



The Annual Grand Communication of Grand Lodge will be held in Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh, on Saturday, December 27. Master Masons are invited to attend.



Masonic Temple, across the street from Syria Mosque, in the Oakland Section of Pittsburgh, will be used for visiting Grand Lodge Officers during the Annual Grand.

Annual Communication Slated for Pittsburgh

The Annual Grand Communication of Grand Lodge — to install a new R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania — will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 27, in Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh.

The session is open to all Master Masons. You do not have to be a Lodge Officer or a Past Master to attend.

Luncheon will be served to all those attending at 1:30 p.m. in the banquet room.

Following the luncheon at 3 p.m., a Special Meeting of Milnor Lodge No. 287 will be held in Syria Mosque to receive the newly installed Grand Master.

All Masons are also invited to this meeting.

Masonic Blood Donor Club

Masons Invited to Membership

The Masonic Blood Donor Club of Southeastern Pennsylvania, with 1,970 members, is celebrating its Eighth Anniversary.

During the eight years, the Club has donated 186 pints of blood to Guests at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Bro. Wayne W. Thompson is Chairman of the Club, and has served in that capacity since it started in 1967. He reported:

"It is quite obvious that active promotion by Lodge Officers and Members does get results.

"We would welcome an opportunity to meet with Lodges to tell the Blood

Club story.

"A member of the Club, his wife, and tax dependents are eligible for blood, as and when needed, without charge for the blood."

If a member dies, his widow continues with privileges for one year. Then, if so elected, she can join on her own right.

The requirements for membership are that you must give or provide one pint of blood upon application.

Then, if necessary, you will be required to give again in the same sequence of your membership number.

Since the start of the Club, eight years ago, no member has been called to give blood a second time.

Annual dues are \$2.00. This is to meet operation expenses.

Masons desiring membership can send \$2.00 to Masonic Blood Donor Club, 1612 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Those desiring additional information on the Club should write to Bro. Wayne W. Thompson, 620 Washington Lane, Jenkintown, Pa. 19046.

Masonic Law

The use or dispensing of intoxicating liquors at Masonic banquets or at any Masonic occasion in any room or place under control of a Lodge is prohibited.

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Grand Master Thanks Brethren For Opportunity to Serve Masonry

By Rochester B. Woodall
R. W. Grand Master

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge on December 27, 1973 you conferred upon me the honor to serve as your Grand Master — the highest honor that can be conferred in Freemasonry.

I assure you that it has been the greatest challenge and experience of my entire life.

By the grace and mercy of the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, my mental and physical powers have remained constant. For this, I give grateful thanks to the Lord.

The goals which I hoped to accomplish are either nearing completion or have been completed. These will be enumerated in the Grand Master's Annual Report which will be printed in the 1975 Abstract of Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

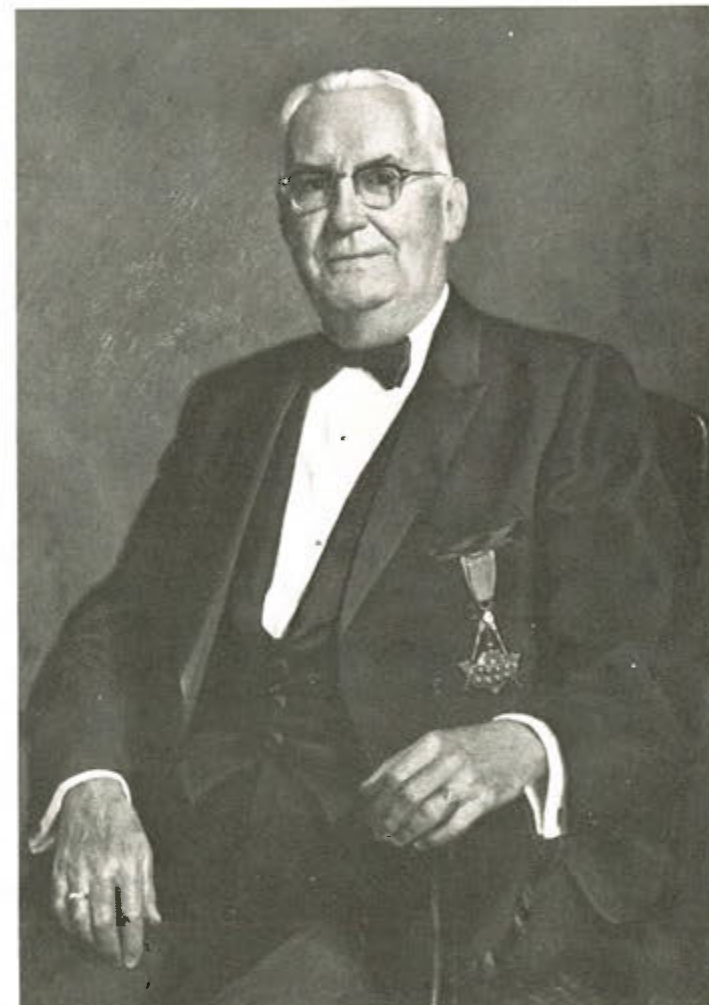
The service that I have been able to render has been a great pleasure to me.

