

## Questions & Answers

**Question:** Is it true that a Grand Lodge of Alaska has been formed?

**Answer:** The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska has been formed in accordance with the regular Masonic procedure. The first Grand Communication of the new Grand Lodge was held on February 7, 1981. At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held in Scranton, June 3, 1981, a Resolution was adopted extending Fraternal Recognition to the new Grand Lodge of Alaska.

**Question:** Having visited Lodge Meetings in several other Jurisdictions where the Brethren have applauded at various times, I was quite surprised to learn that the practice of applauding for a Member due recognition or worthy action of the Lodge is not permitted in Pennsylvania Lodges.

**Answer:** Applause in the Body of the Open Lodge has never been permitted in Pennsylvania. It is the responsibility of the District Deputy Grand Master and the Worshipful Master to see that proper decorum is maintained at all Lodge Meetings.

**Question:** Is it possible to reveal the membership statistics of the larger Grand Lodges in the United States? I understand that Freemasonry has not been attracting new Members as it once did. Is this true?

**Answer:** Statistics for the year 1980 indicate the five larger Grand Lodges in the United States with memberships as follows: Ohio with 233,254 Members; Texas with 215,182 Members; Pennsylvania with 214,345; California (including Hawaii) with 197,874, and New York with 165,919. During 1980, the net loss in 46 Grand Lodges in the United States was 55,023. Four Grand Lodges had a net gain totaling 288. The total membership of the Grand Lodges in the United States was 3,251,528 according to statistics at the end of 1980.

**Question:** The question relative to the Order of Eastern Star ruling in Pennsylvania, appearing in the February-March 1981 issue of "The Pennsylvania Freemason," was not fully answered. The question asked "... if this ruling has ever been reviewed."

**Answer:** Yes, the ruling has been reviewed from time to time. And, over a period of 60-years, thirty Right Worshipful Grand Masters have not exercised their authority to rescind the ruling.

*Freemasonry is a fraternal organization, universal in scope, and teaching through symbols the garnered wisdom of the ages.*

## Itinerary of Grand Lodge Officers Through December

**November 2**—33rd Masonic District Meeting, George Wagner Lodge, No. 639, St. Mary's.

**November 4**—22nd Masonic District Meeting, Kane Lodge, No. 566, Kane.

**November 7**—125th Anniversary, Hawley Lodge, No. 305, Hawley.

**November 9**—53rd Masonic District Meeting, Cedar Lodge, No. 800, Grove City.

**November 11**—31st Masonic District Meeting, Fayette Lodge, No. 228, Uniontown.

**November 12**—39th Masonic District Meeting, Acacia Lodge, No. 355, Blairsville.

**November 13**—48th Masonic District Meeting, Corinthian Lodge, No. 573, Millvale.

**November 14**—R. W. Grand Master attending the Fall Reunion of Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Allentown.

**November 17**—26th Masonic District Meeting, Lodge of the Craft, No. 433, New Castle.

**November 18**—37th Masonic District Meeting, Parian Lodge, No. 662, Beaver Falls.

**November 19 to 21**—R. W. Grand Master attending the Fall Reunion of Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Reading.

**November 21**—75th Anniversary, H. Stanley Goodwin Lodge, No. 648, Bethlehem.

**November 23**—2nd Masonic District Meeting, Euclid Lodge, No. 698, Harrisburg. NOTE: This District Meeting will complete the District Meetings scheduled and conducted in each of the seventy Masonic Districts throughout the Jurisdiction and beginning on April 8, 1980.

**December 1**—Grand Lodge Committee on Finance Meeting, Philadelphia.

**December 2**—Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Election of Grand Lodge Officers and Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes, beginning at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

**December 3**—Visit to December Commu-

## Recent Appointments of Right Worshipful Grand Master

Recent Grand Lodge appointments made by Bro. Joseph E. Trate, R. W. Grand Master, include the following:

**Bro. Harry E. Heatherby**, Fernwood Lodge, No. 543, Philadelphia, Chairman of the Trustees of the Consolidated Fund of the Grand Lodge, vice Bro. Andrew O. Friedrich, deceased. Bro. Heatherby is also a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance.

**Bro. Robert F. Morris**, Danville Lodge, No. 224, and a Past District Deputy Grand Master for the 35th Masonic District, a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Temple, Halls and Lodge Rooms, vice Bro. Philip B. Driver, Jr., deceased.

**Bro. Fred C. Craw**, William B. Hackenburg Lodge, No. 703, District Chairman for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture for Masonic District "E," vice Bro. Julian Needleman, resigned.

**Bro. Ralph R. Ruggles, Jr.**, Patmos Lodge, No. 348, District Chairman for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture for the 4th Masonic District, vice Bro. Charles Hoover, resigned.

**Bro. Chester D. Houseknecht**, Dietrick Lamade Lodge, No. 755, District Chairman for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture for the 18th Masonic District, vice Bro. H. Carlton Sweeley, deceased.

nication of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

**December 4**—Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes Meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

**December 5**—R. W. Grand Master attending 75th Anniversary of Red Lion Lodge, No. 649, Red Lion, York County.

**December 27**—Vesper Service in Heinz Chapel, University of Pittsburgh Campus followed by Grand Master's Dinner at Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel.

**December 28**—Annual Grand Communication of Grand Lodge, beginning at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., Gothic Hall, Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh; Installation of Grand Lodge Elected Officers at Noon.

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## State of Craft Message From R. W. Grand Master

My Brethren:

It has been our very great pleasure to have visited with you in your Lodges through our great Commonwealth in our District Visitation Program, Lodge anniversaries, cornerstone layings, Lodge Room dedications and other meetings. You have responded overwhelmingly with your record attendance at the Quarterly Communications of your Grand Lodge. It is our firm belief that the goal that was set on December 27, 1979, for Grand Lodge to return to and to strengthen the foundation stones of Freemasonry, the Blue Lodges, is within our grasp. Yes, our grasp, my Brethren, yours and mine. All of us have a part in the plan and all of us will share the satisfaction of having worked together to attain that goal.

