



Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, R. W. Past Grand Master, passes the "Grand Master's Ring" to Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, the new R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

## Grand Master Appoints Committee On Finance

The Committee on Finance, charged with overseeing "all matters relating to the finances of the Grand Lodge . . ." will include the following:

The six Grand Lodge elected officers.

Bro. Paul R. Swab, Past Master of Euclid Lodge No. 698, Harrisburg.

Bro. Ellis E. Stern, Past Master of Coatesville Lodge No. 564, Coatesville, and a Past District Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Arthur A. Krudener, a Past Master of Milnor Lodge No. 287, Pittsburgh.

Bro. James W. Fry, Past Master of University Lodge No. 610, Philadelphia, and a Past District Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Clifford J. Manns, Past Master of Waverly Lodge No. 301, Clarks Summit, and a Past District Deputy Grand Master.

## In Memoriam

### Distinguished Masonic Career Comes to End

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania lost a dedicated Mason in the death of Bro. Sanford M. Chilcote, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master. He was Grand Master in 1958 and 1959.

Bro. Chilcote, an outstanding attorney and Masonic leader, died January 11, 1974. He lived in Oakmont, a Pittsburgh suburban community.

He was born in Nanty Glo, Cambria County, the son of the Rev. Philip J. Chilcote, a Methodist minister, and Annie Peters Chilcote.

He was educated at Aspinwall High School, Allegheny College and the University of Pittsburgh Law School. He was a senior partner in the law firm of Dickie, McCamey, Chilcote and Robinson, of Pittsburgh.

He was a member of Verona Lodge F. & A. M. No. 548, and served as Worshipful Master in 1945.

In York Rite Masonry, he was a member of the Homewood Royal Arch Chapter, No. 297, Liberty Valley Council No. 5, Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1, United States Premier Conclave No. 1, of the Red Cross of Constantine, and Risicruciana Society of the United States.

In Scottish Rite Masonry, he was a member of the Gourgas Lodge of Perfection, Pittsburgh Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Pittsburgh Chapter of Rose Croix and Pennsylvania Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Pittsburgh. He served the Consistory as Commander-in-Chief.

For his dedicated work in Freemasonry, Bro. Chilcote was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°.



Bro. Sanford M. Chilcote  
R. W. Past Grand Master

He served as an Active Member of the Supreme Council for many years.

He was also a member of The Royal Order of Scotland, Syria Shrine, Temple of Pittsburgh and Royal Order of Jes-ters, Pittsburgh Court No. 2.

Bro. Chilcote served Grand Lodge as the District Deputy Grand Master for the 54th Masonic District from 1948 until he was elected R. W. Junior Grand Warden in 1951. He was installed as Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania on December 27, 1957.

Bro. Chilcote inaugurated the "Pennsylvania Plan" to help finance the George Washington National Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, when he was Grand Master. He served the Memorial Association as a Trustee from 1960 until his death.

In addition to his Masonic activities, Bro. Chilcote was a member of the Allegheny County Bar Association; Pennsylvania Bar Association; American Bar Association; Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers; American Judicature Society and International Association of Insurance Council.

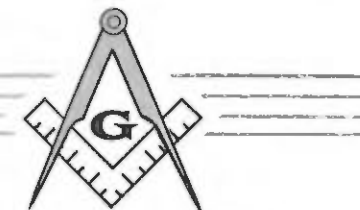
He also was a member of the University Club of Pittsburgh, Oakmont Country Club, Sea View Country Club and Duquesne Club.

Bro. Chilcote leaves his wife, Mildred Gilmore Chilcote; a son, Bro. Sanford M. Chilcote, Jr.; and two grandchildren.

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Bro. Rochester B. Woodall  
Right Worshipful Grand Master

## Bro. R. B. Woodall Installed As R. W. Grand Master of Masons

Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, a retired Philadelphia business executive, has been installed as R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

The ancient installation ceremony took place on December 27, 1973, at the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge held in the Masonic Temple Philadelphia.

Bro. Woodall succeeded Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, a Harrisburg funeral director, in being elected to the highest office in Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.

As Grand Master, Bro. Woodall heads approximately 236,000 Masons in 604 Masonic Lodges throughout the state.