I sincerely realize and acknowledge that it was made possible only because of the support and dedication of the Masons of Pennsylvania.

I wish that I could have met each and every one of you personally because . . . "How can you be a Brother to someone you don't even know."

By the use of this issue of the Pennsylvania Freemason, I extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of you as my tenure of office as Grand Master approaches Saint John the Evangelist's Day on December 27, 1975.

May your future be bright, your troubles small, and your enthusiasm the greatest.



Oil painting of Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, R. W. Grand Master, will be displayed in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Construction Has Started at Masonic Homes

Construction started on October 24 for the new replacement building at the Masonic Health Care Center of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, Grand Master and Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Homes, and Bro. Theodore K. Warner, Jr., Chairman of the Building Subcommittee headed the official ground breaking ceremony.

They were assisted by other members of the Committee on Masonic Homes, Guests at the Homes, architects and representatives of the contractor.

The building was designed by the architectural firm of Lawrie and Green of Harrisburg.

Warfel Construction Company of Lancaster was awarded the contract for a low bid of \$3,000,000.

This does not include architectural fees or furnishings. It is estimated that the project will cost a total of \$4,000,000 when completed.

The building became necessary to replace patient beds lost by strict state and federal regulations for Adult Care Centers.

In participating in the ceremony, the
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Grand Lodge Officers' Four-Month Itinerary

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

December 3 — Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

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

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

December 27 — Grand Lodge Officers, visitation to Special Meeting of Milnor Lodge No. 287, 3 p.m., Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh.

January 10 — Grand Master, Lu Lu Temple's Masters' Night, Philadelphia.

January 17 — Grand Master, 100th Anniversary, Centennial Lodge No. 544, Carnegie.

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

February 13 — Grand Master, visitation to Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia.

February 15, 16, 17, 18 — Conference of Grand Masters in North America, Philadelphia.

February 27 — Grand Lodge Officers, meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

March 3 — Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

March 6 — Grand Master, 125th Anniversary, Milton Lodge No. 256, Milton.

March 13 — Grand Master, Syria Temple's Masters' Night, Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh.

1976 Masonic Emblem

Available to All Masons After January 2



Two New District Deputies Appointed by Grand Master

Two new District Deputy Grand Masters have been appointed by the Grand Master.

Bro. Albert E. Turner III, Attorney and superintendent of claims for an insurance company, was named District Deputy Grand Master for the 12th Masonic District, Wilkes-Barre area.

He is a member of Lodge No. 61, Wilkes-Barre.

Bro. Leonidas Galanos, a certified public accountant, was named District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District "F" Philadelphia.

He is a member of Gothic Lodge No. 519.

Admission Policy

Masonic Homes Policy Listed for Regulations

The following is inserted to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act:

Admissions Policy, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania:

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania are owned and operated by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania whose existence antedates both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America. There are housed at the Masonic Homes members, their wives, widows and mothers of deceased members of the six hundred Lodges within the Commonwealth having a total membership of 237,404 as of December 27, 1972. These Lodges operate under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

Neither the Constitution of the Grand Lodge nor the By-Laws of the Subordinate Lodges restricts membership by reason of race, color or creed and there are many among our members who are not of the Caucasian race although no record is kept of our membership on a basis of race, color or creed.

The admission of our members, or their wives, widows, or mothers of deceased members, to the Masonic Homes is governed by an elected Committee on Masonic Homes. This Committee approves or disapproves applications for the admission of members, their relatives referred to above and children sponsored by our Lodges, solely on the basis of need and the Committee does not discriminate by reason of the race, creed, national origin, age or sex of the applicant.

