

## Bro. Hoover Retires As District Deputy, Named Chaplain

Bro. David R. Hoover of McConnellsburg, who recently was created a Past District Deputy Grand Master, has been appointed a Grand Chaplain by Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master.

Bro. Hoover was named to replace Bro. Alfred N. Sayres, 78, of Neffsville, who died last June 4 after serving as a Grand Chaplain for more than 22 years. Bro. Sayres was a member of Lamber-ton Lodge No. 476, Lancaster.

**FOR THE PAST** 28 years, Bro. Hoover has served as pastor of the McConnellsburg Lutheran Parish, which takes in three churches. He also has served 10 years as chaplain of the State House in Harrisburg.

Bro. Hoover is a member and Past Master of Mount Zion Lodge No. 774, McConnellsburg.

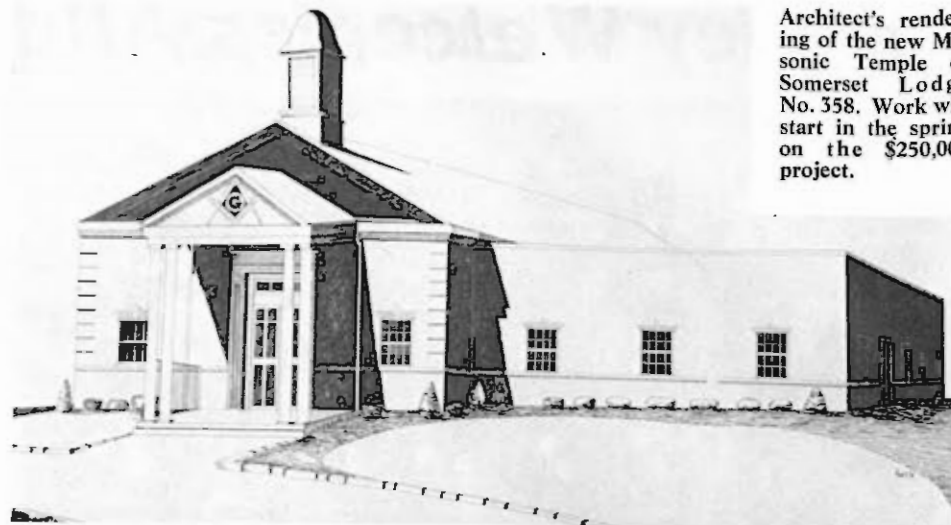
He recently retired from the office after serving 10 years as District Deputy Grand Master of the 34th Masonic District. The district takes in seven Blue Lodges and embraces Fulton, Huntingdon and Bedford Counties.

## School Schedules 10 Sectional Meetings

The schedule of dates and places where the School of Instruction will hold 1973 sectional meetings is:

**March 3** — Harrisburg  
**March 10** — Washington  
**March 17** — Pittsburgh  
**March 24** — New Castle  
**April 7** — Allentown  
**April 28** — Kane  
**April 28** — Ligonier  
**May 12** — Williamsport  
**September 15** — Conneautville  
**October 3** — Scranton

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Architect's rendering of the new Masonic Temple of Somerset Lodge No. 358. Work will start in the spring on the \$250,000 project.

## Ground Broken for Project

# Somerset Temple Will Rise in Spring

Construction of the new Masonic Temple in Somerset will begin this spring and the \$250,000 project is expected to be ready for dedication next fall.

The new home of Somerset Lodge No. 358 will be the first it has owned in its 107-year history.

**GROUNDBREAKING** ceremonies were held last Nov. 11 for the Temple, which will rise on a four-acre tract along Route 219. The site, which will provide ample parking area, overlooks the Somerset Mall about two miles north of the city.

The Temple will be of brick construction in contemporary, New England design.

Besides being the home of the 600-member Somerset Lodge, the building will feature facilities for other Masonic groups. Plans also include a secretary's office and a Fellowship Hall.

