Grand Master, Annual Conclave, Order of DeMolay, King of Prussia.
- June 17** — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Germania Lodge No. 509, Pittsburgh.
- June 23** — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- June 24** — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Dallas Lodge No. 508, Pittsburgh.
- July 14** — Grand Lodge Officers, Council of Deliberation, Philadelphia.
- July 28** — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- August 25** — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

Monroeton Church Dedicated to Masonry

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and completely painting the interior. A large dining area, adjoined by a modern kitchen, was completed.

There were many proud Brethren when the work was finally finished, among them Bro. Richard M. Robinson of New Albany, District Deputy Grand Master of the 16th Masonic District and a Past Master of Evergreen Lodge.

Bro. Robinson made an official visitation to his Lodge last September when it held its first meeting in its new home.

Evergreen Lodge was constituted Aug. 12, 1819 in Towanda. In 1846, the Lodge moved to Monroeton.



Appointed Officers Keep a Date

The appointed Grand Lodge Officers kept an appointment with the photographer at the close of Grand Lodge at the March Quarterly Communication. Left to right front are Bros. George N. Holmes, Grand Marshal; Walter B. Wilson, Grand Pursuivant; William E. Yeager, Jr., Senior Grand Deacon; J. Reese Beyrent, Grand Sword Bearer, and Thomas H. Burgess, Junior Grand Deacon. Left to right rear are Bros. Wilmer E. King, Grand Steward; Charles S. Reyner, Grand Tyler, and William L. Mullan, Grand Steward.

Programming Chief Concern

Culture Group Aids Lodge Planning

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Masonic Districts were not represented on the first listing which was mailed in late 1971. Therefore, the culture committee is appealing to many District Deputy Grand Masters for the names and addresses of Brethren who would be competent speakers for Lodge meetings and activities.

The staff of the Grand Lodge Library and Museum is busy serving the Craft

and the public. The card catalog is being revised and new books are being added to the collection. Many of the books are relative to events, persons and Masonic subjects of special interest for the 1976 Bicentennial Celebration.

Lodges interested in starting their own libraries should apply for a "starter set" through their District Deputy Grand Masters. The set consists of six historical volumes on Freemasonry and is being made available by Grand Lodge. There will be no charge except shipping costs.

Bro. Alexander Named 'Engineer of the Year'

Bro. Wallace H. Alexander, District Deputy Grand Master of the 2nd Masonic District for more than seven years, has been named "Engineer of the Year."

Bro. Alexander was chosen for the high honor this year by the Harrisburg Chapter, Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers.

Since 1963 Bro. Alexander has been president of H. B. Alexander & Son, Inc., general contractors, of Harrisburg.

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Fund Campaign Goes Over Top

Masons of Pennsylvania have put the \$1,000,000 "Guest and Building Fund" drive over the top.

When the campaign closed in March, gifts totaling \$1,280,073 had been contributed to the fund for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

A BREAKDOWN of the contributions showed \$1,155,073 in cash donations and \$125,000 in pledges to be paid over a three-year period.

Two Pennsylvania Masons made large contributions to the "Guest and Build-

ing Fund," assuring its success.

Bro. R. George Dickel gave \$219,000 in memory of his late wife, Florence M. Dickel.

Bro. Melvin G. Keller and his wife, Mary F., gave \$66,000 as a memorial.

MANY OTHER Brethren and Lodges also made major contributions to the fund. A complete list of these contributors and the rooms and furnishings to be dedicated as memorials in their honor will be printed in the August edition of "The Pennsylvania Freemason."

Commenting on the success of the fund, Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, said:

"Grand Lodge is sincerely and deeply appreciative of the Brethren who generously gave to benefit others.

"REACHING THE campaign goal assures us of continued advancement of our most important charity, the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

"Your splendid support, and the dedication of the Brethren who made major

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Harrisburg Educator To Address Grads At Patton Exercises

Bro. David H. Porter, superintendent of Harrisburg schools and a trustee of Patton Masonic School at Elizabethtown, will be the principal speaker June 3 at Patton commencement exercises.

