

In Memoriam

Distinguished Masonic Leader's Career Comes To End After Long Service

Masons throughout the country are saddened by the death of Bro. Charles H. Nitsch, R. W. Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

He was R. W. Grand Master in 1956 and 1957.

Bro. Nitsch, who had a distinguished career in Freemasonry, died in Holy Redeemer Hospital, Huntingdon Valley, on June 19.

Bro. Nitsch lived at 720 Upsal Road, Jenkintown.

Born in Philadelphia on April 6, 1891, he was graduated from Central High School and attended night classes at Drexel Institute of Technology and University of Pennsylvania.

He started to work for Stokes and Smith Co. in 1911 as a tracer in the Engineering Department, and was promoted to Chief Engineer in 1917. In 1947 Stokes and Smith merged with FMC Corporation.

After 45 years with the firm, he retired on June 2, 1956, to devote full time to the office of R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

Bro. Nitsch served eight years in the Third Regiment of the National Guard. During World War I, he was deferred to assist in designing the oil burning equipment for the Hog Island fleet.

He was very active in various civic organizations, having served as president of the Jay Cooke Junior High School Parent-Teachers Association,

Chairman of the Activities Committee of the Northeast Boys Club and a member of the board of managers of the North Branch Y.M.C.A.

Bro. Nitsch was a member of Crescent Lodge No. 493, Free and Accepted Masons, serving the Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1920.

He was elected Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in 1952 and elevated to Grand Master in 1956, serving two years as Grand Master.

Bro. Nitsch's other Grand Lodge positions included: member Grand Lodge Lecture Corps; Chairman, Committee on Masonic Culture, 1962 and 1963; and Vice Chairman, Committee on Finance, 1964 and 1965.

In York Rite Freemasonry, he was a member of Palestine Royal Arch Chapter No. 240, and served as the High Priest in 1943. He also was a District Deputy Grand High Priest. He was a member of Joppa Council No. 46, Royal and Select Masters St. John's Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar; and Philadelphia Conclave No. 8, Red Cross of Constantine.

In Scottish Rite Masonry, he was a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Philadelphia since 1919. He served as Thrice Potent Master of Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 1934-35; Sovereign Prince, De Joinville Council, 1939-40; and Commander-in-Chief of Benjamin Franklin Consistory, 1946-50.



Bro. Charles H. Nitsch
R. W. Past Grand Master

For his dedicated work in Freemasonry, Bro. Nitsch was coroneted a Thirty-third Degree Mason in 1928, the highest honor in Scottish Rite Masonry.

He also was a member of Lu Lu Shrine Temple, Philadelphia since 1918.

Bro. Nitsch was known in many countries outside the United States for his Masonic work.

He was extended the following Masonic honors:

Hats-off Award, Order of DeMolay.
Honorary Legion of Honor of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay.

Honorary Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Canada.

Honorary Member, Grand Lodge, A.F. & AM., South Dakota.

Christopher Champlin Medal for meritorious service, Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

Pierpont Edwards Medal for distinguished service, Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

Jeremy L. Cross Medal for distinguished service, Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

Josiah Hayden Drummond Distinguished Service Medal, Grand Lodge of Maine.

Merit Medal, Grand Lodge of the State of Israel.

Henry Price Medal, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Paulskirche Medal, United Grand Grand Lodges of Germany, and

International Gold Medal, Grand Lodge of Cuba.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Nitsch; two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy M. Adamson and Mrs. Betty I. Harvey; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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Proclamation Rededication to Freemasonry

Whereas, the members of our Masonic Fraternity should continually renew and expand the teachings of Freemasonry and love of country; and

Whereas, appreciation of the wonderful heritage enjoyed by all Masons constantly should be recalled; and

Whereas, there is considerable apathy on the part of some of our members and a great need to revive and increase active participation when possible; and

Whereas, our nation approaches the Bicentennial year of 1976 with great hope and faith in the future,

Now Therefore, I direct each Masonic Lodge in this Jurisdiction, to include in its program at the Stated Meeting of October 1975, an opportunity for the Brethren to rededicate themselves to Freemasonry in general and their beloved country in particular.

