

Enthusiasm Marks Summer Youth Program

Thank you notes and letters arrived from all parts of the state — expressions of gratitude to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for its sponsorship of a summer youth program during July at the Patton School in Elizabethtown.

"I want to thank you for being interested in me," wrote a young lady from Clearfield who then registered what seemed to be a common complaint, "but the food was too good and I gained five pounds."

"The Masonic Homes, the hospital and the farm are fantastic," wrote another, adding, "I think I understand now why my dad is so proud of being a Mason."

A total of 546 girls, 414 members of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and 132 members of the International Order of Job's Daughters, participated in the activities directed by the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth Programs.

The committee is chaired by Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Past Grand Master. Bro. Ralph R. Hunt is program coordinator.

Scheduled activities in each of the six four-day sessions included tours of the Masonic Homes and services in Sell Memorial Chapel.

Each busy day began with calisthenics. Softball games and the archery range proved popular. Everyone took advantage of the Homes facilities for swimming.

The girls and their leaders held practice sessions to prepare for future

events, created skits for talent nights, and rated the square dances as a favorite activity.

Participants in the youth program are selected by their leaders through an incentive program tied to the activity of individual units.

The competition increases as new

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Celebrates 80 Years In Masonry

Bro. Floyd M. Cain, life member of Monongahela Lodge No. 269, Pittsburgh, recently celebrated his 80th year as a Mason. He was entered on October 15, 1897.

Residing in the Park Superior Healthcare Center, Newport Beach, California, Bro. Cain is now looking forward to celebrating his 103rd birthday. He was born on January 4, 1875, in Pittsburgh.

Active for many years as a certified public accountant, Bro. Cain has been involved in several business ventures of his own. During World War II, while working for the Treasury Department, he was assigned to the Manhattan Pro-

ject and sent to California where he has remained since his retirement in 1945.

We salute Bro. Cain as one of the oldest Freemasons in the nation and extend fraternal greetings from the Craft in Pennsylvania.

Centenarian Loves Everyone

Bro. Louis Kendrick of Ossea Lodge No. 317, Wellsboro, recently joined the ever-increasing but exclusive group of Brethren blessed with long life. On Sunday, September 18, 1977, Bro. Kendrick was visited by a host of relatives, friends and brethren who just happened to stop by his residence in Stony Fork, Tioga County, to help him celebrate his 100th birthday.

Born on September 17, 1877, Bro. Kendrick was made a Mason in 1915 and says he has been wearing his Grand Lodge fifty year service emblem proudly since 1965.

A butcher and cattle dealer for most of his 100 years, Bro. Kendrick has been active in his Symbolic Lodge, The Stony Fork Grand and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for more than fifty years.

For his many years of outstanding service to the Craft and his community, he was coroneted a thirty-third degree Mason in 1975. Asked to what he attributed his long life, Bro. Lou replied: "I've never smoked, never drank, never chewed tobacco, and I love everyone."

Mason of the Year Recipient

Bro. John S. McCans, Past Master of Donora Lodge No. 626, Donora, Washington County, a business executive in the Donora area for many years and long active in several Masonic bodies, was honored at a testimonial banquet attended by over 200 at the Masonic Temple in Donora on Saturday, September 10, 1977, as the recipient of the Mason of the Year Award. Bro. McCans is also a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance.

