

Fraternity Restores 'Lost' Brother Found in Hospital

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Pennsylvania when the Brethren learned about his case.

THE MEMBERS of Silver Gate Lodge No. 296 in San Diego voted last August to remit his dues. Similar action by the Bloomsburg Consistory and Lu Lu Temple in Pennsylvania soon followed.

And joy finally came back last Sept. 10 to a Brother who had been "lost" for more than 39 years.

On that day Bro. Portman's heart was surely gladdened when the Grand Master of Pennsylvania presented him current dues cards reinstating him to membership in the three Masonic Bodies.

In the special program at Lebanon Veterans Hospital, Bro. Kimmel told the Masonic officials who had gathered to honor Bro. Portman:

"In this 'lost' Brother the Craft has found a pearl, and do we ever cherish this occasion. This day is a highlight in Freemasonry and we're so happy all of you are here to enjoy it with us."

THE HEARTWARMING presentation of Bro. Portman's dues cards that took place Sept. 10 came, ironically, on the very day he was made a Master Mason 57 years ago.

Maybe this was coincidence, or could the Supreme Architect's hand have been behind the timing of such a rewarding moment?

Among those who accompanied Bro. Kimmel on his visit to the hospital were Bro. Conrad Hahn, executive secretary of the Masonic Service Association; Bro. George P. Leigh Jr., Supreme Grand Tall Cedar of North America; and officers of Masonic Bodies in the Harrisburg, Lebanon, Lancaster, York, Reading and Shippensburg areas of Pennsylvania.



Bro. Roy I. Burtner (seated) thoughtfully puffs his pipe as he prepares to blow out the candles on his cake at his 96th birthday celebration. Fellow Masons who helped organize the party for the hospitalized war veteran, who is a member of Butler Lodge No. 272, are from left, Bro. William B. Brown, a Field Agent for the Masonic Service Association (MSA); Bro. Lewis R. Hogan, an MSA volunteer; Bro. Harry M. Hays, a Past Master and secretary of Butler Lodge No. 272; Bro. Mack E. Murphy, of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Pittsburgh, and Bro. Lynn C. Burtner, a nephew of the honored guest and a Past Commander of Lorraine Commandery No. 87 in Butler.

Craft Salutes Butler Mason With Party on 96th Birthday

A Spanish-American War veteran who has been a Pennsylvania Mason for more than 69 years was honored with a party on his 96th birthday in the Veterans Administration Hospital at Butler, Pa.

The party for Bro. Roy I. Burtner was given by the Masonic Service Association (MSA) and other volunteer groups at the hospital. Bro. William B. Brown, of nearby Portersville, is Field Agent for the MSA at the hospital.

WHEN BRO. BURTNER blew out the candles on his birthday cake last July 12, representatives of many Ma-

sonic Bodies were present to salute him.

Bro. Burtner became a Mason in Butler Lodge No. 272 on Oct. 22, 1903. He is the oldest living Past Commander of Lorraine Commandery No. 87 in Butler, having served in that office in 1914.

Bro. Burtner was honored by Grand Lodge in October, 1953 when he received his 50-year Masonic Service Emblem.

During the Spanish-American War, Bro. Burtner served in the 15th Regiment of Pennsylvania's National Guard. He was stationed at Camp Athens, Ga. before being honorably discharged in January, 1899.

AFTER HIS military service, Bro. Burtner worked as a field man for an oil company in Jefferson Township, Butler County. For many years he operated the Park Hotel in Butler, and then worked at Spang's until his retirement in 1943.

Bro. Burtner has been a resident in the Nursing Home Care Unit of the hospital for the past 10 years.

Grand Lodge 3rd Oldest

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania worked by authority of the Grand Lodge of England as early as 1731, thus making the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania the third oldest in the world. It is preceded only by the Grand Lodges of England (1717) and Ireland (1729).

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Hershey Hosts March Quarterly

The March Quarterly Communication in 1973 will be held in Hershey at the Milton Hershey School, which takes in 10,000 acres of beautiful land in the foothills of the Blue Mountains.

In announcing the site and program for the gala affair March 7, Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, said a new concept for Quarterly Communications will be introduced.