The District Visitation Program, for example, has been extremely successful, in our opinion, because you, the Freemasons of Pennsylvania, turned out in record numbers to exchange ideas with your Grand Lodge Officers and, through questions and answers, to seek a better understanding of your Grand Lodge and its actions, your Lodges and the Masonic Fraternity in general. Certainly we found differences of opinions on some issues, but honesty and candor without malice were the watchwords of the program. Your Grand Lodge Officers, at no time, avoided an issue or were evasive in their responses to your questions. You, in turn, were courteous and circumspect in your actions and always within the due bounds of good Masonic conduct.

In our sessions with you in all parts of the Jurisdiction, we have found a continuity of concern about the physical and financial health of your Lodges. Questions about how Lodges can increase attendance and membership have been asked during almost every District Visitation. Similarly, the question about how to improve the finances of Lodges has also been raised. The questions are important and need to be examined.

We believe, and have so stated, that attendance at Lodge Meetings is directly related to the attentiveness of the Lodge to its Members. We have told

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## For Grand Lodge Business and Election

## Quarterly Communication At Philadelphia, Dec. 2nd

The December Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held at the Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, on Wednesday morning, December 2nd, 1981.

Grand Lodge will be opened in Corinthian Hall at 10:00 o'clock, A.M. Renaissance Hall, near Corinthian Hall, will also be Tyled and will be equipped with closed circuit television and amplification to accommodate an over-flow attendance, if needed.

A Grand Lodge Communication is open to all Master Masons. At this December Quarterly Communication, the Annual Election of Grand Lodge Officers and seven Members to serve on the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes will be conducted. Annual reports will be presented and there will be action taken on various Resolutions and an Amendment to The Ahiman Rezon.

A luncheon will be served for the Brethren attending the December Quarterly Communication during a "Call-off Period" at Noon. Grand Lodge will Return to Labor following the luncheon and could be ready to close before 3:00 o'clock, P.M.

The occasion will be highlighted by a dinner-dance to be held that evening in the Dominion Ballroom of the Franklin Plaza Hotel, 17th and Vine Streets, Philadelphia. All Masons and their ladies are invited to attend.

The dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and entertainment will be provided by The Spurrhows to be followed by dancing to the music of the Joe Martin Orchestra.

Tickets for the dinner-dance are now available at a cost of \$12.50 per person on a first request basis. Reservations will be limited to approximately 1,500 persons.

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## Annual Grand Communication Set for Pittsburgh December 28



### Three More Lodge Mergers

It has become increasingly evident that, for reasons of expediency, it is desirable for some of our Subordinate Lodges within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to merge.

These mergers have become necessary for financial reasons as well as assuring a supply of quality leadership within the Lodge.

The following mergers have been approved by Resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge during 1981, leaving a total of 582 Symbolic Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction:

Effective April 9, 1981, Hailman Lodge, No. 321, held at Monroeville, merged with Monroeville Lodge, No. 786, the merged Lodges to be now known as Hailman-Monroeville Lodge, No. 786.

Effective April 9, 1981, Lodge No. 432, held at Philadelphia, merged with Mount Horeb-Phoenix Lodge, No. 528, also held at Philadelphia. The merged Lodges are now to be known as Mount Horeb-Phoenix Lodge, No. 432.

Effective July 1, 1981, Davage Lodge, No. 374, held at Bellevue, Allegheny County, merged with Avalon Lodge, No. 657, held at Bellevue, Allegheny County, the merged Lodges now to be known as Avalon Lodge, No. 657.

## Policy at Masonic Homes 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:

### ADMISSION 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 585 Lodges within the Commonwealth having a total membership of 214,345 as of December 27, 1980. 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 restrict membership by reason of race, color, national origin, ancestry or religious creed and there are many among our members who are not of the Caucasian race. No record is kept of our membership on a basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry or religious creed.

The admission to the Masonic Homes of Lodge members, their wives, widows or mothers of deceased members is governed by the Committee on Masonic Homes, members of which are elected by the Grand Lodge. The Committee approves, or disapproves, applications for

admission solely on the basis of need and does not discriminate by reason of the race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex or religious creed of the applicant. Applications for admission to the Masonic Homes by members of the Lodges of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania, their wives, and widows or mothers of deceased members are, also, received by the Committee on Masonic Homes and approved or disapproved, on the same basis. The admission to the Masonic Homes of the approved applicants of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania is governed by the Committee on Masonic Homes in the same manner as is the admission of the approved applicants of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania.

No person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, or religious creed, 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 non-discriminatory basis; all patients will be admitted and receive care without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, or religious creed.
2. All patients will be assigned to rooms, floors and sections without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, or religious creed.
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, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, or religious creed of either the patient or employee.
5. Staff privileges will not be denied professionally qualified personnel on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, or religious creed.
6. All facilities of this institution will be utilized without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, or religious creed.
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



ANOTHER FATHER-SON EVENT—Bro. John Wagman, Past Master and Secretary of William B. Hackenburg Lodge, No. 703, Philadelphia, for the past 21 years, shown on the right, had the privilege and pleasure of installing his son, Bro. S. Robert Wagman, Past Master, as the Lodge Secretary to succeed him. Father and Son Past Master combinations is not a rarity in Hackenburg Lodge. It has happened several times in the Lodge's 61 year history. However, this is the first time it has happened with a Father and Past Master and Secretary installing a Son and Past Master as Lodge Secretary.



A GREAT UNDERTAKING—Several Officers and Members of Lodge No. 9 and members of Committee on Masonic Homes shown assembled around the new Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber at the Homes, a gift of Lodge No. 9 in honor of Bro. Joseph E. Trate, Right Worshipful Grand Master, enjoying it sitting down.



LISTENING INTENTLY—Mrs. Toni Longenecker, Registered Nurse and trained Technician assigned to the new Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber at the Masons Health Care Center at the Homes, on the right, is shown explaining various details, etc., etc., to one of the many groups who visited the Homes with Lodge No. 9 on July 25th.