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



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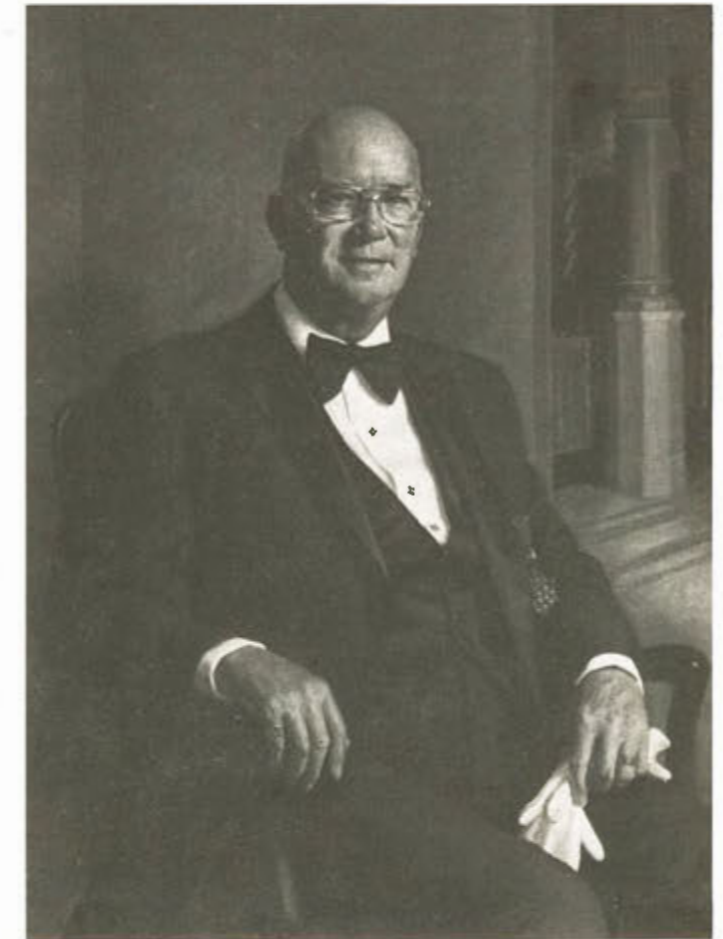
By Bro. John L. McCain
Right Worshipful Grand Master

The time allotted to a Grand Master diminishes until there is no more. As my time soon will reach that point, I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the honor conferred upon me, the confidence bestowed in me and the cooperation extended by the Craft during the Masonic years 1976 and 1977.

I am pleased that my three-pronged theme of "Masonic Dedication, Masonic Enthusiasm and Masonic Activity," is reflected throughout the past two eventful years.

The Bicentenary was, indeed, a banner year for Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. It was during 1976 that we sponsored and enjoyed those four Special Dedication Days; we held eight Special Communications to dedicate new Lodge Rooms and conduct Cornerstone ceremonies; we "invaded" London, England with nearly 1700 Masons and their families to see "from whence we came"; we had 13 Lodge Anniversaries; 20 Official Visitations were made by your Grand Lodge Officers to other Grand Lodges; five Grand Lodges visited with us and held Special Meetings in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia; the Annual Conference of Grand Masters of North America was held in Philadelphia; your Grand Lodge Officers attended a Special Meeting of Rising Star Lodge No. 126, held in Congress Hall when your Grand Master had the honor and privilege of receiving over 60 Grand Masters and other Masonic dignitaries of North America; special Masonic exhibits from Grand Lodges

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Oil portrait of Grand Master by artist Henry Cooper

\$65,000 distributed

Grand Lodge Relief Program Aids Victims of Flood

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has distributed more than \$65,000 to those members of the fraternity and their families who suffered losses as the result of the flood that swept through an eight-county area in the southwestern part of the state on July 19-20.

The major part of the emergency assistance was required by members of the Lodges in the Johnstown area, center of the flood disaster.

Under phase one of the flood relief program, that part of the plan providing immediate relief in the form of outright grants up to \$500, total distribution amounted to \$15,100.

Phase two of the relief plan calls for low interest loans of up to \$5,000. Total assistance to date in that category stands at \$45,600.

The third phase of the program calls for cash gifts to those organizations that

provided outstanding relief work in the distressed communities.

To date \$4,150 has been distributed and the Grand Lodge Committee on Flood Relief is currently studying several additional requests.

Two Masons, both members of Cambria Lodge No. 278 in Johnstown, lost their lives. The wives of Bros. Robert L. Selders and Charles A. Stoner also were killed in the flood.

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Masonic Calendars

The Gregorian calendar, now in use throughout most parts of the world, was introduced by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 and adopted by England and the American colonies in 1752.