THE MARCH Quarterly, Bro. Kimmel said, will be highlighted by six events which will be open to the Ladies. The District Deputy Grand Masters will be urged to encourage the Ladies from every area of the state to form groups, charter buses and come to Hershey.

The magnificent Founders Hall, which is the hub of the Milton Hershey School complex, will be the center of activities during the Quarterly. The

hall is an architectural gem and a major attraction in itself. It was built and named as a tribute to the memory of Milton S. Hershey, great industrialist and humanitarian, and his wife, Catherine, the founders of the school.

Both the Brethren and Ladies will enjoy the March Quarterly program, which features an open house, reception, dinner, entertainment and a dance. All these events will be held in Founders Hall, which has a beautiful rotunda and reception area for visitors, a banquet room, chapel and auditorium, social center, closed circuit television studio and administrative offices.

AND WHILE the Brethren are attending Grand Lodge, the Ladies will be shown the movie, "Milton Hershey School Story," in the Heritage Room of Founders Hall.

Grand Lodge will convene at 7 p.m.

in the gymnasium of Catherine Hall, which is the classroom and recreational facility for boys in the Intermediate Division of the school. Catherine Hall is almost on the doorstep of Founders Hall.

The Quarterly program will begin with an open house from 3 to 5 p.m., followed by a reception.

A dinner for 1,200 Ladies and Brethren will be served at 5:30 p.m. in the Camelot Room, elegantly furnished in Arthurian decor.

THE DINNER tickets will be \$7.50 each and will be sold on a first come basis until the 1,200 seating capacity is reached. If you plan to attend dinner, be sure to get your tickets early by sending in the coupon which appears in this

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Amendment Affects District Deputies

The election of Grand Lodge officers and the Committee on Masonic Homes will highlight the December Quarterly Communication in Philadelphia.

Grand Lodge will convene at 10 a.m. Dec. 6 in Corinthian Hall of the Masonic Temple, One N. Broad St.

A 12:30 p.m. luncheon will be held for the Brethren in the Grand Banquet Room. At 2 p.m. Grand Lodge will resume its labor.

Action also will be taken on the following proposed amendment to the Ahiman Rezon:

Resolved, that Article XII, Section 13, the first sentence of which reads, "A District Deputy Grand Master, having served as such for a period of ten years or more, may retire from that office as a Past District Deputy Grand Master," shall be amended to read as follows: "A District Deputy Grand Master, having served as such for a period of five years or more, may retire from that office as a Past District Deputy Grand Master."



Founders Hall, an architectural jewel, is the hub of Milton Hershey School. Built as a tribute to the school's founders, Milton S. Hershey and his wife, Catherine, the hall will be the center of activities during Grand Lodge's March Quarterly Communication on March 7, 1973. Other school pictures on Pages 5-7.

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Itinerary Highlights 2 Masters' Nights

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

December 6 — Grand Lodge Officers, December Quarterly Communication, Philadelphia.

December 7 — Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Chapter Quarterly Communication, Philadelphia.

December 8 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

December 27 — Grand Lodge Officers, Annual Grand Communication, Philadelphia.

January 13 — Grand Master, Masters' Night, sponsored by Lu Lu Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

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

February 19-21 — Grand Lodge Officers, Conference of Grand Masters, Washington, D.C.

February 23 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

February 24 — Grand Master, Masters' Night, sponsored by Syria Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh.

Installation Ceremony Climaxes Annual Grand

The installation of Grand Lodge officers will climax the Annual Grand Communication Dec. 27 in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Grand Lodge will convene at 10 a.m. in Corinthian Hall. All Master Masons are invited.

A luncheon for the Brethren will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Grand Banquet Room.



Officers of The Masonic Ancients of Pennsylvania for 1972 are (left to right), Bro. Frederick R. Loeffler, of Montgomery Lodge No. 19, secretary-treasurer; Bro. Herbert D. Louderback, of Lodge No. 3, president; Bro. William J. Wallace, of Radiant Star Lodge No. 606, first vice-president; and Bro. Elmer B. Kauffman, of Athelstan Lodge No. 482, second vice-president. All are Past Masters of their Lodges, which meet in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

'50-Year Boys' Unique

Old Age Keeps the Ancients Going

The Craft is centuries old, yet Pennsylvania has a Masonic body so distinct it's unmatched any place else in the world.

