

'Agnes' Victims Given \$614,850 In Flood Relief

The Committee on Flood Relief's final report shows Grand Lodge provided \$614,850 in cash grants and loans to victims of tropical storm Agnes which ravaged Pennsylvania last June.

The three-member committee, which was appointed by Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, presented its final report at the March Quarterly Communication. The committee, its work completed, was dissolved as of March 7 after recommending such action to Bro. Kimmel.

UNDER THE chairmanship of Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, the committee had met regularly and administered the flood relief program since last July 5.

The committee received and processed 592 applications for assistance up to Dec. 31, 1972. Bro. Kimmel had declared the flood emergency period over as of that date, in accordance with a resolution by Grand Lodge.

The flood relief program was carried out in four phases.

Under the first phase, Grand Lodge gave \$111,850 in cash gifts to Brethren who needed help immediately in the disaster.

The second phase saw Grand Lodge approve \$476,500 in low interest loans to help flood victims get a new start.

CASH GIFTS totaling \$12,300 were given under the third phase to local organizations which did outstanding work during the emergency.

In the program's fourth phase, Grand Lodge provided \$14,200 to help restore Masonic Temples damaged by flood waters.



3rd Woods Brother Gets Emblem

A highlight of Sharpville Lodge No. 517's 100th anniversary celebration came when Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, presented Bro. Ralph A. Woods, the Lodge's oldest living Past Master, with his Grand Lodge Fifty Year Masonic Service Emblem. Proudly looking on are Bro. Woods' two brothers, Bro. Frederick H. Woods and Bro. Charles H. Woods (left to right), who also are 50-year members of Sharpville Lodge. Their late brother, Bro. George M. Woods, had served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1935.

Thousands to Tour Building

Dedication Crowns Fun-Filled Day

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tish Rite Choir, under the direction of Bro. James E. Sawyer, and three top bands from Shrine Temples across the state.

Zembo Temple in Harrisburg will send its Concert Band to perform under the baton of Bro. Lincoln B. Fogelsanger; the String Band of Lu Lu Temple, near Philadelphia, will be directed by Bro. Henry Yerkes; and the "Million Dollar" Brass Band of Syria Temple in Pittsburgh will be led by Bro. John G.

Stephens Jr.

While they will have no part in the dedication ceremony, about 20 red-nosed, baggy pants characters from Zembo Temple's Clown Unit will be especially busy most of the day.

THE CLOWNS, laden with plenty of balloons for the youngsters, will be performing their slapstick routine throughout the grounds. From morning to dusk, the cavorting clowns will certainly bring joy to young and old alike.

Ten shuttle buses will travel a fixed route in touring the grounds from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The buses will be plainly marked and no other transportation will be permitted to tour the Homes' area.

Parking space is available to handle more than 3,000 cars and at least 200 chartered buses which will bring Lodge groups to the dedication.

About 50 DeMolay members will assist with the parking, while 65 members of the Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters will serve as tour guides.

FOR THE convenience of visitors, water dispensers and comfort stations will be placed in various picnic sites. Soft drink stands also will be conveniently located.

First aid stations will be staffed at the hospital and Grand Lodge Hall. Several ambulances will be available if needed. A fleet of cars will be marked to take visitors to the first aid stations.

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Dedication Crowns Fun-Filled Day

Everything is set for a fun-filled day July 28 when thousands of Brethren and their families converge on Elizabethtown for dedication of the "Masons Care Building" at the Masonic Homes.

The full day of activities will get underway with morning tours of the new 116-bed, \$3.5 million building. Tours also will be conducted throughout the Homes and grounds.

THERE WILL be entertainment by award-winning bands, a choral group and clown unit from various Masonic Bodies.

Much of the beautiful 1,600 acres of the Homes will be set aside as picnic areas for Lodge groups and visitors from all sections of the state. They will pack their own basket lunches and bring card tables and folding chairs to set up outdoors.

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W.

Grand Master, and other Grand Lodge officers will dedicate the "Masons Care Building" at 2 p.m. ceremonies.

Principal speaker at the dedication will be Bro. Conrad Hahn, who has served since 1964 as executive secretary of the Masonic Service Association of the United States. He is a Past Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut.