*Given under my hand and the seal of our Grand Lodge,
this Fifteenth day of August, A. D. 1975, A. L. 5975.*



Richard B. Woodall

R. W. Grand Master

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Attend October "Rededication" Meeting

The Pennsylvania 1976 Masonic Emblem will only be available this year at Stated Meetings in October, 1975.

Members must attend the Stated Meeting of their own Lodge to receive one.

This is an opportunity for as many Brethren as possible to rededicate themselves to Masonry and Country and support the Grand Master's program to increase Lodge attendance.

The following rules will govern the October sale of the 1976 Masonic Emblem:

1. Masons can purchase the Emblem at the October Stated Meeting of their own Lodge at a cost of \$2.00.
2. District Deputy Grand Masters



1976 Masonic Emblem

will be responsible for the distribution of the Emblems to Lodges in their respective Districts.

3. Visitors cannot purchase an Emblem.
4. No exceptions can be made.

Wearing the Emblem in 1975 has been restricted to those who have attended the "Rededication" meeting of their own Lodge.

Those who cannot attend the October Stated Meeting of their Lodge can obtain an Emblem for delivery after January 1, 1976, by sending \$2.25 to the Committee on Masonic Culture, 1 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107. The price covers mailing and postage costs.

February, May, August and November at Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, by The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of The Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.

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Grand Lodge Officers' Four-Month Itinerary

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

September 3 — Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

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

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

September 27 — Grand Master, 50th Anniversary, Puritan Lodge No. 740, West Reading.

October 4 — Grand Master, 150th Anniversary, Cumberland Star Lodge No. 197, Carlisle.

October 11 — Grand Master, 125th Anniversary, Carbondale Lodge No. 249, Carbondale.

October 17 — Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication, dedication of Lodge Room, Whitfield Lodge No. 622, Tatamy, Northampton County.

October 18 — Grand Master, 125th Anniversary, Doylestown Lodge No. 245, Doylestown.

October 21 — Grand Lodge Officers, Special Communication, to dedicate Lodge Room, Coalport Lodge No. 574, Coalport.

October 22 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Old Fort Lodge No. 537, Centre Hall.

October 23 — Grand Lodge Officers, Consultant's Dinner, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

October 24 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes,

Need for '76

Masons Urged To Assist Guest and Building Fund

Pennsylvania Masons have again been asked to liberally support the Guest and Building Fund at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master, in his annual appeal letter, pointed out:

"As we approach 1976 — the Bicentennial Year of our Nation — let us all show our dedication to Freemasonry and send a check to the 'Guest and Building Fund' for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown."

He said a goal of \$1,000,000 was requested because of the immediate need.

It takes \$600,000 to meet the Guest Fund Budget that includes \$23 a month spending money for Guests, religious activities, recreational therapy, and many other activities and services.

The additional \$400,000 is needed for

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Elizabethtown.

October 25 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Woodbury Lodge No. 539, Hollidaysburg.

October 30 — Grand Master, 125th Anniversary, Shekinah Lodge No. 246, Philadelphia.

November 3 — Grand Master, 50th Anniversary, Boyertown Lodge No. 741, Boyertown.

November 8 — Grand Master, Informal Visitation, Evergreen Lodge No. 163, Monroeton.

November 8 — Junior Grand Warden, 50th Anniversary, Community Lodge No. 744, Broomall.

November 15 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Fernwood Lodge No. 543, Philadelphia.

November 20, 21 — Grand Master, Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Bloomsburg.

November 26 — Grand Master, 179th Anniversary of Lodge, 150th Anniversary of naming of Lodge, LaFayette Lodge No. 71, Philadelphia.

December 3 — Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

December 4 — Grand Lodge Officers visit Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

December 5 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

December 27 — Annual Grand Lodge Communication, Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh.

the building program at the Masonic Health Care Center.

It is estimated that \$5,000,000 will be spent on the Health Care Center, including a replacement building, before it reaches standards required by state and federal laws.

These funds are available from the following sources:

Hospital Reserve Fund, \$1,300,000
Masonic Homes Reserve Fund, \$3,000,000
Guest and Building Fund, \$700,000

In view of the need, Masons are urged to go all out to put this project over the top.