Known as "The Masonic Ancients of Pennsylvania," all its members have been Master Masons for 50 years or more. And they all are in good Masonic standing in their Blue Lodges.

THIS UNIQUE body of Brethren, founded 60 years ago in Philadelphia, has since been demonstrating that old age is not a regret but has its pleasures.

The Ancients, who speak of themselves as "the 50-year boys," endeavor to add to the enjoyment of their senior years. And they strive to solidify the bonds of friendship and fraternal regard within their exceptional group.

Founded Jan. 31, 1912 with only a handful of members, the Masonic Ancients' roster today lists about 300 active Brethren. Most live in Pennsylvania, while others come from such distant places as Newfoundland and Florida and Shaker Heights, Ohio.

The Ancients get together in April and October each year to break bread, listen to a prominent speaker and carry

out business. The October session is the annual meeting, which is highlighted by the election of officers.

HELD IN THE Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, each meeting usually draws about 125 members.

The philosophy behind the Masonic Ancients apparently was expressed best by Bro. Mark Richards Muckle, the group's founder and first president.

He constantly exhorted those Brethren who were too young and not eligible to join to "hurry along and become so."

Bro. Muckle, a Philadelphia business executive, was 89 years young when death called in 1915. A Mason for nearly 65 years, he was a member and Past Master of Hermann Lodge No. 125, Philadelphia.

THE LIFE-LONG labor of the Ancients is an inspiration for others to keep doing works of good. They proudly wear with honor a small lapel button inscribed with Masonic Ancients and the number "50."

Certainly Oliver Goldsmith had in mind persons of their kind when he wrote, "I love everything that's old."

Fraternity Restores 'Lost' Brother

Thirty-nine years is a long time to have been a "lost" Brother.

But after all that time the "lost" Joseph T. Portman somehow remembered one beautiful thing — the light of Masonry — that had touched him during 82 years of living.

SOMETHING, MAYBE it was the Supreme Architect's handiwork, triggered the hospitalized Portman's memory just a few months ago when he remembered to a visitor his wonderful experience of being a Mason.

Portman remembered even though he was severely gassed on a World War I battlefield, and has spent practically his entire life since in Army hospitals. The past 24 years he has been a patient in the Lebanon Veterans Hospital at Lebanon, Pa.

The road which led to Portman's being found and restored to good Masonic standing, after nearly four decades of being "lost" to the Fraternity, stretched from Pennsylvania to California.

Portman not only told his hospital visitor that he joined the Masons in San Diego in 1915 but he recalled, almost fantastically, the correct name and number of his Blue Lodge — Silver Gate Lodge No. 296.

PORTMAN ALSO mentioned the Bloomsburg (Pa.) Consistory and Lu

Lu Shrine Temple in Philadelphia which, he said, he joined shortly after his return from the World War I fighting front.

By coincidence, the visitor who stopped by just to make Portman's day more pleasurable was Bro. Edward L. Vice of Harrisburg. A Field Agent for the Masonic Service Association of the United States, Bro. Vice carries out its visitation program at Lebanon Veterans Hospital. The program in this state is financed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

After writing to the secretary of Silver Gate Lodge about his visit with Portman, Bro. Vice received word back that a check of the records showed the Lodge never had a member by that name.

And when Bro. Vice later asked Portman if he had any dues cards, the aged veteran replied "no," claiming he hadn't paid dues for more than 40 years.

MONTHS PASSED when on another visit to the hospital, Bro. Vice was shown a Masonic calendar which the "lost" Portman said he received from Silver Gate Lodge.

Bro. Vice, his interest spurred by the calendar incident, decided to discuss Portman's case with Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, the Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

This began a chain of correspondence

between Bro. Ashby B. Paul, the Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania, and Bro. Edward H. Siems, the Grand Secretary and a Past Grand Master of California. The cross-country exchange of letters uncovered these details about the "lost" Portman's Masonic life:

• He was initiated in Silver Gate Lodge No. 296 in San Diego on Aug. 9, 1915, passed Aug. 23 and was raised on Sept. 10.

• He became a member of Bloomsburg Consistory in 1918 and then joined Lu Lu Temple in Philadelphia.