The \$250,000 campaign for funds for

construction and endowment of the Temple has been very successful, according to Bro. Guy E. Walker of Somerset, District Deputy Grand Master of the 41st Masonic District. He is a member and Past Master of Lodge No. 358.

**BRO. WALKER** said numerous memorial gifts have been made to boost the fund drive.

Since it was constituted Sept. 20, 1865 the Somerset Lodge has had three meeting places. It first met in the home of Bro. William B. Coffroth on N. Center Avenue, where a men's shop is now located. It was here the records and property of the Lodge were lost in the great fire of May 9, 1872.

For nearly 100 years — from June, 1873 to March, 1972 — the Lodge met on the third floor of the William J. Baer building. It was razed last year for construction of a new bank.

The Lodge has been meeting since last April 11 in the Odd Fellows Hall on N. Center Avenue.

## Officers, Committee Installed for '73

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**Bro. Theodore K. Warner, Jr.**, Past District Deputy Grand Master, of Devon.

**Bro. Samuel C. Williamson**, Past District Deputy Grand Master, of Pittsburgh.

\*(Last Jan. 7, just 11 days after his reelection to the Committee on Masonic Homes, Bro. Scott C. Rea was called by death in his Sunbury home. He had served on the Committee since 1941. Bro. Rea was a member and oldest living Past Master of Sunbury Lodge No. 713.)

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# Bro. Kimmel Leads Craft in State

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, prominent Harrisburg businessman and a leader in community and church affairs, has been installed as R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

In his second year as Grand Master, Bro. Kimmel will head nearly 240,000 Masons in 605 Blue Lodges across the state.

**THE ANCIENT** ceremony which marked Bro. Kimmel's installation took place Dec. 27, 1972 at the Annual Grand Communication of Grand Lodge.

It was held in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

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

As grand lieutenant commander of the Scottish Rite's Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, he holds the second highest office in the 500,000-member organization. It takes in 15 northern states.

The Supreme Council, the governing body of the Scottish Rite, had crowned

Bro. Kimmel an Active Member for Pennsylvania in 1966. Only four other men in the state presently hold this distinction.

**BRO. KIMMEL** was honored for his years of Masonic work when he was coroneted an honorary 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason in 1950.

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

For the past seven years, Bro. Kimmel (Continued on Page 7)

## Officers, Committee Members Installed at Annual Communication

Besides the Grand Master, other elected Grand Lodge Officers installed Dec. 27, 1972 at the Annual Grand Communication were:

**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 Philadelphia engineer, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

**Bro. Ashby B. Paul**, of Harrisburg, R. W. Grand Secretary.

All the elected Grand Lodge Officers serve as members of the Committee on Masonic Homes, which operates the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

**OTHERS ELECTED** to the Committee on Masonic Homes and installed at the Annual Grand Communication were:

**Bro. William E. Yeager**, R. W. Past Grand Master, of Warren.

**Bro. Robert E. Woodside, Jr.**, of Har-

risburg.

\***Bro. Scott C. Rea** of Sunbury.

**Bro. Ellis E. Stern** of Coatesville.

**Bro. Milton Fritsche** of Douglassville.  
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## Deputies May Retire After 5-Year Term

An amendment to the "Ahiman Rezon" has been adopted that permits a District Deputy Grand Master to retire after five or more years in office and be created a Past District Deputy Grand Master.

Previously, a District Deputy had to serve at least 10 years in office before he could retire and be considered for the honor.

**BRO. ASHBY B. PAUL**, R. W. Grand Secretary, said favorable action on the amendment was taken at the December Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. He said 826 Brethren, who represented 424 Lodges, attended the Communication last Dec. 6 in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

The proposal to amend Article XII, Section 13 of the "Ahiman Rezon" was first presented at the March Quarterly Communication last year.