## Lodge No. 9 Presents Hyperbaric Chamber to Homes

The Officers and Members of Lodge No. 9, held at Tacony, Philadelphia, who have, for many years, made sizable contributions to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, have, once again, displayed that "Masons Care Philosophy" with a most unusual gift to the Masonic Homes Health Care Center in honor of Bro. Joseph E. Trate, Right Worshipful Grand Master.

As one of the highlights in the year-long celebration commemorating the 200th Anniversary of Lodge No. 9, the Lodge presented a check in the amount of \$125,000.00 to the Grand Master at its Stated Meeting on November 7, 1980. The check was designated to cover the cost and installation of a Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber for use in the Masonic Health Care Center at the Homes.

On Saturday, July 25, 1980, a large delegation of the Officers and Members of Lodge No. 9, accompanied by

their families and friends, visited the Masonic Homes and enjoyed a full day of activity, including a Special Meeting of Lodge No. 9 in the Masonic Temple at the Homes and followed by a most inspiring and well-planned dedication ceremony for the new Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber, attended by several hundred.

The treatment possible by this recent installation at the Homes is considered relatively new. In 1980 there were only 55 units nationwide. The chamber is designed to treat patients with 100% oxygen at pressures up to 3 atmospheres absolute. While being treated a patient may watch television or listen to the radio and is in constant communication with the technician.

It would be impossible to list all the treatment categories but a few include: Acute carbon monoxide, blood loss anemia, cyanide poisoning, depression sickness, skin grafts,

meleney ulcer, acute peripheral arterial insufficiency, intestinal obstruction, and stasis ulcer.

A tremendous amount of research has been exerted in the adoption of this new type treatment. And, a great amount of research was extended by the Officers and Members of Lodge No. 9, in arriving at just what to purchase for the Masonic Homes as a fitting tribute to Bro. Joseph E. Trate, R. W. Grand Master, a long-time friend and neighbor of Lodge No. 9.

It would be well worth your time to stop and see this new equipment and the excellent room that was designed and furnished for its use on your next visit to the Masonic Homes Health Care Center.

*Freemasonry endeavors to unite the basic truths of faith with the tasks and duties of every-day life, seeking to make better and to imbue them with a greater faith in the Divine Creator and to create in them a love for their fellow men.*



IT HAD TO BE AMUSING—Bro. Joseph E. Trate, R. W. Grand Master, apparently said something real amusing during the excellent dedication ceremony for the new Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber on July 25th. Several hundred attended and Bro. William D. Hunter, Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 9, seated on the far left, really enjoyed it.



QUITE AN INSTALLATION—Proudly posing with their treatment room and its sophisticated equipment, thanks to Lodge No. 9 of Tacony, Philadelphia, is Dr. William L. Longenecker, Medical Director at the Masonic Homes, and his lovely wife, Mrs. Toni Longenecker, a Registered Nurse and our first trained Technician for the Chamber.



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Lodge Officers that if they want attendance, they must be attentive to the Members, to seek out by personal contact those Members who are irregular in attendance, that the cause of their absence might be learned. There is little doubt that some of the absent Members will be found to be ill, disabled or in need — opportunities for Freemasons to practice Freemasonry at its finest. Many other absent Members will be found to have a lack of interest, for one reason or another, in attending their Lodges although well able to do so—opportunities for Freemasons to practice the Brotherhood which their Fraternity claims as its purpose. Other opportunities also exist in the Lodge Meetings. Lodge Officers should never be so hurried, busy, or disinterested as to ignore the Members who attend the meetings—the “sideliners” as some have called them. They are as important as the Officers.

Think what Lodge Meetings would be without them. How long would it take the Officers to personally greet each attendee sometime before, during or after the meetings? The classic example of inattentiveness to a Member in a Lodge Meeting is that given, sometimes, to a new Master Mason in meetings subsequent to his Raising. The center of attention for several months, he suddenly finds himself sitting, many times alone, in a Lodge Meeting with little or no recognition by the Officers and other Members. How long will he continue to attend the Lodge Meetings, and how many other good men will he attract into Freemasonry?

## Attentiveness is Answer

With that thought in mind, we turn to membership and how it might be increased. Certainly, increasing attendance at Lodge Meetings will have a positive effect on membership, but something more is needed. We have asked Lodge Officers and Members when it was that they last visited the widows and families of their deceased Brethren. Mostly, it was at the funeral home after the service for the departed Brother. We wonder how many sons, grandsons, brothers, brothers-in-law and other male relatives of our de-

ceased Brethren have been attracted to the Fraternity because Lodge Officers and Members have actually practiced the lessons it teaches. In addition, we were curious to know how many Members went back into their homes, their communities, their places of employment, etc., after their Lodge meetings and talked to others, Masons and non-Masons alike, about the meetings, within the limitations imposed by Masonic Law, and were prepared to provide the non-Masons with copies of the little blue pamphlet, “Freemasonry, A Way of Life” when they asked what Freemasonry is. The opportunities are there, my Brethren, and we should not miss them.

## Decision on Visitation

We felt so strongly about attentiveness that we issued a Decision to establish Lodge Committees on Visitation. Members of those committees are charged with personally contacting Lodge Members who are ill, disabled, in need, irregular in attendance or in danger of being suspended. Widows and families of deceased Members are also to be contacted personally. Reports of those contacts are to be given at the Stated Meetings of the Lodges. Assis-



**TWO OLD TIMERS**—Westmoreland Lodge, No. 518, held at Greensburg, is blessed with the two Masonic patriarchs, shown above. Bro. Walter M. Bortz, on the left, a Mason since 1913, is being presented with a fresh home-made apple pie, actually made and baked by Bro. Paul L. Davis, Past Master and a Mason since 1925. The occasion for baking and exchanging the apple pie was to celebrate the 96th birthday of Bro. Bortz. The Masonic record and dedication of these two Brethren is really outstanding. And so was the pie.

tance to Members, if needed, can be given using Lodge charity funds, and to widows and families of deceased Members, if needed, through the personal application of charity by the Members. It will be work, but it is the work of Freemasonry and all Freemasons should be involved in it.