• Portman then was confined and transferred to various Veterans Hospitals in Pennsylvania, including those at Philadelphia, Coatesville and Lebanon. Silver Gate Lodge, apparently without knowledge of Portman's whereabouts and unable to communicate with him, suspended him July 7, 1933 for non-payment of dues.

• Both the Bloomsburg Consistory and Lu Lu Temple, however, had been remitting Portman's dues for many years because they knew of his hospitalization. But both these Bodies also suspended him when they learned he was no longer a member of his Blue Lodge.

But graciousness and understanding marked the road to Portman's restoration to membership in California and

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Temple Celebrates 100th Anniversary

The Masonic Temple in Philadelphia will celebrate its 100th birthday next year and a two-day open house will climax the anniversary.

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, said the open house will be held Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15-16, 1973.

In announcing the celebration at the September Quarterly Communication, Bro. Kimmel said leaders in business, government and the community are expected to take part. Plans for the open house have not been completed but guided tours of the Temple and a banquet will be held.

The magnificent Temple, which is the home of Grand Lodge, is an architectural jewel and one of the wonders of the Masonic world. Besides Grand Lodge, 76 Blue Lodges and 21 other Masonic Bodies hold their meetings in the Temple.

The beautiful edifice was dedicated in solemn ceremonies Sept. 26, 1873. Since that day, it has been serving mankind in the spirit of universal benevolence and brotherhood.



After being "lost" to the Craft for more than 39 years, Bro. Joseph T. Portman (center), a patient at Lebanon Veterans Hospital, is restored to good Masonic standing in three Bodies with the dues cards presented him by Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania. Joining in with their congratulations to the World War I veteran are (from left) Bro. Conrad Hahn, executive secretary of the Masonic Service Association (MSA) of the United States; Bro. Edward L. Vice, Field Agent for the MSA at the hospital, and Bro. Ashby B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania.



This building, formerly the oldest church in the Washington County community of McDonald, is one of the newest dedicated Masonic Temples in Pennsylvania. The Temple is the home of Garfield Lodge No. 604 and its Lodge Room was dedicated last Oct. 6 at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge.

Garfield Lodge Dedicates Temple, Once Oldest Church in McDonald

A building which once housed the oldest church in McDonald has become one of the newest dedicated Masonic Temples in the state.

The new Temple in Washington County is the home of Garfield Lodge No. 604, which has 304 members.

THE MEMBERSHIP proudly took part in a meaningful ceremony last Oct. 6 as Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, dedicated the Lodge Room at a Special Communication of Grand Lodge. A corps of Grand Lodge officers accompanied the Grand Master.

The 77-year-old Garfield Lodge is in the 29th Masonic District. In congratulating the Lodge members, Bro. Walter L. Sykes, the District Deputy Grand Master, said:

"The new Temple will be an asset to Pennsylvania Masonry, the McDonald community and the proud Brethren of Garfield Lodge. The former parishioners as well as residents of the area were happy to see the church building utilized by the Masons."

AFTER CLOSING its doors, the Robinson Run United Presbyterian Church had been put up for sale by the Washington Presbytery. And the officers of Garfield Lodge became interested in buying the property for conversion into their Temple.

Garfield was constituted March 12, 1895 and for most of its 77 years had held meetings in third-floor rooms of various buildings in McDonald. To attend Lodge, the Brethren had to climb long flights of stairs.

The officers finally decided in 1970

to look into the possibility of acquiring a new home with first-floor accommodations. Buying the church would eliminate the stairs and enable the Lodge's elderly members and those with heart conditions to get to meetings.

THE McDONALD Masonic Temple Association was organized last year to spearhead negotiations to buy the church property. An appeal letter went out to all Garfield members. During 1971, they contributed more than \$10,000 toward the purchase price.

The Lodge assumed ownership of the church last New Year's Day.

Almost immediately a work force of about 15 Lodge members began the job of remodeling the church. The men, who donated their labor, worked evenings and Saturdays to get the Temple ready for the October dedication ceremony.

The project involved everything from installing steel beams to leveling the old church floor. Windows were bricked and more than 150 sheets of paneling installed. New partitions were added and others replaced. A ceiling was dropped; plastering was done; new doors were put in, and some removed.

THE TEMPLE will have a new kitchen and two new restrooms, while new carpeting enhances the Lodge Room and other rooms.