Ten seniors will receive their diplomas at the 11 a.m. exercises in the George H. Deike Auditorium of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

MEMBERS OF the graduating class and their sponsoring Lodges are:

Robert L. Bachich, St. Alban-Swain Lodge No. 529, Philadelphia; Larry A. Boone, Lodge No. 62, Reading; Kim J. Challenger, Cressona Lodge No. 426, Cressona; Sam R. Dubs, Eureka Lodge No. 302, Mechanicsburg; Dale R. Kinkead, Orient Lodge No. 590, Wilkinsburg.

Stanley L. Mathna, Orrstown Lodge No. 262, Orrstown; Glenn W. Miller, Victory Lodge No. 694, Butler; Donald D. Walton, Coatesville Lodge No. 564, Coatesville; Charles E. Ward, Jr., Franklin Lodge No. 221, Pittsburgh; and Dennis C. Wiggins, Washington Lodge No. 156, Quarryville.

THE GRADUATES will be presented their diplomas by Bro. Richard A. Rudisill, also a Patton trustee.

Another highlight of the commencement (Continued on Page 4)



Happiness Is . . . Burning the Mortgage

Less than six years after buying a church to renovate into their Masonic Temple, the Brethren of MacCalla Lodge No. 596 in Souderton gathered for the mortgage burning ceremony. The big event took place at a dinner held last Feb. 14 in the Temple at Main and Church Streets. Happily putting the torch to mortgage are (left to right front) Bro. Harry B. Smith, president of the MacCalla Masonic Hall Association and a trustee of the Lodge, and Bro. James E. Smith, the Worshipful Master. Looking on behind as flames do job are (left to right) Bro. Leon R. Cope, a Past Master of Lodge and also a trustee; Bro. Charles S. Reyner, Grand Lodge Tyler and a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 8th Masonic District, and Bro. C. Grant Brittingham, presently the District Deputy Grand Master. The Lodge bought the former house of worship June 1, 1966 from the congregation of Zwingle United Church of Christ.

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Portable Exhibit Provides Lodges Cultural Treasures

A portable, traveling exhibit of Masonic articles is now available through Grand Lodge for use by Symbolic Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction.

The exhibit, which is arranged by the Committee on Masonic Culture, consists of two display cases of articles from the Grand Lodge Museum in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. The museum has one of the finest collections of Masonic treasures in the world.

EQUIPPED WITH lighting fixtures, the folding cases measure four by six feet when opened for showing.

The exhibit also contains a framed facsimile of Bro. George Washington's Masonic apron. The original apron is considered Grand Lodge's most priceless possession. The apron was embroidered by Madame Lafayette and her husband, Bro. Marquis de Lafayette, presented it to Bro. Washington in August, 1784.

For viewing purposes, the display cases may be placed on metal easels which come with the exhibit.

Lodges which desire to use the traveling exhibit should make the request through their District Deputy Grand Master.

THE LODGE must arrange for transportation of the portable cases and assume responsibility for their security until they are returned to the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

Weight of the two display cases, metal easels, special heavy canvas covers with casters and cushion material is about 500 pounds.



Elected Officers Show Gratification

The faces of the elected Grand Lodge Officers mirror their gratification over the large turnout of Brethren and the highly successful program at the March Quarterly Communication. Pausing for a picture-taking session at the close of Grand Lodge are (l. to r. front) Bro. John L. McCain, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, and Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Deputy Grand Master. Left to right rear are Bro. Ashby B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary, and Bro. Walter P. Wells, R. W. Junior Grand Warden. Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, R. W. Grand Treasurer, was not present for the photo because of a death in the family.

20 DeMolay Scholarships

Grand Lodge Sends Boys to Camp

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is providing 20 scholarships to send qualified youths to a DeMolay Leadership Camp in the state this summer.

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, said under the program a scholarship is available for each of the 20 DeMolay Districts in the Jurisdiction. Each scholarship costs \$75.

THIS IS THE first time a Leadership Camp will be held in Pennsylvania, said a spokesman for the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay. The group will hold eight similar camps this summer in almost every section of the United States.