## Decision on Lodge Dues

We also issued a Decision that is concerned with Lodge finances. Increasing attendance and membership will help to improve the financial health of Lodges, but those increases will not be the total answer to the problems of finance. We could never understand why so many of our Members wait until the very last minute of the year to pay their Lodge Dues. We have personally observed Brethren laying cash or a check on a Lodge Secretary's desk just minutes before a motion was to be made to suspend them, or before the reading of their names as being Members who could not vote or hold office. We are also aware of Members who, continually, keep themselves one-year in arrears in the payment of their dues. Such actions do not speak well for the Masonic conduct of the individuals who are responsible for them. Our Decision requires Lodge Members to pay their Dues at the beginning of the Masonic Year rather than at the end. It should not make any difference to a Member whether he pays his Dues at the beginning or at the end of the year. It does make a big difference to a Lodge, however. Dues received at the beginning of the year can be invested to earn more income, bills can be paid in time to receive cash discounts, budgets can be easier made and followed and Members who pay on time will have a current Dues Card throughout the year rather than through part of a year.

## Current Dues Card Needed To Visit Other Lodges

A third Decision reflects our philosophy on the propriety of a current Dues Card. It states simply that in order for a Member of a Lodge to visit another Lodge in Pennsylvania, he must present a Dues Card certifying that he has paid his Dues for the current year. Without a current Dues Card, he should not be admitted by the Tyler as a Visitor no matter who vouches for him. Almost every other (Continued on Following Page)

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Grand Jurisdiction has and enforces this law. We know that some Pennsylvania Masons, desiring to visit a Lodge in another state, have been embarrassed at being unable to attend the Lodge Meeting because they could not present a current Dues Card to the Tyler.

## Goal is Strong Blue Lodges

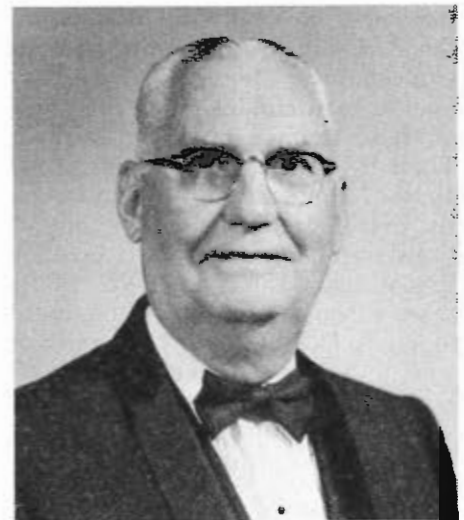
My Brethren, it has been our goal to strengthen the Blue Lodges in Pennsylvania during our administration and we believe that these Decisions and some others that were made by our predecessors will help to accomplish that goal. Examples of the latter were the Decisions on proficiency and on the amount of time a newly-Raised Master Mason must wait before signing a petition for another Masonic organization. Those Decisions should provide Lodges with more knowledgeable and dedicated Members. Our Decision to establish Lodge Committees on Visitation should provide the opportunity for Lodges to put more Members to work in addition to improving attendance, retaining Members, effecting an increase in membership and raising income. With respect to that last item, raising income, our Decisions regarding Lodge Dues and Permanent Fund Reserve Accounts should work in conjunction to improve the financial health of the Blue Lodges.

Strengthening the Blue Lodges, the foundation of all Freemasonry, is not an easy task. It will take dedication and work by the Officers and Members of the Blue Lodges and of the Grand Lodge, and good communication between the Lodges and Grand Lodge will be essential to the success of their efforts. We hope that we have established a good base for that communication during our visitations to the seventy Masonic Districts in the Jurisdiction.

## Union Lodge, No. 334 Has New 50-Year Masons

Union Lodge, No. 334, held at Bradford, has been recently blessed with seven new Fifty Year Members. Bro. Albert E. Hutchins, Secretary, writes to tell us that he has mailed Grand Lodge Fifty Year Masonic Service Emblems to Bro. Thomas J.

## In Memoriam



**Brother Rochester B. Woodall**  
Right Worshipful Past Grand Master

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Freemasonry in general has been saddened by the death of Bro. Rochester B. Woodall, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master.

Bro. Woodall passed away on the evening of October 13, 1981. It was sudden. He had just returned home from the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, where he had attended a Masonic Meeting.

His death ends a notable career as an executive of a large furniture business, a churchman, a business consultant and a Masonic leader.

Born in Yonkers, New York, where he attended the public schools and later moved to Philadelphia and completed his education in the Philadelphia area, he also completed a two-year course in commercial law.

Bro. Woodall was a resident of the Philadelphia area for the past 60 years. He was a former trustee of Dales Memorial United Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia and in recent years has been an active member of the Olivet-Ashbourne United Presbyterian Church of Elkins Park, Philadelphia. He was also a member of the Presbyterian Social Union and the Union League of Philadelphia.

Bro. Woodall's Masonic career covers a period of thirty-seven most active years. Entered in Fernwood Lodge, No. 543, held at Philadelphia, in 1944, he soon became active as an Appointed Officer in his Lodge. He served as Worshipful Master in 1950. He was the District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District “B” from 1955 through 1964. He was elected and installed R. W. Junior Grand Warden for 1968 and 1969 and continued in the Grand Lodge Line, serving as Right Worshipful Grand Master in 1974 and 1975.

During his many years as an active Member of our Grand Lodge, he served as Secretary and Trustee for the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys from 1959 through 1965 and again as a Trustee between 1968 and 1971. He served eight years as a Member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes and the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance. As a R. W. Past Grand Master, he has served and assisted in several assignments for Grand Lodge.