**BRO. W. ORVILLE KIMMEL**  
Right Worshipful Grand Master

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## Mergers in Scranton, Philadelphia Give State 605 Lodges

With approval in December of two mergers involving Lodges in Scranton and Philadelphia, there are now 605 Blue Lodges in Pennsylvania.

Bro. Ashby B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary, reported the merger in Scranton of Hiram Lodge No. 261 into Union Lodge No. 291. He said the Lodge will be known as Union Lodge No. 291.

**THE MERGER** was approved and became effective last Dec. 27 at the Annual Grand Communication of Grand Lodge held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. Before the merger, Bro. Paul said, Hiram Lodge had about 185 members and Union about 500.

With the merger, there is now eight Lodges in the 13th Masonic District. It is under the supervision of Bro. Arthur T. Yaggi of Scranton, the District Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Paul said the merger of Matthias H. Henderson Lodge No. 661 into Covenant Lodge No. 456, both of Philadelphia, was approved and went into effect last Dec. 6 at the December Quarterly Communication. It was held in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

The lodge is known as Covenant Lodge No. 456.

**THE MERGER** in Masonic District "G," Philadelphia, places nine Lodges under the supervision of Bro. Robert W. Castner as District Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Paul said Lodge No. 661 had about 170 members and Covenant about 289 when they merged.



## Lewisburg Lodge Burns Mortgage

More than 60 members looked on happily as Charity Lodge No. 144 in Lewisburg, Union County, held a mortgage burning ceremony last September to celebrate final payment of the debt on its Masonic Temple. It was built in 1961 at an estimated cost of \$100,000. Watching as flames do the job are (left to right) Bro. Harold L. Schreckengast, a Past Master and trustee of the Lodge; Bro. Leonard E. Reichenbach, the secretary and a Past Master; Bro. Howard J. Broschious, a Past Master and trustee who conducted the ceremony; Bro. James P. Dieffenderfer, then the Worshipful Master; and Bro. Lewis D. Baker, also a Past Master and trustee.

## 4 Communications Are Highlights Of Crowded 3-Month Itinerary

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

March 7 — Quarterly Communication, Milton Hershey School, Hershey.

March 17 — Grand Master, 175th Anniversary, Phoenix Lodge No. 75, Phoenixville.

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

March 24 — Grand Master, 150th Anniversary, Integrity Lodge No. 87, Philadelphia.

March 31 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, New Bethlehem Lodge No. 522, New Bethlehem.

April 7 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Liberty Lodge No. 505, Port Allegany.

April 13 — Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication, dedicate Lodge Room, Hailman Lodge No. 321 and Monroeville Lodge No. 786, Monroeville.

April 14 — Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication, place cornerstone and dedicate Lodge Room, Clearfield Lodge No. 314, Clearfield.

April 17 — Deputy Grand Master, 125th Anniversary, Richmond Lodge No. 230, Philadelphia.

April 27 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

April 28 — Grand Master, 125th Anniversary, Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 226, Lebanon.

May 4 — Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication, dedicate Lodge Room, Acacia Lodge No. 579, Taylor.

May 5 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Canby Lodge No. 520 and Parker City Lodge No. 521, Foxburg.

May 5 — Deputy Grand Master, 125th Anniversary, Chandler Lodge No. 227, West Reading.

May 7 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Ionic Lodge No. 525, McCandless Township.

May 11 — Deputy Grand Master, 50th Anniversary, New Temple Lodge No. 720, Allentown.

May 12 — Senior Grand Warden, 75th Anniversary, Charleroi Lodge No. 615, Charleroi.

May 19 — Senior Grand Warden, 75th Anniversary, Kiskiminetas Lodge No. 617, Vandergrift.

May 25 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

# Bro. Hahn Speaks at July Dedication

Bro. Conrad Hahn, one of America's outstanding Masonic leaders, will be the principal speaker at the dedication ceremonies for the new "Masons Care Building" being built at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Since 1964, Bro. Hahn has been executive secretary of the Masonic Service Association (MSA) of the United States. He is a Past Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut.