AFTER THE dedicatory address the "Masons Care Building," one of the most modern of its kind in the nation, will be presented officially to Grand Lodge's Committee on Masonic Homes.

Accepting the building on behalf of the committee will be one of its members, Bro. William E. Yeager of Warren, a Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania. Bro. Yeager will make brief remarks in accepting the key to the three-story, air conditioned building.

The dedication program will be held

in the parking area of the new building, which is adjacent to the Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital.

A STAGE WILL be erected for the ceremonies and thousands of folding chairs placed to handle the audience.

Taking part in the festivities will be the Valley of Harrisburg's 35-voice Scot-

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\$885,000 Bequest Creates Memorial

The second floor of the "Masons Care Building" will be dedicated as a memorial in honor of a Philadelphia Mason who bequeathed \$885,000 to Grand Lodge.

Bro. Joseph D. Wilson, who was a member of Franklin Lodge No. 134 in Philadelphia, created a residuary trust under terms of his will. Bro. Wilson died Nov. 19, 1922.

Under the will, funds from the recently liquidated trust were "for the erection of one or more buildings, or parts of buildings, at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown . . . the said money to be expended under the order, direction and care of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

A plaque inscribed as "The Joseph D. Wilson Memorial" will be placed on the new building's second floor.



Grand Officers and Their Ladies

Highly pleased over tremendous turnout at the March Quarterly, the Grand Lodge Officers and their Ladies prepare to warmly receive their guests in Founders Hall at the beautiful Milton Hershey School. Left to right are Bro. Ashby B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary, and Mrs. Paul; Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, R. W. Grand Treasurer, and Mrs. Diamond; Bro. Walter P. Wells, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and Mrs. Wells; Bro. John L. McCain, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, and Mrs. McCain; Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and Mrs. Woodall; and Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, and Mrs. Kimmel. Other pictures at Hershey on Pages 3 and 5.

Quarterly Meetings Set

The June Quarterly Communication will be held June 6 in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Grand Lodge's Committee on Finance will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Grand Master's Reception Room.

There will be a 2:30 p.m. meeting of District Deputy Grand Masters in the Grand Banquet Hall.

Grand Lodge will convene at 7 p.m. in Corinthian Hall. All Master Masons are invited to attend.

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Grand Masters Exchange Ideas On Blue Lodge

"The Blue Lodge" was the general discussion theme at the 1973 Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America held last Feb. 20-21 in Washington, D.C.

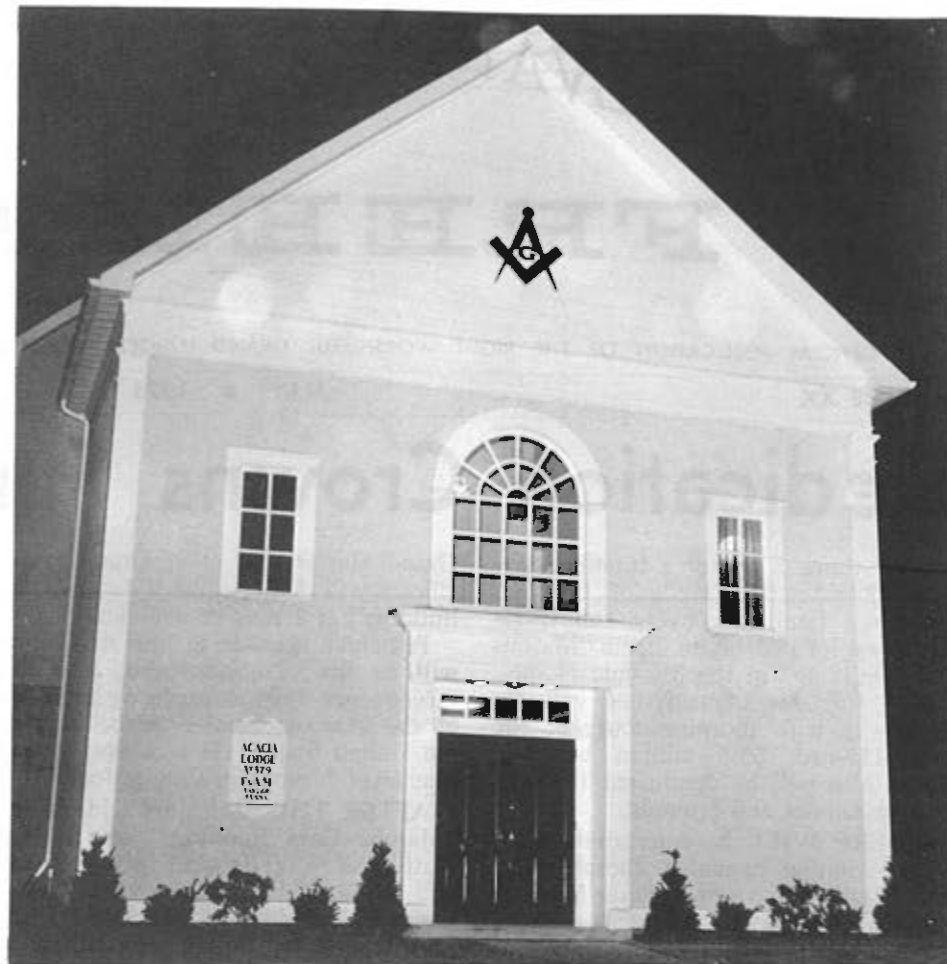
Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, presented the report of the Conference Committee which he served as chairman.

BRO. KIMMEL was given a vote of appreciation for his effective leadership of the committee. It was responsible for the arrangements and programs at the conference.

A highlight came when Bro. Fedor M. Stefanovich, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, presented the Mexican flag to the conference. The occasion marked the York Grand Lodge of Mexico being admitted to membership in the conference for the first time.

Besides Mexico, 59 other Grand Lodges attended the 1973 conference. They were the 49 Grand Lodges in the United States, nine Grand Lodges in Canada and the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico.

IN DISCUSSING the Blue Lodge, a wide range of opinions and ideas were exchanged. Selected subjects presented by eight of the Grand Masters were "Masonic Image," "Blue Lodge Operation," "Membership," "Blue Lodge Attendance," "Masonic Age Requirements," "Blue Lodge Relationship with Grand Lodge," "The Downtown Lodge" and "Effectiveness of Blue Lodge Officers."



Lighting lends splendor to beautiful Masonic Temple which Acacia Lodge No. 579 members created by voluntarily working thousands of hours on "the shell of an old building."

Members Donated Labor

Old Hall in Taylor Becomes Temple

An old, dilapidated frame building in Taylor has been created into a beautiful Masonic Temple by Acacia Lodge No. 579 members who voluntarily labored thousands of hours on the project.

All the nights and weekends since 1970 that Lodge workers gave of their time and talents to construct their new home came to a fitting climax this month.

ON MAY 4 the members gathered, justifiably proud of the renovated building their hands fashioned, to dedicate the Lodge Room of the Temple at 617 Union St.

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, officiated at the 4:30 p.m. dedication during the Special Communication of Grand Lodge. A corps of Grand Lodge officers accompanied Bro. Kimmel for the ceremony.

A 6:30 p.m. banquet was held in the dining hall of Taylor Hose Co. No. 1, across the street from the Temple.

The 84-year-old Lodge, which never

owned its own home, in 1970 bought the former Ukrainian Workingmen's Hall for a few thousand dollars. The hall was described as "the shell of an old building."

BUT THE LONG-neglected structure was transformed into a modern meeting place by the force of volunteers from the 468-member Acacia Lodge.

Practically all of the modernization project was carried out by the skilled Lodge workers. However, a new 15-foot addition to the front of the building was constructed under contract.

Besides the Lodge Room, Acacia's beautiful Temple has a spacious recreation room with modern kitchen facilities. Other features include air conditioning, electric heat and wall-to-wall carpeting.

The Craftsmen's Association of the Lodge is responsible for operation of the Temple.

THE ACACIA project is the fifth building program completed in the 59th

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Membership Drops As State Lists 237,404 Masons

Preliminary statistics for 1972 show a decrease in both membership and the number of Blue Lodges in Pennsylvania.

Bro. Ashby B. Paul, R. W. Grand Secretary, reported there were 237,404 Masons in 605 Symbolic Lodges as of Dec. 27, 1972, the start of the new Masonic Year.