The Northeast Camp will be held July 23-29 in the Hilltop Lodge section

of the Brandywine Valley YMCA at Downingtown, about 35 miles west of Philadelphia.

The YMCA activities take in more than 500 acres of rolling hills in the scenic Brandywine Valley. There is an Olympic-size swimming pool, horseback riding, hiking trails, tennis, softball and volleyball.

BESIDES OFFERING fun and fellowship, the Leadership Camp will provide all-round training in DeMolay programs. There will be discussion and inspirational sessions in which each youth can share his ideas and problems with DeMolays from many areas of the country.

Allentown Hosts June Quarterly

The June Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held June 7 in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Allentown.

Although the beginning of Freemasonry in Allentown dates back as early as 1817, this will be the first time the city hosts such a meeting.

HUNDREDS OF Masons are expected to attend the Communication in the cathedral, one of the most modern and magnificent in the United States. It was dedicated Aug. 23, 1970.

The beautiful, air conditioned building is the fraternal home of more than 10,000 Scottish Rite Masons from the Lehigh and Delaware Valleys of Pennsylvania.

Highlights of the Communication will include afternoon meetings of the District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lodge's Committee on Finance.

A banquet for Grand Lodge Officers and the District Deputy Grand Masters will be held at 5:15 p.m. in the basement of the Masonic Temple, which adjoins the cathedral. The dinner is by invitation only.

GRAND LODGE will open at 7 p.m. in the 850-seat auditorium of the cathedral. The auditorium features a large, modern stage with controlled lighting effects.

All Master Masons are invited to attend Grand Lodge.

The cathedral, which is in the 1500 block of Hamilton Street, also has a spacious lobby, two lounges, conference and meeting rooms and business offices.

MSA Welcomes Kentucky as Newest Member

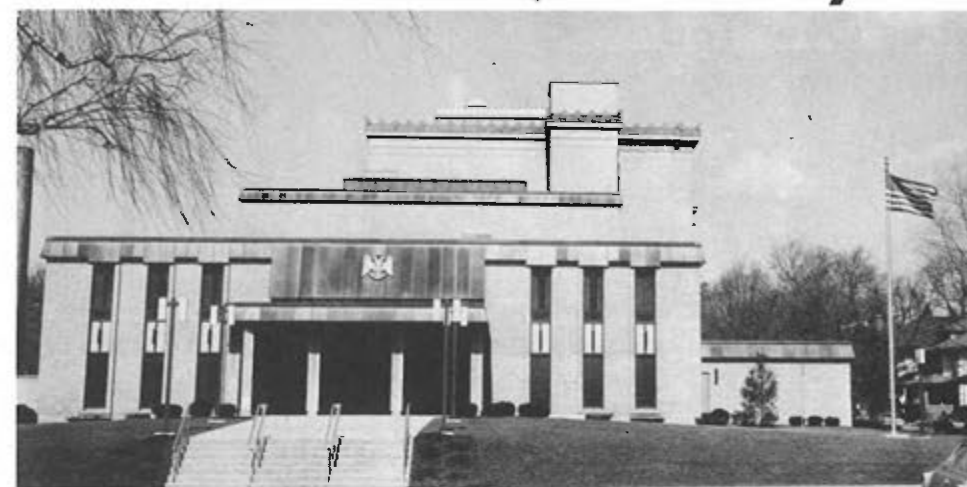
The Masonic Service Association of the United States has welcomed the Grand Lodge of Kentucky as its newest member.

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania, had the privilege of presenting Bro. R. Cliff Wilder, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Kentucky, at the association's 53rd annual meeting last Feb. 21 in Washington, D.C.

Bro. Kimmel served as chairman of the association's 1971 Membership Committee.

FORTY-THREE Grand Lodges now hold memberships in the association.

In reviewing its 1971 activities, the association reported at the meeting that the Hospital Visitation Program continues to grow. New Field Agents were appointed in Pennsylvania last year to begin visiting patients in the Veterans Hospital at Wilkes-Barre and in Valley Forge General Hospital at Phoenixville.