It replaced the Julian calendar, prescribed by Julius Caesar and introduced in 46 B.C.

Masonry too has its calendars, reckoning time by various beginnings.

For example, in the Craft Rite the calendar dates from the year 4,000 B.C. It is called the Year of Light (Anno Lucis) and causes the year 1977 to become A.L. 5977.

Royal Arch Masons date their calendar from 530 B.C., marking the commencement of the Second Temple. A.D. 1977 becomes A. Inv. (Anno Inventionis or the Year of Discovery) 2507.

Royal and Select Masters begin at the Year of Deposit (Anno Depositionis), marking the completion of Solomon's temple in 1,000 B.C. A.D. 1977 becomes A. Dep. 2977.

The Knights Templar calendar begins with the date of the founding of the Medieval Order of the Temple in 1118 A.D. Therefore, 1118 is deducted from the present era and A.D. 1977 becomes A.O. (Anno Ordinis) 859.

In Scottish Rite Masonry, the calendar runs from the creation of the world (Anno Mundi) and is the same as the Jewish chronology (Anno Hebraico).

The year begins in mid-September. Accordingly, A.D. 1977 up to mid-September is 3760 B.C. plus 1977, or A.M. 5737, and from mid-September on is 3761 B.C. plus 1977, or A.M. 5738.

Masonic Dedication, Enthusiasm, Activity

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of the Thirteen Original Colonies were arranged for display in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, and daily tours of the Masonic Temple were conducted to accommodate the hundreds of tourists visiting Philadelphia for the Bicentennial Celebration.

This current Masonic Year has also indicated great dedication, enthusiasm and activity. Seven Special Communications have been held for dedicating new Lodge Rooms and laying Cornerstones; your Grand Lodge sponsored a Caribbean Cruise and shared Masonic fellowship with members of the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico; we have had nine Lodge Anniversaries; we have completed and dedicated the final building in the new Masonic Homes Health Care Center; your Grand Lodge Officers have made 29 official visitations to other Grand Lodges; we have established a new proficiency program for new Symbolic Lodge Members; we have produced and made available a new 25-year service emblem for the Lodges to present; our Quarterly Communication held in Pittsburgh on Wednesday, June 1, 1977, attracted a record attendance of more than 1200 Brethren; and, we have expanded the activities of our Special Youth Program.

Having served you as Grand Master for the past 23 months, a title of honor and distinction shared by few Masons, I have traveled widely within our own Jurisdiction and have had the pleasure of visiting many other Jurisdictions. Observing the State of the Craft on the Symbolic Lodge level in all my travels, I am convinced that Freemasonry will not only prosper but will undoubtedly produce a greater brotherhood among men when we show evidence of more dedication, more enthusiasm and a greater participation in the programs and activities of our Symbolic Lodges and Grand Lodge.

It all adds up to one very vital condition. Every Member, my Brethren, must be in his rightful place for the good and well-being of Freemasonry. Your attention is directed to the seventh chapter of Judges in the Old Testament where it relates how Gideon's small army of selected men was victorious over the much larger number of Midianites — only because every man in Gideon's select army was in his rightful place.

Suppose that a special Masonic medal was struck. On one side of the medal would be shown the World — Freemasonry's arena of activity. On the other side would appear the wording, "I AM

IN IT." Could you, as a Mason, sincerely and proudly wear such a medal?

For the honor and privilege of serving you as Right Worshipful Grand Master and for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to Mrs. McCain and me, I shall be ever grateful.

May the Great Light of Masonry continue as your guide, and may The Great Architect of the Universe bless you and yours as we walk this path together. And, as we continue our Masonic journey, may we always look well to the East.

Questions & Answers

What is a recognized Grand Lodge?

From the standpoint of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, it is one which is considered as being accepted as regular and legitimate. The Grand Lodges of the United States have different ideas on this subject and as a result, some Grand Lodges in other countries are recognized by some Grand Lodges in our country while others are not.

What Lodges may be visited?

Only Lodges which are under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodges which your Grand Lodge recognizes as being legitimate. When traveling in other jurisdictions and planning Lodge visits, it will be wise to make inquiries before starting on your trip.

