



Five members of the Rodd family, all Officers of Chartiers Lodge No. 297, Canonsburg, are shown with Bro. Eugene G. Painter, District Deputy Grand Master for the 29th Masonic District. Front row, left to right: Bro. Robert C. Rodd, Senior Deacon; Bro. Painter, and Bro. John T. Rodd, Worshipful Master. Rear row, left to right: Bro. John R. Rodd, Past Master and Secretary; Bro. Howard J. Orr, Past Master and Secretary Emeritus and cousin of Bro. John R. Rodd; and Bro. Robert C. Rodd II, Junior Warden. Bro. John R. Rodd is the father of the three Rodds.

#### Membership Statistics

### Number Of Deaths Decreased During 1974

The number of deaths decreased in 1974 to 5,889 — the lowest number of deaths since 1965.

In 1974 there were 4,860 initiated in this Jurisdiction, 145 less than in 1973.

Bro. William A. Carpenter, R. W. Grand Secretary, reported there were 232,139 Masons in 600 Symbolic Lodges in Pennsylvania, as of December 27, 1974.

Bro. Carpenter pointed out that the figures may change slightly after a complete study of the general returns.

The statistics for 1974 show:

Admitted in 1974 .....	694
Initiated in 1974 .....	4,860
Increase .....	5,554
Suspended in 1974 .....	1,389
Resigned in 1974 .....	735
Deaths in 1974 .....	5,889
Decrease .....	8,013

This reflects a net decrease in membership of 2,459.

Additional information on membership in 1974 will be printed in the Proceedings.

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### Masonic Culture Workshops Scheduled In Four Areas To Assist Lodge Officers

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture has divided the Jurisdiction into four areas, one more than was previously announced.

Masonic Culture Seminars are being conducted in these areas to assist Lodge Officers to prepare interesting Lodge meetings.

The agenda for the Seminars covers introduction materials and services provided by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture.

A "Packet" of informative papers, pamphlets and other helpful guides is being distributed to those attending the Seminars.

The four Area Chairmen, Members of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture, are responsible for the following Masonic Districts:

**Area "A", Bro. Edward A. Hagel, P.D.D.G.M., Chairman.**

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.

**Area "B", Bro. Howard O. Stahl, Chairman.**

Districts: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 35, 45, 46, 50, 58 and 59.

**Area "C", Bro. Walter L. Sykes, P.D.D.G.M., Chairman.**

Districts: 20, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 38, 39, 41, 43, 47, 48, 49, 51, 54, 55 and 57.

**Area "D", Bro Robert Batto, P.D.D.-G.M., Chairman**

Districts: 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 37, 44, 52, 53 and 56.

The Area Chairmen will be responsible for coordinating the Grand Lodge Masonic Culture programs.

### Bro. Shaffer Appointed New Grand Chaplain

Bro. Jay F. Shaffer, Past Master of New Bethlehem Lodge No. 522, New Bethlehem, has been appointed as a Grand Lodge Chaplain by the Grand Master.

Bro. Shaffer is pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Mount Pleasant, Pa.

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#### "Rededication Month"

### Grand Master Calls Craft to Labor

October has been designated "Rededication to Freemasonry" Month by the Grand Master.

In making the announcement, Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master, said:

"It is a month to reaffirm our dedication to Freemasonry as a prelude to 1976—our Nation's bicentennial year."

He announced that Master Masons who attend the Stated Meeting of their own Lodge in October will be given a special privilege—an outstanding opportunity.

The Worshipful Master of every Lodge in this Jurisdiction will have an adequate supply of specially designed 1976 Masonic lapel emblems available at the October Stated Meeting.

Those attending their Lodge can purchase one of these 1976 lapel emblems for \$2.00.

Visitors will not be permitted to obtain the emblem. They must attend the October Stated Meeting of their "mother" Lodge.