Allentown's beautiful Scottish Rite Cathedral will be scene of Grand Lodge's June Quarterly Communication. Taller structure in background is the Masonic Temple.

Membership Drops to 239,722 As Deaths Offset Initiations

There were 239,722 Masons in 610 Symbolic Lodges in Pennsylvania as of last Dec. 27, the beginning of the new Masonic Year.

Bro. Ashby B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary, reported that represents a decrease in membership of 2,667 Brethren for 1971.

HE PRESENTED the membership summary at the March Quarterly Communication in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. Bro. Paul emphasized the statistics were preliminary since a study of the general returns had not been completed.

During 1971, Bro. Paul said, there were 4,683 Brethren initiated into the Fraternity and 815 admitted. These gains, however, were offset when death, suspensions and resignations took 8,165 Brethren off the membership roster.

Death called 5,980 members last year, while 1,459 were suspended and 726 resigned, according to Bro. Paul.

One new Lodge was constituted in 1971, bringing the number of Lodges to 611. However, the total reverted to 610 with a Lodge merger later in the year.

MEANWHILE, BRO. Paul reported 548 Brethren attended the March Quarterly Communication. They represented 238 Lodges.

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, said such a fine turnout "shows there is something good about Freemasonry." The interest of so many Brethren, he added, is really encouraging.

A proposed amendment to the Ahimman Rezon was submitted at the March Quarterly. Bro. Paul said the proposal

would amend Article XII, Section 13 to permit a District Deputy Grand Master to retire from that office and be created a Past District Deputy Grand Master after serving five years in office instead of 10 years, as now required.

Action on the proposed amendment will be taken at the December Quarterly Communication.

Renowned Researcher Tours State, Talks On Craft Ritual

Bro. Harry Carr of London, England, one of the foremost Masonic scholars and historians in the world, was a guest speaker this month at Lodges in the Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Harrisburg areas.

Bro. Carr is Secretary of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 in London, which is recognized universally as the premier Lodge of Research in Freemasonry.

DURING HIS visit to Pennsylvania, he lectured on "600 Years of Craft Ritual."

Bro. Carr addressed the Brethren of Avalon Lodge No. 657 in Bellevue, near Pittsburgh, on May 2.

His travels brought him May 4 to the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, where he spoke at a Stated Meeting of Oriental Lodge No. 385 in Corinthian Hall.

Bro. Carr concluded his Pennsylvania lecture tour May 6 in Harrisburg. In the spacious ballroom of the Scottish Rite Cathedral, he addressed a Table Lodge held by Steelton-Swatara Lodge No. 775 of Steelton.

Fund Campaign Goes Over Top With Major Gifts

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gifts, gives Grand Lodge one of its brightest moments. We are justly proud of you."

WHEN IT WAS previously known as the Guest Fund with a goal of \$500,000, the most ever contributed was \$492,000.

The \$1,000,000 goal was set this year, however, and the fund drive designated "Guest and Building Fund" because of two considerations.

They were (1) the need for \$500,000 to provide necessities for Guests at the Homes and (2) the need for \$500,000 to pay toward the new 116-bed extended care facility under construction at the Homes.

The success of the campaign will enable Grand Lodge to earmark \$600,000, or an additional \$100,000 for the new building. The added money is needed for safety requirements such as smoke detectors and overhead sprinklers in the new building, as now required by state law.

IN GRATITUDE for Bro. Dickel's most generous gift, the large out-patient clinic which connects the new building with the hospital will be named the "Florence M. Dickel Clinic" in memory of his wife who died in 1968.

Bro. Dickel, who resides in Maplewood, N.J., is a member of Bristol Lodge No. 25 in Bristol, Pa. His late father also was a member of the Lodge and a late brother, Harry C. Dickel, was a Past Master of the Lodge.

In gratitude for Bro. and Mrs. Keller's generous gift, the recreation room and office and visitors' lounge on the first floor of the extended care building will be dedicated to "Mary F. and Melvin G. Keller." A plaque will be placed in the areas to designate the memorial.