By virtue of the foregoing, the Masonic Homes is

The Pennsylvania 1976 Masonic Emblem will go on general sale on January 2, 1976.

Up to that time, it could only be purchased by Brethren attending the Stated Meeting of their own Lodge in October.

Therefore, wearing the Emblem in 1975 has been restricted to those who attended the October "Rededication" meeting of their own Lodge.

Those who could not attend the October Stated Meeting of their Lodge can obtain an emblem by sending \$2.25 to the Committee on Masonic Culture, One N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107. The price covers, taxes and postage costs.

No Emblems will be mailed until January 2, 1976. You can send money now to assure a prompt delivery after the first of the year.

Brethren desiring to visit the Museum in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, can purchase the Emblem for \$2.00 plus tax after January 2, 1976.

Wear a 1976 Masonic Emblem in 1976.

This is the year for Rededication to Country and the Masonic Fraternity.

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In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and agrees to comply with the provisions of that Act and all requirements imposed pursuant thereto to the end that no person shall on the grounds of race, color or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in the provision of any care or service at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Specifically the above includes, but is not limited to, the following characteristics:

1. Inpatient and outpatient care will be provided on a nondiscriminatory basis; all patients will be admitted and receive care without regard to race, color, or national origin.
2. All patients will be assigned to rooms, floors and sections without regard to race, color or national origin.
3. Patients will not be asked if they are willing or desire to share a room with a person of another race.
4. Employees will be assigned to patient services without regard to the race, color, or national origin of either the patient or employee.
5. Staff privileges will not be denied professionally qualified personnel on the basis of race, color, or national origin.
6. All facilities of this institution will be utilized without regard to race, color, or national origin.
7. Transfer of patients from the rooms assigned and/or selected will not be made for racial reasons; however, any patient may request to upgrade the room assigned and/or selected at any time for any reason provided that the room requested is readily available.

MASONIC HOMES,
ELIZABETHTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA



The first spade of earth signalled the start of construction for the new replacement building at the Masonic Health Care Center at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. Left to right are: Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, Grand Master; Mrs. Mae Fernback, director of nursing, and Theodore K. Warner, Jr., Chairman of the Building Subcommittee. Holding the first shovel of earth is Mrs. Sarah Hill, a Homes Guest, who was 100 years old on Nov. 1. Completion is scheduled for 1977.



Construction started on the new replacement building at the Masonic Health Care Center following ground-breaking ceremonies on Oct. 24. Holding an artist rendering of the new building at the ground-breaking ceremonies are: left to right: J. Robert Shaffer, partner, Lawrie and Green, Architects; K. W. Whitney, president of Warfel Construction Co.; Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, Grand Master; and Bro. Theodore K. Warner, Jr., Chairman of the Building Subcommittee.

Construction Has Started at Masonic Homes

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Grand Master pointed out that Pennsylvania Masons want their Guests to live in buildings that are safe from fire hazards.

The new building is being constructed in front of the Philadelphia Freemasons Memorial and will become the main entrance to the Masonic Health Care Center.

Plans call for the Cornerstone Ceremony to be held on Saturday, July 24, 1976, as part of Grand Lodge's Bicentennial program.

The building will not be completed until the Spring or Summer of 1977.

When completed, the 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 expansions.
- 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.

- 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.

Volunteer Help Is Needed For Many Services at Homes

Volunteers — girls, ladies, young men and Master Masons — are needed at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Those interested should contact Bro. Robert W. Westcott, Executive Director, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

There are many types of service needed, from pushing wheel chairs to entertaining and visiting with elderly Guests.

You can hire employees but you can't purchase compassion.

There are many ways to serve Freemasonry. This is one that will give you great pleasure and satisfaction.

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

Send Contributions to Homes

If you have misplaced, or have not received, a self-addressed envelope for your annual contribution to the Guest and Building Fund for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, send your check direct to: Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022. Please indicate your name, address and Lodge number. Your assistance is needed and deeply appreciated.

Pennsylvania Masons Helped "Build" A Nation

This is the third and last article on "Giants" Among Men — Pennsylvania Masons who played important roles in Colonial Days to "build" a new Nation. Pennsylvania Masons honor their Brethren.