There is no other way for Masons to obtain this emblem in 1975. It can only be obtained at October Stated Meetings.

#### President Ford Declared:

### "Masonic Precepts Can Help America"

"Masonic precepts can help America retain our inspiring aspirations while adapting to a new age."

This was part of an inspiring address delivered by President and Bro. Gerald Rudolph Ford at the annual meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association on February 17, 1975, in the Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia.



1976 Masonic Emblem

The Grand Master has announced that no exceptions can be permitted on the rules to obtain emblems.

The emblem shows the Liberty Bell, and is antique yellow gold plated.

The honor to wear the emblem in 1975 has been restricted to those who have attended the "Rededication" meeting of their own Lodge.

At the meeting in October, there also (Continued on Page 2)

### 1976 Lodge Programs Are Being Distributed By District Deputies

Recommended Masonic Lodge programs for 1976 have been sent to District Deputy Grand Masters for distribution to all Lodges in this Jurisdiction.

There are eleven suggested programs, complete for presentation if the Worshipful Master in 1976 so desires.

They include:

**January** — Birth of a Nation — The Declaration of Independence —  
**February** — The Struggle for Freedom, Valley Forge, Bro. George Washington.

**March** — Our Constitution and its Masonic Heritage, The Men Who Planned Our Future As A Nation.

**April** — Bro. Benjamin Franklin, His Contribution to Our National and Fraternal Beginnings.

**May** — Law and Order — Magna Carta Reaffirmed in America.

**June** — Our Masonic Presidents — Their Times and Loyalties to the Craft and to the Nation.

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When entering the Memorial's auditorium, the President of the United States received a "thundering" applause.

He was greeted on the stage by Bro. Raymond C. Ellis, M. W. Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, president of the Memorial Association, and other officers, including Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsyl-

vania, second vice president of the Memorial Association.

The President assisted in the unveiling of a Galvano medallion that will take its place in the auditorium with those of the thirteen other Masonic Presidents.

Bro. Ellis presented the President to the huge gathering of Masonic leaders,

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## Grand Lodge Officers' Three-Month Itinerary

Although the next three months is the usual summer schedule, the Grand Lodge Officers have an unusual number of Masonic activities. They include:

**June 4** — Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Scranton.

**June 14** — Grand Master, Ground-Breaking Ceremony for new Masonic Temple, Meyersdale Lodge No. 554, Meyersdale.

**June 14** — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Johnstown Lodge No. 538, Johnstown.

**June 24** — Grand Master, Ocean City, New Jersey, Masonic Club.

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

**July 13-14** — Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Northeast Conference of Grand Masters, Burlington, Vermont.

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

**August 9** — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Nanticoke Lodge No. 541, Luzerne County.

**August 22** — Grand Lodge Officers, Meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

**September 3** — Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

**September 13** — Grand Master, 125th Anniversary, Sharon Lodge No. 250, Sharon.

## Eleven Suggested 1976 Lodge Programs Have Been Provided to Lodge Officers

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**July** — Independence Day Ceremony — A National Birthday Party at a Table Lodge.

**September** — The Local Scene During Our National Beginnings — Researched by a local historian.

**October** — Protecting Our Way of Life—The Wars We Have Waged.

**November**—Thanksgiving For Country and Fraternity.

**December** — In God We Trust — Masonically and Nationally.

## Grand Master Calls Craft to Labor

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will be a message from the Grand Master.

It will be a reminder to all Masons that Freemasonry played a vital role in the building of our country.

Emblems will be distributed to Lodges by District Deputy Grand Masters. Those not sold at the Stated Meeting must be returned immediately to the District Deputy.

**After January 1, 1976**, they can be purchased by sending \$2.25 for each emblem to the Committee on Masonic Culture, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107 and will be available on a first come basis.

Remember, only those who have attended the Stated Meeting of their Lodge in October will have the privilege of wearing the emblem in 1975.