Bro. Feeser Appointed To Committee On Masonic Homes

Bro. P. Thomas Feeser, 46, who served ten years as District Deputy Grand Master of the 11th Masonic District, has been appointed to the Committee on Masonic Homes by the Grand Master.

The Committee is responsible for the management of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Bro. Feeser, of Schuylkill Haven, is president of the Feeser Supply Co. and secretary-treasurer of the Feeser Contracting Co.

A graduate of Haverford College in 1951, Bro. Feeser served three years in the Navy and obtained the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

He is a Past Master and a member of Page Lodge No. 270, Schuylkill Haven; a member of Mt. City Royal Arch Chapter No. 196; the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Reading, where he is serving as Junior Warden of the Lodge of Perfection; and Rajah Temple, Reading.

Bro. Feeser was created a Past District Deputy Grand Master on December 27, 1972, after serving 10 years.

In his community activities, Bro. Feeser is president of the Greater Pottsville Industrial Development Corporation, member Pottsville Hospital Board of Managers, member and former chairman of South Manheim Township Planning Commission, former South Manheim Township supervisor; and member and former director of the Greater Pottsville Chamber of Commerce.

He is a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, formerly president of the Church Council and currently secretary of the Church Council.

Bro. Feeser is married to Marilyn A. Scolnick of Connelville. They have five children.



Proposed Replacement building for Masonic Health Care Center at Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown

\$4,000,000 Construction

New Building Required To Replace "Lost" Rooms

The Committee on Masonic Homes plans to build a \$4,000,000 replacement building at the Masonic Health Care Center of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

It will replace patient beds lost by strict state and federal regulations for adult care centers.

The new structure will be built in front of the Philadelphia Memorial Building, now considered as the main entrance to the Health Care Center.

The new building will be "E" shaped in order that it can be properly connected with the existing buildings. Other information on the proposed new building includes:

- It will be 268 feet long and 72 feet wide.
- It will have 4 stories in front and three stories in rear.
- It will have two main corridors, creating a central core for service areas. Guest rooms will be around the outside of the corridors.
- Each main floor will contain 24 double rooms and 8 single rooms, or a bed capacity of 56 a floor.
- Each room will have separate wash room facilities.
- Two main floors will be initially completed, creating 112 beds. The third or top floor will remain a shell to afford future expansion.
- Each main floor, in addition to Guest rooms, will include dining areas, solariums, reading rooms,

nurses stations, utility rooms, bath rooms, supply areas and treatment rooms.

Memorials Available

Memorials are available in the \$4,000,000 replacement building that will be erected at the Masonic Health Care Center at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Bronze plaques will be placed at rooms and areas to indicate the donor, similar to those in the Masons Care Building.

Suggested gifts and memorial allocations for individuals, Lodges and Masonic Districts, include:

Single Room	\$ 10,000
Single Room Furnishings	\$ 1,500
Double Room	\$ 15,000
Double Room Furnishings	\$ 2,500
Dining Rooms	\$ 25,000
Lounges	\$ 25,000
Examination & Treatment Rooms	\$ 6,000
Main Entrance Area & Lounges	\$150,000

Gifts are tax deductible

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

Those considering gifts and memorials, if so desired, can contact the Grand Master's office for additional information.

- The entire building will be air conditioned.
- The first floor or ground floor, will have a half floor space and will include a reception area, general office rooms, chaplain's office and meditation room.
- Modern elevators will service the new facility from the ground floor. Arrangements will be included to service the third floor when it is completed at a later date.
- Construction is of steel, with pre-cast concrete and brick, to match the recently completed Masons Care Building.

Grand Lodge Meets Sept. 3

The September Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, September 3, in Masonic Temple, 1 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia.

All Master Masons have been urged to attend.

Masonic Law

"The use of Masonic emblems and symbols, or representation of anything pertaining to Freemasonry by clubs and fairs, and in business advertisements is forbidden."

Decision XLI, Par. 3, Digest of Decisions.

Pennsylvania Masons Helped "Build" A Nation

Many Pennsylvania Masons, although not widely known as great patriots, played vital roles in Colonial Days to "build" a new Nation.

