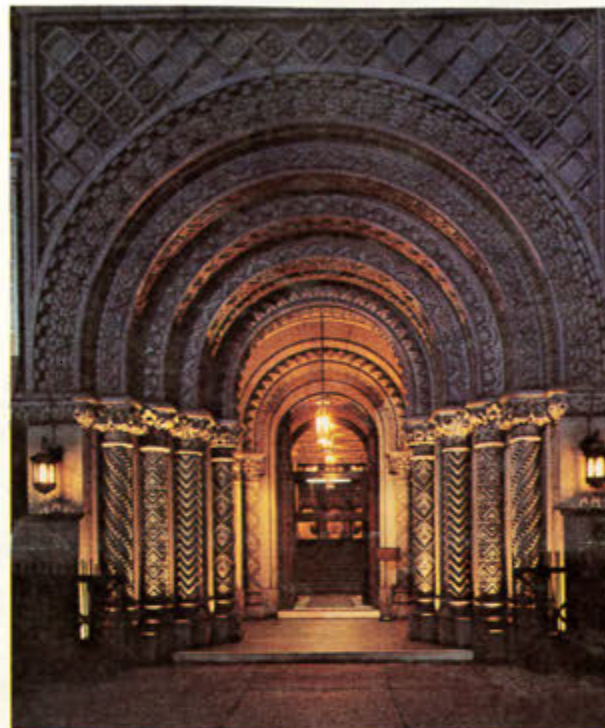


Night-time magnifies the brilliance of Masonic Temple at One North Broad Street, Philadelphia. Across plaza in background is City Hall with its famous towering statue of William Penn.



Night-time lends splendor to the Grand Entrance Gate, with its magnificent Norman porch, of Masonic Temple. The porch is considered the most outstanding example of Norman architecture in America.

Medallion Struck for Temple Anniversary

A special medallion has been struck by Grand Lodge to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

On the obverse side of the medallion is a replica of the Masonic Temple, and the dates 1873-1973.

The reverse side is a reproduction of the Seal of the R. W. Grand Master of

Masons in Pennsylvania, circled by the Grand Master's name and years of service.

The medallion is in jeweler's bronze and is the size of a silver dollar. It also is enclosed in a plastic case.

The cost of the medallion is \$1.00, plus tax. If mailed, the cost will be

\$1.25, including tax and mailing.

To be assured of receiving a medallion, send your check for \$1.25 for each medallion made payable to the Committee on Masonic Culture, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

Those placing orders now will be sure to receive medallions.

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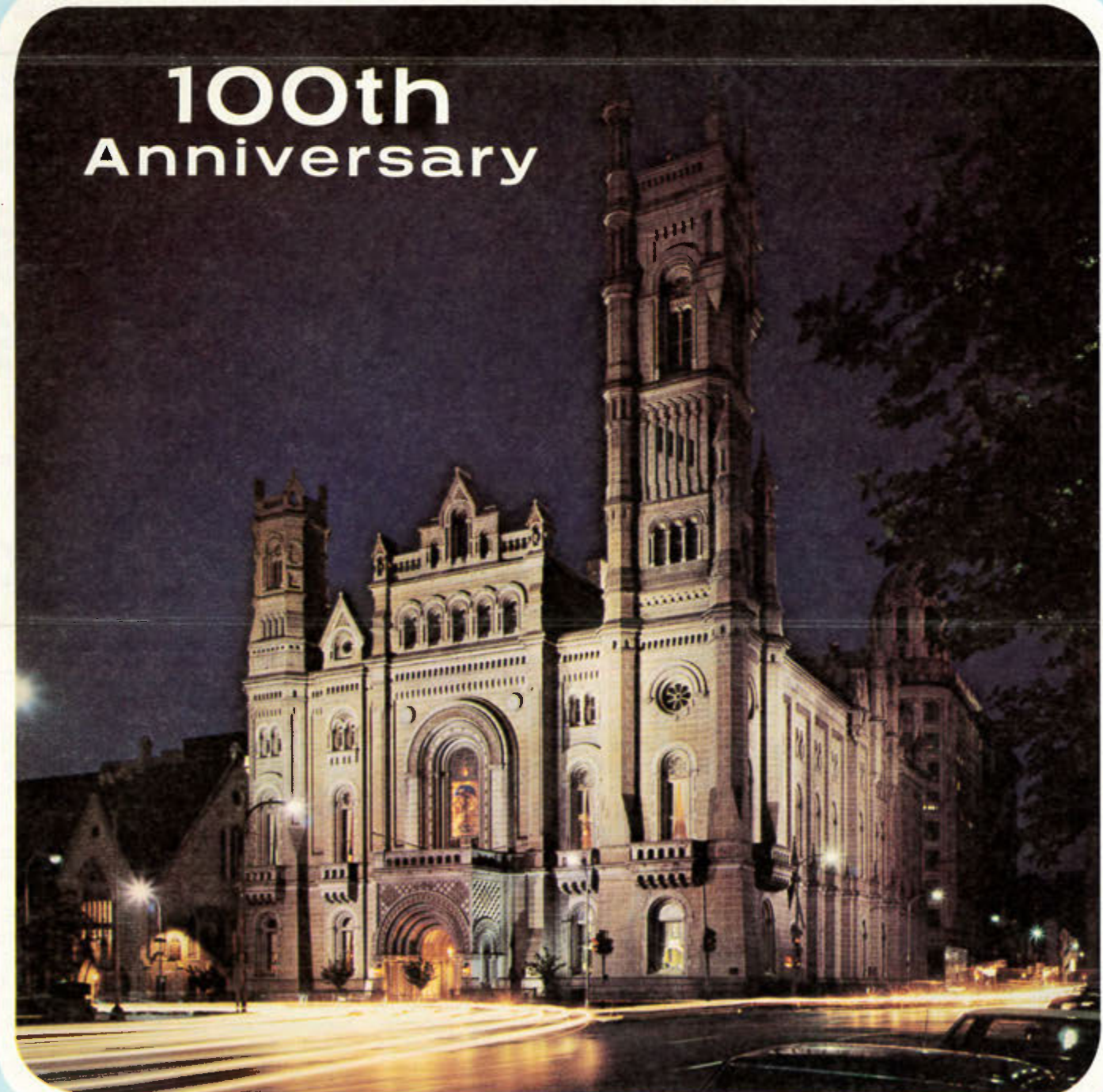
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Fall Itinerary For Grand Lodge Officers