Besides its Brethren contributing more than \$10,000, Garfield Lodge will sell the three-story brick building it bought in 1926 as a meeting place. Proceeds from the sale will be used to make the new Temple debt-free.

Culture Committee Offers Services To Aid Programs

Grand Lodge's Committee on Masonic Culture is advancing its program of services to assist Lodges in conducting more interesting meetings and activities.

The committee's program is being carried out under a directive of the Grand Master. One of his primary concerns is Lodge programming.

Services provided by the committee which Lodge officers are urged to use include:

- 35mm color slides on the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, and the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, which may be borrowed for Lodge programs. The slides include descriptive material. Several 16mm films also are available on loan.

- Sets of informative and inspirational talks to share with the Brethren at Stated Meetings.

- Facts and figures for Masonic speeches will be supplied upon request provided reasonable time is given the committee to forward the material.

- Sets of the Four Candidate Booklets are supplied to share with the candidates. Copies of the booklet, "The Making of a Mason," are available for Lodge officers, the Recommenders and Committees of Inquiry.

- Copies of the folder, "Freemasonry, A Way of Life," are provided for the Brethren and also may be shown to

Places to Stay If Hershey Bound

If you're planning to attend the 1973 March Quarterly Communication at the Milton Hershey School in Hershey, you'll be interested in nearby hotels or motels for reservations.

Excellent accommodations will be available at the 200-room Hershey Motor Lodge and the Hotel Hershey, which is known as a great resort facility. Both are within a few minutes driving time of the school's Founders Hall and Catherine Hall, where events at the Quarterly will be held.

The school also is easily reached from at least three other overnight facilities. They are Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge on State Route 283, about two miles north of the Turnpike's Exit 19; the Holiday East Motor Hotel on Route 283 at Exit 19 of the Turnpike; and the Capitol Motel, about five miles east of Harrisburg on U.S. Route 22.

Philadelphia Lodges In Merger, Becomes Effective Dec. 19

The merger of two Philadelphia Lodges was approved at the September Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

Bro. Ashby B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary, reported the merger of Robert R. Bringham Lodge No. 686 into Richmond Lodge No. 230 will become effective Dec. 19. The Lodge will be known as Richmond Lodge No. 230.

WITH THE MERGER, Bro. Paul said, there will be 607 Symbolic Lodges in Pennsylvania.

He said 410 Brethren, who represented 178 Lodges, attended the Quarterly Communication on Sept. 6.

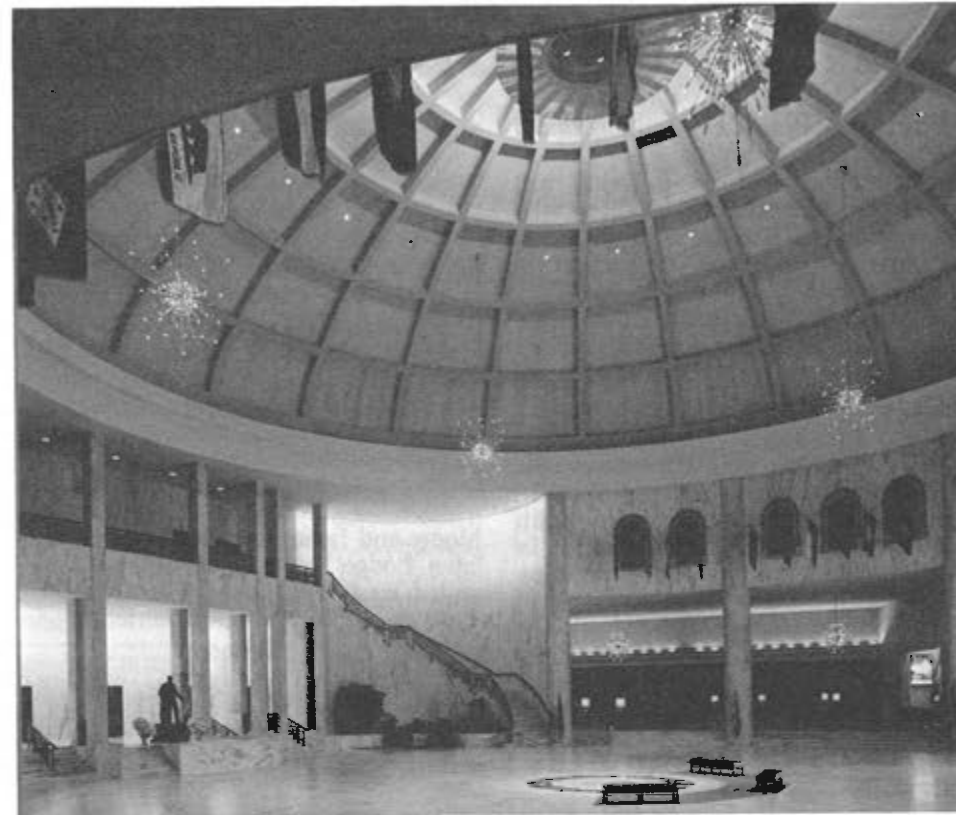
At the Quarterly Grand Lodge's Committee on Flood Relief reported on the assistance program which was set up after tropical storm Agnes ravaged the state last June.

Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Deputy Grand Master and chairman of the committee, said as of Sept. 6 about \$350,000 in cash grants and loans had been approved to help needy Brethren and organizations in the flood areas.

Bro. Woodall pointed out the committee will continue its flood relief work until such time as the R. W. Grand Master declares the emergency no longer exists.

MEANWHILE, GRAND Lodge was saddened when the R. W. Grand Secretary announced that death had called two Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

Bro. Paul reported that Bro. J. Merrill Oswald, a member of Isaac Hiester Lodge No. 660 in West Reading, Berks County, died last June 10. And Bro. Robert H. Rayner, a member of Salem Lodge No. 330 in Hamlin, Wayne County, died last July 16.



The magnificent rotunda of Founders Hall at Milton Hershey School will be the beautiful setting for a dance for the Brethren and their Ladies at the Quarterly Communication March 7, 1973. The domed rotunda features chandeliers of Austrian crystal, gold-bronze grillwork in the arches and stairways and the flags of the 50 states.

Six Events for Ladies

Hershey Hosts March Quarterly

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edition.

You must have a ticket if you expect to have dinner in the Camelot Room. However, the Ladies and Brethren who do not desire to attend the dinner are still welcome to come and enjoy the other events at the March Quarterly.

After the movie for the Ladies and Grand Lodge has closed, an entertain-

ment program will be staged at 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The 40-voice Glee Club, directed by Virgil L. Alexander, and the Spartan Orchestra of the Hershey school will highlight the entertainment.

The orchestra, under the baton of Bro. W. Purnell Payne, will then play at a dance from 10-11:30 p.m. in the rotunda, with its beautiful dome and other magnificent appointments.

DRESS FOR the Ladies and Brethren at the dance will be optional.

The rotunda of Founders Hall is a glittering setting in Vermont marble, chandeliers of Austrian crystal, gold-bronze grillwork in the arches and stairways and the flags of the 50 states.

Culture Committee Offers Services

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interested, non-Masons.

If you are interested in any of these services, write or phone the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture at the Masonic Temple, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107. The phone numbers are Area Code 215-567-2248 or 567-4190.

Send to —

Brentwood S. Shunk, 4201 Elmerton Ave., Harrisburg, Pa. 17109

Enclosed is my check for \$..... for reservations at \$7.50 per ticket for the dinner to be held at 5:30 p.m. March 7, 1973 in Founders Hall at the Milton Hershey School at Hershey, Pa. Checks should be made payable to Ashby B. Paul, Grand Secretary.

Print Name

Address

City State Zip

Note: Please enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Giving of Gifts Creates Memorial

The new Masons Care Building under construction at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, will be a living memorial to the Lodges and Brethren who generously gave gifts to help others.

Pennsylvania Masons contributed an all-time record \$1,280,073 to the 1971 "Guest and Building Fund" drive at the Homes. This splendid support enabled Grand Lodge to earmark \$600,000 toward the new 116-bed extended care facility.

THE MAJOR contributors to the 1971 fund and the rooms and furnishings which will be dedicated with plaques as memorials in their honor in the three-story Masons Care Building are:

GROUND FLOOR

Visitors' Lounge, recreation office and recreation work room — "Mary F. and Melvin G. Keller," presented by Bro. Melvin G. Keller, of North Star Lodge No. 241, Warren, and his wife, Mary F.