**THE NEW 116-BED** "Masons Care Building" will be dedicated at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 28, in ceremonies at the Homes. The three-story, air-conditioned building is nearing completion adjacent to the Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital.

The dedication program will be held in the parking area adjacent to the new building, which will be one of the most modern of its kind in the country.

Thousands of Masonic dignitaries, Brethren and their Ladies are expected to visit the Homes on "Dedication Day." For the ceremonies, a stage will be erected in the parking area and more than 5,000 folding chairs placed to handle the audience.

Bands and choral groups from various Masonic Bodies will take part in the program, as well as entertain on the grounds of the Homes throughout the day. Tours will be conducted in the morning as one of the highlights.

**THE LODGES** are being asked to consider chartering buses to bring groups to the ceremony. The Lodge groups will bring their own basket



**BRO. CONRAD HAHN**  
Executive Secretary of the MSA

lunches. They will eat outdoors on picnic tables set up on lawn areas.

Bro. Hahn has had a distinguished career in education as well as Freemasonry.

Born of missionary parents at Fuerte, Sinaloa, Mexico, he was educated in the public schools of New Orleans, New York City and Scranton. He entered

Yale College and was graduated with high honors, receiving a bachelor of arts degree. At Yale he was a Phi Beta Kappa and earned varsity letters in lacrosse.

Bro. Hahn did graduate work at Columbia University's Graduate School of Philosophy and Political Science. There he earned highest honors in English and received his master of arts degree.

**THEN IN 1928** he began a 24-year tenure at Suffield Academy in Connecticut which saw him serve as teacher, coach and headmaster. For 13 years he taught English, Latin and German, and also coached the cross-country, swimming, soccer and tennis teams.

Bro. Hahn became headmaster at Suffield in 1941 and served in the post until 1952. At that time he became headmaster of Unquowa School, which is a country day school for boys and girls at Fairfield, Conn. He was headmaster for six years.

In 1958 Bro. Hahn was named editor of publications for the MSA, which is often called the "working arm of Freemasonry in the United States." He still serves as editor, in addition to his duties

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## Bro. Truman's Memory Honored at Annual

In memory of former President and Bro. Harry S. Truman, 221 Brethren who represented 110 Lodges stood in silence last Dec. 27 at the Annual Grand Communication of Grand Lodge in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Bro. Truman, whose distinguished Masonic record included serving as Grand Master of Missouri in 1940-41, died at age 88 the day after Christmas in Kansas City, Mo.

**HE HAD BEEN** a Mason for almost 64 years and was the only president of the United States to be an honorary 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. Even when president, Bro. Truman was never too busy to go out of his way to render a Masonic service.

In 1950 while he was serving as the nation's 33rd president, Bro. Truman was Master of the Missouri Lodge of Research.

Earlier when he was in the U.S. Senate, he spoke of being Grand Master as "an honor which I believe is greater than any other which can come to me."

Bro. Truman had been a member of Chapter and Council for 53 years. He was in his 50th year as a Templar and was a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner for more than 51 years.



Workmen at Masonic Homes are busy on interior of new "Masons Care Building" which is nearing completion, as photo taken in January reveals. It shows entrance to "Florence M. Dickel Clinic," which connects new building with Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital in background. See other pictures on Page 4.

## Bro. Hahn Speaks At July Dedication Of 116-Bed Facility

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as executive secretary.

Bro. Hahn is a member and Past Master of Apollo Lodge No. 59 in Suffield, and a dual member of Bethesda Lodge No. 204 in Bethesda, Md.

He served as Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut in 1957.

**BRO. HAHN IS** a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Bridgeport, in Connecticut. He was honored in 1962 when he was coroneted an honorary Thirty-third Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

In York Rite Masonry, he is a member of Jerusalem Chapter No. 13; Jerusalem Council No. 16 and Hamilton Commandery No. 5, all of Bridgeport.