Bro. Jonathan Bayard Smith

Bro. Jonathan Bayard Smith, born in Philadelphia, February 21, 1742, was a prominent Philadelphia merchant and a Member of Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia. He served as Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 3 in 1785. Bro. Smith was the second R. W. Grand Master of the independent Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, serving in 1789-1794, and again in 1798-1802.

He was one of the forceful merchants who protested against the suppressive mercantile measures of England. Active as a member of the Provincial conventions or congresses of 1775 and 1776, he helped to engineer the overthrow of the old provincial government of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Smith was elected to the Continental Congress on February 5, 1775, but resigned in September to assist in the defense of the city when the British were approaching Philadelphia.

His military career started in 1775 when he was made lieutenant colonel of a battalion of Associators in Philadelphia commanded by his brother-in-law, Col. John Bayard. He later served with distinction in the 1777 Brandywine campaign.

He was a member of the Council of Safety and the Board of War, and was a staunch supporter of the Articles of Confederation which became effective in 1781. He served as prothonotary of the court of common pleas of Philadelphia from 1777 to 1788, and became auditor general of Pennsylvania in 1794.

Bro. Smith was a trustee of the University of Pennsylvania and a member of the American Philosophical Society. He died June 16, 1812.

The Minutes of the Grand Lodge show that his family requested burial "in Masonic form" in the graveyard of the Second Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia. Some 600 Brethren from the Grand Lodge and subordinate Lodges participated in the funeral procession and services.

Bro. Edward Hand

Bro. Edward Hand, a native of Ireland, was born December 31, 1744. He studied medicine at Trinity College,



Bro. Jonathan B. Smith

Dublin, and in 1767 came to Philadelphia as surgeon's mate in the 18th Royal Irish Regiment.

As an ensign, he went with his regiment to Fort Pitt in 1772, returning to Philadelphia two years later.

After resigning his commission, Bro. Hand practiced medicine in Lancaster, Pa. At the outbreak of the Revolution, he joined Colonel Thompson's Pennsylvania battalion of riflemen on June 25, 1775, as a lieutenant colonel and took part in the siege of Boston.

He gave outstanding service against Cornwallis and Howe in the battles of Long Island, White Plains, Trenton and Princeton.

He also participated in Sullivan's campaign against the Indians in 1779. Bro. Hand was a daring officer, skilled in logistics. He became adjutant general of the Continental Army in 1781, and in 1783 was brevetted major general.

After the war Bro. Hand returned to his practice of medicine and became active in political affairs. He was a member of Congress, 1784-75; in the Pennsylvania Assembly, 1785-86; a presidential elector, 1789; a member of the Pennsylvania constitutional convention, 1789-90.

He was an intimate friend of Gen. and Bro. Washington during and after the Revolution. A fraternal as well as military associate of Col. and Bro. Thomas Proctor and Col. and Bro. Isaac Craig, he joined them as one of the Worshipful Masters of Military Lodge No. 19 (now Montgomery Lodge No. 19).

He died at Rockford, Lancaster Co., Pa. on September 3, 1802.



Bro. Edward Hand

Bro. Thomas Cadwalader

Bro. Thomas Cadwalader, physician of Philadelphia, a Revolutionary surgeon, was born in 1707.

As a doctor, Bro. Cadwalader is noted for his use of inoculation against smallpox. In 1750 he delivered the first series of medical lectures in Philadelphia.

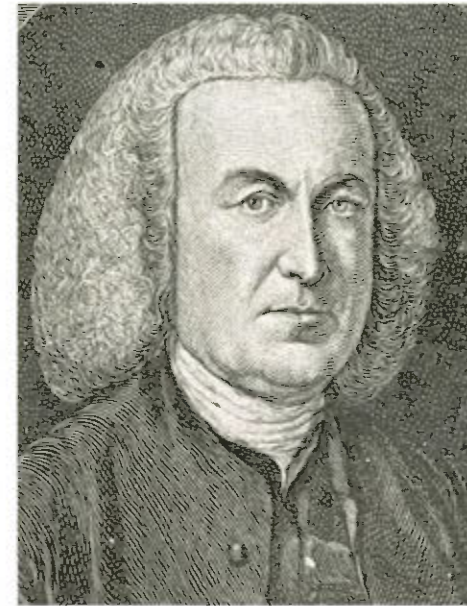
In civic affairs, he was associated with Bro. Benjamin Franklin in founding the Library Company of Philadelphia in 1731.

