

Ten Sectional Meetings Of School Of Instruction Scheduled For Brethren

Ten Sectional Meetings of the School of Instruction will be held in 1975.

Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master, has urged all interested Masons to attend at least one of the meetings.

He pointed out that it is a Masonic responsibility for the officers of the Lodges to attend.

The ten meetings include:

March 8 Charleroi
March 15, New Castle
March 22, Pittsburgh
March 29, Harrisburg
April 5, Allentown
April 19, Kane
April 26, Somerset
May 10, Williamsport
September 13, Meadville
October 4, Philadelphia

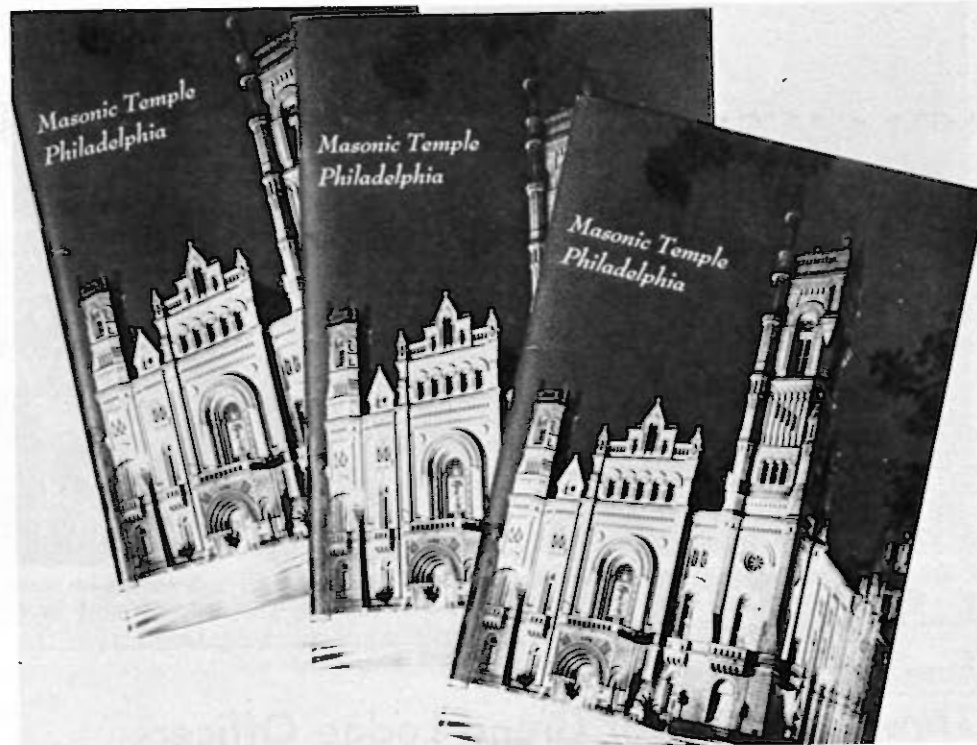
Sectional Meetings are open to all Masons, but it is important that all elected and appointed officers make a special effort to attend.

Last year, 2,300 Brethren from 535 Lodges, attended the Sectional Meetings.

Grand Master Received New Hampshire Honor

Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master, was presented the "Jeremy Ladd Cross" Medal of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

The presentation was made by Bro. Ellis W. Howard, M. W. Grand Master of New Hampshire, during the Annual Grand Communication of Grand Lodge on December 27, 1974.



Colorful Album On Philadelphia Temple Can Be Purchased From Committee On Culture

A new 36 page Souvenir Album on Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, is now available.

The Album has 28 beautiful colored pictures, including places of meeting of Grand Lodge since 1732.

The front cover is the dramatic night photograph of Masonic Temple, One N. Broad St., Philadelphia.

The Album includes pictures of the Grand Entrance Gate, Grand Foyer, Grand Lodge Museum, Grand Staircase, Rear Staircase, Benjamin Franklin Room and Grand Banquet Hall.

The seven Masonic Lodge Rooms are

all included, Corinthian, Renaissance, Gothic, Norman, Egyptian, Ionic and Oriental.

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Grand Lodge has been meeting in its present Masonic Temple since its dedication in 1873.