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

September 5 — Quarterly Communication, Millcreek Intermediate School, Erie.

September 8 — Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication, Dedicate Lodge Room, Perry Lodge No. 458, Marysville.

September 15-16 — Grand Lodge Officers, 100th Anniversary, Dedication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

September 28 — Grand Lodge Officers, Meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

September 29 — Grand Master, 150th Anniversary, Charity Lodge No. 190, Norristown.

October 6 — Grand Master, 50th Anniversary, Joseph Warren Lodge No. 726, Warren.

October 6 — Junior Grand Warden, 125th Anniversary, Crawford Lodge No. 234, Meadville.

October 13 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Aurora Lodge No. 523, Jermyn.

October 13 — Junior Grand Warden, 75th Anniversary, Wyalusing Lodge No. 618, Wyalusing.

October 15 — Senior Grand Warden, 50th Anniversary, East Liberty Lodge No. 725, Pittsburgh.

October 20 — Grand Lodge Officers, place cornerstone, new Masonic Temple, Somerset.

October 20 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Everett Lodge No. 524, Everett.

October 26 — Grand Lodge Officers, Meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

November 5 — Senior Grand Warden, visitation by M. W. Grand Master of Ohio, Centennial Lodge No. 544, Carnegie.

November 10 — Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication, Dedicate Lodge Room of Glasgow Lodge No. 485, Midland.

Change In Ahiman Rezon

Grand Master Urges Open Territory

By Bro. W. Orville Kimmel,
R. W. Grand Master

One of the proposed amendments to the Ahiman Rezon, which was presented at the June Quarterly Communication, would eliminate the necessity of a Lodge receiving a petition for initiation and membership from making an Inquiry of the Lodge nearest the residence of the petitioner.

The present procedure, which is outlined in detail in Article XXI, Section 8, has created much opposition in many of our Lodges, and has resulted in lengthy delays in any action that can be taken by the Lodge receiving the petition.

Various excuses for the delays have been given by the Lodges to which the Inquiries were referred, but in most cases the reasons did not appear to be justified.

Quite a few of the unfavorable reports that have been received were investigated, and it is believed a valid Masonic objection did not exist, but was of a personal nature; and, in some cases, it is apparent that the unfavorable report was due to the fact that the petitioner did not request a petition from the nearest Lodge.

Many petitioners and their recommenders, relatives, and close Masonic friends became quite upset when action on their petition was held up for months because of the delay in forwarding the report of the Inquiry to the Grand Secretary's office.

This problem does not exist in Allegheny and Philadelphia Counties, in which the Lodges can receive petitions from residents of those Counties without making an Inquiry to the nearest Lodge.