He was one of the original physicians of the Pennsylvania Hospital and one of the first members of the American Philosophical Society. In politics, he served as a member of the Philadelphia Common Council, 1751-1774, and the Provincial Council from 1755 until that body was dissolved at the beginning of the Revolution.

In 1765, he signed Philadelphia's non-importation agreement and participated in a mass meeting at the State House protesting the Stamp Act.

In July 1776, the Committee of Safety appointed Bro. Cadwalader one of several doctors on a committee to examine all candidates applying for the position of surgeon in the navy. During the Revolution he was frequently requested by American authorities to examine prisoners of war in Philadelphia.

On one such occasion, he examined General Prescott of the British army. The General was so appreciative of this service that he secured the release of Bro. Cadwalader's son, Lambert, a prisoner of the British following the disastrous battle of Fort Washington.



Bro. Thomas Cadwalader

Lambert Cadwalader served as captain of a company known as the "Greens." His brother, John, served as Captain of a city troop known as the "Silk Stocking Company." (A sketch of John Cadwalader appeared in the last issue of the Pennsylvania Freemason.)

Bro. Cadwalader was a member of St. John's Lodge, or "First" Lodge, Philadelphia, and in June 1738 was chosen Senior Grand Warden. He died at Trenton, New Jersey, November 14, 1779, and was buried in the Friends' burying ground there.

Two Muhlenberg Brothers

The name Muhlenberg is well known in the early history of our country. Bro. John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg, born at Trappe, Pa., October 1, 1746, was a member of Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia.

He was a Lutheran minister, son of Henry M. Muhlenberg, virtual founder of the Lutheran Church in America.

In 1771 he accepted a call to the German Lutheran Congregation at Woodstock, Va. Before accepting the call, however, he went to England and in 1772 was ordained a priest in the Anglican Church by the bishop of London. Later that year he took charge of his Woodstock congregation.

Bro. Muhlenberg became actively involved in politics. He was elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses in 1774 and became chairman of one of the county committees on public safety.

In January 1776 he preached his farewell sermon, and at the close of the service threw off his clerical gown, revealing beneath it his militia officer's uniform.

He raised and commanded the 8th Virginia Regiment.



Bro. Peter Muhlenberg

In 1777 he was commissioned brigadier general in the Continental Army and was ordered to Morristown, N.J. He fought at Brandywine and Germantown, and spent the winter with Bro. Washington at Valley Forge. In December 1780 Bro. Muhlenberg became a general and Bro. Von Steuben's second-in-command. At the close of the war, in 1783 he was made a brevet major general.

In 1783 Bro. Muhlenberg returned to Philadelphia. He entered into politics and was elected to the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania in 1784; vice-president of Pennsylvania under Bro. Benjamin Franklin, 1785-88; and was a member of the First, Third and Sixth Congresses of the United States.

In 1790 he served in the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention, and from 1802 until his death was collector of customs for Philadelphia. Bro. Muhlenberg died at his suburban home at Grays Ferry, Philadelphia, on October 1, 1807. He was buried beside his father at the Augustus Church at Trappe.

Bro. Frederick Augustus Conrad Muhlenberg was born January 1, 1750 at Trappe, Pa. He also was a member of Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia.

He also was a Lutheran minister, being ordained at Reading, Pa., October 25, 1770, by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

In 1775, he rebuked his brother, Peter, for mixing revolutionary activities with his religious calling. He was in sympathy with the revolutionary cause.

On March 2, 1779, he was elected to fill the unexpired term of Edward Bidle in the Continental Congress.

In August of '79 he laid aside his pastoral duties and embarked upon a



Bro. Frederick Muhlenberg

political career.

Bro. Muhlenberg was a member of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania and its Speaker from 1780 to 1783. He was commissioned justice of the peace on March 9, 1784, and later that year became register of wills and recorder of deeds in Montgomery County, Pa.

In 1788 he was elected to the First Congress as a Federalist, representing the Philadelphia district.

He was elected the first Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and was re-elected to the Second, Third and Fourth Congresses.

On January 8, 1800, Gov. Thomas Mifflin appointed him receiver-general of the Pennsylvania Land Office.

Bro. Muhlenberg died June 4, 1801 and was buried in the Lutheran churchyard at Lancaster, Pa.