He is a member of Sphinx Temple in Hartford, Conn., and the Royal Order of Scotland and St. Simeon Stylites Conclave No. 57, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, both in Washington, D.C.

## Bro. Higgins' Death Ends 'Love Affair'

When death called 101-year-old Bro. Charles Higgins, it ended a love affair he had carried on with Freemasonry for more than 60 years.

Bro. Higgins died last Nov. 24 in The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, 3333 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, where he had been a Guest since 1964. His passing saddened Grand Lodge as well as thousands of Brethren who fondly knew him as the "voice" of Freemasonry.

For Bro. Higgins, blessed with a sharp, fantastic memory, had taught and enlightened them in the ritualistic work for more than half a century. And before resigning as Grand Tyler in December, 1970, Bro. Higgins had served Grand Lodge 34 years in that office. His friendly smile had greeted countless thousands of Brethren in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

Bro. Higgins was a member of William L. Elkins Lodge No. 646, Philadelphia. He achieved many honors in his Masonic life, but one of his most cherished came when he served his Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1920.

He was an upholsterer by trade and operated his own business in West Philadelphia for 66 years.



Two patio balconies in center at rear of new "Masons Care Building" above will enable Guests at Masonic Homes to sit outside to enjoy good weather and surrounding landscape. In bottom photo, tree stands like sentinel at main entrance to \$3.5 million structure.



## Honored Under Masonic Law

### 15 Brethren Created Past Deputies

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

Bro. James W. Fry, Past Master of University Lodge No. 610, Philadelphia, Masonic District "A."

Bro. Joseph E. Trate, Past Master of Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia, Masonic District "C."

Bro. James R. Martz, Past Master of Mount Pisgah Lodge No. 443, Greencastle, 4th Masonic District.

Bro. Edward A. Hagel, Past Master of Skerrett Lodge No. 343, Cochranville, 5th Masonic District.

Bro. P. Thomas Feeser, Past Master of Page Lodge No. 270, Schuylkill Haven, 11th Masonic District.

Bro. Floyd P. Norman, Past Master of Bloss Lodge No. 350, Blossburg, 17th Masonic District.

Bro. Theodore R. Bolger, Past Master of Woodbury Lodge No. 539, Roaring

Spring, 20th Masonic District.

Bro. Oscar D. Shoup, Past Master of Harmony Lodge No. 429, Zelienople, 26th Masonic District.

Bro. Walter L. Sykes, Past Master of Chartiers Lodge No. 297, Canonsburg, 29th Masonic District.

Bro. David R. Hoover, Past Master of Mount Zion Lodge No. 774, McConnellsburg, 34th Masonic District.

Bro. Emanuel A. Cassimatis, Past Master of York Lodge No. 266, York, 42nd Masonic District.

Bro. Lowell S. Carpenter, Past Master of Lewisville Lodge No. 556, Ulysses, 44th Masonic District.

Bro. Ralph D. Horsman, Past Master of John A. Brashear Lodge No. 743, Dormont, 47th Masonic District.

Bro. Clifford J. Manns, Past Master of Waverly Lodge No. 301, Scranton, 59th Masonic District.

Bro. Allen J. Hicks, Past Master of Mount Olivet Lodge No. 704, Lebanon, 60th Masonic District.

## Two Youth Groups Present Cash Gifts For 'Care Building'

The Pennsylvania Grand Assembly, International Order of The Rainbow for Girls, and the Associated Chapters, Order of DeMolay of Pennsylvania, have given gifts toward the new "Masons Care Building" nearing completion at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The youth organizations presented their gifts to Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, last Dec. 27 during the Annual Grand Communication of Grand Lodge in Philadelphia.

**REPRESENTING** The Rainbow for Girls, Miss Karen M. Springer of Paoli, Grand Worthy Advisor in Pennsylvania, presented a \$1,500 check to Bro. Kimmel. The contribution will be used to furnish a room in the 116-bed "Masons Care Building."