## Patton School Baccalaureate and Commencement Scheduled for June 1 at Masonic Homes

Patton Masonic School's Baccalaureate and Commencement Exercises will be held Sunday, June 1, in the Deike Auditorium of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Baccalaureate will start at 10:30 a.m. Bro. William G. Rusch, Grand Chaplain, will be the speaker.

Commencement will start at 2 p.m. Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master, will be the speaker.

**There are eleven** young men graduating. Eight of them plan to go on to higher education; one to the Air Force and two plan to find work in the carpentry field.

Master Masons, families and friends are invited to attend the Baccalaureate

The major portion of the work on these 11 recommended Lodge programs was done by Bros. Paul F. Hoffer and Paul G. Gilmore, both Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

In making these programs available, the Grand Master agrees with the 1976 Committee that Lodges can interchange months if more convenient, and make alterations if desired to suit the local need, upon approval of the District Deputy Grand Master. However, he pointed out:

**"This is the first time in recent Masonic history that Grand Lodge has supplied complete programs to our Lodges.**

**"I hope that every effort is made to follow the suggestions as close as possible."**

District Deputies have been directed to distribute the copies to the District Chairman of Masonic Culture and to the Lodges with copies for the Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Lodge Chairman on Masonic Culture. An extra copy will be given to the Senior Warden to assist in planning programs.

If any of the three officers or Lodge Culture Chairman have not received their copy, they should immediately contact their District Deputy Grand Master.

The Committee on Masonic Culture, with Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Past Grand Master, as Chairman, will do everything possible to assist Lodges.

District Culture Chairman will be working in close liaison with the District Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Lodge's Culture Committee in an all-out effort to have constructive and interesting Lodge programs in 1976.

and Commencement.

Those desiring to obtain information on Patton School should contact Bro. Warren M. Maurer, superintendent, at Patton Masonic School, Elizabethtown, Pa., 17022, or call (area code 717) 367-1536.

## Quarterly Communication In Scranton Masonic Temple

The June Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held in Masonic Temple, Scranton, Pa., at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 4.

Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master, has invited all interested Masons to attend the session.

## President Ford Addresses Washington Memorial Assn.

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including Grand Lodge officers from Jurisdictions throughout the world.

In his remarks, Bro. Ford said:

**"The dedication of this medallion gives me a great personal pleasure and, of course, is an honor that I will always cherish.**

**"When I took my obligation as a Master Mason — incidentally with my three younger brothers — I recalled the value my own father attached to that order. But I had no idea that I would ever be added to the company of the Father of our Country and 12 other members of the order, who also served as Presidents of the United States.**

**"Masonic principles — internal, not external — and our order's vision of duty to country and acceptance of God as Supreme Being and guiding light have sustained me during my years of government service. Today, especially, the guidelines by which I strive to become an upright man in Masonry give me great personal strength.**

**"Masonic precepts can help America retain our inspiring aspirations while adapting to a new age. It is apparent to me that the Supreme Architect has set out the duties each of us has to perform, and I have trusted in His will with the knowledge that my trust is well-founded.**

**"As our Nation approaches its 200th anniversary, we do live in very challenging times. It was almost 200 years ago in the darkest days of our war for independence that George Washington answered a question that is sometimes asked today. The question is whether things are as bad as some say.**

**"George Washington answered, and I quote: 'We should never despair. Our situation before has been unpromising and has changed for the better, so I trust it will again. If new difficulties arise, we must only put forth new exertions and proportion our efforts to the exigency of the times.'**

**"Let us today rededicate ourselves to new efforts as Masons and as Americans. Let us demonstrate our confidence in our beloved nation, and a future that will flow from the glory of the past.**

**"When I think of the things right about America, I think of this order with its sense of duty to country, its esteem for brotherhood and traditional values, its spiritual high principles and its humble acceptance of God as the Supreme Being.**

**"Today, we honor our first President, who was also our first Masonic Presi-**



Bro. Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States, with Bro. Raymond C. Ellis, president of the George Washington National Memorial Association, are shown after the unveiling of a Galvano medallion of the President.

dent. In a letter in 1798, to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Washington used some words which are now especially appropriate.