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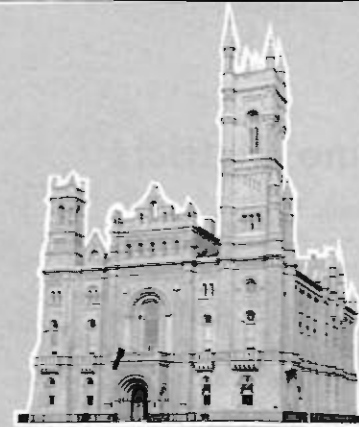
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All Grand Lodge Officers were installed at the Annual Grand Communication of Grand Lodge on December 27, 1974. They are pictured above: First row, left to right: Bros. Walter P. Wells, R. W. Senior Grand Warden; Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master; and John L. McCain, R. W. Deputy Grand Master. Second row, left to right: Bros. William A. Carpenter, R. W. Grand Secretary; Joseph E. Trate, R. W. Junior Grand Warden; and Arthur R. Diamond, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Grand Lodge Re-elected Grand Master To Serve For Another Year

Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, a retired Philadelphia business executive, was installed as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania for a second term.

The ancient ceremony which marked Bro. Woodall's installation took place during the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge held in Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia.

Other Grand Lodge officers installed include: Bro. John L. McCain of Pittsburgh, in personal investments, Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Walter P. Wells, of Coudersport, president judge of the 55th Judicial District in Pennsylvania, Senior Grand Warden; Bro. Joseph E. Trate, of Philadelphia, a Bell Telephone executive, Junior Grand Warden; Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, a Philadelphia engineer, Grand Treasurer; and Bro. William A. Carpenter, of Chester, Grand Secretary.

A resident of Philadelphia for the
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Proper Attendance A Responsibility

Representatives Urged To Attend Grand Lodge

By Bro. Rochester B. Woodall
R. W. Grand Master

Article III, Section 3, of the Ahiman Rezon provides that a Representative in Grand Lodge is to be elected by each Lodge in this Jurisdiction to serve for the ensuing Masonic year.

Apparently, many Lodge Representatives do not attend the Grand Lodge Communications as required and therefore, are not fulfilling their responsibilities to their respective Lodges.

Every Lodge should be represented at each Grand Lodge Communication if possible, but particularly at the December Quarterly Communication when annual reports are read,

finances and budgets approved, amendments to the Ahiman Rezon acted upon, and Grand Lodge officers and members of the Committee on Masonic Homes are elected.

The current report of the Grand Secretary indicates that one hundred and ninety-five (195) Lodge Representatives were not registered at the December Quarterly Communication held on December 4, 1974.

The Worshipful Master of the Lodge should discuss with the Lodge Representative, his responsibilities and required duties to the Lodge and make certain that he realizes the importance of proper attendance.

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Grand Master Continues In Office

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past 51 years, Bro. Woodall was formerly secretary-treasurer of Kahns, Inc., Philadelphia; treasurer of John's 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 Elkins Park United Presbyterian Church, Elkins Park. He is also a member of the Presbyterian Social Union, Union League of Philadelphia and Seaview Country Club, Absecon, New Jersey.

In Freemasonry, 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, previously to being installed as Grand Master on December 27, 1973.

In York Rite Masonry, he is a mem-

New District Deputies

Grand Master Appoints In Nine Districts

There are nine new District Deputy Grand Masters, appointed by the Grand Master on December 27, 1974. They are:

"B" Masonic District

Bro. Ellwood L. Hunsberger is Past Master of Stephen Girard Lodge No. 450, Philadelphia. He is a real estate and insurance broker. Bro. Hunsberger succeeded Bro. Joseph H. Myers who was created a Past District Deputy Grand Master.

10th Masonic District

Bro. C. DeForrest Trexler is Past Master of Barger Lodge No. 333, Allentown. He is an attorney. Bro. Trexler succeeded Bro. Paul F. Kunkel who was created a Past District Deputy Grand Master.

12th Masonic District

Bro. Donald N. Stevick is a Past Master of Kingston Lodge No. 395, Kingston. He is area representative for an insurance company. Bro. Stevick succeeded Bro. Robert J. Kopp who was created a Past District Deputy Grand Master.

14th Masonic District

Bro. Lester A. Odell is a Past Master of Honesdale Lodge No. 218. He is an insurance agent. Bro. Odell succeeded Bro. Lorimer H. Brown who was created a Past District Deputy Grand Master.

ber 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 Kil-winning 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 trustee of fiscal body.