Bro. Woodall's activity in the York Rite Bodies included University Royal Arch Chapter, No. 256, Philadelphia; Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214, Philadelphia; Joppa Council, No. 46, Philadelphia, and Mary Commandery, No. 36, Philadelphia. His Scottish Rite activity included all the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Philadelphia. He served as Most Wise Master of Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, in 1965 and 1966. He served as a Registrar for the Consistory, as Chairman of the Membership Committee, as a Trustee and as a member of the Finance Committee. He was Coroneted

Johnston, Jr. and Bro. Paul D. Tarrey. And, Bro. Dennis P. Samuelson, Worshipful Master, has been making the rounds with Bro. James T. Amacher, District Deputy Grand Master for the 22nd Masonic Dis-

an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, Thirty-third Degree, in 1962.

Other Masonic memberships included the Shrine, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, Masonic Veterans of Pennsylvania, The Royal Order of Scotland, the High Twelve Club of Philadelphia, the National Sojourners and recipient of the Legion of Honor, The International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay.

Highlighting his two-year term as Right Worshipful Grand Master was a program that increased the attendance at the Stated Meetings of the “Blue Lodges,” a most successful month of “Rededication to Freemasonry and Country” during October 1975, in readiness for the Bicentennial Celebration of our Nation; a concerted effort to reduce the number of suspensions for non-payment of Dues in the Symbolic Lodges; the advancement of Candidates who had never received all the Symbolic Degrees; and the assignment of the Higher Education Fund to the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth Services. A favorite motto of Bro. Woodall, during his term as R. W. Grand Master, that “caught on” not only throughout our own Jurisdiction but began to appear in Masonic publications throughout the world, was: “ATTEND YOUR LODGE — HOW CAN YOU BE A BROTHER TO SOMEONE YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW?”

Surviving are his wife, Clotilde A. (nee Callee) and a sister, Marjorie Oswald of Atlantic City, N.J.

Masonic services were conducted at the Craft Funeral Home, Erdenheim, Pa., on Friday evening, October 16th and the funeral was held Saturday morning, October 17th, following a memorial service at the Craft Funeral Home.

trict, while the coveted Fifty Year Gold Emblem has been presented to Bro. Earl Peters, Bro. Arthur Simmons, Bro. Ray Brennan, Bro. James Schonblom and Bro. Edward R. Torgler.





Showing, actual size, the obverse and the reverse sides of the special bronze medallion struck to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. This medallion is still available for purchase.

### Commemorating Our 250th Year

## Bronze Medallions and Masonic Book Available

A limited number of commemorative medallions, struck in bronze to mark the 250th Anniversary of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, are now available to collectors of Masonic materials.

Also available are both hard and soft cover volumes of an anniversary reprint of Henry S. Borneman's "Early Freemasonry in Pennsylvania."

The medallions have been struck in two different sizes; one at three inches in diameter and the other at one and one-half inch in diameter. Both bear on the face in relief a representation of the statue "BENJAMIN FRANKLIN — CRAFTSMAN."

The reverse side of the three-inch medallion contains the seal of the Grand Lodge and follows the pattern developed in 1967 when a special commemorative issue was created upon the dedication of the statue "WASHINGTON AT PRAYER" that was presented by the Masons of Pennsylvania to Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. The current issue, of course, commemorates the 250th Anniversary of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania that was culminated by the presentation of the Franklin statue to the citizens of Philadelphia by the Masons of Pennsylvania.

The reverse of the smaller medallion is centered by the square and compasses and bears the legend



Above is shown the exact size of the smaller bronze medallion also struck to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania and showing the obverse and reverse sides which is also available for purchase.

WISDOM, STRENGTH and FRATERNITY in an inner circle while notice of the 250th anniversary and the dates June 24, 1731 to June 24, 1981 is contained in the outer circle.

The purchase price of the large medallion has been set at \$13.00

#### DIRECTIONS FOR ORDERING MEDALLIONS OR BOOKS

Please address your orders by mail to:

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Masonic Temple, One North  
Broad Street  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19107

Indicate exactly what you want.  
Make your check payable to:

R. W. Grand Secretary  
Include your name, complete  
mailing address  
and your ZIP Code.

and the small medallion at \$2.00. The price covers the actual cost of manufacture, handling, mailing and required taxes.

The anniversary reprint of Bro. Borneman's "EARLY FREEMASONRY IN PENNSYLVANIA" is a volume that should be in the personal library of every Mason in this Jurisdiction.

The book was originally published in 1931 when the Grand Lodge was celebrating 200 years of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania. It contains the address delivered by Bro. Borneman, a District Deputy Grand Master, before the Grand Lodge on October 13, 1931.

The cost of the hard cover volume has been established at \$8.00 and the soft cover at \$4.00.

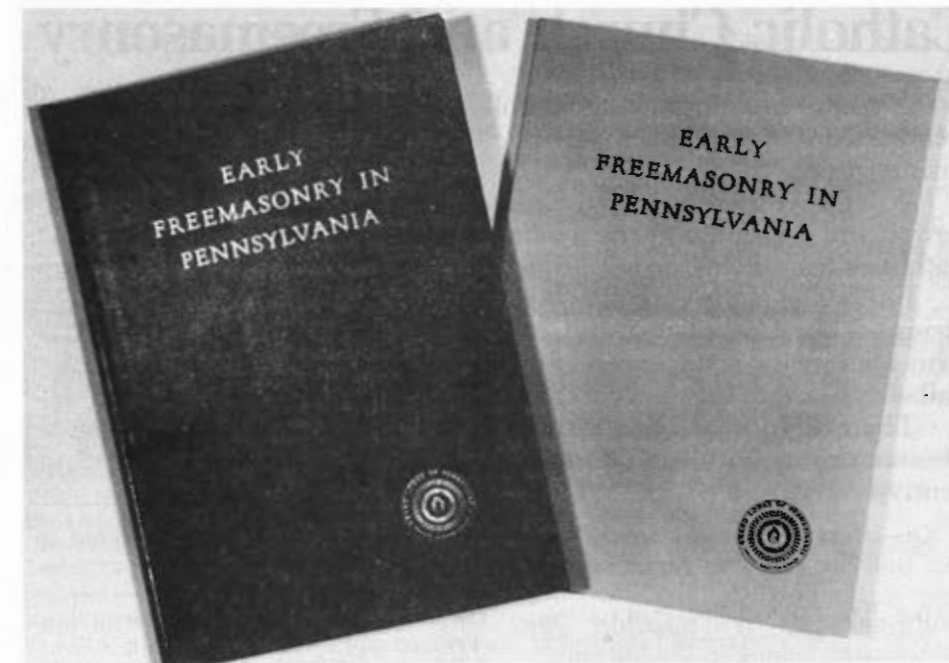
Take a good look at yourself—you are someone's impression of Freemasonry.