Meditation Room — "Memory of Isadore Sley," presented by Bro. Harry Sley, of E. Coppee Mitchell Lodge No. 605, and his wife, Beatrice.

Dining Room, dining room-recreation area and food service — "Memory of Henry H. Koser," Manheim Lodge No. 587, Manheim.

FIRST FLOOR

Out-patient Clinic — "Florence M. Dickel Clinic," presented by Bro. R.

Flood Relief

Reaches \$428,250

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as of Oct. 19, has provided \$428,250 in cash gifts and loans to help needy Brethren and organizations in flood areas of the state.

Grand Lodge set up a four-phase relief program after tropical storm Agnes ravaged the state last June.

The Committee on Flood Relief, which administers the program, reports that \$104,050 has been given in gifts to provide immediate aid under the first phase.

Under the program's second phase, \$304,700 has been approved in low interest loans.

And \$12,300 has been given in gifts, under the third phase of assistance, to local groups which have done outstanding work in flood distressed communities.

The fourth phase of the program has seen Grand Lodge provide \$7,200 to restore Masonic Temples which were damaged by flood waters.

George Dickel, of Bristol Lodge No. 25, in memory of his wife who died in 1968.

Double Rooms

No. 1000 and furnishings — Meridian Sun Lodge No. 158.

1001 and furnishings — University Lodge No. 610.

1002 and furnishings—Scottish Rite, Pittsburgh.

1003 and furnishings — 7th Masonic District.

1004 and furnishings—Lehigh County Memorial Endowment Fund.

1006 — "Memory of Paul Miller Moore and James Russell Moore, Woodlawn Lodge No. 672, Aliquippa," presented by F. M. Moore Foundation.

1034 — 5th Masonic District.

Single Rooms

No. 1009 — Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682.

1011 and furnishings — "Scott C. Rea" room, presented by 46th Masonic District.

1013 and furnishings — 27th Masonic District.

1015 — "Memory of Nathan B. Lundy, Susie M. Lundy and Ethel G. Nevil," presented by Mabel L. and Burrows T. Lundy, Eureka Lodge No. 335.

1017 and furnishings — "Elsie A. and Walter G. Bushey, Euclid Lodge No. 698.

1019 and furnishings — Mountain Lodge No. 281.

1021 and furnishings — Corinthian Lodge No. 368.

1023 and furnishings — Dormont Lodge No. 684.

1025 — Concordia Lodge No. 67.

1027—Mount Olivet Lodge No. 704.

1029 and furnishings—Logan Lodge No. 490.

1031 — "Memory of Charles W. Z. Hilbert, Huguenot Lodge No. 377, Kutztown," presented by his widow, Mrs. Hannah M. Hilbert.

1033 — John A. Brashear Lodge No. 743.

1035 — Syria Temple, Pittsburgh.

Solariums

Lounge 9 — Lodge No. 9.

Lounge 21 — Perseverance Lodge No. 21.

Lounge 464 — Robert Burns Lodge No. 464. Furnishings for lounge presented by "Florenda and Bro. W. Orville Kimmel," Lodge 464.

Examination and Treatment Room — "Genevieve and John L. McCain, Milnor Lodge No. 287, Pittsburgh."

SECOND FLOOR

Furnishings Only (Double Rooms)

No. 2008 — Allegheny Lodge No. 223.

2010 — "Memory of Willis R.

Holidays Time To Share Blessings

Now is the time, with the holiday season just around the corner, to embrace the spirit of giving and share your blessings with others.

If you haven't already done so, send your contribution now to the 1972 "Guest and Building Fund" drive of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. The goal is to raise at least \$600,000 to provide many services for the Guests at the Homes.

Your gift, no matter how small, will play a big part in helping others. So make your check or money order payable to the "Masonic Homes Guest and Building Fund."

Use the postage-free envelope that you received in your Lodge notice and mail your contribution to the Executive Director, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

Michael," York Lodge No. 266, presented by his widow, Mrs. Ruth Michael.

2012 — "In Memory of Roy G. Stoner and the Past Masters of Harrisburg Lodge No. 629, F. & A. M. — The Gift of James D. Novinger."