Bro. Woodall served as Worshipful Master of Fernwood Lodge No. 543, Philadelphia, in 1950; eleven years as a trustee of Patton Masonic School; and ten years as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District "B."

He was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge on December 27, 1967, and served as Senior Grand Warden, and Deputy Grand Master, previous to being elected Grand Master.

In York Rite Masonry, he is a member of University Royal Arch Chapter No. 256; Girard Mark Lodge No. 214; Joppa Council No. 46; Mary Commandery No. 36; Philadelphia Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders, Empire of the East, all of Philadelphia.

In Scottish Rite Masonry, Bro. Woodall was honored in 1962 for his years of Masonic work when he was coroneted an honorary Thirty-third Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

A member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Philadelphia, Bro. Woodall served as Most Wise Master of the Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix in 1965 and 1966. In the Benjamin Franklin Consistory, he served as a registrar,

chairman of the membership committee, trustee and a member of the finance committee.

Bro. Woodall is a member of Lu Lu Temple; Masonic Veterans Association; Royal Order of Scotland; High Twelve Club of Philadelphia; Benjamin Franklin Chapter No. 16, National Sojourners, honorary; and Legion of Honor, The International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, honorary.

A resident of Philadelphia for the past 50 years, Bro. Woodall was formerly secretary-treasurer of Kahns, Inc., Philadelphia; treasurer of Sherrill Corporation, Philadelphia; treasurer of Jonns Furniture, Montgomeryville, and a business consultant.

Bro. Woodall was a former trustee of Dales Memorial United Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, and is now a member of Olivet-Ashbourne United Presbyterian Church, Elkins Park. He is also a member of the Presbyterian Social Union and the Union League of Philadelphia.

## Activities Planned For March Quarterly

The March Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held March 6 in the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia.

Grand Lodge will convene at 7 p.m. in Corinthian Hall. Following Grand Lodge, refreshments will be served in the Grand Banquet Hall.

All Master Masons are invited to attend.

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## Officers Installed By Grand Lodge

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director of Masonic Education, of Chester; R. W. Grand Secretary.

The elected Grand Lodge Officers also will serve as members of the Committee on Masonic Homes. The Committee operates the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Others elected to the Committee on Masonic Homes are:

Bro. Robert E. Woodside, Jr. of Harrisburg.

Bro. Ellis E. Stern of Coatesville.

Bro. Milton Fritsche of Douglasville.

Bro. Theodore K. Warner, Jr. of Devon.

Bro. Samuel C. Williamson of Pittsburgh.

Bro. Walter J. Heim of Montourville.

Bro. Walter B. Wilson of Carlisle.

## Guest at Masonic Homes Thanks Dedicated Employees

A Brother Mason and a Guest at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown wrote:

"My wife and I have been given the privilege of being Guests of this wonderful Masonic Homes.

"We have been here since 1972.

"We wish to express our sincere thanks for the most generous attitude shown by the employees in their help and assistance.

"The location of the Homes must be one of the most beautiful natural spots in Pennsylvania."

—A Guest



More than 600 Brethren attended the Testimonial Banquet in honor of Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master, sponsored by Fernwood Lodge No. 543 in Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia, on Jan. 19, 1974.

## Appointments

### New District Deputy Grand Masters

Eight new District Deputy Grand Masters have been appointed by Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master. They are:

Bro. Edward O. Weisser, Past Master of Newtown Lodge No. 427, Woodside, 8th Masonic District.

Bro. A. Kenneth Dunlap, Past Master of Muncy Lodge No. 299, Muncy, 18th Masonic District.

Bro. John A. Yost, Jr., Past Master of LaFayette Lodge No. 199, Lock Haven, 21st Masonic District.

Bro. Gordon G. Burdick, Past Master

of McKeap Lodge No. 388, Smethport, 22nd Masonic District.

Bro. Richard L. Retzer, Past Master of Wilcox Lodge No. 571, Wilcox, 33rd Masonic District.

Bro. Joseph D. Paterson, Past Master of Summit Lodge No. 312, Ebensburg, 41st Masonic District.