### Area Masonic Culture Seminars Being Held

Members of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture have been busy conducting Masonic Culture Seminars throughout the Jurisdiction for District Deputy Grand Masters and District Chairmen for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture.

These Masonic Culture Seminars, designed to indoctrinate the District Chairmen in the Masonic Culture outreach, have been conducted simultaneously in four areas set aside throughout the Jurisdiction. Bro. J. Keith Howe conducted the Seminars in Area A; Bro. Arthur T. Yaggi conducted the Seminars in Area B, both comprising the Masonic Districts in the eastern half of the State. Bro. Walter L. Sykes conducted the Seminars in Area C, and Bro. Robert Batto conducted the Seminars in Area D, covering the Masonic Districts in the western half of the State.

Topics covered and discussed included a paper prepared as a "Guide for the District Chairman;" the responsibilities and Relationship of the District Deputy Grand Master and his District Chairman for the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture; Library and Museum Information; Masonic Culture Activities and Program for the Masonic Districts; and, a thorough briefing on the responsibility of the Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture as pertains to



A MUST FOR A PENNSYLVANIA MASON — Shown above are copies of the deluxe hard-bound cover, on the left, and the paper-bound cover, on the right, of the reprint editions of Bro. Henry S. Borneman's classic book, "Early Freemasonry in Pennsylvania." This reprint edition of a book long out of print, was authorized to help commemorate the 250th Anniversary of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania this year. The book includes a facsimile of the Thomas Carmick Manuscript, dated 1727, together with a transcription of this rare and fascinating document. See article on Page 6.

the Proficiency Program for new Candidates after they have received the Master Mason's Degree. An informative packet containing booklets, pamphlets and papers on Pennsylvania Masonic Culture are distributed to all attending the Area Seminars.

This is all part of an ambitious program being promoted by the

Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture, under the Chairmanship of Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Past Grand Master, and his dedicated Committee.

*The present is the only time we can call our own and it behooves us, as Freemasons, to place ourselves in the vanguard of those who would bring to pass the application of the Golden Rule.*



QUITE A GROUP OF DEMOLAYS AND THEIR ADVISORS — Shown covering the spacious porch of Rankin Hall on the Patton School Campus is the excellent group of DeMolays and their adult advisors who enjoyed a full week of leadership training and recreation at the Patton School Campus this past August. Most of the DeMolays shown are from Chapters in Pennsylvania and the occasion was one of twelve International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, Annual Leadership Training Conferences. Our Grand Lodge was both proud and honored to host this particular conference, the first time the Patton School Campus was selected for one of these conferences, held annually throughout the United States. It was a great week of training, recreation and the best fellowship possible. Even the flies and the little bitty gnats got in the act.



# Catholic Church and Freemasonry

A recent attempt by the Catholic Church to clarify its position on membership of Catholics in the Masonic Fraternity was greatly misinterpreted by the press.

What was merely a restatement of existing policy was generally viewed and presented by the media as new information that prohibited Catholics from being or becoming Masons.

Following is the complete text of an article titled "I've Been Wondering — The Catholic Church and the Masons" as written by Father John Dietzen as it appeared in "The Catholic Standard and Times," Philadelphia.

The article was brought to our attention by Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, the senior Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania:

"Question — Several weeks ago you told us (as you have several times in the past) that under certain conditions it is possible for Catholics to belong to the Masons.

"After your column appeared, our local paper reported that the Vatican had reaffirmed its '200-year-old ban against Roman Catholics joining the Masons,' and said that those who do so still suffer the penalty of excommunication.

"Don't you think you should print a correction retracting what you said? Obviously, it is still wrong for Catholics to join this organization and you should say so clearly."

"Answer — On the contrary. What I have said during the past few years about the possibility of Catholics belonging to the Masons is still valid.

"Since I received questions similar to yours from many states (with clippings from secular newspapers), perhaps some explanation of exactly where the church is on this matter would be helpful. News articles reporting the Vatican action were at best grossly misleading.

"Part of the church's code of law states that anyone who joins a Masonic sect or other sect which plots against the church or against legitimate civil authority incurs automatic excommunication from the Catholic Church. (Canon 2335)

"However, this proscription is not nearly as absolute and universal as it may appear. The interpretation and application of penal laws (laws which in some way limit human freedom and apply sanctions) are nuanced and limited by many principles which form part of the church's tradition of jurisprudence.

"One such principle is that any regulation of, or censure which would forbid actions otherwise open

to Catholics, must be interpreted in its narrowest sense. Such a regulation generally applies, for example, only where the reason for the law clearly exists in a particular situation.

"Thus, membership in a particular Masonic group is forbidden only when that organization does in fact oppose the church or government by open prejudice or persecution, undermining legitimate civil authority, and so on.

"Anyone familiar with the history of Europe and America during the past 200 years is aware that the character of this organization changes drastically from one place or time to another. Political and anti-religious activities so common to masonry in Europe and Latin America, with some notable exceptions, have hardly been evident in most parts of the United States

"Strictly speaking, therefore, the prohibition against membership in the Masons has never been as absolute as most people, including most clergy, presume.