Descendants of Masons Can Obtain Scholarship Aid

The University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, has received a generous gift from a benefactor, providing scholarship aid to descendants of Masons who attend the University.

The fund, known as the George E. Nitzsche and William D. Harkins Fund, is an endowment fund with only the income available.

To be eligible, students must be admitted to the University of Pennsylvania and must demonstrate need as required by the school's student aid policy.

Those interested should write or contact the Director, Student Financial Aid, Logan Hall, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa. 19174.

Many Masons Continue to Serve Craft

Son of Past Grand Master

Bro. Donald H. Goodyear, Past Master of Cumberland Star Lodge No. 197, Carlisle, son of Bro. Samuel M. Goodyear, R. W. Past Grand Master, continues his devotion to his Lodge that is now in its 151st year. Bro. Goodyear, retired after forty-four years as an executive of the Kinney Shoe Corporation, was Raised Masonically by his father in 1924 while his father was R. W. Grand Master. He was Worshipful Master of his Lodge in 1929 and has remained active. He was Chairman of the Executive Committee that recently planned an excellent program for the 150th Anniversary Celebration of Cumberland Star Lodge No. 197. Born and reared in Carlisle, Bro. Goodyear traces his family back to 1713, when they first settled in the Cumberland Valley of Pennsylvania.



Bro. Stroh and Bro. Witte

Four Generations of Masons

Bro. S. Muir Stroh, Past Master of Gothic Lodge No. 519, Philadelphia, unable to receive his Grand Lodge Fifty Year Masonic Service Emblem and Wallet Card at a Stated Meeting of his Lodge, was pleased to receive the Emblem from Bro. Herman Witte, Past District Deputy Grand Master, at his home in Lansdale, Pa. After receiving the Emblem, Bro. Stroh proudly displayed his father's Past Master's Jewel and Fifty Year Emblem and then his grandfather's Past Master's Jewel and Fifty Year Emblem. His father was a Past Master of Gothic Lodge and his grandfather was a Past Master of Humbolt Lodge No. 359, Philadelphia, one

of the three German-speaking Lodges. Bro. Stroh also stated that his great-grandfather was a Member of a Lodge in Frankfort-am-Main, Germany, making it four generations of Master Masons.

Candidate to Acting Master

At the Stated Meeting of St. John's Lodge No. 115, Philadelphia, on January 6, 1975, Bro. Paul Sokoloff, Past Master and Secretary, conferred the third degree on his son, Bro. Harvey Sokoloff. Following the Degree, Bro. Harvey Sokoloff assumed the station of the Worshipful Master and conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on a Candidate. The following month Bro. Harvey Sokoloff conferred the Fellow Craft Degree upon the same Candidate.

Helps Illinois Lodge

Bro. J. Sheldon Oartel, Member of Orient Lodge No. 590, Wilkesburg, Pa., was honored by the Officers and Members of A. O. Fay Lodge No. 676, Highland Park, Illinois. In addition to receiving his Grand Lodge Fifty Year Masonic Service Emblem and Wallet Card, Dr. Oartel, a retired Colonel in the United States Army, an outstanding organist, was presented with a special award in appreciation for his services as an organist at Stated Meetings and other activities of Fay Lodge. His military service included Director of Dental Division at the Medical Research and Graduate School of Walter Reed Hospital, Chief of Dental Service at the Tokyo Army Hospital and Chief of Dental Service at Valley Forge General Hospital.

Jewels Presented in 1897

At the funeral services for Bro. Frank T. Warner, member of William C. Hamilton Lodge No. 500, Philadelphia, in Margate, N.J. on August 15, 1975, the Officers and Members of Trinity Lodge No. 79, held at Atlantic City, conducted the Masonic Burial Service. The Lodge Jewels used in the service were presented to Trinity Lodge by William C. Hamilton Lodge when a visitation was made to Trinity Lodge on May 18, 1897. The jewels are so inscribed.

Busy Serving Others

Bro. Alfred E. Yeaton, Past Master and former Secretary of Kennett Lodge No. 475, Kennett Square, is enjoying his retirement in a daily service to

others. Bro. Yeaton, a driver for the Volunteer Transportation Corps of the Health and Welfare Council of Chester County, transports patients from their homes to clinics, hospitals and doctor's offices.