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.

19th Masonic District

Bro. John Patterson Henry, Jr., is a Past Master of Union Lodge No. 324, Mifflintown. He is a funeral director. Bro. Henry succeeded Bro. W. Brady Hetrick who was created a Past District Deputy Grand Master.

37th Masonic District

Bro. Robert A. Pote is a Past Master of Woodlawn Lodge No. 672, Aliquippa. He is a supervisory foreman for Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp. Bro. Pote succeeded Bro. Robert Batto who was created a Past District Deputy Grand Master.

43rd Masonic District

Bro. William C. Wagner is a Past Master of Belle Vernon Lodge No. 643, Belle Vernon. He is a self-employed produce dealer. Bro. Wagner succeeded Bro. Elmer C. Swalin who was created a Past District Deputy Grand Master.

46th Masonic District

Bro. Robert E. Spriggle is a Past Master of Middleburg Lodge No. 619, Middleburg. He is a banker. Bro. Spriggle succeeded Bro. Isaac J. Tressler who was created a Past District Deputy Grand Master.

50th Masonic District

Bro. Henry B. Kulp is a Past Master of Barger Lodge No. 325, Stroudsburg. He is a construction superintendent. Bro. Kulp succeeded Bro. John H. Parker who resigned before completing adequate years of service to be created a Past District Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Lodge Re-elected Committee On Homes

The elected Grand Lodge Officers serve as members of the Committee on Masonic Homes which operates the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Those elected to the Committee by Grand Lodge include: Bro. Robert E. Woodside, Jr., of Harrisburg; Bro. Ellis E. Stern, of Coatesville; Bro. Milton Frische, of Douglasville; Bro. Theodore K. Warner, Jr., of Devon; Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, of Pitcairn; Bro. Walter J. Heim, of Montoursville; and Bro. Walter B. Wilson, of Carlisle.

— ATTEND YOUR LODGE —
"How can you be a Brother to someone you don't even know?"



Newtown Lodge No. 427 won the attendance awards for Lodges with a membership of up to 750 members. Accepting the plaque from Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master, right, are from left to right, Bros. Edward Y. Given, Worshipful Master; Howard E. Vaughn, Past Master; and Edward O. Weissner, Past Master and District Deputy Grand Master for the 8th Masonic District.



Muncy Lodge No. 299 had all its elected officers at the Annual Grand Communication to accept the Attendance Plaque from the Grand Master for Lodges with a membership up to 1,000 members. Left to right are: Bros. Harold E. Cummings, Secretary; L. Eugene Pauling, P.M., Treasurer; George A. Froley, Worshipful Master, accepting plaque; Frank L. Ciraulo, Junior Warden; Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master, & William K. Kahler, Senior Warden.

Attendance Awards

Five Masonic Lodges Honored By Grand Master

Five Masonic Lodges were presented Grand Master's Attendance Awards at the Annual Grand Communication on December 27, 1974.

In presenting the awards, Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master commended the five Lodges for their attendance records.

Winners of the special plaques included:

Perseverance Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg, with a membership of 1,467, for Lodges with more than 1,000 Members. It had a 10 per cent attendance of Members at Stated Meetings.



Mount Pickering Lodge No. 446 won the attendance award for Lodges with a membership of up to 500. Left to right, front row, are Bros. Earl S. Fries, P.M., Secretary; Richard C. Fries, Senior Warden; Martin R. Kiggins, District Deputy, 40th Masonic District; Earl L. White, Worshipful Master; Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master; J. Walter Eyrich, P.M., Representative in Grand Lodge; Louis M. Wagoner and Edgar S. Haldeman; Second row, left to right, are Bros. I. Newton Evans, Jr., P.M., Treasurer, Robert H. Wagoner, P.M., and Frederick T. Hurlock, P.M.

Muncy Lodge No. 299, Muncy, with a membership of 801, for Lodges up to 1,000 Members. It had a 21 per cent attendance of Members, at Stated Meetings.

Newtown Lodge No. 427, Woodside, with a membership of 516, for Lodges up to 750 Members. It had a 16 per cent attendance of Members at State Meetings.

Mount Pickering Lodge No. 446, Upper Uwchlan, with a membership of 301 Members, for Lodges up to 500 Members. It had a 23 per cent attendance of Members at Stated Meetings.