"In 1974, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith re-emphasized this policy. Speaking explicitly of membership in Masonic societies and other societies of this kind, a letter from the congregation to presidents of bishops' conferences said:

"In considering particular cases, it must be kept in mind that the penal law is subject to strict interpretation. Accordingly, it is sound to teach and to apply the opinions of authors who hold that Canon 2335 refers only to Catholics who enroll in associations which truly plot against the church."

"The declaration reported in the recent news articles points out that the 1974 statement made no changes

in church legislation. This more recent statement of the same congregation, dated February, 17, 1981, referred to the 1974 statement as follows:

"Insofar as the aforesaid letter refers to the interpretation given to the canon in question, it must be understood as an appeal to the general principles of the interpretation of penal laws for the solution of cases for individual persons."

"The letter observes that the congregation did not intend for bishops of different countries to make sweeping statements about membership in Masons, either for or against. Traditional norms interpreting the Law must be applied in each case.

"What does all that mean in plain talk? Unless there is an explicit statement to the contrary by his own bishop, a Catholic man who is certain in his own mind that a particular Masonic organization is not anti-Catholic, and that his membership would not support irreligious or harmful political activities, has a right to join the Masons. The wisdom of his joining is another question, but it would not be sinful, nor would he be excommunicated.

"Apart from the 32nd degree Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite which often has been accused of actions and attitudes prejudicial to Catholics and the Catholic Church, Masonic organizations in the United States generally have avoided the more sinister characteristics of international masonry.

"In fact, individual American Catholic bishops have publicly praised the attitudes and good works of Masonic groups in several parts of the country. In 1976, for example, Cardinal Terrence Cooke of New York told the New York State Masons, "Voluntary organizations like yours are the cornerstone of order in our country because you believe in the community spirit."

"Most bishops who commented on the February, 1981, letter see nothing in it that would require a more restrictive policy on Catholic membership in the Masons.

"Because of past and present conflicts between the Masons and the Catholic people in many parts of the world a more general ban ("in every case") against membership remains in effect for clergy and members of religious communities."

*The goal of Freemasonry has always been the betterment of mankind.*



THRONE OFFICERS STILL TOGETHER AFTER 50 YEARS—Armstrong Lodge, No. 239, held at Freeport in the 27th Masonic District, has the distinction of having three Members who have been Past Masters for over 50 years. These three Brethren served in the "Throne Chairs" of the Lodge over 50 years ago and just recently were brought together as shown in the photo above. Reading from left to right is Bro. James W. Freehling, Worshipful Master; Bro. Ralph A. Gardner who was Worshipful Master in 1928; Bro. John L. Foster, Worshipful Master in 1929; Bro. Earl G. Malcolm, who was Worshipful Master in 1930, and Bro. Hubert L. Stivason, who was Worshipful Master of Kittanning Lodge, No. 244, in 1973 and is presently the District Deputy Grand Master of the 27th Masonic District. Bro. Gardner, age 85, was a banker in Freeport for 38 years. Bro. Foster, age 83, was a yard master for the railroad for 48 years, and Bro. Malcolm was an agent for the railroad for 47 years. These three great Masons had a real enjoyable reunion at Lodge.

## An Explanation of Proficiency Program and Waiting Period

The Grand Master, in answering questions during the more than 50 District Visitations he has conducted to date, has noticed the Brethren still evidence some confusion over the proficiency Decision.

The proficiency Decision was established in 1977 by then Grand Master, Bro. John L. McCain. It was designed to give new Members of the Fraternity the opportunity to learn the significance of the Ritual within a short time after it was received.

A series of questions relating to each of the three degrees was developed as was a second series relating to the history and culture of the Fraternity.

The confusion Grand Master Trate has encountered relates to the six-month period a newly raised Master Mason must wait before he may sign a petition to another organization requiring, as a prerequisite, membership as a Master Mason in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction.

"The six-month rule should not be considered a part of the proficiency program," the Grand Master cautioned, adding, "It is a distinct, separate item and, as such, should not be confused with the manner in which a Candidate receives the knowledge

he requires before advancing in the degrees."

Simply stated, a newly raised Master Mason cannot sign or present a petition to another body until six-months have passed since the date he was made a Master Mason.

Further, he may not present a petition to another body, even though the six-month period has passed, if he has not proved proficient in the Master Mason's Degree.

A further circumstance that should prevent violation of the Decision is the fact that a Master Mason is denied his Dues Card until such time as he proves proficient.

The easiest way for the appendant body to remain within Masonic Law is to do its homework and make sure every Member carries both a Dues Card and a Proficiency Certificate. The Proficiency Certificate, signed by the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, contains the date the prospective candidate received the Master Mason Degree.

The Grand Master has prepared a Proficiency Statistical Report Form that is being used by the District Deputy Grand Masters to indicate the status of all Candidates for the degrees. Using the form, it can be de-

termined at a glance how many persons have received the degrees for a given period and how many, having received the degrees, have or have not become proficient.

Since June 1977 when the proficiency program was installed in Pennsylvania, statistics derived from Lodge records of certification show the program to be working. An average of 96 percent of the Candidates upon whom the Entered Apprentice Mason's degree was conferred were certified proficient. Of the remaining four percent, who were not certified, two-thirds had been Entered Apprentice Masons for one or more years and one-third for less than one year.

Of those Candidates upon whom the Fellowcraft Mason's Degree had been conferred, an average of 97 percent were certified proficient. Two-thirds of the remaining three percent, who were not certified, had been Fellowcraft Masons for less than one year.

An average of 83 percent of the Candidates receiving the Master Mason's Degree were certified proficient. Of the remaining 17 percent, who were not certified, approximately 9 percent had been Master Masons for less than one year and 8 percent for one or more years.

The Entered Apprentice Mason with the longest period of time, to date, of not being certified proficient received that degree in 1974. The reason given for the delay in certification is that he travels constantly and cannot return to his Lodge for instruction.

The Master Mason with the longest period of time, to date, of not being certified proficient was Raised in 1977. The reason given for the delay in certification is that he has no desire to learn.