Many Grand Lodges in the United States have Concurrent Statewide Jurisdiction, and no such Inquiries are necessary. The Grand Lodge of Ohio tried this procedure for three years, and, as no problems arose, it was put into effect. Quite a few Grand Lodges, such as Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, Washington and Wisconsin, have used this procedure for many years.

If approved, a Lodge receiving a petition from a person living quite some distance away may request a Lodge near the residence of the petitioner to make a character investigation. The final decision, however, would be made by the Lodge receiving the petition.

Every Lodge receiving a petition for initiation and membership, regardless of where the petitioner lives, should make a thorough and complete investigation.

I believe this amendment, which will be acted upon at the December Quarterly Communication, deserves favorable consideration.

Guest Fund Goal \$1,000,000

The Grand Master has urged Pennsylvania Masons to contribute at least \$1,000,000 to the new "Guest and Building Fund" campaign for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, Grand Master, also urged for a greater percentage of Masons to participate.

He pointed out that only 25 per cent of the Masons contributed to the appeal that ended March 15. He added:

"I personally hope all of us try a little harder to take part in the 1973 fund campaign.

"If we can count on every Mason in Pennsylvania giving, we won't have to worry about reaching the goal."

Bro. Kimmel said that plans are now underway for the Masonic Homes to undergo a major remodeling program in order to serve the needs of Guests in the future. He added:

One such structure is the Allegheny

County Memorial Building. We are going to spend an estimated \$500,000 to renovate this 53-year-old structure.

"Your gift is needed to help meet the costs of this face lifting project."

He said the other \$500,000 is needed to provide for the everyday necessities and services that make "our Homes a real home for our Brethren and their ladies."

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown is the greatest charity of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, Bro. Kimmel pointed out, adding:

"I can't emphasize enough the importance of each Mason's gift, no matter how small it is."

The September Lodge Notice will include a self-addressed envelope to send contributions. The Grand Master will also include such an envelope in an appeal letter he plans to send direct to all Masons in this Jurisdiction.



The above is an extremely rare photograph taken 103 years ago. It shows the prominent and roofless Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, in the course of erection. The field in the foreground is now City Hall with its towering statue of William Penn. The street indicated by the long line of freight cars is Market. The spire nearest to Masonic Temple is the Arch Street Methodist

Church. To the extreme right is the old Pennsylvania Railroad freight depot, where now stands the John Wanamaker Store. In the area to the left of Masonic Temple now stands the City Service Building. The other spire showing in the photograph is the Baptist Church, now the U.G.I. Building, located at Broad and Arch Streets. This and other photographs will be displayed on Sept. 15 and 16.

Masonic Temple "Open House"

Masons and Friends Invited to Participate

The 100th Anniversary of Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, will be celebrated on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15 and 16.

Masons, their families and their friends, not members of the fraternity are invited to visit and tour this jewel of Freemasonry during these two days.

The hours of the tours will be:
From 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 15.

From 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 16.

During the two day "Open House" celebration, the Grand Banquet Hall on the first floor of the Temple will be turned into a gigantic Masonic display with the following Masonic groups participating:

Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter
Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters
Grand Commandery of Knights

Templar
Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation,
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite
Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
Tall Cedars of Lebanon
Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm (Grotto)
The Red Cross of Constantine
National Sojourners
Supreme Council Order of DeMolay

Those touring the building will have an opportunity to meet and talk with Grand Lodge officers and the leaders of all the organizations that will take part in the celebration.

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, Grand Master, pointed out that the "Open House" is one opportunity we have to show our families and friends something about the Craft. He added:

"The Temple in Philadelphia is considered throughout the world as one of

the historic Masonic structures."

The Library and Museum of Grand Lodge will be open during the two days, and all the important memorabilia of Freemasonry held by Grand Lodge will be on display.

The cornerstone for Masonic Temple was laid on June 24, 1868. The gavel used was the one Bro. George Washington used to lay the cornerstone of the nation's Capitol 75 years earlier.

It took more than five years of skilled labor to build the Temple.

On Sept. 26, 1873, the Temple was dedicated in solemn ceremonies.

On Wednesday, Sept. 25, 1873, "The Press," then a well read Philadelphia newspaper, used the entire first page of its publication to the dedication of the Temple.

This front page has been reprinted and a copy will be presented to every visitor to the Temple on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15 and 16, 1973.



A Day of Dedication...

Thousands of Masons, friends and families attended the picnic and dedication of the Masons Care Building at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown on July 28.

Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, Grand Master, presented the symbolic key to Bro. William E. Yeager, Past Grand Master and a senior member of the Committee on Masonic Homes.

The entertainment was provided by bands from Syria Temple, Pittsburgh; Lu Lu Temple, Philadelphia, and Zembo Temple, Harrisburg; clowns from Zembo Temple, and the chorus of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Harrisburg.