Spring Creek Lodge No. 802, Hershey, with a membership of 144, for Lodges up to 250 Members. It had a 32 per cent attendance of Members at Stated Meetings.

The Grand Master has directed secretaries to continue to send in Attendance Reports during 1975.

He said that plaques will again be awarded in 1975.

The Plaques read:
"Grand Master's Attendance Award. Presented to (name of Lodge) for the highest percentage of membership attendance at Lodge Meetings in 1974 for Lodges (category)."



Bro. Ashby B. Paul, left, Past Master of Perseverance Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg, R. W. Past Grand Secretary, accepts the Membership Award for Lodges with a Membership of more than 1,000 from Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master.

Made A Member Of Grand Lodge Of Pennsylvania

Bro. Gilbert Motier de Lafayette, the Revolutionary War hero, was made a member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania 150 years ago during his last visit to the United States.

It happened when he came to the United States in 1824 upon invitation of President James Monroe.

It was the most remarkable invitation ever presented to a private person by this country. Congress had passed a resolution inviting the beloved French General of the Revolution to accept the hospitality of a grateful nation.

President and Bro. James Monroe, a member of Williamsburg Lodge No. 6, Williamsburg, Va., offered to send a new U.S. frigate to bring him to the United States. Lafayette accepted the invitation, but declined the frigate.

He arrived in New York on August 15, 1824, aboard the Cadmus accompanied by his son, Bro. George Washington Lafayette.

Hundreds of invitations poured in for Lafayette to appear before an adoring populace. Banquets, receptions, and parades became each day's order of business. It was the beginning of a triumphant tour which took him to towns and cities throughout the country.

Everywhere this confidant of Bro. George Washington appeared, he was received by troops, many of them Revolutionary veterans, expecting to be reviewed. And this he did.

Philadelphia was his host from September 27 to October 5, and gave him perhaps the greatest reception of all. His Masonic Brothers were naturally excited at having so distinguished a Mason among them.

There is one tradition in Masonic circles that Lafayette was made a Mason in one of the Military Lodges at Morristown, New Jersey, in 1779. Another tradition holds that Lafayette was made a Mason in a Military Lodge at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-78.

It is possible that he received some Masonic honors at these places. However, The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of Tennessee, for the Year 1825 states:

"He (Lafayette) had, he said, been long a member of the order, having been initiated, young as he was, even before he entered the service of our country in the revolutionary war."

It was this uncertainty as to the Masonic standing of Lafayette which led to the following resolution of September



Bro. Lafayette

ber 6, 1824, in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

"Resolved, that a Committee consisting of the Grand Officers and Past Grand Masters be appointed to enquire whether General Lafayette be an Ancient York Master Mason and if he be so, to adopt such measures, as in their opinion will best evince the affection and gratitude of his Masonic Brethren, to his friend and benefactor of the United States."

At an adjourned Quarterly Communication held Monday, September 26, the Committee reported that Lafayette "... has long been an Antient York Master Mason and has honored the institution by his patronage ..."

On Saturday, October 2, Bro. Lafayette visited the Navy Yard, then on the Delaware River at the foot of Federal Street, attended by Governor John Andrew Shulze and escorted by the United States Marines, a regiment of militia, several independent companies, and a long civic procession.

After leaving the Navy Yard, he was escorted by a committee of the Grand Lodge from his lodgings at the house of Nicholas Biddle to the Masonic Hall on the north side of Chestnut Street between Seventh and Eighth Streets, where he attended an Extra Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. John B. Gibson, R. W. Grand Master, was away from the city on official duties as Judge of the Supreme Court, and Bro. James Harper, R. W.

Deputy Grand Master, officiated.

Representatives and Past Masters from nearly every Lodge in the Jurisdiction and a large number of visiting Brethren were in attendance. Also present were Bros. George Washington Lafayette, M. La Vasseur (Lafayette's secretary), and Col. Victor Du Pont of Delaware, former aide to General Lafayette. The following Resolution was unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge:

"The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania glorying in the honour this day conferred on her by the visit of Brother Gilbert Motier de la Fayette, and anxious to enrol among her members an individual so much distinguished by all the virtues which enoble the Masonic Character, has Resolved, that all the rights, dignities and privileges of a member of this Grand Lodge be, and the same are hereby conferred on Bro. Gilbert Motier de la Fayette."