Bro. David M. Clawson, Past Master of Glenshaw Lodge No. 793, Glenshaw, 48th Masonic District.

Bro. Herbert C. Wolstoncroft, Jr., Past Master of Guyasuta Lodge No. 513, Crafton, 57th Masonic District.

### Seven Brethren Created Past District Deputies

Seven Brethren have been created a Past District Deputy Grand Master in accordance with Masonic law. They are:

Bro. Paul G. Gilmore, Past Master of Lodge No. 106, Williamsport, 18th Masonic District.

Bro. John E. Miller, Jr., Past Master of State College Lodge No. 700, State College, 21st Masonic District.

Bro. Garold M. Oakes, Past Master of Kane Lodge No. 566, Kane, 22nd Masonic District.

Bro. Evan H. Boden Past Master of Emporium Lodge No. 382, Emporium, 33rd Masonic District.

Bro. Guy E. Walker, Past Master of Somerset Lodge No. 358, Somerset, 41st Masonic District.

Bro. James A. Wieland, Past Master of James I. Buchanan Lodge No. 757, Pittsburgh, 48th Masonic District.

Bro. John P. Andrews, Past Master of Pleasant Hills Lodge No. 759, Pleasant Hills, 57th Masonic District.

### New Appointments To Patton School

Bro. Richard A. Rudisill, headmaster of the Milton Hershey School at Hershey, has been appointed Chairman of the Trustees of Patton Masonic School at Elizabethtown.

Bro. Rudisill is also District Deputy Grand Master for the 60th Masonic District.

He replaces Bro. D. Luke Biemesderfer, who served Patton as a Trustee and Chairman for many years, resigned as of December 27, 1973.

Bro. Joseph E. Trate, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, was appointed as a Trustee to replace Bro. Walter P. Wells, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

Bro. Edward A. Hagel, Past Master of Skerrett Lodge No. 343, Cochranville, and a Past District Deputy Grand Master, was appointed as a Trustee to replace Bro. Biemesderfer.

The other members of the Patton Trustees were appointed by the Grand Master.

## "Know Your Brother"

### Grand Master Addresses Pennsylvania Masons

The following are excerpts from the address of Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master, delivered on December 27, 1973, following the installation of Grand Lodge Officers:

"Masonic knowledge is essential if we, as Masons, are to understand the fundamental principles of Freemasonry and practice them in our daily lives.

"One of the basic lessons of Freemasonry is the simple philosophy of teaching men how to get along with each other just a little better and to be available in time of need . . ."

"In my humble opinion, the future growth of Freemasonry is dependent upon the rededication of its members to the needs and welfare of their Brethren and their individual Lodges.

"How can you be a Brother to someone you don't even know?"

"Only by attendance and active participation in Lodge Meetings can this be possible. To be truly motivated, a Mason must be given the opportunity to perform meaningful and interesting tasks for the benefit of his fellow-man . . ."

"The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture has held Area Meetings this year with the Senior and Junior Wardens of the Lodges and has offered numerous suggestions on leadership and programming which have been most helpful.

"Realistically however, all our efforts will be of no avail unless we can

influence more members to come to Lodge Meetings.

"It is my intention to expand and develop a continuing program which will include a stronger effort to increase attendance."

"Each of us took upon ourselves an obligation to keep, support, maintain and abide by the ancient usages, customs and Landmarks of the Fraternity.

"The Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge are clearly stated and yet, we find violations of our Masonic Law from time to time; either through lack of knowledge, misunderstanding, or 'putting it kindly,' over-enthusiasm.

"These we will try to correct.

"If anything in our rules and regulations is not compatible with present day practices, it can be reviewed for reconsideration.

"In the meantime, the District Deputy Grand Masters are requested to see that violations of present Masonic Law do not occur in the future . . ."

"The Committee on Masonic Homes renders a tremendous service to the Grand Lodge and its members.

"Many serious problems arise on a continuing basis in the operation of this great Masonic Charity. These problems deal with finances, building facilities for the Guests, Personnel, Federal and State Legislation and others.

"I urgently suggest your whole-hearted support toward the growth of the Endowment Fund and your contributions to the Guest and Building Fund."