Today, Pennsylvania Masons honor these "Giants" among men.

Bro. Arthur St. Clair

Among those whose names stand high not only as Freemasons, but as military heroes, distinguished in civil, political and cultural affairs, was Bro. Arthur St. Clair, born March 23, 1736.

Member of the Continental Congress, 1785-1787, and its President in 1787, Bro. St. Clair was the first Governor of Northwest Territory, serving from its creation in 1787 until 1802. He was a member of an early British military Lodge. On September 8, 1791, he was one of those signing a request for constituting a Lodge at Cincinnati, Ohio. (Nova Caesarea Harmony Lodge No. 2.) It is still in existence. The Warrant for this Lodge was granted by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in 1791. Bro. St. Clair settled in Ligonier Valley about 1764, where he became a member of Lodge No. 64, Greensburg. It is no longer in existence. He was a land owner and one of the Valley's outstanding citizens.

He became Governor John Penn's agent for the Western Pennsylvania frontier in 1771. When the revolutionary movement gained momentum, he became an active patriot.

He was commissioned a Colonel of militia in July 1775, and assisted in the retreat of the American army from Canada in that year. Promoted to Brigadier General in August 1776, he was with Bro. George Washington in the campaign and battles of Trenton and Princeton in the winter of 1776-1777.

In 1777, Major General St. Clair was unable to defend Fort Mifflin, popularly believed to be impregnable, and was court-martialed in 1778. Although he was acquitted "with the highest honor, he never again held prominent active service. He did, however, serve on the court-martial board that tried Major Andre at West Point in 1780.

In 1802, following his term as administrator of the Northwest Territory, he retired to "Hermitage," his home near Ligonier, where he built an iron furnace for the manufacture of stoves. His generosity and the failure of the government to reimburse him for expenditures in the Northwest Territory cost him his fortune.

Bro. St. Clair died in poverty in his



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log cabin home on Chestnut Ridge, Greensburg, Pa., on August 31, 1818. At his burial, Masonic services were conducted. His remains lie buried in Greensburg.

Bro. John Ross

Much has been written about Betsy Ross and the first United States flag. Little, however, is known about her first husband, Bro. John Ross, a Member of Lodge No. 2, and the son of Rev. Aneas Ross, an assistant rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia.

Bro. Ross' courtship with Betsy was not encouraged by her parents. Being a determined suitor, he rowed his bride-to-be across the Delaware River on November 4, 1773, where they were married by Squire Bowman of Gloucester, N.J. John and Betsy Ross had a thriving upholstery shop on Mulberry Street, now Arch Street, Philadelphia.

Col. George Ross, John's uncle, was a delegate to the Continental Congress and an officer of the militia engaged in stockpiling arms and ammunition for the new Continental Army.

Col. Ross was also charged with raising men for defense. Among his militia-men was his nephew John, whose tour of duty was to guard the river front. Disaster struck on the night of January 21, 1776, when a warehouse storing ammunition exploded and Bro Ross was killed.

Burial records of Christ Church are brief: "John Ross, Upholsterer, Died January 21, 1776, Buried C.C."



Bro. John Cadwalader

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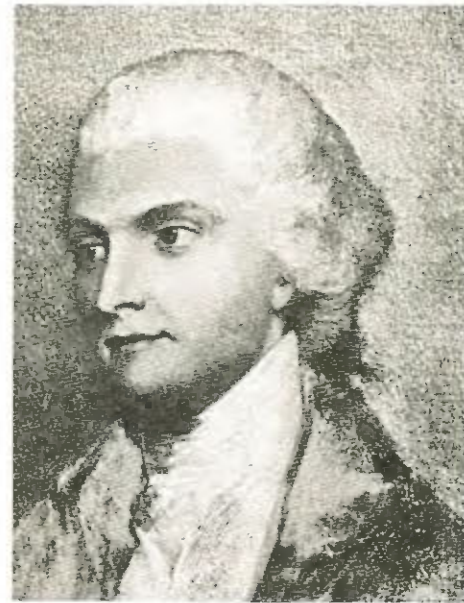
Bro. John Cadwalader, a Member of Lodge No. 8, Philadelphia, and a member of a prominent Philadelphia family, was born in January 1742.