In accepting membership, Bro. Lafayette said:

"I thank you for the honour you have just conferred on me, and assure you that I shall never forget this mark of kind distinction by which I am made the member of a body of which Franklin was the father and Washington the associate"

A banquet followed in the Grand Salon. The decorations were designed by Bro. John Haviland, the distinguished architect and artist, and appropriate music was provided by the Marine band attached to the Navy Yard. The day was a memorable Masonic occasion.

Among the rare Lafayette items on display in the Grand Lodge Museum in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, is "St. Laurant's Golden Book," containing a note written by Bro. Lafayette (May 10, 1834) under the copy of the patent conferring upon him the 33° in Scottish Rite Masonry.

Also on exhibit is a letter from Lafayette, dated July 14, 1832, thanking the Hatters Committee of Philadelphia for a "fine hat" made on the hatters' "car" in the centennial procession on February 22, commemorating Washington's birthday. The gift was an especially welcome one to "an old Continental Soldier, his (Washington's) adopted son."

As a memento of the Grand Lodge action of October 2, 1824, there is a silk badge worn by Bro. J. M. McAlpin, a member of the Committee of seven appointed to receive Lafayette.

Rules And Regulations Established For Those Seeking Education Loans

Grand Lodge can consider higher education loan requests from qualified full-time students of an accredited college or university.

Those seeking loans must meet the following requirements.

1. Must be a son, daughter, brother, sister, grandson, granddaughter, nephew or niece of a living or deceased Member of a Masonic Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

2. Must be sponsored by a Masonic Lodge in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

3. Must have completed the first year of higher education with satisfactory grades or equivalent and must be registered for the second year, with the following exceptions:

a. Applicants in the first year of graduate work leading to Masters or Doctors degrees.

b. Applicants in the first year of Law or Medicine.

Loans will not be granted for more than \$1,000.00 a school year, fifty per cent each semester.

Repayment of loans must be made to the Children's Service Committee, subject to the following requirements:

1. Full repayment must be made within four years immediately following date of graduation, or termination of higher education.

2. A minimum of 10 per cent of the loan principal, plus interest, must be repaid in the first year after graduation or termination of education; 20 per cent plus interest in the second year; 30 per cent plus interest in the third year; and 40 per cent plus interest in the fourth year.

Interest on the loans presently are a half of one per cent a month on the unpaid principal balance.

Exceptions to the policy can be made at the discretion of the Children's Service Committee when approved by the Grand Master.

The procedure for obtaining an application is:

1. Applicant for a Student Loan contacts a Member of a Lodge.

2. The Member contacts the Secretary of his Lodge to procure an Application for a Student Loan.

3. The Lodge makes a preliminary investigation to determine whether or not the applicant meets the requirements.

4. If the applicant meets the require-

Washington Apron

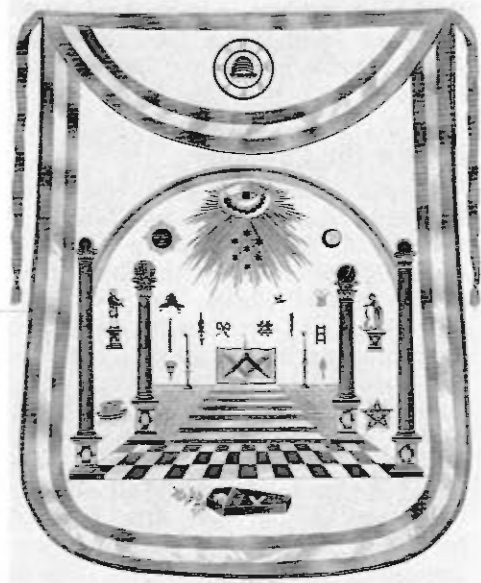
Embroidered By Madam Lafayette

The Washington apron is one of the thousands of Masonic items on display in the Museum of Grand Lodge in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

This apron was hand embroidered by Madam Lafayette. It was presented to Bro. George Washington by Bro. Lafayette in August 1784.

Bearing the national colors, red, white and blue, around the border, the apron is adorned with many Masonic emblems. It is a work of art, with exceptional hand stitching in every minute detail.