More than 400 Masons, assisted by the Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters and DeMolay, handled the arrangements for the activities and program.

Bro. Conrad Hahn, Past Grand Master of Connecticut and Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association, gave the dedicatory address.



Patton Graduates Fourteen Seniors

Fourteen young men graduated from Patton Masonic School at the 46th Commencement on June 2. They included:

Jeffrey L. Baumann, sponsored by Pollock Lodge No. 502; William V. Byron, sponsored by Charleroi Lodge No. 615; Russell W. Dyke, sponsored by Ivanhoe Lodge No. 449; John R. Ford, sponsored by Cassia Lodge No. 273; James E. Gilbert, sponsored by Robert Burns Lodge No. 464; Roy E. Kinkead, sponsored by Orient Lodge No. 590; William C. Knight, sponsored by Fox Chapel Lodge No. 784.

Jeffrey P. Koch, sponsored by Ivanhoe Lodge No. 449; David A. Krimmel, sponsored by West Chester Lodge No. 322; Raymond W. Miller, sponsored by Ashlar Lodge No. 570; Robert J. Mitchell, sponsored by Mount Olivet Lodge No. 704; Daniel A. Rutkowski, sponsored by Chandler Lodge No. 221; Bruce A. Weirbach, sponsored by Ivanhoe Lodge No. 449; and Charles E. Wilson, sponsored by John E. Mair Lodge No. 729.



Bro. Rochester B. Woodall (left), Deputy Grand Master, presents Grand Master's Award for 1973 to Bro. Charles E. Hoffman as an outstanding graduate of Patton Masonic School. Bro. Hoffman, a retired Colonel, U.S. Air Force, graduated from Patton in 1937. He is a member of Mizpah Lodge No. 302, A.F. & A.M., Omaha, Nebraska.

Bro. Heim Appointed to Homes Committee

Bro. Walter J. Heim of Montoursville, Lycoming County, was appointed to the Committee on Masonic Homes by the Grand Master.

He replaces the late Bro. Scott C. Rea of Sunbury who died on Jan. 7.

Bro. Heim is a member of Eureka Lodge No. 335, and served as Worshipful Master in 1936.

He is president of the Montour Auto Service Co. and the Montgomery Plumbing Supply Co. and serves as a director of the Lycoming Silica Sand Co., a subsidiary of Koppers, Inc.; First National Bank in Montoursville and the Williamsport Federal Savings and Loan Association.

He is a member of Lycoming Royal Arch Chapter No. 222, Adoniram Council No. 26, Baldwin II Commandery



Bro. Walter J. Heim

ABOUT THE COVER

The night picture of Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, pictured on the cover page, won many national awards for Bro. Al Church, a Pittsburgh photographer.

The Temple is illuminated at night. It is an imposing structure in the center of Philadelphia, located across from City Hall at One North Broad Street.

Extensive renovations have been completed on the inside. It is now ready for "Open House" on Sept. 15 and 16.

No. 22, Red Cross of Constantine, Royal Order of Scotland; Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Williamsport and Irem Shrine Temple.

He served as Commander-in-Chief of the Williamsport Consistory from 1965 to 1968. He was chairman of the building committee for the \$1,300,000 Scottish Rite Auditorium in Williamsport.

In 1946, he was coroneted an honor-ary 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

Position Open In Grand Master's Office

There is an opening for a staff position in the Grand Master's Office, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Applicants must have writing and editing experience; enthusiastic interest in Freemasonry and an educational background adequate to warrant advancement to more responsible positions.

For further information, please write or contact Bro. Arthur T. Moore, Assistant to the Grand Master, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET ON DECEMBER 27, 1973

BRETHREN AND LADIES INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

Brethren and their ladies have been invited to attend the Grand Master's Banquet in Philadelphia on Thursday, December 27.

This will mark the first time in Philadelphia Masonic history that such an activity has been made available to all interested Masons.

It will be held in the Sheraton Hotel, 1725 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Philadelphia.

This will be the first reception and recognition for the newly installed Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

It will be an opportunity for Masons and their ladies to enjoy a delicious roast beef dinner, see an outstanding floor show and dance until midnight.

The price of the tickets is \$12.00 each, which covers only the actual cost of the dinner.

The floor show and dancing are a bonus, not included in the price of the tickets.

As an additional extra, parking in the Sheraton Hotel garage, across Kennedy Blvd. from the Hotel, will be free with a parking ticket certification that will be provided at the banquet.

Masonic leaders from throughout the country will attend the Annual Grand Communication of Grand Lodge when the new Grand Master will be installed. This will end by 2 p.m., December 27. The banquet will be the climax of two days of Masonic activities.