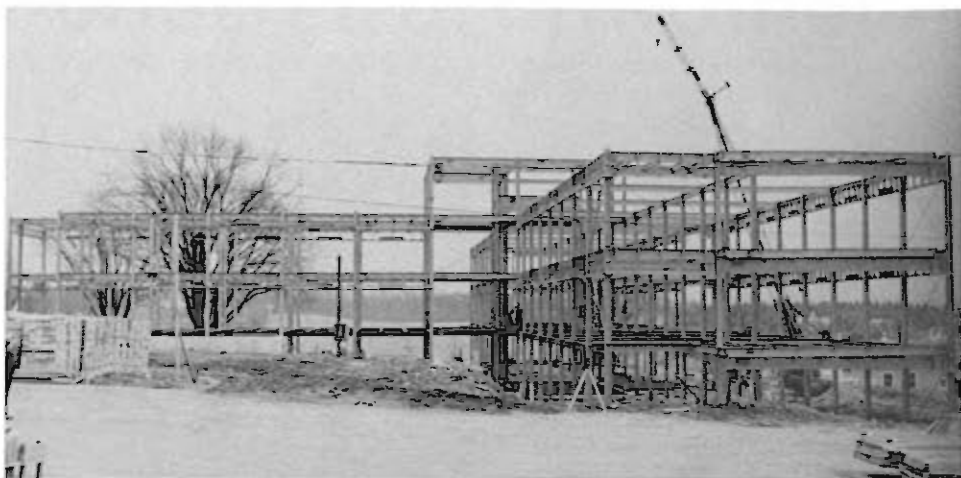
BRO. KELLER is a member of North Star Lodge No. 241 in Warren.

In addition to the gift for the extended care building, Bro. and Mrs. Keller also contributed \$66,000 to the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys at Elizabethtown to assist Grand Lodge in the operation of the school.

Harrisburg Educator Speaks at Patton

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ment program will be the presentation of awards to outstanding members of the class. Each graduate also will be presented a Bible embossed with his name in gold.



When spring was ushered in back in March, all the structural steel had been placed for the \$3.5 million, 116-bed extended care facility at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. A spokesman for the general contractor said work on the three-story building is progressing "close to schedule." Ground was broken last July and target date for completion of the facility is the "summer of 1973."

Closed Church in Monroeton Stands Dedicated to Masonry

A church in northeastern Pennsylvania which served its flock for a century before closing its doors today stands as a Masonic Temple whose members also are dedicated to high principles.

The old Monroeton Presbyterian Church in Monroeton, Bradford County, is the new home of Evergreen Lodge No. 163.

THE LODGE ROOM in the completely renovated church was dedicated April 29 at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge. Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, officiated at the impressive dedication ceremony. He was

accompanied by a corps of Grand Lodge officers.

A dinner for 150 guests was held in Monroeton Fire Hall after the ceremony, which marked an historical highlight for the 152-year-old Evergreen Lodge.

Another came last Sept. 28 when the Lodge held its first meeting in the church it had been given as a gift by the congregation and the Lackawanna Presbytery.

Before moving into its newly remodeled home, the 179-member Lodge had met the past 125 years in small, second-story quarters in a building on Monroeton's Main Street.

SO WHEN THE Brethren learned of the congregation's desire to give them the spacious church with its beautiful stained windows, they thankfully accepted.

The congregation, with the Presbytery's approval, decided to take the step after the membership had fallen off to the extent it became financially impossible to keep the doors open.

The church was given to the Lodge because the parishioners, as well as the community, did not want to see a house of worship become a commercial establishment or remain vacant to deteriorate.

A work force of about 30 Lodge members tackled the extensive job of remodeling the church. For months, every spare hour went into the tremendous effort to ready the Masonic Temple.

THE LABOR, ALL of which was donated, included putting in new partitions and removing others, plastering

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Old Presbyterian church in Monroeton serves as Masonic Temple.

Culture Group Aids Lodge Planning

A new "Bulletin" is being published by Grand Lodge's Committee on Masonic Culture to assist Lodges in planning and conducting more interesting meetings and activities.

The "Bulletin" will emphasize Lodge programming, which is one of the principal concerns of the Grand Master.