**"Washington told the order that he 'conceived it to be the indispensable duty of every American to come forward in support of the government of his choice and to give all the aid in his power towards maintaining that independence, which we have so dearly purchased.'**

**"Such involvement by every American is as essential today as it was in George Washington's day.**

**"I express to all of you my deepest thanks for this tribute and I ask that we resolve together to honor George Washington and America by perpetuating the national heritage he engendered through the principles which guide our order — friendship, morality and brotherly love.**

**"I thank you very, very much."**

## Bro. Burgess Appointed As District Deputy Grand Master

Bro. Thomas H. Burgess, Past Master of Azalea Lodge No. 687, Hazleton, was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 45th Masonic District, vice Bro. Walter S. Metzger, resigned.

Bro. Burgess served Grand Lodge as Junior Grand Deacon in 1971, '72, and '73. He was appointed to the Committee on Masonic Culture in 1974 and served as a member of this Committee until his appointment as a District Deputy.

## Supreme Court Strikes Down 30-Day Provision of Wills

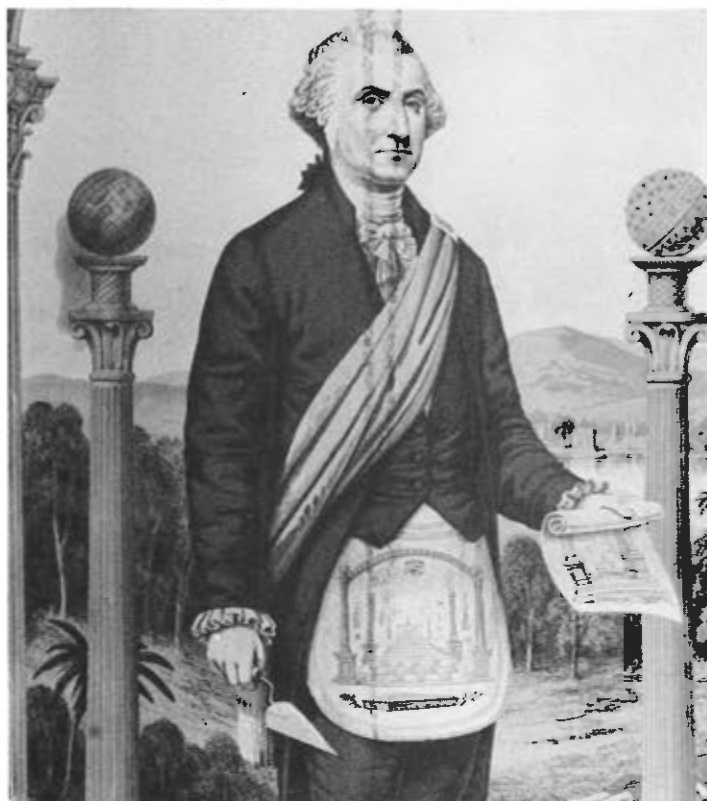
The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania handed down a decision which vitally affects Grand Lodge insofar as bequests and devises for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown are concerned.

The Wills Act of 1947 had provided that any bequests or devises or a charitable purpose included in a will or codicil executed within thirty days of the death of the testator was invalid unless all those individuals who would benefit by its validity agreed that it should be valid.

This section of the Wills Act has now been held unconstitutional on the grounds that it denies charitable beneficiaries equal protection of the laws under the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

The Court, on December 5, 1974, in its Opinion by Justice Roberts, stated: **"The statute strikes down the charitable gifts of one in the best of health at the time of the execution of his will and regardless of age if he chances to die in an accident twenty-nine days later and it leaves untouched the charitable bequest of another, aged and suffering from a terminal disease, who survives the execution of his will by thirty-one days. Such a combination of results can only be characterized as arbitrary."**

# Pennsylvania Masons Helped "Build" A Nation



Bro. George Washington wearing the Lafayette Masonic Apron. This rare print shows marks of age.