"In order to make Freemasonry a dynamic and lasting force among our members, we should encourage the greatest possible cooperation between all organizations basing their membership upon Masonic Affiliation . . ."

"The Grand Lodge Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters must become a rallying point for greater 'Blue Lodge' participation.

"It is my intention to establish a closer line of communication with these Brethren to promote enthusiasm and maximum effort. Indifference to our challenges will not light the pathway to success.

"Our future lies within the heart of each of us. If our hearts guide us to labor for the principles of Freemasonry, then surely we must succeed.

"Success or failure is measured in two words . . . Minimum and Maximum.

"If we do what we have to do and nothing more, then we have not kept the faith . . . but if we give our maximum effort, truly from the heart, then success must prevail."

The Grand Master's address will be printed in full in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge which is now in the process of being prepared for printing.

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## Service Emblem

### Fifty Year Masonic Wallet Cards

The Grand Master is now providing an engraved Wallet Card to recipients of Grand Lodge's Fifty Year Masonic Service Emblems.

This is in addition to the gold and purple coat lapel emblem that is awarded to those Brethren who have been a Mason in good standing for 50 years or more.

Both the Emblem and Wallet Card are tokens of appreciation for meritorious service to the Fraternity.

The Wallet Card will be provided in the same manner as the Emblem, through requests of Lodge Secretaries to the Grand Secretary, as outlined on Pages 76-78 inclusive in the Form for Recording Minutes.

In announcing the program, Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master, said:

"I am sure this will be a welcome addition to our program to recognize those Brethren who have served Freemasonry for fifty years."

The first Wallet Cards were personally presented by the Grand Master when he officially visited his Lodge — Fernwood Lodge No. 543 — on Saturday, January 19, 1974, in



Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

This was the Grand Master's first visit to a Masonic Lodge since he was installed as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.





More than 1200 Brethren and their Ladies attended the Grand Master's banquet and dance in the Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia, on Dec. 27. Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master, and his Lady lead the processional at the start of the banquet. He was followed by Bro. W. Orville Kimmel, the new R. W. Past Grand Master, and his Lady, and other Grand Officers and their Ladies.

## More Than 1200 Ladies and Brethren Attend Banquet

More than 400 Brethren attended the Annual Grand Communication of Grand Lodge on Dec. 27, 1973, to see the installation of Grand Lodge Officers.

The Communication was attended by many distinguished Brethren from other Jurisdictions, including the Grand Master of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

The highlight of the day was the banquet, show and dance in the Philadelphia Sheraton Hotel in honor of Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, the new Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

The banquet, attended by more than 1200 Brethren and their Ladies, is one of the largest Masonic banquets ever held in the Philadelphia Area.

## Grand Lodge Officers Have Busy Schedule

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

**March 6** — Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

**March 9** — Senior Grand Warden, 50th Anniversary, Westminster Lodge No. 727, New Castle.

**March 12** — Deputy Grand Master, 50th Anniversary, John E. Mair Lodge No. 729, Mars.

**March 16** — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, St. Alban-Swain Lodge No. 529, Philadelphia.

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

**April 19** — Grand Master, Spring Reunion, Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Philadelphia. Class named for Grand Master.

**April 20** — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Mount Horch-Phoenix Lodge No. 528, Philadelphia.

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

**April 27** — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Philates Lodge No. 527, Philadelphia.

**May 4** — Grand Lodge Officers, 125th Anniversary, Beallsville Lodge No. 237, Beallsville.

**May 8** — Deputy Grand Master, 25th Anniversary, Pleasant Hills Lodge No. 759, Pleasant Hills.

**May 11** — Grand Lodge Officers, 125th Anniversary, Warren Lodge No. 240, Montrose.

**May 17-18** — Grand Master, Spring Reunion, Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Reading. Class named for Grand Master.

**May 19-23** — Grand Master, Grand Conclave, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Washington, Pa.

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



Grand Lodge Officers from many Jurisdictions, including the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, visited the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at the Annual Grand Communication Dec. 27, 1973.

## Telephone Executive Installed As Junior Grand Warden

Bro. Joseph E. Trate of Philadelphia, a Bell Telephone Company executive, has been installed as R. W. Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

His installation to the high office took place December 27, 1973, at the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge held in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

Bro. Trate is a Past Master of Lodge No. 3 in Philadelphia, serving as Worshipful Master in 1960.

He served as District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District "C" for ten years, being created a Past District Deputy Grand Master in 1972.

Bro. Trate also served Grand Lodge as an Administrator of the Pension Plan. He will continue on this Committee as Chairman.

He was honored in 1972 for his years of Masonic Work when he was coroneted an honorary Thirty-Third Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

Bro. Trate is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Philadelphia. He served as Sovereign Prince of Dejoinville Council, Princes of Jerusalem in 1969 and '70. He also served as Master of Ceremonies of the Benjamin Franklin Consistory.

In York Rite Masonry, Bro. Trate is a member of Fort Washington Royal Arch Chapter No. 220, Fort Washington.

He is also vice president of the High-12 Club of Philadelphia and a member of Lu Lu Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

Born in Williamsport, he and his family live in Dresher, a Philadelphia suburban community.

His education was obtained in the

## Masonic Homes Needs Full and Part-time Help

There is still an immediate need for men and women employees at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Openings are for nurses, nurses aides, all types of skilled help, hospital attendants, waitresses, porters and housekeepers.

Openings are available for full and part time employees.

Interested persons should contact Bro. Robert W. Westcott, Executive Director, Masonic Homes Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022, or call for an appointment (Area Code 717) 367-1121.

public schools of Williamsport, the University of Pennsylvania, and Drexel University Evening School.

A member of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oreland, he was Treasurer of the Church and a member of the Church Council. He also is a member of the Finance Committee and has served as a Sunday School teacher.

After having served in the U.S. Air Force from 1942 through 1945, Bro. Trate was employed by the Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania. He is presently the Inventory and Costs Engineer-Depreciation of that Company.

Bro. Trate and his wife, the former Isabel M. McCabe, of Windber, have four daughters, Mrs. Louis Zandy, Mrs. Lloyd Woltemate, and Deborah and Karen Trate.

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## Culture Committee

## Bro. Young Appointed As Chairman

Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Past Grand Master, was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Culture by Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master.

Bro. Young served as Grand Master in 1968 and 1969.

Bro. Woodall also appointed four other new members to the Committee. They are:

Bro. Edward A. Hagel, Past Master



Bro. John K. Young  
R. W. Past Grand Master

of Skerrett Lodge No. 343, Cochranville and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 5th Masonic District.

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

Bro. Thomas H. Burgess, Past Master of Azalea Lodge No. 687, Hazleton. Bro. Burgess completed four years as Junior Grand Deacon of Grand Lodge.

Bro. J. Keith Howe, Past Master of Fort Washington Lodge No. 308, Fort Washington. Bro. Howe served as Grand Steward of Grand Lodge in 1968 and 1969.

Bro. Woodall also reappointed the following Brethren as members of the Committee:

Bro. W. Frederick Warren, Past Master of Thomson Lodge No. 340, Paoli.

Bro. Howard O. Stahl, Past Master of Peter Williamson Lodge No. 323, Scranton.

## Vice President U.S.A. Is a Brother Mason

Bro. Gerald R. Ford, Jr., Vice President of the United States, is a member of Malta Lodge No. 465, F. & A.M. of Grand Rapids, Michigan.



Bro. Joseph E. Trate  
R. W. Junior Grand Warden



## Brethren

# One Short of A Dozen Masons

### All in the family

Bro. Horace F. Richter, Sr., of Thomas R. Patton Lodge, No. 659, Philadelphia, has eight sons and one daughter. All eight of the sons, John, Julian, Kenneth, Robert, Wallace Horace, Jr., Christian and Ralph, are Members of the Craft as is his only son-in-law, Bro. William A. Hinkle. Two of the sons, Bro. Wallace F. Richter and Bro. Horace F. Richter, Jr., are Worshipful Masters of Patton Lodge and Hamilton Lodge, No. 274, respectively. On January 16, 1974, Bro. Julian A. Richter, Jr., the first grandchild of Bro. Richter, Sr., received his Entered Apprentice Mason's Degree in Patton Lodge, just one short of a dozen Masons in one family, spread over three generations.