2014 — "Brother Edwin S. Napier in Memory of his Mother, Christina G. Napier," Washington Lodge No. 59.

2016 — Bro. Garold M. Oakes, D.D.G.M., Kane Lodge No. 566.

2018 — "In Memory of Brother James Congor Longdon, Hailman Lodge No. 321," presented by Bro. James S. Longdon of Lodge No. 321.

2020 — Euclid Lodge No. 698.

2022 — Juniata Lodge No. 282.

2024 — Juniata Lodge No. 282.

2026 — Covenant Lodge No. 456.

2028 — Athelstan Lodge No. 482.

2030 — Jerusalem Lodge No. 506.

2032 — Azalea Lodge No. 687.

2034 — "In Memory of Bros. S. Raymond Janney and J. Oscar Kelley of Perseverance Lodge No. 21," presented by Lodge No. 21.

Furnishings Only (Single Rooms)

No. 2011 — "Memory of James T. Schenkel, Robert A. Lamberton Lodge No. 487," presented by his widow, Mrs. Blanche M. Schenkel.

2013 — "Donated by James R. Elliott," Stichter Lodge No. 254.

2015 — "Donated by William R. and Mrs. Burchfield," Muncy Lodge No. 299.

2017 — "Donated by Charles Bloom and Sarah E. Bloom," Potter Lodge No. 441.

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Now It's 'Masons Care Building'

A name has been chosen and dedication plans set for the new 116-bed extended care facility being built at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The \$3.5 million structure will be known as the "Masons Care Building."

THE NAME was approved at a meeting of the Committee on Masonic Homes.

The three-story building will be dedicated at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 28, 1973 in ceremonies at the Homes.

In announcing the name and dedication date at the September Quarterly Communication, Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, said work on the building is "progressing well."

He reported that the brick work was

98 per cent completed, the roof finished and the interior work was well underway. The air-conditioned structure, one of the most modern of its kind in the country, is being constructed adjacent to the Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital.

WHILE PLANS have not been finalized for "Dedication Day," the Lodges apparently will be urged to charter buses to bring groups to the ceremony.

The program is expected to highlight morning tours of the Homes and entertainment by bands and singing groups from various Masonic Bodies. Lawn tables also will be set up throughout the grounds for use of the Lodges, which will bring their own picnic lunches.



The Brethren and their Ladies will have dinner in the rich atmosphere of the Camelot Room in Founders Hall at the Quarterly Communication on March 7, 1973 at Hershey, Pa.



The Spartan Orchestra of Milton Hershey School will provide the music at the dance to be held in Founders Hall during the Quarterly Communication on March 7, 1973. The orchestra is directed by Bro. W. Purnell Payne, a member of Lodge No. 781.

He's 98 (Almost), Visits Office Daily

Bro. William A. Jordan's 98th birthday is on the horizon but the Pittsburgh attorney is as active as ever with Masonic and business affairs.

A resident of Wilkinsburg, near Pittsburgh, Bro. Jordan is a Past District Deputy Grand Master and the oldest living Past Master of Beta Lodge No. 647. He was Worshipful Master of his Lodge in 1910.

Bro. Jordan, in his 72nd year as an attorney, still comes every day to his law office in downtown Pittsburgh. Earlier this year the Allegheny County Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Association paid tribute to Bro. Jordan for his long service. He is the senior member of the Bar of the Commonwealth.

Bro. Jordan had the honor of presenting Grand Lodge 50-year Masonic Service Emblems to those eligible at a recent meeting of Swissvale Lodge No. 656.

And next March 4 he'll celebrate being 98 years young.

Giving of Gifts Creates Memorial

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2019 — Reading Consistory.

2021 — Chester Lodge No. 236.

2023 — Melita Lodge No. 295.

2025 — Lodge No. 408.

2027 — Harrisburg Lodge No. 629.

2029 — Homewood Lodge No. 635.

2031 — Bro. Grant S. Hunter and his wife, Edna K. Hunter, Fort Pitt Lodge No. 634.

2033 — "A Memorial to Ashton Gardner, Esquire, Presented by his wife, Jennie Dively Gardner," Juniata Lodge No. 282.

2035 — "In Memory of Margaret Van Dyke Walker," presented by her husband, Bro. William J. Walker, William C. Hamilton Lodge No. 500.

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