Outstanding entertainment, including Bro. Joe Martin's 12-piece orchestra, has been engaged for the evening.

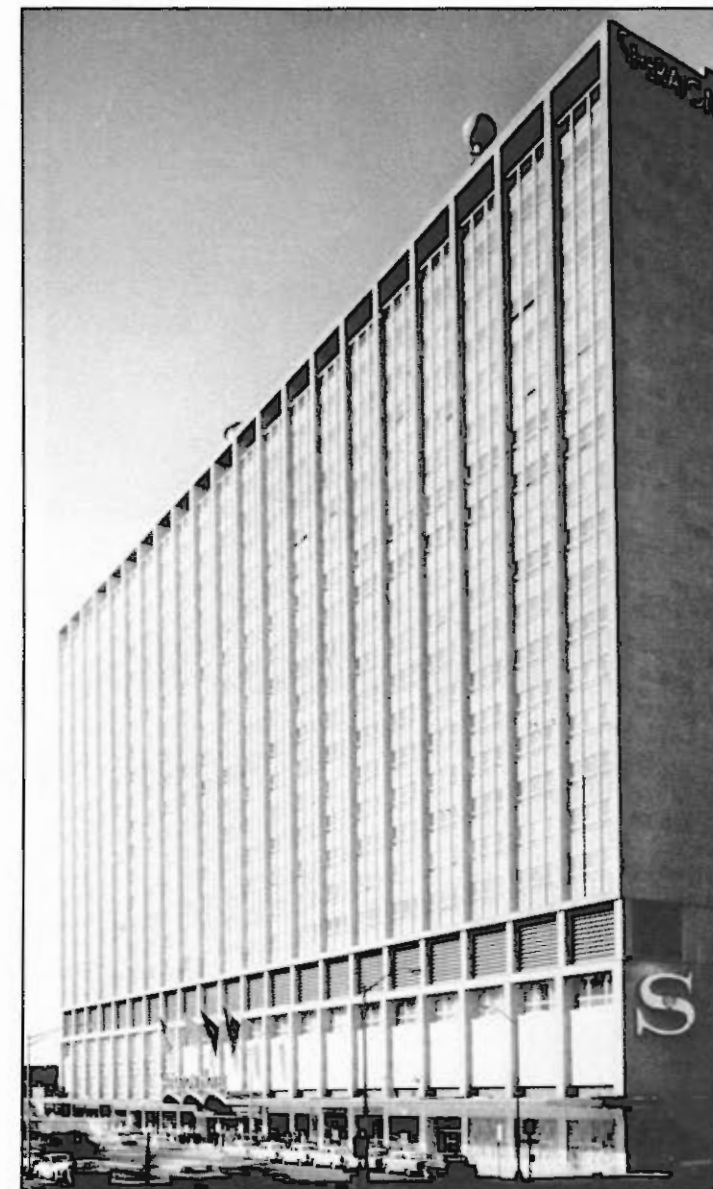
Dress for the affair will be tuxedo preferred, but dark suit acceptable.

Brethren interested in attending the banquet should complete the coupon and mail as soon as possible to assure reservations. Be sure to enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Tickets are limited and will be reserved on a first come basis. Don't put this off if you hope to participate.

Bro. Martin, who is also booking the acts for the floor show, reported that he has obtained three acts well known through television and night club appearances.

Further details can be obtained from the Grand Master's Office by calling (Area Code 215) LO 7-5582.



The Grand Master's Banquet will be held on December 27 in the Sheraton Hotel, 1725 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Philadelphia.

HOTEL ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE

Those desiring room reservations in the Sheraton Hotel can obtain them by sending a request to: Reservations Office, Sheraton Hotel, 1725 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Philadelphia, Pa. 19105.

Twin-bedded rooms are available from \$22.50 to \$32.00, for double occupancy.

Single rooms are available from \$19.50 to \$26.00.

Suites are available from \$48.00 to \$85.00.

Please indicate in your reservation request that you will be attending the Grand Master's Banquet on December 27.

Further information can be obtained from the Reservations Office of the Hotel, (Area Code 215) 568-3300.

Send to —

Office of R. W. Grand Master, Masonic Temple
One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107

Enclosed is my check for \$..... for reservations at \$12.00 per ticket for the Grand Master's Banquet to be held at 7:00 p.m., December 27, 1973 in the Sheraton Grand Ballroom, 1725 J. F. Kennedy Blvd., Philadelphia. Checks should be made payable to R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.

Print Name

Address

City State Zip

NOTE: Please enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope.