

"Open Territory"

Grand Lodge Officers Recommend

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additional areas.

5. The accumulative effect of these decisions revising the basic law (Ahiman Rezon, Article XXI, Section 12) have gradually created a chaotic situation, as to territorial boundaries, in the Grand Secretary's Office which can no longer be properly controlled.

6. Inquiries indicate that no problems have been encountered by those Grand Lodges having Open Territorial Jurisdiction statewide.

In giving serious consideration and study to this very important question, all of the Grand Lodge Officers recommend that favorable consideration be given Open Territory Jurisdiction between Lodges in Pennsylvania for the following reasons:

1. It will eliminate the requirement to obtain a Waiver from the Lodge nearest the residence of the petitioner.

2. It will no longer require an investigation by the Lodge nearest the residence of the petitioner unless requested by the Lodge receiving the petition.

3. It will prevent an unfavorable report for other than proper Masonic objection, being binding upon the Lodge petitioned.

4. It will still require the Lodge receiving the petition to have a Committee of Inquiry thoroughly investigate the petitioner and report its recommendations in accordance with present procedure.

5. It will provide all Lodges with the same basic Masonic Law and eliminate special consideration in certain areas.

6. It will expedite the processing of

applicants between the Lodge Secretaries and the Grand Secretary's Office and provide a more realistic method of control procedure.

In recommending the adoption of the Resolution to amend the Ahiman Rezon at the December Quarterly Communication, the Grand Master pointed out:

"Many Grand Lodges in the United States have Concurrent Statewide Jurisdiction and no objections or problems have arisen."

Quarterly Communication

The September Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 4, in Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia.

All Master Masons have been urged to attend.

Masonic Temple Has "Face Lifting"

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ject, it was necessary to preserve the building."

In 1957 the Temple was cleaned at a cost of \$30,000. This was the first time in the history of the building that cleaning of the Temple was undertaken.

The present "beauty-treatment" work on the Temple started six years ago, when the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania began looking ahead to the 1976 celebration. Pennsylvania wants its beautiful Temple refurbished by then for the great numbers of Brethren and visitors who will be coming to Philadelphia

Patton Grad of 1930 Receives 1974 Honor

Brother Charles B. Friedlein, Past Master of Stephen Girard Lodge No. 450, Philadelphia, was recipient of the Grand Master's award for 1974 as the outstanding graduate of Patton Masonic School.

Brother Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master, presented the award at Patton Commencement on June 2.

Brother Friedlein graduated from Patton in 1930. He retired in 1968 from Gulf Oil Corporation, after 34 years of service.

During World War II, he served as a Machinist Mate, 2nd class, in the U.S. Navy.

He was a member of the DeMolay at sixteen.

In 1940 he was Raised in Lodge No. 450 and served as Worshipful Master in 1945.

when the nation celebrates the 200th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

The renovation project has touched everything from modernizing the kitchen to installing a new communications system.

All the staff offices have been remodeled and equipped with new furnishings. Every Lodge Hall and room throughout the Temple can be made comfortable by a new humidifier and air conditioning system.

In addition to Grand Lodge, 79 Blue Lodges and 21 other Masonic Bodies hold their meetings in the Temple.

This requires a continuous housekeeping operation by maintenance personnel. They use modern mechanical apparatus and equipment, plus a lot of old-fashioned elbow grease, to keep the immense building practically spotless.

When the huge, granite cornerstone for the beautiful edifice was laid June 24, 1868, the gavel used was the one Brother Washington used to lay the cornerstone of the nation's Capitol 75 years earlier.

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

But the day finally came for its consecration, the grandest event in the history of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.

On September 26, 1873, the Temple was dedicated in solemn ceremonies and since that day has been serving mankind in the spirit of universal benevolence and brotherhood.



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"Face Lifting Operation"

Temple Being Prepared for 1976

The Masonic Temple in Philadelphia is getting a "face-lifting" operation that will cost \$106,000.

The imposing 101-year-old structure is considered one of the world's greatest Masonic buildings.

Since its dedication, this architectural jewel has attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors to Philadelphia — the mother city of Freemasonry in America. The "face-lifting" process includes:

- Clean exterior with sand, water or mild chemical to remove dirt and stains from all stone work and pediments above roof and down to pavement level.

- Cut out and repoint all joints around perimeter of building.

- Coat all cleaned stones with water repellent sealant that will last a minimum of ten years.

The work is expected to be completed by the September Quarterly Communication.

Brother Glen T. Renegar, Chairman of the Committee on Temple, said this will almost complete all necessary improvements to have the Temple ready for 1976 — the Bicentennial year. He added:

"Although this is a "face-lifting" project, it will be completed by the September Quarterly Communication.

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Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, is receiving a "face lifting." It will be completed by the September Quarterly Communication.

Grand Lodge Officers Urge "Open Territory" To Help Freemasonry

Grand Lodge elected officers have recommended that open territory be approved in Pennsylvania.

In view of this, a proposed amendment to the Ahiman Rezon was presented at the June Quarterly Communication in Pittsburgh.

Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master said that every question has three sides — "yours, mine and the real facts." He then listed the following:

1. A resident of a city, borough or town in which there are two or more Lodges, may apply for initiation and membership to any one of them and inquiry of the other or others is not necessary. (Ahiman Rezon, Article XXI, Section 12)

2. Since 1899, twenty-two Grand Masters, representing forty-four years, have declared by decisions that sixty-three additional areas are open territory in Pennsylvania.

3. Each of the sixty-three decisions was considered, at that time, to be for the best interest of the Fraternity. Based on these precedents, the Grand Master could declare open territory statewide.

4. Presently, the Grand Master is withholding decisions on five more requests for special consideration to open

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Grand Master Has Open Communication Policy

By Rochester B. Woodall
R. W. Grand Master

Somewhere near the top of any list of problems or challenges, the subject of "Communications" will appear.

The word itself, is relatively easy to define, and yet, it is one of the most complex and difficult barriers to successfully keep open.

Every effort possible is being made to carry on a positive, active program

to keep the Masons in Pennsylvania fully informed.

- A change in the format of the Pennsylvania Freemason has been made to provide more information about the Grand Lodge, more items of personal interest, and more facts relating to the Masonic Homes.

- District Seminars for Lodge Officers are being conducted by the Committee on Masonic Culture and Education to assist in planning, programming, and

Lodge attendance.

- District Seminars for Lodge Secretaries are being conducted by the Grand Secretary.

- Seminars for District Deputy Grand Masters are conducted by the Grand Master.

- District Deputy Grand Masters are encouraged to keep the "grass roots" pipeline open and to assist all Brethren to a better understanding of Pennsylvania Masonry.

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Grand Lodge Officers Have Busy Schedule

The schedule for Grand Lodge Officers for the remainder of the year includes:

September 4 — Quarterly Communication, 7 p.m., Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

September 14—Grand Master, 125th Anniversary, Armstrong Lodge No. 239, Freeport.

September 27 — Grand Lodge Officers, Meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

September 28 — Grand Lodge Officers, place cornerstone and dedicate new Masonic Temple for Huguenot Lodge No. 377, Kutztown.

October 12 — Grand Lodge Officers, dedicate new Masonic Temple for Kingsbury Lodge No. 466, Olyphant.

October 12 — Deputy Grand Master, 50th Anniversary, Duquesne Lodge No. 731, McKeesport.

October 15 — Junior Grand Warden, 50th Anniversary, Pottsville Lodge No. 730, Pottsville.

October 25 — Grand Lodge Officers, Meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

October 26 — Grand Master, 150th Anniversary, Lafayette Lodge No. 194, Selinsgrove.

November 2 — Deputy Grand Master, 50th Anniversary, John Marshall Lodge No. 734, Pleasant Hills.

December 4 — Grand Lodge Officers, Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Philadelphia.

December 6 — Grand Lodge Officers, Meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.



Appointed Grand Lodge Floor Officers are shown above: left to right, front row: Bros. William D. Spargo, Pittsburgh, Grand Steward; Ralph B. Rogers, Jr., Philadelphia; Grand Sword Bearer; Charles S. Reyner, Ambler, Grand Tyler; Ellwood L. Hunsberger, Philadelphia, Grand Steward; and Carl L. Dewey, Coudersport, Grand Pursuivant. Second row, left to right: Bros. George N. Holmes, Pittsburgh, Grand Marshal; Harry E. Heatherby, Yeadon, Senior Grand Deacon; and Thomas R. Mulholland, Broomall, Junior Grand Deacon.

"Improve Attendance"

Masonic Culture Is Holding Seminars

Masonic Culture Seminars are being conducted by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture in an effort to stimulate Lodge activity and improve attendance.

Bro. Walter L. Sykes, P.D.D.G.M., Area Chairman for Area "C" covering the western end of the state, held six seminars between May 23 and May 31.

Bro. Thomas H. Burgess, Area Chairman for Area "B" covering the north-eastern section of the state, held seminars between May 31 and June 21.

All the seminars were well received. The two Area Chairmen reported a renewed enthusiasm in Masonic education. The packets containing Masonic literature distributed to the participants aroused considerable interest and discussion.

The Committee hopes that Brethren who did not attend the seminars held in their Districts will try to attend one of the remaining seminars to be conducted in September by Bro. Edward A. Hagel, P.D.D.G.M., Chairman of Area "A" covering Districts A, B C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 19, 36, 40, 42 and 60.

Information on time and place will be sent in the near future to District Deputy Grand Masters, Masonic Culture District Chairman and Lodge Masonic Culture Committee Chairmen of these Districts.

Lodge Masonic Culture Chairmen of other Districts wishing to attend one of these seminars should write for information to Committee on Masonic Culture, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

19107, or phone 215-567-4190.

The Masonic Culture Seminars have done much to explain and promote the over-all Masonic Culture program of Grand Lodge, including efforts to increase Lodge attendance.

New Culture Manual Prepared For Candidates

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture has developed a new Masonic Culture Manual for the use of Lodge Committees on Masonic Culture.

It is designed for instructing candidates in areas of Freemasonry not covered by the Ritualistic Work.

The Manual supplements the Four Candidate Booklets presented to petitioners when approved and after each degree.

Work on the Manual was started in 1973, and finalized this year.

Chapter One in the Manual discusses the beginnings of Freemasonry. It is to be used for pre-initiatory instruction.

Chapter Two discusses the development of Freemasonry. It is to be used for instructing Entered Apprentice Masons.

Chapter Three discusses the Symbolism of Freemasonry. It is to be used for instructing Fellow Craft Masons and newly Raised Master Masons. Chapter Four discusses Masonic Philanthropies.

Chapter Five discusses Freemasonry as a "Way of Life," Grand Lodge Library and Museum, and other Masonic information.

Brethren Are Urged to Contribute to The 1974 Guest and Building Fund

The Grand Master has urged Pennsylvania Masons to contribute \$1,000,000 for the 1974 "Guest and Building Fund" for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

This will meet a \$600,000 Guest Fund Budget and \$400,000 for the reconstruction project of the Masonic Health Care Center.

Grand Lodge has appropriated \$3,500,000 toward the project that is expected to cost approximately \$4,000,000.

Pennsylvania Masons were ordered by the state to make extensive and costly alterations to the Philadelphia Freemasons Memorial, and other parts of the Masonic Health Care Center.

The problem was created by strict enforcement of new state and federal regulations for adult care centers.

In the Annual Appeal that will be inserted in September Lodge Notices, and further emphasized in a direct letter to all Masons, the Grand Master reports:

"In the 1973 fund drive, more than 174,000 Pennsylvania Masons didn't take time to contribute to the appeal. I will need the help of all the 235,623 Brethren in the state to reach this year's \$1,000,000 goal."

"The last fund drive that ended on March 15, 1974, totalled \$705,683.00. I am most thankful for this generous presentation. However, our need is far greater this year."

"We have no alternative but to make the corrections demanded by strict enforcement of state and federal regulations."

"At present we have more than 600 of your Guests at the Homes"

"This is our greatest charity. I know I can count on each of you to respond generously to this urgent appeal."

Gifts to the Guest and Building Fund are deductible for income tax purposes.

Funeral Service Booklets Have Been Distributed

Six copies of the revised Masonic Funeral Service have been sent to all Masonic Lodges in this Jurisdiction.

Additional copies can be obtained through the Committee on Masonic Culture, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

The charge is 25 cents for each copy.

Memorials Available At Homes

The reconstruction program for the Masonic Health Care Center at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown will require many new Guest Rooms and Service Areas.

Because of this, the Committee on Masonic Homes has suggested gifts and memorial allocations for Brethren, Lodges and Masonic Districts.

Single Room	\$10,000
Single Room including furnishings	\$11,500
Double Room	\$15,000
Double Room including furnishings	\$17,500
Single Room Furnishings	\$ 1,500
Double Room Furnishings	\$ 2,500

The names of donors and memorials will be placed on bronze plaques, similar to those used in the Masons Care Building, and placed at door entrances.

Larger donations can be recognized by the allocation of special rooms, lounges, treatment areas and other facilities that will be incorporated in the reconstruction process.

Gifts and memorials of \$1,000 and over will also be recorded in the Gold Book of Grand Lodge, located in the museum in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Those desiring more information on Gifts and Memorials, can contact the Grand Master's Office, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107 or phone (Area Code 215) LOcust 7-5582.

Progress Is Reported On Project To Reconstruct Masonic Health Center

The Building Subcommittee to the Committee on Masonic Homes has filed a status report on progress being made to reconstruct the Masonic Health Care Center at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

In line with the Grand Master's policy to keep all Brethren informed, highlights of the status report are:

- The Committee on Masonic Homes has approved the employment of Lawrie and Green of Harrisburg as architects for renovation of part of the Health Center and reconstruction of the older portion of the Center.

- The Building Committee selected Filson, Gingrich and Minnich of Harrisburg for the mechanical and electrical design.

- Clapp and Holmes of Harrisburg were selected by the Committee for structural engineering.

- H. B. Alexander and Sons of Harrisburg was selected as the general contractor in order to expedite renovations in the older areas of the Health Center.

- Renovation plans have been reviewed by the Building Committee and will be submitted to the state for approval.

The Building Committee is making every effort to see that work complies with the 1967 code, presently in effect

in Pennsylvania, but also the 1973 code which is even more stringent.

Members of the Building Subcommittee include Brother Theodore K. Warner, Jr., Chairman; Brother Arthur R. Diamond, Grand Treasurer; Brother Samuel C. Williamson and Brother Walter J. Heim.

Three Patton Students Cited In "Who's Who"

Three Patton Masonic School students have been cited in the Eighth Annual edition of Who's Who among American High School Students.

Chosen by a panel of distinguished Americans, the honored students were considered on the basis of leadership in academics, extra-curricular activities, athletics and school service.

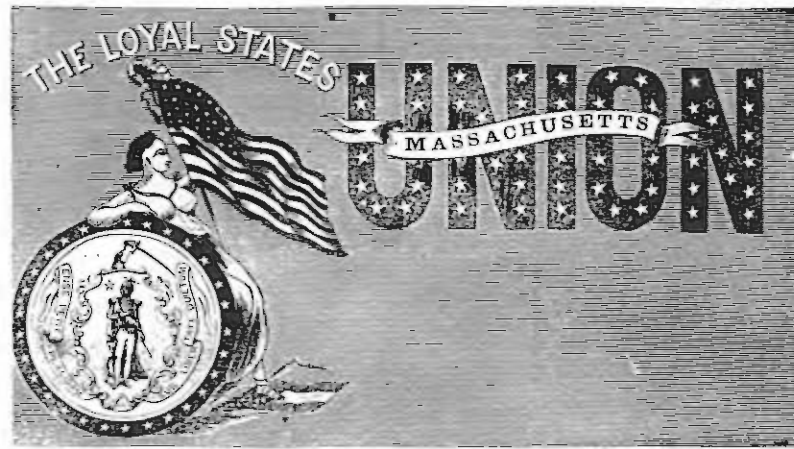
Only about three percent of the Juniors and Seniors attending private and public schools receive this recognition.

The Patton Boys receiving the honor are:

James F. Byron, of Charleroi, now graduated, plans to enter York College.

Mitchell Keath, of Newmanstown, will return to Patton as a Senior.

Eric R. Kimmel, of Penns Park, will return to Patton as a Senior.



"WAR BETWEEN THE STATES"

Freemasonry was a dominate uniting force in Civil War



Scotchmen for the Union.
79th N. Y. Regiment.



JOHN BULL making his Speech to "KING COTTON."



Jeff's March on Washington.
His courage kept up to the "sticking point."



Rebel Army "Rations."

Freemasonry was not involved in the Civil War, but Brother Masons fought heroically on both sides.

This war, sometimes referred to as the "War Between the States," painfully divided families and friends, but Freemasonry was a dominant uniting force.

The background of the struggle was not only slavery, but economic and political positions of both North and South. Whatever the differences, it is agreed that the issues were often over-emphasized by agitators, Union and Confederate, who whipped up excitement and aroused public emotions.

Through such awesome times, however, the spark of humor, frequently bitter and satiric, was alive.

In the collections of the Library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania are 308 Civil War envelopes covering the period 1861-1865. They are clever Lithographic cartoons poking wry fun at some idea, incident, or person involved with or in the war.

Many of the illustrations show the American flag with fervent patriot slogans or sayings. Some envelopes proclaim the "Loyal States" with the Goddess of Liberty, holding the American flag, resting against the individual State seals; others mark the "Rebel States" with the Devil, spear in hand, holding the seals of the seceded States.

A number of drawings poke fun at Jeff Davis, war profiteers, and high-spirited troops showing army "rations" as either rum or molasses.

A number of cartoons bring to task J.B. (John Bull England) for his commercial interest in cotton and hence his support of the South.

It is strange that there are no envelopes in the collection bearing the name Pennsylvania. It is possible that the collector may have been a Pennsylvanian and kept them for his own private use. All these envelopes, of which thousands must have been issued, were part of the continuous campaign propaganda put out by both sides during the Civil War. The Grand Lodge Collection is exclusively Northern issue.

It is interesting, with difficult communication between Northern and Southern Lodges, that Freemasonry with its belief in the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, and the Immortality of the Soul, had an influence for good on both sides.

There are many recorded instances where Masonry penetrated the heavy shield of hatred and brought forth compassion and understanding.

One story involves President William McKinley, then a Major with the 23rd Ohio Regiment of Volunteers assigned to protect and manage the army hospital at Winchester, Virginia. Major McKinley was struck by the bonds he saw existing between some Union surgeons and Confederate prisoners. When he learned the reason for such a Brotherly spirit, he asked to be admitted to the Craft.

If Freemasonry could hold such power for good in time of war, Brother McKinley wanted to belong to that fraternity. His petition was presented to Hiram Lodge No. 21 in Winchester, Virginia. He was initiated May 1, 1865, passed May 2, and raised May 3. J. B. T. Reed, a Confederate Chaplain, served in the East.

In the book "One Hundred and Fifty Years of Freemasonry in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania," by Brother William E. Montgomery, is an account of the Confederate invasion of that town in July, 1864.

General Jubal A. Early issued orders to Generals John McCausland and Bradley Johnson that unless the citizens of Chambersburg came up with \$100,000 in gold or \$500,000 in northern money to pay for Union vandalism in the Lynchburg, Virginia, campaign, the entire town was to be burned in retaliation.

The town was set afire, but the block in which the Masonic Temple stood was not touched. A confederate officers of high rank, recognizing the Masonic Temple, posted guards to prevent the burning of the Temple and such nearby buildings that could endanger it.

The book continues: "Although his identity cannot be ascertained, George Washington Lodge can well be profoundly and everlasting grateful to the Southern Mason who obeyed the dictates of fraternal sentiment rather than the orders of his superior officers."

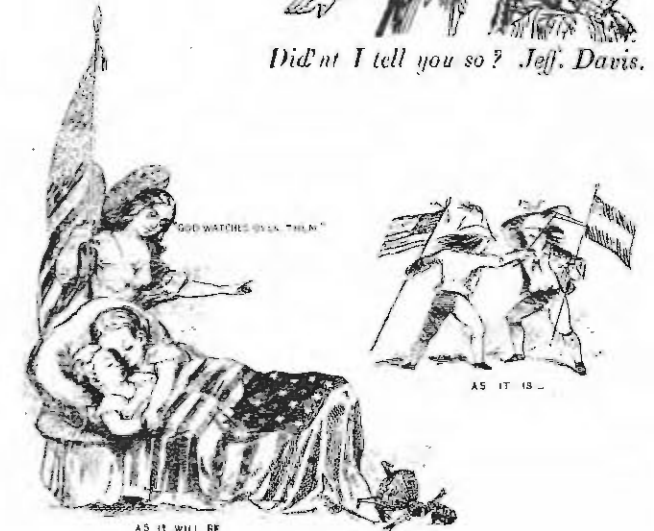
George Washington Lodge No. 143 still meets in this Temple, 74 South Second Street, Chambersburg, whose cornerstone was laid June 24, 1823.

The year 1864 ended with the death of Brother George Mifflin Dallas, R. W. Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania and former Vice President of the United States. He did not live to see, within only a few months, the end of the war between his countrymen.

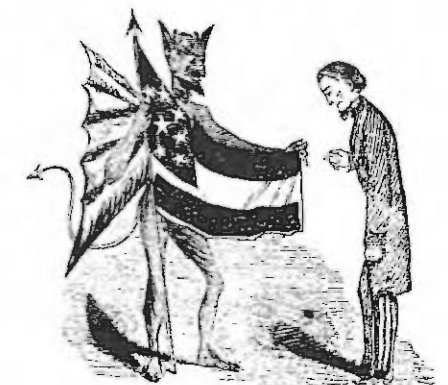
Bitterness and hatred still split the Nation, but in Masonic circles, both North and South, every effort was made to reunite our country.



Didnt I tell you so? Jeff. Davis.



AS IT WILL BE



The original suggestion and adoption of the Confederate Flag.

Brethren

Festival Attracts Large Attendance

Dedicated Past Masters

Brownsville Lodge No. 60, Brownsville, Fayette County, is proud if its Past Masters. Twenty-one of them attended the Annual Past Master's Night of the Lodge. The senior representative was Bro. Herman D. Graham, 93 years young, who served as Worshipful Master in 1916. The attendance was documented by a group picture in The Brownsville Telegraph. Bro. David J. Cagnon, the Worshipful Master, pinned an American Beauty Rose on each one of the honored Past Masters. It was the Annual Strawberry Festival of the Lodge. More than 100 Brethren attended.

Family Affair

The McMurray Lodge No. 807, Washington County, was recently filled with Longs. Bro. Walter F. Long III was the candidate. The father, Bro. Walter F. Long, Jr., was the Worshipful Master; the grandfather, Bro. Walter F. Long, Sr., was the guide.

Scranton Mason Honored

Bro. Robert F. Bush, member of Union Lodge No. 291, Scranton, is president of the American Engineering Association Technical Conference. He now lives in Cleveland, Ohio, and is the chief engineer for the Erie Lackawanna Railway Company.

First Masonic District

Bro. James Buchanan, the 15th President of the United States, was a member and Past Master of Lodge No. 43, Lancaster. In 1824 he was the first District Deputy Grand Master for the First Masonic District that then included Lodges in Lancaster, Lebanon and York Counties.

First Oil Well

Bro. Edwin L. Drake, a member of Oil Creek Lodge No. 303, now Titusville Lodge No. 754, drilled the World's first oil well at Titusville on August 27, 1859.

Independence Hall

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held its Communications in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, in 1800, 1801 and 1802.

No Named Lodges

There are 602 Symbolic Lodges in

Pennsylvania — 12 of them are identified only by numbers.

Average Age Increasing

There are approximately 600 adult Guests at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Their average age is 84.3 years. In 1927, it was 75 years.

Grandfather Confers Degree

Bro. Mark G. Kendig, a member of St. John's Lodge No. 435, Reading, will never forget the experience of becoming a Master Mason. His grandfather, Bro. David H. Kendig, Jr., 86, Worshipful Master in 1918, conferred the third degree. Mark's father, Bro David H. Kendig III, Worshipful Master in 1950, conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree. Bro. Martin P. Stoner, Mark's father-in-law, served as guide in the first degree.

Sons of Members

John F. Laedlein Lodge, No. 707, Williamsport, recently conferred De-

grees upon five sons of Members of the Lodge. They are: Bro. John C. Shively, son of Bro. John W. Shively, Junior Warden; Bro. John A German, Jr., son of Bro. John A. German, Tyler; Bro. Stephen M. Reese, son of Bro. Samuel M. Reese; Bro. Bert C. Green, son of Bro. Bert M. Green; and Bro. Mason S. Childs, son of a deceased Member of the Lodge.

51 Year Member Didn't Retire

Bro. Andrew B M. Speer, former Member of Verona Lodge No. 548, Verona, and Warrant Member of Penn Lodge, No. 766, Penn Hills, exemplifies service to mankind. A medical doctor and still practicing, he performs much of his service at the Veterans Hospital at Leech Farm, Pittsburgh. In addition to the many hours he devotes to the Veterans and others in his community, he finds time to attend classes at local universities to keep abreast of the latest in the medical profession. Bro. Speer was made a Mason in 1923.

"Taught" the Grand Master

Bro. Raymond Sorber, Past Master of Fernwood Lodge No. 543, recently honored by his Lodge for meritorious service, has been conferring degrees for more than 40 years. He was Worshipful Master in 1935. He has only missed ten meetings in 48 years, each time because of illness. At Stated, Special and Extra Meetings Bro. Sorber attends in Masonic dress. On May 4, 1944, he raised Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master Bro. Sorber is co-chairman of the 100th Anniversary Committee of Fernwood Lodge, to be celebrated in 1975.

Small and Large

Spartan Lodge No. 372, Spartansburg, Crawford County, has the distinction of being the smallest Lodge in Pennsylvania with 57 Members. Equity Lodge No. 591, Philadelphia, is the largest Lodge, with 1,935 Members.

Busy Lodges

Three Lodges were very busy conferring Degrees in 1973. They are: Lafayette Lodge No. 71, Philadelphia, with 47 Candidates; Perseverance Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg, with 35 and Muncy Lodge No. 299, Muncy, with 33.

Bro William A. Carpenter
R. W. Grand Secretary

"Invitation To Grand Master's Banquet"

Masonic Leaders To Attend Dec. 27 Dinner-Dance

The Grand Master's Banquet, Show and Dance will again be open to all Masons and their Ladies on Friday, December 27.

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

The cost will be \$15.00 per person. This covers the following:

- A delicious roast beef dinner
- An outstanding floor show
- Dancing to Bro. Joe Martin's 12-piece orchestra
- Free parking in the Sheraton Hotel garage, across Kennedy Blvd. from the Hotel

The Grand Master will be installed as Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania at 12 noon on Dec. 27.

Masonic leaders throughout the country will attend the Annual Grand Communication, as has been customary throughout the years.

They will also attend the Grand Master's Banquet. The banquet will climax two days of activities for Masonic Brethren.

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

The tickets this year will be limited to approximately 900 in order that all those attending will have a seat in the open areas of the ballroom.

They will be reserved on a first come basis. Don't put this off if you hope to attend.

If you plan to participate, please complete the enclosed questionnaire form, marking it and your check as indicated on the form. There are ten places to a table.

Be sure to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Those desiring to remain at the hotel overnight can make reservations direct by calling (Area Code 215) 568-3300.

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. 19103.

Twin-bedded rooms are available from \$30.00 to \$38.00, for double occupancy. Single rooms are available from \$22.00 to \$29.00.

Suites are available from \$55.00 to \$75.00.

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 \$15.00 per ticket for the Grand Master's Banquet to be held at 7:00 p.m., December 27, 1974 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.