He was a man of considerable wealth and position, a member of the Philadelphia Committee of Safety and Captain of the First Troop, Philadelphia City Cavalry.

He became a Colonel of one of the city's battalions, and was promoted to Brigadier General in command of the Pennsylvanai militia on April 5, 1777.

At the request of Bro. Washington, General Cadwalader organized the militia on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He fought with honor in the battles of Trenton, Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth.

So loyal was Bro. Cadwalader to the trusts placed in him by General Washington that he challenged General Thomas Conway, a fellow officer to a duel. General Conway, because Washington opposed his promotion to the rank of Major General, started malicious rumors against Washington (known as the Conway Cabal). In the duel on July 4, 1778, Bro. Cadwalader's bullet struck Conway in the mouth but did not kill him. After the encounter, Conway sent Bro. Washington a complete apology for all the injury he had done him. Bro. Cadwalader died at Shrewsbury, Pa., on February 11, 1786.



Bro. John Penn

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Bro. John Penn, grandson of William Penn, son of Richard Penn, and nephew of Thomas Penn, became Deputy Governor of Pennsylvania in 1763.

He married Ann, daughter of Bro. William Allen, distinguished lawyer, Chief Justice of Pennsylvania, and Grand Master of Pennsylvania (Mod-erns).

Bro. Penn was a member of the "First Lodge" (St. John's Lodge). He was a Member of the Provincial Council of Pennsylvania, 1752 to 1755, when his father and uncle were joint Proprietors of Pennsylvania. In 1763, following a stay in England, he returned to Pennsylvania. Upon the death of his father, Richard, in 1771, he returned to England.

In 1773, succeeding to his father's share in the Province, Bro. John Penn came home to Pennsylvania where he served as Deputy Governor until the revolutionary movement displaced the proprietary government in 1776, when Pennsylvania's first State Constitution was adopted.

During the Revolution, despite hostility against royal government, Bro. Penn's position remained neutral. He resided in Philadelphia and at his country estate, "Lansdowne," on the Schuylkill, until his death, February 9, 1795. He is buried with so many other distinguished Freemasons in the Christ Church burial ground.

It would seem to be no accident that John Penn became a Mason. His father, Richard Penn, participated in the banquet and Table Lodge following the installation of Grand Master Humphrey Morrey in June 1733.



Bro. Anthony Wayne

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Bro. "Mad" Anthony Wayne, famous General in the American Revolution, was born January 1, 1745, at Waynesboro, Pa.

When his father died in 1774, Anthony took charge of his estate and tannery. This enterprise was successful and afforded Bro. Wayne a comfortable livelihood.

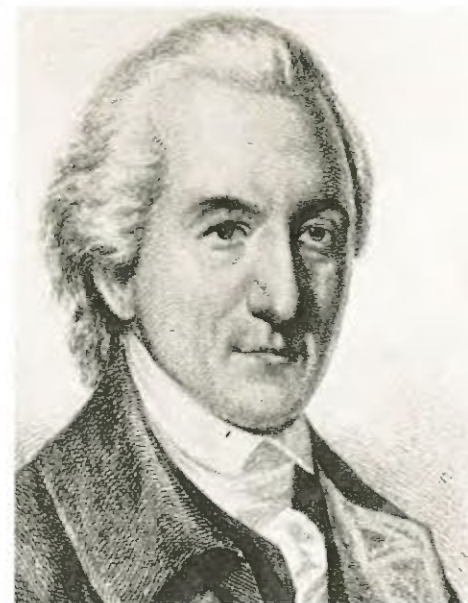
On January 3, 1776, he was appointed by Congress to be a Colonel of a Chester County regiment in the Continental Army. It was said he could "fight as well as brag."

On February 21, 1777, Bro. Wayne was commissioned a Brigadier General and joined Washington at Morristown, N.J. He fought in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown, and wintered with Washington at Valley Forge. Under his leadership his troops surprised and captured the British garrison at Stony Point, N.Y.