Bro. Paul J. Weitz

### Masonic Astronaut

One of the 19 Astronauts selected by NASA and a member of the support crew for Apollo 12, is Bro. Paul J. Weitz, a Member of Lawrence Lodge, No. 708, held at Erie, Pa. Captain Weitz petitioned the Craft in 1954 while attending Penn State University. A native of Erie, he has traveled far and wide during his distinguished Naval career. He now resides in Houston, Texas, and is one of seven of the Astronauts known to be Members of the Masonic Fraternity.

### Ritualist retires

Bro. Gilbert MacKay, Past Master of Conrad B. Day Lodge, No. 645, Philadelphia, and now in his early 90s, has decided to retire. Known for his regular sessions for Ritual instruction at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Bro. MacKay has instructed hundreds of Lodge Officers and Floor Workers over the past sixty years. Long associated with the Northeast and Temple Schools of Instruction, he was always ready and willing to help, especially if you needed a little "brushing up" on either of the three Symbolic Degrees. Proud of his Scottish birth, active in several Clans, and always identified by his Scottish brogue, we wish Bro. "Gil" well.

### Staying together

Bro. James W. Seiders, Sr., and his three sons, James, Jr., Eugene, R. and

John D., petitioned Newport Lodge, No. 381, Newport, Pa., in October 1966. They were Entered January 10, 1967; Crafted February 14, 1967, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on March 14, 1967. Within two years all three sons were appointed Floor Officers. At the Annual Meeting of the Lodge, December 1972, Bro. James W. Seiders was elected Worshipful Master; Bro. Eugene R. Seiders was elected Senior Warden and Bro. John D. Seiders was elected Junior Warden. To make it a real family affair, the new Worshipful Master appointed his Dad, Bro. James W. Seiders, Sr., Tyler of the Lodge.

### 47 Years Later

At a Stated Meeting of Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, held at Philadelphia a few months ago, Bro. Louis D. Rosenblum, Past Master, Bro. George M. Pfundt, Past Master and Treasurer, and Bro. Frederick R. Loeffler, Past Master and Secretary, each a Fifty Year Mason and who had served as Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Warden, respectively, back in 1926, did it "one more time" when they occupied their respective Stations for a brief period during the Stated Meeting.

### A Great Golfer

Bro. Arnold Daniel Palmer, well known professional golfer, is a Member of Loyalhanna Lodge, No. 275, held at Latrobe, Pa. Bro. Palmer was made a Mason on April 14, 1958 at the age of 28.

Bro. William A. Carpenter  
R. W. Grand Secretary

## Guest Fund Collection Closes On March 15

The current Guest and Building Fund collection will close on March 15.

Every Pennsylvania Mason is urged to send his contribution — no matter how small.

The need is great, so don't put it off. If you haven't participated, do it now.

Checks or money orders should be made payable to the "Masonic Homes Guest and Building Fund." They should be mailed to: Executive Director, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022.

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## Correct Knowledge

# Lodges In the United States Are York Rite

Freemasonry as practiced in the Symbolic lodges in the forty-nine Grand Jurisdictions of the United States is not done in the Scottish Rite.

This is one of the most misunderstood aspects of Symbolic Masonry.

There are many members of the Craft who refer to the ritualistic work of Symbolic Lodges in one Jurisdiction as York Rite and in other Jurisdictions as Scottish Rite. Such a distinction is not correct.

Article 127, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Supreme Council A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, states: "This Supreme Council recognizes the exclusive jurisdiction of the symbolic Grand Lodges of the states within the Jurisdiction over the three Symbolic degrees of Freemasonry, and exercises jurisdiction over the following degrees only, viz: 4° Secret Master to 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector General."

Historically, the Scottish Rite was first referred to in old French records where the word "Ecosais" (meaning Scottish) is to be found. During the latter part of the 17th century, when the British Isles were torn by strife, many Scots fled to France and resumed their Masonic interests in that country.

It is believed that this influence contributed to the use of the word "Scottish." Therefore, it is not true that the Rite originated in Scotland and that Scotland today is the origin of its activity.