Christopher Wren's Edict

Whereas, among many laborers, etc., that ungodly custom of swearing is too often heard to the dishonor of God and contempt of authority and to the end, therefore, that such impiety may be utterly banished from these works intended for the service of God and the honor of religion — it is ordered that customary swearing shall be a sufficient crime to dismiss any laborer that comes to the call; and the clerk of the works, upon sufficient proof, shall dismiss them accordingly. And if any master working by task, shall not upon admonition reform this profanation among his apprentices, servants and laborers, it shall be construed his fault, and he shall be liable to be censured by the commissioners.

The great architect Sir Christopher Wren issued this edict to the operative Masons engaged in building the Cathedral of St. Paul, in London, on September 25, 1695.

The Saints John — Patron Saints of Freemasonry

There are two important dates on the Masonic calendar. One is St. John The Baptist Day, celebrated June 24th, and the other is St. John The Evangelist Day, celebrated December 27th.

The two dates fall at the time of the summer and winter when the sun attains its greatest north or south declination, then it apparently stands still for a short time before turning in its course. These dates are known as the summer and winter solstices.

Why is it that Freemasonry has chosen these two men as patrons? Why are Masonic Lodges dedicated to them? Why do Masons hold celebrations in their honor each year? Were they Freemasons?

Before answering these questions, let us review a bit of ancient history: Before the days of Christianity, the early Greeks and Romans dedicated their temples and sacred things to some god. To the ancients, the sun was the source of power. They observed the course of the sun through the year, and knew at one period of the year the sun brought them warmth, new vegetation, bountiful crops and with it all, a new source of energy and hope.

Then, the sun, after a fruitful season, left them; and they felt the cold, the grains in the field failed to flourish, and all nature seemed to sleep.

The ancients knew that, after due time, the friendly sun in its cycle would come back to them bringing again light, warmth, food and hope.

Is it any wonder that these people worshiped the sun as a god? Even today, people the world over revere the sun and welcome its warmth, and even travel to follow it during the cold and dark winter months.

It is significant to note that the two festival days of the Saints John fall at

Lodge Dues Time

Your Symbolic Lodge dues are always due on or before the annual meeting of your Lodge held in December.

Paying your Symbolic Lodge dues, when due, is not only a Masonic responsibility — it is a Masonic privilege.

The "suspensions for non-payment of dues" in our Symbolic Lodges seem so unnecessary.

Govern yourself accordingly.

these two seasons — first when the sun is nearest, and second, when the sun has reached its northern-most summit and again turns toward the south.

People in the ancient days had their organizations and guilds even as we do today, and dedicated them to a pagan god for protection.

The worshiping of the sun or other deities had so permeated mankind that when Christianity was introduced to the world, the Church found it was impossible to stop the people from such pagan celebrations.

It was natural to feel the need of adopting some patron for protection. The Church therefore consecrated its churches to God, and wisely substituted the names of its Saints as patrons. Other societies and organizations followed the same practice.

Why did Freemasons choose St. John The Baptist as their patron? One would suppose that they would name some outstanding person. But St. John The Baptist was a humble man, a plain man who held, above all, his obligations to God and, with almost unbelievable steadfastness, met martyrdom. He continually preached repentance, virtue and humiliation.

For a long period only St. John The Baptist was the patron Saint of Freemasonry. It was not until after the 16th Century that St. John The Evangelist was also adopted as a patron. The "Old

Charges" of Freemasonry speak of St. John The Evangelist as a "Saint Of The Craft."

He was constantly admonishing the cultivation of brotherly love. Of all the Gospels, the Gospel of St. John is the most Masonic for the central theme is "Light." It portrays The Almighty as "The Light Of The World."

Lodges then came to be dedicated to the Holy Saints John, and it is interesting to note that the early Freemasons were called "St. John's Masons," or "St. John's Men."