In 1776, Pennsylvania Masons played a vital role to "build" a new Nation.

On the eve of the Bicentennial Year — 1976 — Pennsylvania Brethren are prepared to pay tribute to these "Giants" among men.

## Bro. George Washington

Bro. George Washington was a Pennsylvania Mason.

Following the end of the American Revolution, while attending a dinner party held in his honor by Alexandria Lodge No. 39 on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, 1784, Bro. Washington accepted membership in that Lodge.

At that time, Alexandria Lodge was working under a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Several years later, Lodge No. 39 surrendered its Pennsylvania Warrant and received a new one from the Grand Lodge of Virginia as Alexandria Lodge No. 22. On this Warrant, Washington is listed as the Worshipful Master and served as such.

## Bro. Benjamin Franklin

Another giant among Pennsylvania Masons was Bro. Benjamin Franklin, a Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania (Moderns) in 1734 and 1749.

Bro. Franklin also was made a mem-

ber of Loge des Neuf Soeurs, sometimes called the Lodge of the Nine Sisters or Muses, in Paris in 1777, and was elected Worshipful Master in 1779 and 1780.

An original blank Membership Certificate of this French Lodge is on display in the Franklin Exhibit in the Museum of the Grand Lodge.

The Province of Pennsylvania had other distinguished Masons, who played important roles in the founding of this great Nation.

## Bro. Thomas Procter

Bro. Thomas Procter (or Proctor) was one of them. He was commissioned a captain by the Committee of Safety, October 27, 1775, to raise a company of artillery.

The original "Pay List and Muster Roll" of that company, June 30-July 31, 1776, is on display in the Museum of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Procter was a Member of Lodge No. 2, Philadelphia, and first Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 19, a Military Lodge (now Montgomery Lodge No. 19).

At the Battle of Trenton on Christmas night, 1776, he captured an entire English band (musical).



Bro. Benjamin Franklin opens the Lodge, a Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, 1734 and 1749 (Moderns).

## Bro. Charles Young

In February, 1783, Bro. Procter and Bro. Charles Young were sent to Alexandria, Va. by Bro. William Adcock, R. W. Grand Master, to organize a Lodge, under a Pennsylvania Warrant, to be known as Alexandria Lodge No. 39. At the time, Bro. Procter was Senior Grand Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge (Ancients).

In 1791 and 1792, he served in the same capacity in the newly established Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. This hero of the Revolution was buried with military and Masonic honors on March 16, 1806. That he was a valuable and efficient officer is attested by a letter written by General Washington on April 20, 1781, acknowledging receipt of Procter's resignation, in which Washington wrote:

"... I cannot in justice to you permit you to leave the Army without expressing my approbation of your conduct upon every occasion since you joined me in 1776, and wish you success in the line of life which you have now embraced..."

"Yr. most obt. and hble servt.,

"I am, sir,

"G. Washington"



Bro. Haym Solomon, a pencil sketch. A member of Lodge No. 2, he helped finance the Revolution.

## Bro. Haym Solomon

Another unsung hero of the Revolution was Bro. Haym Solomon (Solomon), also a member of Lodge No. 2, Philadelphia. He was born in Lissa, Poland, about 1740.

An astute banker and broker, Bro. Solomon negotiated all Revolutionary War securities from France and Holland on his personal note without loss of a penny to America. When he died in 1784, the United States was indebted to him to the extent of \$300,000, a great sum in those days.

Upon his arrival in America, Bro. Solomon allied himself with the cause of Independence by joining the Sons of Liberty, organized during the Stamp Act controversy of 1765. It was a militant, patriotic force.