THE CULTURE committee will publish the "Bulletin" from time to time as part of a renewed effort to broaden its Masonic education program. Each edition will contain suggestions, ideas, methods and general Masonic information which may be used by Lodge Officers in developing and conducting their programs.

The first "Bulletin" was distributed in March to all Worshipful Masters, Wardens and the chairmen of the Lodge Committees on Masonic Culture.

In other action Bro. Martin D. Rife, chairman of the seven-member Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture, has appointed sub-committees within his group to handle special assignments. They are:

Library and Museum — Bro. W. Frederick Warren, vice chairman of the culture committee, and Bro. John Lawson, a Past District Deputy Grand Master; District Seminars — Bro. Herman A. Dotter, a Past District Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. Howard O. Stahl; Publications — Bro. C. Harry Lefever, a Grand Lodge chaplain, and Bro. Kenneth W. Nebinger; Lodge Programming — Bros. Warren and Nebinger and Bro. William A. Carpenter, Director of Masonic Education.

MEANWHILE, MANY other activities are being stressed in the cultural program.

Lodges will be sent upon request copies of the popular folder, "Freemasonry, A Way of Life"; the booklet, "The Making of a Mason"; the four candidate booklets; folders on the five Ancient Charges; and the Circulating Library brochure which lists books available from the Grand Lodge Library.

Copies of the booklet, "Facing the East," have been distributed to Senior Wardens to prepare them for their terms as Worshipful Masters.

The "Questions and Answers" booklet is being revised for its fourth printing. The eight Masonic culture pamphlets are being completely revised. Serious consideration is being given to combining these pamphlets into an eight or nine chapter working manual for the Lodge Committees on Masonic Culture.

THE SPEAKER'S Bureau listing is being increased and will be circulated again to the Lodges. Nearly half of the

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Planning cultural program activities is the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture, which met during the March Quarterly Communication in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. Left to right are Bros. C. Harry Lefever, also a Grand Chaplain; W. Frederick Warren, committee vice chairman; William A. Carpenter, Director of Masonic Education and secretary to the committee; Martin D. Rife, committee chairman; Kenneth W. Nebinger; John Lawson, a Past District Deputy Grand Master; Frank W. Bobb, Librarian and Curator, and Howard O. Stahl. Bro. Herman A. Dotter, a Past District Deputy Grand Master and also a committee member, was not available for the photo.

Chairs '73 Committee

Bro. Kimmel Gets Conference Post

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, has been elected chairman of the Conference Committee for the 1973 Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America.

The nine-member Conference Committee was elected at the annual Conference of Grand Masters held last Feb. 22-23 in Washington, D.C.

THE COMMITTEE will be responsible for the arrangements and programs for the 1973 conference.

Elected to serve with Bro. Kimmel on the Conference Committee are:

Bro. William K. Bailey, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Bro. Bill P. Horn, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

Bro. Lloyd S. Cochran, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Bro. Frank A. Kenyon, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Bro. Howard J. Hunter, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of

Nebraska.

Bro. Robert H. Danelson, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

Bro. Edward B. Shearer, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

Bro. William B. Stansbury, Jr., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and executive secretary of the Conference of Grand Masters.

Fifty-nine Grand Masters attended the 1972 conference. They represented 49 Grand Lodges of the United States, eight Grand Lodges of Canada, one Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico and one Grand Lodge—the York—of Mexico.

A HIGHLIGHT OF the 1972 conference was the opening address by Bro. Kimmel in a group discussion session. He spoke on "Relationship of Freemasonry to the Religious Community."

The other three group discussion topics were "The Transient Mason"; "How Universal Should Our Masonic Charity Be?" and "Is Nationalism and Masonry the Same?"

The topics developed much interest and a wide range of opinions and ideas were exchanged.

Johnstown Group Works to Make Better Brethren

Making Masons better individuals in their Lodges and in society is one of the purposes of a newly organized group of Brethren in the Johnstown area.

Known as the Johnstown Masonic Culture and Study Group, its members belong to the four Symbolic Lodges which meet in the Johnstown Masonic Temple.