The earliest documented records trace the actual beginnings of the Rite to Bordeaux, France about the middle of the 18th century. From there it was carried to French possessions in the West Indies, and thence to the United States.

It may be of interest that the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania has in its library collections the oldest known Scottish Rite document, a patent dated October 26, 1764, and issued to Ossonde Verriere, a planter of San Domingo, and signed by Stephen Morin, Sublime Grand Master and Grand Inspector.

The first Supreme Council was established in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1801. In 1813, the Northern Supreme Council came into being. There are two Supreme Councils in the United States, the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction has its headquarters in Boston (Lexington), Massachusetts; and the Supreme Council for the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction has its

headquarters in Washington, D.C. It is worth noting that the Supreme Council for Scotland did not come into existence until 1846.

The Degree structure of the Scottish Rite is generally familiar to most Masons: The Lodge of Perfection, 4°-14°, The Council of Princes of Jerusalem, 15°-16°, The Chapter of Rose Croix, 17°-18°, The Consistory, 19°-32°. The 33°, the highest degree and an honorary one, can only be granted and conferred by the Supreme Council. It cannot be applied for.

It is claimed that the York Rite originated at York, England, under King Athelstan in 926 A.D., when Prince Edwin received the Charter of York from the King, organizing a general assembly of Masons. The Regius manuscript of about 1390 makes reference to the York Assembly of Masons, and the Lansdowne Manuscript of about 1600 further embellishes the story of King Athelstan and Prince Edwin.

The Warrant granted by the 1751 Grand Lodge of England for a Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, July 15, 1761 (original on display in the Museum of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania), relates to the King Athelstan and Prince Edwin story.

The York Rite of Freemasonry is composed of four Bodies: the Symbolic or "Blue" Lodge, the Chapter, the Council and the Commandery. The following York Rite Degrees and Orders are conferred in York Rite Masonry: the Lodge confers the Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason; the Chapter confers the "Capitular" Degrees of Mark Master (the Past Master Degree is not conferred in Pennsylvania), Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason; the "Cryptic" Degrees of the Council of Royal and Select Masters are Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master; the "Chivalric Orders" of the Commandery of Knights Templar are the Order of the Red Cross, the Mediterranean Pass and Order of Malta, and the Order of the Temple.

Some Brethren have been confused by the use of the letters A. F. & A. M. and F. & A. M. by Grand Lodges. They believe that the York Rite and Scottish Rite systems are in some way indicated by the use of these letters. In fact, they have nothing to do with it.

There were two Grand Lodges in England between 1751 and 1813 when they merged to form the United Grand Lodge of England. One Grand Lodge

was called "Moderns" (actually the older of the two); the other was called "Antients" (Ancients). The latter used the title Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (A. F. & A. M.), while the "Moderns," the original Grand Lodge, used Free and Accepted Masons (F. & A. M.). Warrants granted by these two English Grand Lodges to Lodges in the United States carried the different titles.

It has already been established that symbolic ritualistic work under the Jurisdictions of the various Grand Lodges in this country is not Scottish Rite. Certain fundamentals of Masonic work are the same in every one of the forty-nine Jurisdictions in the United States. Although there are fifty states, Alaska, masonically is under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Washington; Hawaii is under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California; and the District of Columbia, while not a state, has a Grand Lodge.

It is in its ritual that Pennsylvania differs from other Jurisdictions. What gives the ritual its distinctive and exclusive character is the manner in which the Degrees are conferred: the work is didactic and not dramatic as it is in the other forty-eight Jurisdictions. It is probably this difference more than any other that has caused Brethren to assume that work outside of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania is Scottish Rite work.

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### TUESDAY MOST POPULAR

A breakdown of the evenings used by Pennsylvania Lodges for Stated Meeting reveals 188 using Tuesday, 130 using Monday, 126 using Thursday, 78 using Wednesday and 74 using Friday. Eight of our Lodges hold Stated Meetings on Saturday evenings. Twenty of our Lodges meet on a certain evening on or before a Full Moon, while four Lodges actually meet on the evening of the Full Moon using Monday evening if the Moon is full on Sunday.