## Arrested As Spy

Because of his activities, he was arrested as a spy and confined in a military prison. His proficiency in the French, Polish, Russian and Italian languages made him useful to the British as an interpreter. It also afforded him an opportunity to assist prisoners and to persuade some Hessians to desert the British and join in the fight for freedom.

After his release from prison, Bro. Solomon resumed his anti-British agitation, and again was arrested as a spy and sentenced to be hanged.

His escape was engineered by the Sons of Liberty. Bro. Solomon was a member of Mikveh Israel Congregation, established in Philadelphia in 1747, in whose graveyard he is buried.

## Bro. Robert Morris

Bro. Robert Morris has long been known as the "financier of the Revolution." He was a Philadelphia businessman, a member of the Continental Con-



In a rare print, Bro. Haym Solomon, a member of Lodge No. 2 in Pennsylvania, is shown at the desk completing loan to help finance the Revolution. Standing to his right is Bro. Robert Morris, a Pennsylvania Mason, often referred to as the financier of the Revolution.

gress, and a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

It is interesting that he, like Bro. Solomon, suffered great financial losses in raising money for the American cause. The two Brethren were great friends. Bro. Morris' Masonic Membership is controversial. He was presented with a Masonic Apron by Bro. Washington in 1778, and is said to have worn it on several public Masonic occasions.

Two questions are asked:

## Two Questions

Would Washington have presented a Masonic Apron to a non-Mason?

Would the recipient have worn it if he was not a Mason?

During the American Revolution there continued to be Masonic activity in Pennsylvania, especially in Philadelphia. Lodge No. 3 met on the evening of July 4, 1776.

The minutes of that date, on display in the Museum of the Grand Lodge, contain nothing unusual. It was just another meeting.

On December 5, 1776, however, the minutes show "neglect of some of the Grand Officers in not having it in their power to produce Grand Certificates for many of our Worthy Brethren who are obligated to go abroad."

The certificates referred to were "traveling certificates," undoubtedly of great assistance to many Masons in

those troubled times.

Shortly after the British occupied Philadelphia, an interesting account appears in the minutes of Lodge No. 3 for October 10, 1777. On that date, members of Lodge No. 3 met with the Brethren of Lodge No. 4 to consider what should be done with the jewels, books, and papers of Lodge No. 2 which had been stolen and fallen into the hands of the British.

## Bro. William Cunningham

They had been turned over to Lodge No. 3 by Bro. William Cunningham, a Captain in the British Army.

It was unanimously agreed that Lodge No. 3 should hold the items until they could be returned to Lodge No. 2.

Among the twenty items delivered by Bro. Cunningham were "a Punch Ladle, handle broke off, and a few Pieces of Small lace tipp'd of the Collars of No. 2 together with a Delft punch bowl."

Earlier in 1777, the jails being full, Freemason's Hall on Lodge Alley, west of Second Street, was used as a place of confinement for a number of people suspected of giving intelligence to the British.

"The Mason's Lodge" and its prisoners were under the command of Colonel and Bro. Lewis Nicola.

Articles on Bicentennial Year will be continued in future issues of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*.

## Brethren

# Masons Have Years of Dedication



Bro. William A. Jordan, left, receives the Grand Master's Certificate of Service from Bro. John L. McCain, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

## Grand Master's Honors

For his 100th birthday, Bro. William A. Jordan was presented the Certificate of Service to Freemasonry.

The Certificate from Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master, was presented to Bro. Jordan on March 10, 1975, at the Stated Meeting of Beta Lodge No. 647, Wilkinsburg.

Bro. John L. McCain, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, representing the Grand Master, made the presentation.

Bro. Jordan, known affectionately as "Billy" also received a congratulatory letter from President and Bro. Gerald R. Ford and a large portfolio of letters from friends.

Bro. Jordan's Masonic record includes:

Made a Mason on April 7, 1902, in Crescent Lodge No. 576, Pittsburgh, at the age of 26.