THE LODGES ARE Cambria Lodge No. 278, Johnstown Lodge No. 538, Conemaugh Valley Lodge No. 692 and Sunnehanna Lodge No. 742. They are in the 41st Masonic District, with Bro. Guy E. Walker as District Deputy Grand Master.

The culture and study group discusses subjects of interest to Masons and how members of the Craft can best serve humanity. A major concern of the group is to make Masons, especially newly initiated members, aware of the storehouse of knowledge which is available to those that seek it.

Another project of the group is to enlarge and improve the library in the Johnstown Masonic Temple. The library is being catalogued and the physical facilities expanded.

The group is urging more Masons to use the library and read Masonic literature. New books have been obtained from the Grand Lodge Library in Philadelphia.

Serving in East A Family Tradition

The Dunlap family of Lycoming County has its third son serving as Worshipful Master of Muncy Lodge No. 299.

Bro. Kenneth J. Dunlap, of RD 1, Muncy, was elected last Dec. 2 to serve in the East of the 115-year-old Lodge.

His father, Bro. A. Kenneth Dunlap, the secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Williamsport, was Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1948. He had followed in the footsteps of his father, the late John Dunlap, who served as Worshipful Master in 1918.

And the family is hoping Bro. Dunlap's present term isn't the end of this wonderful tradition. For Bro. Dunlap, an accountant, has two sons, Stanley and Gary, who are well aware of "Father's Lodge."



Moscow Lodge No. 504 will highlight its 100th anniversary with a banquet and by dedicating Lodge Room in its new Masonic Temple in Moscow.

Calendars Circled in Moscow For Lodge's Double Celebration

The Brethren of Moscow Lodge No. 504 in Moscow, Lackawanna County, have had May 27 circled on their calendars for some time.

That day two of the most memorable events in the history of the Lodge will be held — the dedication of its new Lodge Room and observance of its 100th anniversary.

The Lodge Room will be dedicated at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge to be held at 4:30 p.m. in the new Temple on Green Street.

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, will dedicate the Lodge Room. He will be accompanied by a corps of Grand Lodge officers.

Following the ceremony, the Lodge will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a banquet at 6:30 p.m. in the Elmhurst Country Club. About 200 members and guests will attend.

The 154-member Moscow Lodge was constituted April 12, 1872. It is in the 59th Masonic District, with Bro. Clifford J. Manns as District Deputy Grand Master.

THE CRAFTSMEN'S Association of the Lodge was founded in 1961 with two primary objectives — to acquire the land and erect a new building.

In September, 1965 the Lodge was moved to Dunmore and met there four years until the new building was completed.

Fourteen months after moving to Dunmore, the Craftsmen's Association bought nearly two acres of land along Green Street in Moscow for its new home. When it was completed October 1, 1969, the Lodge returned to Moscow and five weeks later held its first meeting in the new building.

Bro. William A. Davis, Worshipful Master, said the new Temple has helped renew and create tremendous enthusiasm for Freemasonry in the area.

at a Special Communication of Grand

Bro. Townsend Recalls Striking Out 'Babe'

Baseball holds many memories for fan and player alike and Bro. William M. Townsend of Philipsburg, a Past District Deputy Grand Master, recalls an especially fond one.

As a young lefthander 50 years ago, Bro. Townsend strolled out of the bullpen and struck out the fabled Babe Ruth with the bases jammed with Yankees and two outs.

The dramatic, seventh inning strike-out came as the Yankees faced New Orleans of the Southern Association in a spring exhibition game. Now a spry 74, Bro. Townsend recalled the moment:

"RIGHT AFTER I fanned him the umpire — it was Bill Klem, I believe — called me in. He handed me the baseball and said, 'Here, kid, you might want to save this.'"

And Bro. Townsend still has the baseball he used to whiff the game's greatest home run hitter.

During his diamond career, Bro. Townsend also played against such greats as the immortal Ty Cobb, Home Run Baker, Satchel Paige and Dazzy Vance.

Bro. Townsend is a Past Master and trustee of Moshannon Lodge No. 391 in Philipsburg.