It matters not whether the two Saints John were actually members of the Masonic Fraternity, but they have been called the patrons of the Fraternity down through the ages because they exemplified the principles of Freemasonry in their daily lives by their deeds and their words. These two humble men did not engage in any of the pomp and glory of the world.

It is because Freemasonry regards the character and internal qualifications of a man — not the exterior appearances — that these two men are fittingly called the patrons of our Fraternity.

They possessed those internal qualifications that made the real and true man. Freemasonry honors them above all others for they were living examples of the Golden Rule, the practice of virtue, love for their fellowmen, and love for their God.



CAPPING CEREMONY — Twenty young ladies, members of Rainbow for Girls, received caps in honor of having completed 25 hours of volunteer service in the hospital facilities at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown on August 28. Bro. Walter L. Wentzel (center, first row), executive director of the Homes, was guest speaker at the ceremony conducted in the Self Memorial Chapel.



"... I cannot remember when I've had such a wonderful time since I joined Job's Daughters in 1972..."
— Linda Johnson

"... Your generosity was much more than kind. It feels so good to know someone truly cares for us the way you do..." — Ellen Hohe



"... I want to thank you for such an enjoyable and memorable experience. I am one Rainbow Girl who will never forget what the many loving Masons did for her..." — Annette Ansell



"... I know that as long as I live, I will never forget those four days of my life. I thank you for your generosity..." — Cindy Filson

"... Although my father is not a Mason, Elizabethtown will always have a very special place in my heart..." — Cindy Boyer



To Take Good Youth and Make Them Better

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"... I'm very grateful for people like yourself, and I know that I'm lucky to have been one who benefited from your love and devotion. God bless..." — Pat Mitchell

"... As a result of our discussions, I have been able to bring many ideas back to my own district. I also have several new pen pals who I will look forward to seeing during my Rainbow travels..." — Alison Whitmer





Committee Headquarters, Masonic Home, Elizabethtown, Pa.



HOME FOR GIRLS, GUEST HOUSE NO. TWO
MASONIC HOMES, ELIZABETHTOWN, PA.



Rest House,
Masonic Home,
Elizabethtown, Pa.



CONSERVATORY, GRAND LODGE HALL, MASONIC HOMES, ELIZABETHTOWN, PA.

The trestleboard in time Freemasonry

These photos were taken from a series of postcards presented to Grand Lodge by Mrs. Wilmer F. Heaton from a collection maintained by her grandfather, the late Bro. Emanuel W. Bortman, a member of Norristown Lodge No. 260.

Guest house 2 and the committee headquarters buildings are now apartment housing for employees.

The conservatory is now taken up by accounting offices and the rest house no longer exists. Grand Lodge Hall is shown shortly after construction was completed in 1913.



Grand Lodge Hall, (Rear View), Masonic Home,
Elizabethtown, Pa.

"First the grain and then the blade,
The one destroyed, the other made,
Then stalk and blossom, and again
The gold of newly minted grain."

"... The idea of a Home or Homes under control of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for dependent Masons, their wives, widows and orphan children, had its planting in the year 1903, and the seed sown then has culminated in the purchase of a property at Elizabethtown. The doings of the several communities appointed during that time have passed into history, if not into innocuous desuetude, and have been destroyed, but the blade is made. The stalk and blossom will complete its growth within the coming year, and then the golden grain will be ready for harvesting . . .

"... And now brethren, since words, oftentimes idle and useless, are but thoughts emanating from the mind, let us to work while it is yet called day, 'for the night cometh when no man can work,' 'for the tree is known by its fruit.'"

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Always Building

New Temple construction

State condemnation of an old building prompted construction of a new Temple to house Indiana Lodge No. 313 and Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 753, Indiana.

A redevelopment program took the building that formerly housed Tyrone Lodge No. 494, Tyrone, and Woodbury Lodge No. 539, Roaring Spring, constructed a new Temple after a fire destroyed its old home.

Reports on other building programs completed in 1977 will be presented in subsequent issues.



Indiana Lodge No. 313,
Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 753, Indiana



Woodbury Lodge No. 539, Roaring Spring



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Tyrone Lodge No. 494, Tyrone



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