Resigned from Lodge No. 576, to become a Warrant Member of Beta Lodge No. 647, Wilkinsburg, on October 9, 1906.

Served as Worshipful Master of Beta Lodge No. 647 in 1910.

In 1916, he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 38th Masonic District, and served in that position for 35 years.

Bro. Jordan was born in Bedford just 10 years after the Civil War. He said that when he went to Pittsburgh in 1899 they had horsedrawn carriages.

For the past 75 years, he has been a practicing attorney in Pittsburgh. He continues to keep daily office hours.

For his Masonic leadership, Bro. Jordan was coroneted a 33° Scottish Rite Mason in 1956.

## Another Trooper.

Bro. Donald G. Yontas, attached to Milford Substation, is Worshipful Master of Aurora Lodge No. 523, Jermyn.

## 70 Years' Dedication.

Bro. Howard E. Craig, Past Master of Mount Pisgah Lodge No. 443, Greencastle, Franklin County, will be 99 years old in October; 70 years a Mason, and 64 years a Past Master. He still attends stated meetings.

## Helpful Mason.

Bro. Emilio Rodriguez, Lodge No. 9, Philadelphia, a Warrant Officer with the 79th Army Reserve Command, attached to the 224th Military Intelligence Company, Northeast Philadelphia, distinguished himself recently while motoring to his AP Station in Virginia. Noting a car upended in a drainage culvert along the highway near Dahlgren Naval Station, he stopped and found a severely injured youth. Bro. Rodriguez was able to stop serious bleeding before an ambulance took him to a hospital. Bro. Rodriguez was commended by the Virginia State Police and the Dahlgren Rescue Unit for his efforts.

## Newspaper Honors.

Bro. James A. Gaiser, Grand Chaplain, Past Master of Peter Williamson Lodge No. 323 was recently the recipient of the first Community Service Award of the Scranton Times.

## Retired Secretary.

Bro. Cloyd E. Zeigler served Herndon Lodge No. 702 as Secretary for 48 consecutive years before he retired.

## Tyler Honored.

For many years of dedication "outside" the Lodge Room, Bro. John S. Tucker, who serves Bangor Lodge No. 565 as Tyler, was recently honored by the Lodge. He is 85 years old.

## Father's Pride.

Bro. I. Alan Cohen, Past Master and Secretary of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 155, Philadelphia, conferred the first degree on his three sons, Bros. Harvey S., Joel S. and Jerry L., in January. The guide, Bro. Joseph J. Cohen, the senior Past Master of the Lodge, is the grandfather of the Cohens.

## A Lawson Night.

Bro. Frank E. Lawson, a Member of Wm. B. Schnider Lodge No. 419, Philadelphia, for 32 years, at a recent Stated Meeting of his Lodge, saw his son, Bro. Frank Lawson, Entered by Bro. Edward

F. Lawson, Jr., cousin of Bro. Frank E. Lawson and Worshipful Master of the Lodge. When Bro. Frank E. Lawson was Entered 32 years ago, Bro. Edward F. Lawson, Jr., also conferred the Degree as Acting Worshipful Master. Five other members of the Lawson family, assisting the Worshipful Master in conferring the recent Degree, made it a "perfect evening" for Bro. Lawson.

## Special 100 Years.

Bro. Frank G. Alston is the Worshipful Master of Bellevue Lodge No. 530, Bellevue. His Lodge celebrated its One Hundredth Anniversary on Tuesday, April 10. Further, Bro. Alston received his 50-year Masonic Service Emblem from the Grand Master. And that's not all, the Senior Warden of the Lodge, Bro. Frank A. Alston, is his son; and the Junior Warden, Bro. Edward C. Bislant, is his son-in-law.



Bro. Edward O. Weisser, District Deputy, 8th Masonic District, left, and Bro. Thomas G. Shepard, Past Master, Lodge No. 400, are with Bro. Edward T. Mitchell, center.