COMPARED TO that date in 1971, it represents a decrease in membership of 2,278 Brethren. It marks the 12th consecutive year membership has declined in Pennsylvania.

And there also was a loss of five Blue Lodges during 1972 as a result of mergers.

Bro. Paul stressed the 1972 membership figures may change since a study of the general returns has not been completed. He presented his report at the March Quarterly Communication at Hershey.

During 1972, Bro. Paul said, there were 4,729 new initiates into the Fraternity and 1,176 Brethren admitted. However, this gain of 5,905 was offset when death, suspensions and resignations took 8,183 Brethren off the membership roll.

BRO. PAUL said death last year called 6,097 Brethren, while 1,389 were suspended and 697 resigned.

Meanwhile, Bro. Paul reported 966 Brethren attended Grand Lodge at the March Quarterly. They represented 281 Lodges.

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, expressed great pleasure in welcoming the tremendous turnout at Hershey. The March Quarterly, held at the beautiful Milton Hershey School, featured an enjoyable program of activities for both the Brethren and their Ladies.

Freemasons' Hospital Needs Staff Doctor

There is an opening for a staff doctor at the Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

Bro. Robert W. Westcott, executive director of the Homes, said the doctor will be provided a home on the grounds near the hospital. The doctor, he added, will be a permanent member of the hospital staff.

For further information please write or contact Bro. Westcott at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.



'His Life Is Our Inspiration'

Bronze statue of Milton S. Hershey, great humanitarian, and a school boy is shown by young student guide (right foreground) to Brethren and their Ladies who toured Founders Hall during March Quarterly. The communication between the late industrialist and book-carrying youngster, who represents all Hershey boys, symbolizes the true meaning of the Milton Hershey School which he founded.



The marbled rotunda of Founders Hall provided the glittering setting for a dance for the Brethren and their Ladies who attended the March Quarterly. The Spartan Orchestra of Milton Hershey School played under the direction of Bro. W. Purnell Payne.

Temple Fulfills Clearfield Dream

A century-old dream of having its own Masonic Temple has become a reality for Clearfield Lodge No. 314.

In impressive ceremonies last month, Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, symbolically placed the cornerstone and dedicated the Lodge Room of the new, \$150,000 Temple.

BRO. KIMMEL was accompanied by a corps of Grand Lodge officers at the Special Communication of Grand Lodge on April 14.

Following the afternoon ceremonies, nearly 220 Brethren attended a 6 p.m. banquet held in the Temple's large social room.

The 600-member Lodge, constituted Feb. 22, 1858 as Clearfield County's first Masonic Lodge, moved into its new home last January. Lodge No. 314 is in the 21st Masonic District, with Bro. John E. Miller Jr. as District Deputy Grand Master.

Ground was broken in June, 1970 for the one-story brick, colonial-type building. The Temple is situated at Golden Rod Farms on a two-acre tract off U.S. Route 322, about two miles east of Clearfield.

THE LODGE Room, which is fully carpeted, has 140 permanent, theater-style seats.

Besides the social room with banquet facilities, the Temple features include a lobby, lounge, office, kitchen and rest rooms.

The building is electrically heated



Modern Masonic Temple of Clearfield Lodge No. 314 is situated at Golden Rod Farms on a two-acre tract off Route 322, about two miles east of Clearfield.

and air conditioned. A paved parking lot has space for 100 cars.

The Clearfield Masonic Temple Association, a non-profit corporation, was formed after a concerted effort began in the Lodge in 1966 to build its own home.

CAPITAL FUNDS for construction of the Temple were raised through a campaign held among Masons in the Clearfield area. The fund drive was headed by Bro. Roy I. Fulton, the oldest living Past Master of Lodge No. 314, and Bro. Launcelot E. Soult Sr., also a Past Master.

Historically, the Lodge's first meet-

ings 115 years ago were held in a building on S. Second Street near the William F. Powell Hardware Store. It is

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DeMolay Provided 20 Scholarships

Fun and fellowship awaits 20 Pennsylvania youths who will attend a DeMolay Leadership Camp this summer on scholarships provided by Grand Lodge.