When Benedict Arnold attempted to betray West Point to the British on September 25, 1780, it was Wayne's prompt action that prevented British occupation of the fort.

Bro. "Mad" Anthony Wayne was a Member of "Winchester Lodge No. 12." Although no location is given, Bro. Julius Sachse in "Old Masonic Lodges of Pennsylvania" not only refers to him as a Mason, but states that in June 1778, he "gave a grand entertainment and banquet to the Members of the Masonic fraternity."

On July 16, 1857, the Grand Lodge of New York dedicated a monument to his memory at Stony Point, N.Y. Bro. Anthony Wayne died at Presque Isle, now Erie, Pa., on December 15, 1796.



Bro. John Dickinson

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Bro. John Dickinson, known as the "Penman of the Revolution," was born November 13, 1732. He was an outstanding lawyer, statesman and orator.

Bro. Dickinson was admitted to practice in the Pennsylvania Courts in 1757, after spending four years studying law in the Middle Temple, London.

During the American Revolution, it was said of him that "In the literature of that struggle his position was as pre-eminent as Washington in War, Franklin in diplomacy and Morris in finance."

He was a member of the Continental Congress 1774-1777, and 1779. True to his conviction that colonial problems should be conciliated, he refused to sign the Declaration of Independence.

However, once independence was declared, he was one of two Congressmen to volunteer for military service.

He was President of the Supreme Council of Delaware, 1781; and President of the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania, 1782-1785. He had a relatively brief military career, first serving as a private and in 1777 was commissioned Brigadier General of the Delaware militia.

Dickinson College, at Carlisle, Pa., incorporated in 1783, was named "in memory of the great and important services rendered to this country by His Excellency, John Dickinson, Esquire . . ." Bro. Dickinson was raised in Lodge No. 18, Dover, Del. (Warranted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, August 26, 1775). He died in Wilmington, Del., February 14, 1808, and was buried in the Friends' Burial Grounds attached to the meeting house there.

Brethren

Many Masons Enjoy Long Life Span

Driftwood's Oldest Member

Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, Grand Master, personally congratulated Bro. Joseph Williams, oldest living member of Driftwood Lodge No. 532, Driftwood, Pa., at the 100th Anniversary of the Lodge. Bro. Williams is 99 years old and has been a Mason for 75 years. A bachelor, he retired four years ago from his own business.



Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master, congratulates Bro. Joseph Williams.

New Centenarian

Bro. Clyde A. Fitzgerald, Cambria Lodge No. 278, Johnstown, is added to the growing list of centenarians in Freemasonry. Dr. Fitzgerald, born April 19, 1875, started practicing medicine in South Fork Pa., in 1901. He received his Symbolic Degrees in July, September and November, 1904. Bro. Fitzgerald, now living in Des Moines, Washington, says he is looking forward to visiting Johnstown to attend his Lodge again.

Another Near Centenarian

Bro. Ernest H. Dove, Past Master of Green Ridge Lodge No. 597, Scranton, was 99 years old on Wednesday, July 2. He received his Degrees in 1916. He served as Worshipful Master in 1921 and Treasurer from 1937 to 1956. Still remarkably spry for his 99 years, Bro. Dove said that he was one of the first persons born in Colorado after it became a state in 1876. He plans on returning to Colorado to celebrate his 100th birthday.

Three Fifty Year Members

Three "Old Timers," — Fifty-Year

Members of Mahoning Lodge No. 516, Danville — attended a Stated Meeting of their Lodge. They are Bro. William A. McCloughan, 73; Bro. William Penn Amesbury, 79; and Bro. William C. Burger, 98.

Mount Pisgah's Oldest Member

At the June Stated Meeting of Mount Pisgah Lodge No. 443, Greencastle, Bro. Howard E. Craig, Past Master and oldest living member of the Lodge was honored. Bro. Craig is a 70 year member and Past Master for 64 years. He is 98 years old.

Dedicated Candidate

Bro. Robert LaBar was raised a Master Mason in Pocono Lodge No. 780, Swiftwater, on April 9. That same evening, he served as Guide for three candidates receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree. At the May Stated Meeting, he guided the same three candidates when they were Crafted. He completed the "tour" as Guide when the same three candidates were Raised at the June Stated Meeting.