Bro. Washington wore the apron on September 18, 1793, when he laid the



Washington Apron

cornerstone of the Capitol, Washington, D.C.

After the death of Bro Washington, this famous Masonic apron was presented by the legatees to the Washington Benevolent Society.

On July 3, 1829, the apron was presented to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania by the Benevolent Society. In making the presentation, the Society wrote:

"The Legatees of Gen. Washington, impressed with the most profound sentiments of respect for which the Institution which they have the honor to address, beg leave to present to them the enclosed relic of the revered and lamented Father of his country."

"They are persuaded that the apron, which was once possessed by the man, whom the Philadelphians always delighted to honor, will be considered most precious to the Society distinguished by his name and by the benevolent and grateful feelings to which it owes its foundation."

"That this perishable memento of a hero whose fame is 'more durable than Brass' may confer as much pleasure upon those to whom it is presented, as it experienced by the Donors, is the sincere wish of the Legatees—October 26, 1816."

Grand Lodge constructed a special case to display this rare Masonic treasure. To protect it from the light, special x-ray glass was recently installed on top of the original display glass.

ments, the Lodge Secretary requests a blank form of application and other associated papers from the Office of the Grand Master.

5. The Lodge Secretary, having received the application and other associated papers, forwards them to the applicant for his completion.

6. Applicant will return the completed forms to the Lodge.

7. After reviewing the completed forms, the Lodge takes action to approve or reject sponsorship of the Applicant.

8. If the Lodge adopts a resolution to sponsor the Applicant, the Lodge Secretary will affix the Seal of the Lodge and attach the form of Application and return all papers to the Office of the Grand Master.

9. The Children's Service Committee will approve or reject the Application, and notify the Applicant and Lodge of the acceptance or rejection.

Bro. Batto Appointed To Masonic Culture Committee

Bro. Robert Batto, Past Master of Rochester Lodge No. 229, Rochester, and immediate Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 37th Masonic District, was appointed by the Grand Master to the Committee on Masonic Culture.

He replaces Bro. W. Frederick Warren, Past Master of Thomson Lodge No. 340, Paoli. Bro. Warren, who resigned because of illness, served as a dedicated member of the Committee from 1962 until he resigned on December 27, 1974.

Other members of the Committee include Bro. John K. Young, Past Grand Master, Chairman; Bro. Howard O. Stahl, Bro. Edward A. Hagel, Bro. Thomas H. Burgess, Bro. Walter L. Sykes and Bro. J. Keith Howe.

Two State Troopers Elected Masters

Troopers 'Take' the East

Two Pennsylvania State Troopers, both assigned to the Mercer County Substation, are serving as Worshipful Masters of Lodges in the 53rd Masonic District. Bro. Kermit R. Tobias, Jr. is serving Hebron Lodge No. 575, Mercer, and Bro. Douglas E. Mathews, Cedar Lodge No. 800, Grove City.

Phila. Merchant Was a Mason

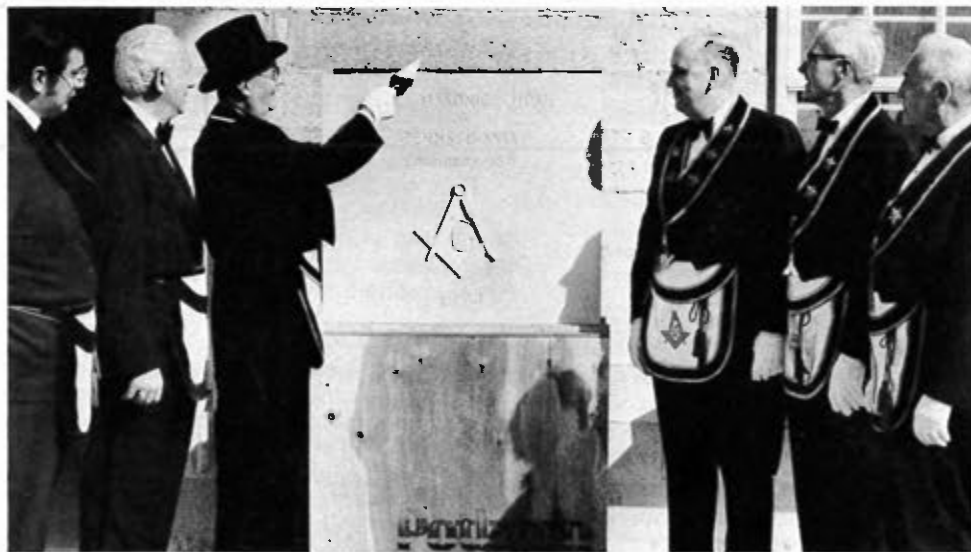
Bro. John Wanamaker, the Philadelphia merchant, was made a "Mason at Sight" on March 30, 1898. He became an active member of Friendship Lodge No. 400, Jenkintown. He also served Grand Lodge as Chairman of the Committee on Library.

100 Year Celebrations

Two Pennsylvania Masons recently celebrated their 100 birthdays. Bro. William L. Graham, Union Lodge No. 334, Bradford, on December 7, 1974 and Bro. James A. McWilliams, Mahoning Lodge No. 243, New Castle, on January 12, 1975. Bro. Graham was made a Mason on December 19, 1899, and Bro. McWilliams on February 14, 1907.

Robinson Brothers

Bro. Richard M. Robinson, District Deputy Grand Master, 16th Masonic District, Past Master of Evergreen Lodge No. 163, Monroeton, installed his blood brother, Bro. Robert K. Robinson, on Dec. 27 as Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 163.



Grand Lodge laid the cornerstone for the new Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, 801 Ridge Pike, Whitmarsh Township, a Philadelphia suburban area, on November 22, 1974. Left to right are: Bros. James H. Shacklett, Jr., first vice president and building chairman; Leonard F. Ashford, president; Rochester B. Woodall, Grand Master; Joseph E. Trate, Junior Grand Warden, acting Deputy Grand Master; James W. Fry, Past District Deputy, Acting Senior Grand Warden; and Edward A. Hagel, Past District Deputy, acting Junior Grand Warden.

Veteran Secretaries Retire

After years of dedication to Freemasonry, many veteran Secretaries have retired. For instance, Bro. David J. Crouse, Hamilton Lodge No. 274, Philadelphia, after 40 years; Bro. Wilmer G. Dimmig, Perkiomen Lodge No. 595, East Greenville, 40 years; Bro. John H. Pendleton, Crawford Lodge No. 234, Meadville, 30 years; and Bro. Richard F. Williamson, Dietrick Lamade Lodge No. 755, Williamsport, 22 years.

Masonic Ring Found

A Masonic ring, inscribed inside, "To Dad from Mother and the Boys 10-27-64" was found on a lawn on Owen Ave., Lansdowne. See the Grand Secretary.

Follow the Lawsons

It was brought to light when Bro. Edward F. Lawson, Jr., Past Master of William B. Schnider Lodge No. 419, Philadelphia, conferred the first degree on his second cousin, Bro. Frank E. Lawson III on December 10, 1974. This happening marked the fourth member of the fourth generation of Lawsons to be made a Mason. Bro. Oliver Lawson, deceased, grandfather of Bro. Edward L. Lawson, Jr., was one of the first to be raised in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. Since then his four sons, Bros. Edward, Jr., Frank, Kendall and Raymond; four grandsons, Bros. Edward, Jr., Oliver, Robert and Frank, Jr.; and four great-grandsons, Bros. Edward III, Oliver, Jr.,

Robert and Frank III, have been made Masons. Of the 13 Masons, all but two stayed with Lodge No. 419.

Long Line of Secretaries

Bro. Harry S. Elwell, Past Master of Davage Lodge No. 374, Pittsburgh, has served his Lodge as Secretary for the past 36 years. He succeeded his father, Bro. George R. Elwell, Past Master, who served the Lodge as Secretary for 40 years.

Was Shakespeare a Mason?

William Shakespeare wrote like a Mason, but there is no proof of membership. For instance: "Both are at the Lodge." (Titus Andronicus, act 2, scene 4); "you have made good work, you and your apron men." (Coriolanus, act 4, scene 6); "I will as 'twere a brother of your order." (Measure for Measure, act 1, scene 4); "where is thy leather apron and thy rule?" (Julius Caesar, act 1, scene 1); "What, my old worshipful master." (Taming of the Shrew, act 5, scene 1).

Holy Bible Saved

The Holy Bible and Warrant of Schuylkill Lodge No. 138, Orwigsburg, were the only things not destroyed by a destructive fire on December 22, 1974. The Bible, slightly singed, was on the Altar. The Warrant was in a vault. The building was a total loss.

Dedicated Employee

Bro. John S. Twinn retired after 30 years of service in the Grand Secretary's office. During this time he processed 175,000 Monthly Returns and approximately 255,000 names of petitioners for initiation and membership. He is a Past Master of St. Alban-Swain Lodge No. 529, Philadelphia.

26 Years of Age

Avalon Lodge No. 657, Bellevue, is consistent on ages. Bro. John W. Cost, Worshipful Master, was installed at age 26, as was the immediate Past Master, Bro. Donald T. Dudley.

Family Affair

It was a family affair in McMurray Lodge, No. 807, McMurray, when Bro. Walter F. Long, Jr., Worshipful Master, conferred the three Degrees on his son, Bro. Walter F. Long, III. Helping out in each degree was Bro. Walter F. Long, Sr., grandfather of our newly Raised Mason, who served as Guide.

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



More than 800 Brethren and their ladies attended the Grand Master's Banquet, Show and Dance on December 27 in the Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia.



Visitors from many Grand Lodges joined with Pennsylvania Brethren and ladies for an enjoyable evening at Grand Master's Banquet.

Busy Schedule

Three Months For Grand Lodge Officers

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

March 1—Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531, Dallas.

March 5—Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

March 8—Grand Master, Syria Temple Masters' Night, Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh.

March 15—Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication of Grand Lodge to dedicate Lodge Room and observe 100th Anniversary, John W. Jenks Lodge No. 534, Punxsutawney.

March 22—Grand Master, 75th Anniversary, Norristown Lodge No. 620, Norristown.

March 28—Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

April 5—Grand Master, 125th Anniversary, Kittanning Lodge No. 244, Kittanning, (Rayburn Township).

April 9—Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Oakland Lodge No. 535, Pittsburgh.

April 10—Grand Master, 100 Anniversary, Bellevue Lodge No. 530, Bellevue.

April 12—Grand Master, 150th Anniversary, Lewistown Lodge No. 203, Lewistown.

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

May 2—Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Driftwood Lodge No. 532, Driftwood.

May 3—Grand Master, 125th Anniversary, Friendship Lodge No. 247, Mansfield.

May 10—Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication of Grand Lodge, lay cornerstone and dedicate Lodge Room, Olive Lodge No. 557, Tionesta.

May 14—Grand Master, 175th Anniversary, Hiram Lodge No. 81, Philadelphia.

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

May 24—Grand Master, 125th Anniversary Mahoning Lodge No. 243, New Castle.

May 31—Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, John M. Read Lodge No. 536, Reynoldsville.

June 1—Grand Master, Patton Masonic School Graduation, Elizabethtown.

June 4—Grand Lodge Officers, Quarterly Communication, Scranton.

Masonic Fraternity Prohibits Gambling

"No member of the Masonic Fraternity in this Jurisdiction shall alone or with others, promote, assist in or be a party to, any lottery, game, device of chance, or other activity, whereby or wherein any individual participating may be able, through the element of luck or chance, to win, be awarded or receive a greater value than any other like participant, arranged, devised or intended

Grand Master's Letter To Lodges — Brethren

The Grand Master sent the following information to all Masonic Lodges in this Jurisdiction:

"Members of Grand Lodge rejected a proposed amendment to the Ahiman Rezon to permit Concurrent Territorial Jurisdiction statewide, at the Quarterly Communication on Wednesday, December 4, 1974.

"There were 13,747 ballots cast: 6,211 in favor of the amendment and 7,536 against.

"The members of Grand Lodge by majority vote have now decided that all Lodges in this Jurisdiction are subject to the same basic law as stated in Article XXI of the Ahiman Rezon.

"Any directives, dispensations, decisions or understandings issued, approved or practiced in prior years, contrary to this law, were automatically revoked by the vote on December 4.

"Therefore, effective December 27, 1974, all new petitions must be processed in accordance with Article XXI of the Ahiman Rezon."

to raise money which shall either directly or indirectly, inure to the benefit of any Masonic Lodge, body, association or organization, or to any body, club, committee, or other organization in Pennsylvania whose members are required to have membership in the Masonic Fraternity."

Decision XL, Par. 1, Digest of Decisions.