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, said Grand Lodge will offer a scholarship in each of the 20 DeMolay Districts in the state. Each scholarship, which costs \$80, will be awarded to a qualified youth selected by his DeMolay District Deputy.

A SPOKESMAN for the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, said the group will hold 12, week-long Leadership Camps this summer. They will be held in almost every section of the country.

Two of the camps, which get underway June 23 and run through Aug. 25, will be held at sites in northeastern United States.

Northeast Camp No. 1 will be held June 23-29 at Camp Jewell, Conn., while Northeast Camp No. 2 will be held Aug. 19-25 at the Holiday Hills YMCA at Pawling, N.Y.

The Leadership Camps, which started in 1963, are designed to provide all-around training in DeMolay programs and projects. At discussion and inspirational sessions each youth can share his ideas with DeMolays from other regions of the United States and Canada. Sports activities and entertainment also highlight the camps.

State Leads Contributors to MSA

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1972 was the leader in contributions for the Hospital Visitation Program of the Masonic Service Association (MSA) of the United States.

Pennsylvania contributed \$22,500 to the program last year, followed by the Grand Lodge of South Dakota with \$15,700.

THE CONTRIBUTIONS of member Grand Lodges were disclosed in a report presented at the MSA's 54th annual meeting last Feb. 19 in Washington, D.C.

At the session the Grand Lodge of Alabama, which joined the MSA last November, was welcomed as its newest member. There are now 44 Grand Lodges with memberships in the MSA.

In other hospital visitation activities in 1972, it was reported a new Field Agent began last April to visit veterans in the VA Hospital at Erie.

He is Bro. Chester W. Zerbe, a member of Lawrence Lodge No. 708 in Erie.

BRO. ZERBE is a member of Scottish Rite and York Rite Bodies and is a past commander of the Legion of Honor of Zem-Zem Shrine Temple in Erie.

During World War I, he served as a 2nd Lieutenant in France and has been active in veterans' organizations. Bro. Zerbe formerly was Pennsylvania State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and served two years on its National Council.



Dinner Features Hershey Events

Nearly 1,600 Brethren and their Ladies attended the dinner held in the Camelot Room of Founders Hall during the March Quarterly Communication at Hershey. Stewards of Harrisburg Consistory, who served the dinner, are in background.

Honored by Connecticut

Bro. Kimmel Presented Medal

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, has been awarded the Pierpont Edwards Medal for Distinguished Masonic Service by the Grand

Lodge of Connecticut.

The medal was presented to Bro. Kimmel by Bro. William C. Neu, M. W. Grand Master of Connecticut. The presentation was one of the highlights of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut's 185th Annual Communication held April 3-5 in Hartford.

The medal is named in honor of Bro. Pierpont Edwards, who served from 1789-91 as the first Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut.

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now Prave's. From 1871 to 1898 the Lodge met on the third floor of the old Masonic building, presently Rudd's store.

Then on Jan. 1, 1899 the Lodge moved into the new Keystone Building. But the Brethren's meeting place and most of their records were destroyed in a disastrous fire which swept the building Feb. 15, 1900.

DURING THE next 10 months, the Lodge met in the Odd Fellows Hall while the Keystone Building was being rebuilt. The Lodge returned and continued to meet in the Keystone until its new Temple was completed.



Ultramodern kitchen is one of the features of new Masonic Temple in Clearfield.



Large social room has banquet facilities for 220 persons in Clearfield Lodge's new Masonic Temple, which also features a lounge, office, lobby and rest rooms.

Patton Grads Hear News Executive

Bro. Paul G. Gilmore of Williamsport, a Masonic leader and long-time newspaper executive, will be the principal speaker at June 2 commencement exercises of Patton Masonic School for Boys at Elizabethtown.

Fourteen seniors will receive their diplomas at the 10:30 a.m. exercises in the George H. Deike Auditorium of the Masonic Homes.

BRO. GILMORE has served since 1963 as District Deputy Grand Master of the 18th Masonic District. It takes in eight Masonic Lodges in Lycoming and Northumberland Counties.

Since 1971 Bro. Gilmore has served as commander-in-chief of the Williamsport Consistory. He was coroneted an honorary 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason in 1957.