## Railroad Bell Rings.

A rare brass steam locomotive bell will now call Brethren to order at annual banquets of Friendship Lodge No. 400, Jenkintown. It was presented to the Lodge by Bro. Edward T. Mitchell, a retired railroader and collector of railroaders.

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

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



Grand Lodge Hall at the Masonic Homes is shown after its completion in 1913. This is an interesting photograph, since it indicates

how the Homes were "carved" out of a corn field. The field in front is now the formal gardens.

## \$860,229 Collected

## Guest and Building Fund Ended March 15

The Guest and Building Fund solicitation that ended March 15, totaled \$860,229.68.

This is an increase of \$154,546.86 over the 1973 total.

Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master, personally thanks the approximate 60,000 Pennsylvania Masons who made this total possible.

The statistics show that 54,138 Masons sent donation envelopes to the Masonic Homes. In some instances, Masons contributed to collections at banquets. The total number is not available.

The state average for 232,139 Members was \$3.70.

The following shows the average amount per Member, for each Masonic District, contributed to the Guest and Building Fund at Elizabethtown for 1974-1975:

Districts and Amounts		
A—\$4.90	15—\$2.32	39—\$2.30
B—4.21	16—1.55	40—4.00
C—3.57	17—2.23	41—3.11
D—4.18	18—2.85	42—7.91
E—2.02	19—2.51	43—1.75
F—4.80	20—2.46	44—2.01
G—5.11	21—2.09	45—3.00
H—4.10	22—2.07	46—2.55
I—2.10	23—2.46	47—2.26
J—2.22	24—2.65	48—2.40
1—3.65	25—2.00	49—1.98
2—7.17	26—2.60	50—2.63
3—3.50	27—2.76	51—1.51
4—3.53	28—3.06	52—2.23
5—3.33	29—2.03	53—2.00
6—3.65	30—1.85	54—2.04
7—3.44	31—2.64	55—3.61
8—3.22	32—2.76	56—2.70
9—3.58	33—1.83	57—2.17
10—2.80	34—2.28	58—2.53
11—2.50	35—2.17	59—1.62
12—1.83	36—2.76	60—4.24
13—2.59	37—2.47	
14—2.12	38—2.26	

## Masonic Law

"The solicitation of a petitioner for initiation and membership in an organization which has as a prerequisite, membership in the Masonic Fraternity, is forbidden before he has received the Degree of a Master Mason, or upon the same night. This is considered as conduct unbecoming a Mason."

Decision LXXI, Par. 2, Digest of Decisions.

## Masonic Furniture Is Needed

Saucon Lodge No. 469, Coopersburg, is building a new Masonic Temple and needs furniture.

## In Memoriam



Bro. Lefever



Bro. Cochran

## Grand Chaplains Provided Dedicated Service to Masonry

Two distinguished religious leaders, both Grand Chaplains of the Grand Lodge, died during the past several months.

Bro. C. Harry Lefever, of Harrisburg, a Member of Eureka Lodge No. 302, Mechanicsburg, died on Feb. 16, after a long illness.

Dr. Lefever was a minister of the Church of God. He was appointed as a Grand Chaplain in 1967.

Bro. G. Mason Cochran, of Pittsburgh, died of a heart attack on April 2, 1975 in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he made his home in the winter months.

Dr. Cochran, the second oldest Grand Chaplain as to length of service, was appointed in 1947. He was a minister of the United Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Cochran was a Member and Past Master of Allegheny Valley Lodge No. 552, Emlenton.

## Temple Souvenir Albums Are Now Available

The new Souvenir Album on Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, can be obtained by sending \$1.25 to Committee on Masonic Culture, Masonic Temple, One N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 19107.

It is 36 pages and includes 28 beautiful colored pictures.

They also can be obtained by visiting the Museum in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.