Seventy-Five Years

Six Pennsylvania Masons have seventy-five or more years in Good Masonic Standing. They are: Bro. Floyd M. Cain, Monongahela Lodge No. 269, Entered October 15, 1897; Bro. Robert A. Brua, Juniata Lodge No. 282, Entered January 2, 1899; Bro. William L. Graham, Union Lodge No. 334, Bradford, Entered December 19, 1899; Bro. Joseph A. Williams, Driftwood Lodge No. 532, Entered December 8, 1899; Bro. R. George Dickel, Bristol Lodge No. 25, Entered May 12, 1900, and Bro. Paul C. Robins, Grove City Lodge No. 603, Entered October 16, 1900.

Emblem and Wallet Cards

The Fifty Year Masonic Service Emblem was authorized in 1940. There have been 42,603 presented. In January 1974 an engraved Wallet Card was added to the recognition by the Grand Master, and 5,077 of these Wallet Cards have also been presented.

Attends Lodge Anniversary

Bro. James A. McWilliams, born January 12, 1875, made a Mason in Mahoning Lodge No. 243, New Castle, February 14, 1907, and still active in his Lodge, was present when his Lodge, recently celebrated its 125th Anniversary.

First Masonic Book

The first Masonic Book printed in America was published by Bro. Benjamin Franklin at Philadelphia in 1734. It was a reprint of Anderson's Constitutions. Bro. Franklin was Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania at the time. He was elected to serve a second time as Provincial Grand Master in 1749.

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

— ATTEND YOUR LODGE —
"How can you be a Brother to
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Bro. George Washington



Bro. Andrew Jackson



Bro. Harry S. Truman

Fifteen Presidents — Masons

Two Presidents Served as Grand Masters

Of the thirty-eight Americans who have served the United States as President, fifteen claimed the honorable title of Freemason.

Two Presidents only have the distinction of having occupied the important station of Grand Master of Masons — Andrew Jackson who from Oct. 7, 1822 to Oct. 4, 1824, served as Grand Master of Tennessee and Harry S. Truman who, from Oct., 1940 to Oct., 1941 served Missouri as Grand Master of Masons.

Two have served Grand Lodges as District Deputy Grand Master — James Buchanan in Pennsylvania and Harry S. Truman in Missouri.

Four — Washington, Jackson, Buchanan and Truman served as Worshipful Master.

George Washington was the only President ever to serve in that capacity and be Worshipful Master of a lodge at one and the same time.

Six Presidents acted as officers of Symbolic Lodges — Washington, Worshipful Master, two terms; Jackson, Worshipful Master; Polk, Junior Warden; Buchanan, Worshipful Master; Garfield, Chaplain, two terms; Truman, Worshipful Master, two terms, Secretary.

It is definitely known that eight of our Presidents were known to have been Royal Arch Masons — Jackson, Polk, Buchanan, Johnson, Garfield, McKinley, Harding and Truman. Some historians are convinced that Washington was also a member of the Royal Craft.

Only one ever served as an officer of a Grand Chapter — Andrew Jackson who acted as Deputy General Grand High Priest at the institution of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

Two others, Taft and Buchanan were officers of constituent Chapters.

Five — Johnson, Garfield, McKinley, Harding and Truman were Knights Templar.

One of our Presidents — Truman — was a member of the Cryptic Rite.

Five Presidents — Johnson, Garfield, Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Truman and Ford were Scottish Rite Masons.

Two Presidents, Truman and Ford, have been crowned Thirty-Third Degree Masons. Another, Warren G. Harding, was elected to receive this honor September 22, 1921. He would have received the degree a year later but the illness of Mrs. Harding prevented it and he died before the 1923 Session of the Northern Supreme Council.

Only one President — William Howard Taft — was made a Mason "At Sight." This occurred February 18, 1909, when Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, Charles L. Hoskinson, called an "Occasional Lodge" at Cincinnati.

One President — Lyndon B. Johnson, never advanced beyond the Entered Apprentice Degree.

One President — Franklin D. Roosevelt — enjoyed the unusual pleasure and distinction of actually Raising his sons to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason while occupying the White House. On February 17, 1933, while President Elect, he presided over Architect Lodge No. 519, New York City, and raised his son, Elliott, to the Degree of Master Mason. Again on November 7, 1935, he forsook his burdens of State long enough to preside over the same Lodge during a ceremony which raised two other sons, Franklin, Jr., and James, to the Third Degree of Masonry.