Bro. Gilmore was a newspaperman for 43 years with the Williamsport Sun-Gazette Co. He retired in 1971 after 22 years as editor of the newspaper.

He is a member and Past Master of Lodge No. 106 in Williamsport. His late father, Bro. Arthur S. Gilmore, served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1921.

BRO. GILMORE is also a member of the York Rite Bodies.

A graduate of Lehigh University, he presently is a trustee and secretary of the board of trustees of Lycoming College in Williamsport.

The 14 members of the Patton gradu-



BRO. PAUL G. GILMORE
Editor 22 Years

ating class and their sponsoring Masonic Lodges are:

Jeffrey L. Baumann, Pollock Lodge No. 502 in Tarentum; William V. Byron Jr., Charleroi Lodge No. 615, Charleroi; Russell W. Dyke, Ivanhoe Lodge No. 449, Philadelphia; John R. Ford, Cassia Lodge No. 273, Ardmore; James E. Gilbert, Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg.

ROY E. KINKEAD, Orient Lodge

No. 590, Wilkinsburg; William C. Knight, Fox Chapel Lodge No. 784, Verona; Jeffrey P. Koch, Ivanhoe Lodge No. 449; David A. Krimmel, West Chester Lodge No. 322, West Chester; Raymond N. Miller, Ashlar Lodge No. 570, Lykens.

Robert J. Mitchell, Mount Olivet Lodge No. 704, Lebanon; Daniel A. Rutkowski, Chandler Lodge No. 227, West Reading; Bruce A. Weirbach, Ivanhoe Lodge No. 449; and Charles E. Wilson, John E. Mair Lodge No. 729, Mars.

June Activities Feature Itinerary

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

June 2 — Graduation Exercises, Patton Masonic School, Elizabethtown.

June 6 — Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

June 9 — Deputy Grand Master, 50th Anniversary, Quaker City Lodge No. 724, Philadelphia.

June 21 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Gothic Lodge No. 519, Philadelphia.

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

June 23 — Junior Grand Warden, 75th Anniversary, Hiram Lodge No. 616, Allentown.

June 23 — Grand Master, Annual Conclave, Order of DeMolay, Pittsburgh.

June 25 — Grand Master, Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, Order of the Eastern Star, Philadelphia.

July 13 — Grand Lodge Officers, Council of Deliberation, Allentown.

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

July 28 — Grand Lodge Officers, dedication, Masons Care Building, Elizabethtown.

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

Old Hall Turned Into Taylor Temple

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Masonic District in the past three and one-half years, according to Bro. Clifford J. Manns of Scranton. He recently was created a Past District Deputy Grand Master after serving in the 59th.

Bro. Manns said Wyoming Lodge No. 468, Moscow Lodge No. 504 and Moosic Lodge No. 664 all built new Temples, while Valley Lodge No. 499 remodeled a building for its new home.

Bro. Malcolm H. Smith of Forty Fort is now District Deputy Grand Master of the 59th Masonic District.

Fund Campaign Hits \$1.1 Million



Lansdowne Do-It-Yourself Project

Ten years of diligent and dedicated labor have been put into a do-it-yourself work project to give the 750 members of Lansdowne Lodge No. 711 this magnificent Lodge Room. Except for a stairway to be paneled, their job of remodeling an old, drab meeting place into a beautiful home is finished. The paid up project started about 1963, with the volunteer force laboring under the supervision of Bro. Thomas L. Shaiko, Past Master and a cabinet maker.

Serves Memorial Group

Bro. Young Elected to National Post

Bro. John K. Young, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, has been unanimously elected as second vice president of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

The election of Bro. Young, a Philadelphia attorney, and other officers of the association came at its 63rd annual meeting held last Feb. 19 at the Memorial in Alexandria, Va.

THE NEWLY elected president of the association is Bro. Raymond C. Ellis, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York. He replaced Bro. John H. Hessey, a Past Grand Master of Maryland who retired after serving 12 years as president.

During his tenure in office, American Freemasonry achieved completion of the massive Washington Memorial. Commenting on his retirement, Bro. Hessey said:

"I devoted all the time needed to help Freemasonry complete this magnificent memorial to Bro. George Washington."

With this, Bro. Hessey received a standing ovation.