An inscribed plaque on the room's door will acknowledge The Rainbow for Girls and their generous gift.

George A. Divers III of Butler, State Master Councilor of DeMolay in Pennsylvania, presented a \$350 check to Bro. Kimmel on behalf of his group.

The gift from Pennsylvania's DeMolay youth brought to \$1,550 their total contribution toward the "Masons Care Building." Last June they presented a \$1,200 check to Grand Lodge.

**THE MAJOR** statewide DeMolay project for 1972 was raising funds for the new building.

DeMolay's \$1,550 gift will provide furnishings for a room in the three-story structure. A plaque citing DeMolay for its donation will be placed on the room's door.

## Committee Revises 'Questions, Answers'

A new 32-page edition of the Masonic "Questions and Answers" booklet has been published by Grand Lodge's Committee on Masonic Culture.

The booklet features 100 questions and answers on Freemasonry. For easy reference, it also contains an index on the many subjects discussed.

**THE INFORMATIVE** booklet, which costs 25 cents per copy, may be ordered by writing the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture, Masonic Temple, One N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

Besides the 25 cents cost, each booklet will require an additional ten cents to cover cost of handling and state tax. You may order one or any number of booklets.



Miss Karen M. Springer of Paoli, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Pennsylvania Grand Assembly, International Order of The Rainbow for Girls, proudly presents \$1,500 check to Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, as the organization's gift toward the new "Masons Care Building" being built at the Masonic Homes.

## Chosen by Grand Master

### 16 New District Deputies Appointed

Sixteen new District Deputy Grand Masters have been appointed by Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master. The new deputies, whose appointments became effective last Dec. 27, are:

Bro. Arthur B. Stitzer, Jr., Past Master of Lodge No. 51, Philadelphia, Masonic District "A."

Bro. Robert G. Boone, Past Master of Roxborough Lodge No. 135, Philadelphia, Masonic District "C."

Bro. Harry L. Oyler, Past Master of George Washington Lodge No. 143, Chambersburg, 4th Masonic District.

Bro. John E. Nieweg, Past Master of New London Lodge No. 545, West Grove, 5th Masonic District.

Bro. Robert M. Klinger, Past Master of Valley Lodge No. 797, Valley View, 11th Masonic District.

Bro. William G. Farrell, Past Master of Friendship Lodge No. 247, Mansfield, 17th Masonic District.

Bro. S. Blair Sponeybarger, Jr., Past Master of Hiram Lodge No. 616, Altoona, 20th Masonic District.

Bro. Kenneth E. Thompson, Past Master of Wilmington Lodge No. 804, New Wilmington, 26th Masonic District.

Bro. Eugene G. Painter, Past Master of Richard Vaux Lodge No. 454, Burgettstown, 29th Masonic District.

Bro. Karyl W. Richards, Past Master of Laurel Lodge No. 651, Uniontown, 31st Masonic District.

Bro. R. Kirk Cover, Past Master of Mount Zion Lodge No. 774, McConnellsburg, 34th Masonic District.

Bro. Lloyd A. Border, Past Master of York Lodge No. 266, York, 42nd Masonic District.

Bro. Leonard F. Treat, Past Master of Liberty Lodge No. 505, Port Allegany, 44th Masonic District.

Bro. Wesley E. Smith, Sr., Past Master of Coraopolis Lodge No. 674, Coraopolis, 45th Masonic District.

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# Flood Emergency Assistance Ends

The flood emergency period in Pennsylvania has been declared ended, nearly seven months after Grand Lodge began helping victims of tropical storm Agnes which lashed the state last June.

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, declared the emergency over as of Dec. 31, 1972, in accordance with a resolution by Grand Lodge.

**SINCE SETTING** up its assistance program, Grand Lodge has provided nearly \$600,000 in cash grants and loans to help needy Brethren and organizations in flood areas. The aid program was administered by the Committee on Flood Relief under the chairmanship of Bro. Rochester B. Woodall,

R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

While no new applications are being accepted, Bro. Woodall stressed that the committee will continue to process those pending and received prior to last Dec. 31.