National Memorial to Be Completed

After nearly a half century of labor, American Freemasonry is going to achieve completion of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Va.

Approval has been given by the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association to spend \$250,000 to complete the exterior granite work on the majestic building.

THE ASSOCIATION, which represents all the Grand Lodges in the United States, took the action last Feb. 21 at its annual meeting in the Memorial.

The association approved a resolution to borrow the \$250,000, at five per cent interest, from the Memorial's Endowment Fund. The money is to be repaid within five years.

The cornerstone of the massive Memorial was laid in 1923. The beautiful structure, which cost \$5,735,642 to build and equip, today has an appraised valuation of \$14 million.

The association announced it plans a fund drive to help raise the \$250,000 to repay the Endowment Fund.

BRO. JOHN H. HESSEY, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and president of the association, discussed some of the Memorial's projects and problems.

He pointed out it is necessary to increase the operating budget because of staff salary increases.

In the near future, he said, the association also hopes to complete the project of illuminating the Memorial at night. The lighting already has cost \$15,000.

Bro. Hessey said \$19,263 has been spent on landscaping but it will cost another \$10,000 to complete this work. Periodically, he reported, vandals have been pulling up by root the trees and shrubs which have been newly planted.

PROBLEMS WITH the Memorial's heating system continue to face the association, he added.

Bro. Hessey and all the directors of the association were reelected to new terms with the exception of Bro. George B. Mize of California, who resigned. He was replaced by Bro. Edward H. Siems, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California.

During the annual meeting, the various Grand Lodges made contributions totaling \$77,000 to the association. Since its 1972 operating budget is about \$177,000, the \$100,000 deficit either must be raised or received from the Endowment Fund to meet expenses.

At present the Endowment Fund is valued at \$3,070,000. Several years ago it was believed the Fund should have at least \$4 million. However, this

amount apparently will not be adequate because of the current inflationary trend.

IT WAS REPORTED that 109,000 persons visited the Memorial last year. It is hoped there will be more visitors this year.

Another interesting statistic is that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania leads all others in total contributions to the Memorial Association. Over the years, Pennsylvania has contributed \$928,363. New York is second with \$910,802.

Miss USA's Kin Are Butler Masons

The father, grandfather and uncle of one of America's top beauty queens are members of the same Masonic Lodge in Pennsylvania.

Miss Michele McDonald of Butler, near Pittsburgh, has reigned as "Miss USA" since crowned last May at Miami Beach. She is a graduate of Knoch High School in Saxtonburg, Butler County.

Among her biggest boosters are her father, Bro. Richard C. McDonald; her grandfather, Bro. Loyal C. Walker, and uncle, Bro. John S. Brooks, Jr., all members of William H. Miller Lodge No. 769 in Butler.

Oldest Mason Plans 104th Birthday

Next month his fellow Brethren are going to light 104 candles on the birthday cake of Bro. George L. Roberts of Tunkhannock, the oldest Mason in years of membership in Pennsylvania.

Besides ranking No. 1 in this Jurisdiction, Bro. Roberts is the fourth oldest Mason in point of membership throughout the United States and Canada.

He has been a member of Temple Lodge No. 248 in Tunkhannock for more than 80 years.

While Bro. Roberts' 104th birthday will be June 16, he'll be honored by the Lodge 11 days earlier at its June 5 Stated Meeting.

Bro. Roberts is still keenly interested in Masonic activities and attended the Lodge's annual St. John's Day banquet last January.

His Masonic life includes being a Royal Arch Mason 72 years, a Knight Templar 71 years and a Shriner 70 years.



Temple's Safekeeping in Good Hands

The care and safekeeping of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia is a monumental task handled by the five-member Committee on Temple at work here. Seated left to right are Bros. Herbert M. Bobrow; Glen T. Renegar, chairman of the committee and District Deputy Grand Master of District "D" in Philadelphia; William F. Lotz, Jr.; and William O. Vogt, superintendent of the Temple, who attends meetings of the committee but is not a member. Standing left to right are Bros. John E. Palmer and Edward K. Williams, Jr.