Besides being elected an officer, Bro.

Young also fills the vacancy on the board of directors created by the retirement of Bro. Hessey. Bro. Young also was appointed to the association's executive committee by the new president.

BRO. YOUNG was nominated for second vice president by the nominating committee headed by Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

During the annual meeting, the various Grand Lodges made contributions to the association. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania continued to meet its obligation of the so-called "Pennsylvania Plan." Under it, Grand Lodge presented the association a \$4,730 check. This represented \$1 for each initiate in Pennsylvania in 1972.

At present the association's Endowment Fund is valued at \$3,450,000. The annual interest of about \$130,000 is used to help meet operating expenses of the Memorial. They are presently about \$200,000 annually, not including capital expenditures.

It was reported at the meeting that 116,000 persons visited the Memorial in 1972.

Pennsylvania Masons again have displayed their spirit for giving by successfully supporting the 1972 "Guest and Building Fund" drive for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Contributions totaled \$1,100,188 when the campaign closed last March 15. It was the second highest total ever contributed to the fund, surpassed only by the \$1,280,073 in gifts during the 1971 drive.

BRO. W. ORVILLE Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, said the 1972 fund success will assure the continued advancement of the Masonic Homes. He commented:

"Grand Lodge is highly appreciative of every Brother's gift. The wonderful response is a demonstration of the great love and concern Masons have for helping others."

The average contribution per member in the state was \$4.63.

In May, 1972 the fund for Guests received \$334,386 from the estate of Bro. Henry H. Koser, who was a member of Manheim Lodge No. 587 in Lancaster County.

The late Bro. Koser's gift is the largest, single contribution ever made to the fund.

BRO. KOSER, WHO lived in East Hempfield Township in Lancaster County, died Nov. 29, 1970. His bequest to the fund was made under terms of his will.

A memorial plaque honoring Bro. Koser will be placed in the new Masons Care Building at the Masonic Homes.

Jobs Are Open At Homes, Patton

There are openings in numerous job classifications at the Masonic Homes and Patton Masonic School for Boys at Elizabethtown.

Bro. Robert W. Westcott, executive director of the Homes, said immediate jobs are available there for a night watchman, plumbers and oil burner and maintenance mechanics.

HOUSING IS available if desired, he added, pointing out the Homes has an excellent fringe benefit program. Interested persons should contact Bro. Westcott at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

Patton Masonic School has jobs in 'live-in' positions, including dormitory counselor, teaching services, janitorial, and dining and linen services.

Bro. Warren M. Maurer, superintendent at Patton, said applicants should be 21-50 years of age, in good health and have no dependents.

Friday 13th Ceremony

Monroeville Dedicates New Home

The Brethren of two Lodges near Pittsburgh aren't apprehensive when it comes to Friday the 13th.

That's the day last month that Hailman Lodge No. 321 and Monroeville Lodge No. 786 held ceremonies to dedicate their Lodge Room.

BRO. W. ORVILLE Kimmel, R. W. Grand Master, officiated at the 8 p.m. dedication in the Monroeville Masonic Hall, 3817 Northern Pike, Monroeville. A corps of Grand Lodge officers accompanied Bro. Kimmel at the Special Communication of Grand Lodge.

The dedication ceremony was preceded by a 6 p.m. banquet at the Holiday Inn on Mossy Boulevard, Monroeville.

The Lodge Room occupies a new addition put on the one-story brick building in the summer of 1971. The old section was remodeled into a social room.

The original building was erected in

1921 by the Patton Township Community Association. Eleven years later the building was taken over by the Patton Township School Board, which sold it in 1955 to a Masonic group in Monroeville known as the Monmas Club.

In September, 1967 the Monroeville Masonic Hall Association was formed and took over the building 18 months later.

HAILMAN LODGE No. 321, which formerly met in the East Liberty section of Pittsburgh, moved into the building in February, 1969, one month after it joined the association. The Lodge has 308 members.

Monroeville Lodge No. 786, which has 296 members, began meeting in the hall in December, 1969. Previously, the Lodge had met in Export.

The Lodges are in the 54th Masonic District. Bro. Byrl J. Johnson, of Lower Burrell, is the District Deputy Grand Master.