"Father and Son" Lodge

Dietrick Lamade Lodge No. 755, Williamsport, is known as the "Father and Son Lodge." The three sons of Bro. Joseph S. Gansel, Bro. William H., Bro. Robert C. and Bro. Joseph H., are receiving their degrees. Other father and son groups include Bro. James D. Withers, Past Master, two sons, Bro. James, Jr., and Bro. Donald; Bro. A. Kenneth Patterson and his sons, Bro. A. Kenneth, Jr., and Bro. Hugh; and Bro. Robert E. Reynolds and his sons, Bro. William R. and Bro. John R.

Freemasonry in Action

Freemasonry in action was displayed at the Stated Meeting of Monaca Center Lodge No. 791, Monaca, Pa., on May 7. Bro. Robert A. Pote, District Deputy Grand Master for the 37th Masonic District, reports that he made an official visit and was accompanied by nine Worshipful Masters, seven Senior Wardens and five Junior Wardens of the District. During the evening, Bro. Jerry L. Harris, a victim of a fire that had destroyed most of his personal and household belongings, was presented with a replacement copy of his Bible, Masonic Edition, and a \$1,100.00 check by his Masonic Brethren.



Bro. Fred Mauer burns the mortgage.

Free of Debt

With nearly 400 Masons, families and friends present, the Kittanning Masonic Temple Association, Kittanning, conducted outdoor mortgage-burning ceremonies on Saturday evening, June 21. The memorable event took place seventeen years ahead of schedule. Through the generosity of many Members of Kittanning Lodge No. 244 and Seneca Lodge No. 805, the new Masonic Temple is debt-free — eight years after construction. The appraised value of the building is \$300,000.00.

Rated Excellent

Bro. John A. Roth, Sr., Past Master of Excelsior Lodge No. 491, Philadelphia, Master in 1940, seldom misses a Lodge Meeting. At the June Stated Meeting, he exemplified the Master Mason's Degree, the first time in thirty-five years. The Officers and Members say he rated an "E" for excellence.

High Lodge Attendance

Six Lodges reported attendance of 200 or more at June Stated Meetings, including: Perry Lodge No. 458, Marysville, 305; Marion Lodge No. 562, Scottdale, 304; Robert Burns Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg, 260; West Shore Lodge No. 681, Camp Hill, 237; Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown, 227; and Shidle Lodge No. 601, Irwin, 210.

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

"Swing and Sway With Sammy Kaye"

Grand Master's Dinner-Dance, December 27, in Pittsburgh

Masons and their ladies will "Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye" at the Grand Master's Banquet and Dance on Saturday, December 27.

It will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, Gateway Center, Pittsburgh.

The cost will be \$15 per person. This includes the following:

- A delicious roast beef dinner.
- Dancing to midnight with Sammy Kaye and his orchestra.
- Popular "So You Want to Lead a Band" feature.
- Special 1976 Souvenir for every Brother attending the affair.

The Annual Grand Communication of Grand Lodge will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, December 27, in Syria Mosque. The Grand Master will be installed as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania at 12 noon.

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. This will conclude two days of activities for the Masonic Brethren.

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

The tickets this year will be limited to approximately 1,000 in order that all those attending will have a comfortable table.

All tickets are available on a first come basis. Don't put this off if you hope to attend.

If you plan to participate, complete the coupon form in this issue, marking it and your check as indicated on the form. There are 10 places to a table. If you want to be seated with specific Brethren, please send your money and reservations together, so indicating.

Be sure to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Those desiring hotel reservations can make reservations direct by writing, or calling (area code 412) 391-4600.

Further details can be obtained from the Grand Master's Office, One North Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107, or calling (area code 215) LO 7-5582.



Sammy Kaye



The Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, in the center of the photograph, is located in Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, where the Monongahela and Allegheny Rivers form the Ohio River.

Sammy Kaye has been one of the top orchestra leaders in the band business for years because of his ability to relate his music to millions of fans with superb dancing and listening tempos.

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