Bro. Woodall presented a report on the committee's work at the December Quarterly Communication, and a supplemental report was issued last Dec. 27 at the Annual Grand Communication in Philadelphia.

**THE COMMITTEE**, as of last Dec. 27, had processed 537 applications for assistance. Of these, 453 were approved with either cash grants or loans made. Bro. Woodall said the committee has tentatively approved 53 applications, while 29 are on file pending further information.

At the Annual Grand Communication excerpts were read from several letters the committee had received from flood victims. They expressed thanks and ap-

preciation for Grand Lodge assistance, and they indicated an abiding faith in the future.

The flood relief program set up by Grand Lodge was carried out in four phases. Bro. Woodall's report through last Dec. 27 disclosed:

- Grand Lodge has given \$130,050 in cash gifts to Brethren who needed immediate help after the flood hit.

- Under the program's second phase, Grand Lodge has granted \$421,200 in low interest loans to help victims back on their feet.

- Gift contributions totaling \$12,300 have been given to local organizations which did outstanding community work during the disaster.

- In the fourth phase of the program, Grand Lodge has provided \$7,200 to assist in restoring Masonic Temples damaged by flood waters.

## Bank Building Remodeled

### Troy Masons Dedicate New Home

Impressive ceremonies marked the Special Communication of Grand Lodge held Nov. 4 to dedicate the Lodge Room of Trojan Lodge No. 306.

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, dedicated the Lodge Room in the Masonic Hall at 18 Canton St. in Troy, Bradford County. A corps of Grand Lodge officers accompanied Bro. Kimmel for the 3:30 p.m. ceremony.

**AFTER THE** dedication, a banquet was held at 6 p.m. in the American Legion Hall in Troy.

The 237-member Trojan Lodge, which was constituted June 5, 1857, is in the 16th Masonic District. Bro. Richard M. Robinson of New Albany is the District Deputy Grand Master.

The new Lodge Room is on the second floor of the old, two-story Grange National Bank building. A Masonic Club Room and an office occupy the first floor.

Extensive remodeling of the former bank building was necessary before Trojan Lodge could move into its new home. The work included installation of a new, all-electric heating system; lowering ceilings; the insulation and paneling of walls; blocking out windows; laying of sub-flooring and carpeting; and putting in a kitchen, cupboards and closets.

**DONATIONS AND** gifts received

by the Lodge during a fund appeal enabled it to pay for the work and remodeling materials.

Looking back on the successful fund drive and the remodeling project, Bro. Daniel F. Pomeroy Jr., a member of Trojan Lodge No. 306 and a Past District Deputy Grand Master, commented:

"It was a big undertaking but through the cooperative effort of many interested, faithful Brothers, the Lodge has a beautiful home to be proud of for sometime to come.

"The Masons of the Troy area are extremely happy that through our contribution of time, effort and money, with the aid and assistance of our friends and associates including various groups and organizations, the completion has been made possible and we dedicate this building as a memorial to . . . Freemasonry."

### Grand Master Names 16 New Deputies

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opolis, 47th Masonic District.

Bro. Malcolm H. Smith, Past Master of St. John's Lodge No. 233, West Pittston, 59th Masonic District.

Bro. Richard A. Rudisill, Past Master of Spring Creek Lodge No. 802, 60th Masonic District.

# Hershey Welcomes All to Quarterly



Members of the 40-voice Glee Club at Milton Hershey School warming up for the special entertainment the group will provide during Grand Lodge's Quarterly Communication on March 7, 1973. The Glee Club is directed by Virgil L. Alexander.

Tickets have been sold out for the dinner which will be one of the highlight events of the March Quarterly Communication at the Milton Hershey School in Hershey.

The 1,500 tickets for the March 7 dinner were sold on a first come basis to Brethren and their Ladies. The dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. in the Camelot Room of magnificent Founders Hall, which will be the center of events at the Quarterly.

**HOWEVER, BRETHREN** and their Ladies without dinner tickets are still invited and welcome to Hershey to enjoy the other activities. There are many fine restaurants in the Hershey area which will be able to serve you.

The Quarterly program will include, besides the dinner, an open house, reception, entertainment, a movie and dance. All these events are open to the Ladies. Dress for the dance will be optional.

The dance from 10-11:30 p.m. will be held in the beautiful rotunda of Founders Hall, which is an attraction in itself. The domed rotunda features the flags of the 50 states and is a study in Vermont marble. Chandeliers of Austrian crystal bathe the hall in splendor, while the stairways and arches glitter with gold-bronze grillwork.

## Fund Drive Closing, Hurry Your Donation

The 1972 "Guest and Building Fund" drive for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown is rolling into the homestretch.

The closing date of the fund drive, which is seeking to raise at least \$600,000, is March 15. To assure success of the campaign, Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, said he hopes every Pennsylvania Mason who hasn't as yet contributed will send in a donation, no matter how small.

**BRO. KIMMEL** expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Grand Lodge Officers and the Committee on Masonic Homes, for the contributions already received.

He said there would be no doubt about the campaign's outcome if every Brother would send a gift.

Every dollar counts in helping others so make your check or money order payable to the "Masonic Homes Guest and Building Fund." It should be mailed to the Executive Director, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

All contributions to the fund are deductible for income tax purposes.

## Bro. Kimmel Installed, Leads Craft as State's Grand Master

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has served Grand Lodge as a member of the Committee on Masonic Homes and the Committee on Finance. He also is chairman of the Building Committee for the new 116-bed "Masons Care Building" which is nearing completion at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

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.

**HE 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.

Bro. Kimmel served on the Harrisburg Consistory's Board of Trustees from March, 1961 to February, 1967. He also was chairman of the Consistory's Committee on Investments and its Building Committee.

He was Thrice Potent Master of the Harrisburg Lodge of Perfection from May, 1949 to May, 1950.

In York Rite Masonry, Bro. Kimmel is a member of Perseverance 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.

**HE 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 was 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 36 years.

After attending Penn State University, he was graduated from the Cincinnati (Ohio) College of Mortuary Science. He has been a trustee of Findlay College in Ohio for 21 years.

**BRO. KIMMEL** served six years on the board of directors of the Harrisburg School District and was a member of the Harrisburg Housing Authority.

He is a past president of the Harrisburg Kiwanis Club.

Bro. Kimmel has served as president of the Church Council of the Green Street Church of God in Harrisburg, where he is a life member. He has been superintendent of the Sunday School and teacher of the Men's Bible Class.

He has served as chairman of the board of publication of the Central Publishing House and as a director of the Board of Bethesda Mission, both in Harrisburg.

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

## Lodge No. 21 Repays \$2,300 Given as Aid

Perseverance Lodge No. 21 in Harrisburg, through its Charity Committee, has repaid Grand Lodge \$2,300 for cash grants given its members who needed immediate aid after the tragic flood.

Neither Lodge No. 21 nor the recipients of the cash grants were required to repay them, since they had been approved under the first phase of Grand Lodge's flood relief program.

In accepting the check for repayment of the emergency assistance, Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, cited the Lodge's action as "an outstanding charitable consideration for which Grand Lodge Officers and myself are deeply grateful."

## Bro. Kimmel Receives Henry Price Medal

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, has been presented the Henry Price Medal, which is the highest honor conferred by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The coveted award was presented to Bro. Kimmel by Bro. Donald M. Vose, M. W. Grand Master of Massachusetts. The presentation was one of the highlights of the December Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

The bronze medal is named in honor of Henry Price, the first Grand Master of Massachusetts. It is only awarded to distinguished Brethren who are chosen as being "worthy of this special Masonic recognition."