The most oft-repeated reason of the Brethren for not becoming certified proficient is that they are not interested in learning due to their own perception of the need, or to that of other Brethren who advise them that: "I didn't have to learn all this proficiency work."

It is unfortunate that there are Brethren among us who not only don't know what Freemasonry is all about, but don't know that they don't know. Is it possible that the Masonic Fraternity would benefit greatly if the proficiency program is extended to include all of its Members?



# Open Territory Resolution Due For Vote at December Quarterly

Early in 1980 seventeen Lodges submitted a Resolution to the Grand Lodge to make contiguous counties in Pennsylvania open territory for petitioners. Open territory on a contiguous county basis means that a petitioner for initiation and membership in a Pennsylvania Blue Lodge may present his petition to any Lodge in the county in which he resides, or in any contiguous, bordering, counties without obtaining a waiver from the Lodge nearest his place of residence.

When the Resolution was presented, Bro. Joseph E. Trate, Right Worshipful Grand Master, asked the seventeen Lodges to postpone the presentation of the Resolution until 1981. His reason for doing so was based on the knowledge that the Resolution, if presented to Grand Lodge in March 1980, would have to be placed on the agenda of Grand Lodge business at the Quarterly Communication to be held on December 3, 1980. He also knew that the question of open territory had been considered in the Grand Lodge a few times in prior years and, each time, had been an emotional issue and disturbing to many Brethren. In those prior years there had been no factual evidence that open territory was good or bad for the Lodges, because there had been no experience with open territory. The issue, each time that it was brought to the floor of Grand Lodge, was based on emotion, not facts.

The Grand Master, having secured the agreement of the seventeen Lodges to postpone the Resolution until 1981, then issued a temporary Decision to provide open territory on a contiguous county basis. The Decision was to be effective beginning on March 4, 1980, and ending on December 2, 1981. Its purpose was to give the Blue Lodges twenty months in which to experience open territory and to determine, factually, whether it was good or bad.

It has been evident over the years that some petitioners have been unable to petition the Lodge of their choice because the Lodges nearest their places of residence adopted the attitude that, unless the petitioners chose the nearest Lodges, they

would not be allowed to become a Member of any Lodge anywhere. We wonder how many good men have been kept from our ranks because they wanted to join their relatives, friends or fellow employees in a Blue Lodge and could not because of the actions of the Members of Lodges which were only physically close to them.

Some Brethren are opposed to open territory because, they say, men who live hundreds of miles from the Lodge they wish to petition will cause a problem for the Committee of Inquiry. Another reason given for opposing open territory is that one Lodge in an area has the lowest annual dues and, therefore, men will be attracted to it for that reason. Neither of these reasons make much sense. In the first instance, the petition of a man living hundreds of miles from the Lodge should raise a doubt in the minds of all good Brethren as to his motives. That doubt should first be expressed to the Recommenders by the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the Lodge before the petition is accepted and read. If the Recommenders continue to have confidence in the petitioner, the members of the Committee of Inquiry must, as for all petitions, sat-



FATHER INSTALLS SON—Bro. Donald L. Allen, Past Master, Spartan Lodge, No. 372, held at Spartanburg, Pa., is shown on the left after installing his son, Bro. Brian K. Allen as Worshipful Master. Spartan Lodge is now in its 115 year and, according to the unofficial record, Bro. Brian Allen is the youngest Worshipful Master to be installed.

isfy themselves about the worthiness of the petitioner. There are many ways in which they can do their job, including contacts by letter or telephone with the Officers of the Lodge nearest the petitioner to obtain the knowledge that they need. Whether a petitioner lives near, or far from, a Lodge, his Recommenders bear the responsibility for ensuring that he is worthy, and the Lodge Committee of Inquiry bears the responsibility for making a thorough investigation of that worthiness.

In the second case, it is difficult to understand how a petitioner would know, before he petitioned, how much the annual dues were in each Lodge in his county and in contiguous counties unless he had been solicited and told about the dues as part of the solicitation. It is also difficult to understand why a man would petition a Lodge on the basis of the dues structure and not on a more ennobling basis. Any Mason with factual evidence that petitioners have been drawn to Lodges because of low annual dues should present that evidence to the Grand Lodge through the District Deputy Grand Master.

On December 2, 1981, at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge at Philadelphia, action will be taken to approve or reject the Resolution on open territory on a contiguous county basis. Members of Grand Lodge will have the opportunity to vote on the issue if they or the Lodge Representative, are present. The Members of the Grand Lodge are all of the Past Masters in good standing in the Blue Lodges working under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the Worshipful Masters and Wardens of those Lodges during their service in those stations. Each of those Grand Lodge Members can cast his own vote if he is present at the Quarterly Communication. Only the Lodge Representative can cast the votes for all of the Members in Grand Lodge in his Lodge who are not present.

Brethren, the Resolution is supported by the Grand Lodge Officers who consider it to be important to the Fraternity in Pennsylvania. Whether you agree or disagree, however, the Members of Grand Lodge and the Representatives in your Lodges should make every effort to attend the Quarterly Communication in Philadelphia on December 2, 1981, and make your voices heard.



A MOST ENTERTAINING GROUP—Those fortunate enough to have reservations for the evening of Wednesday, December 2nd, 1981, in the Dominion Ballroom of the new Franklin Plaza, Philadelphia, will have both the privilege and the pleasure of being entertained by one of the truly exciting groups of young musicians and vocalists. One of their admirers stated: "They are the cream of the crop."

## Three Brothers Now Fifty-Year Members

Word comes from Bro. Richard W. Wood, District Deputy Grand Master for the 3rd Masonic District, that three blood Brothers, all Members of Cumberland Valley Lodge, No. 315, Shippensburg, are now the proud recipients of the Grand Lodge Fifty Year Masonic Service Emblem. Bro. Wood held a rendezvous with the three Brothers at the bedside of Bro. Carroll F. Hockersmith, a resident of the Leader Nursing Home in Chambersburg, while Bro. James B. Hockersmith and Bro. R. Lee Hockersmith joined them. Bro.

Wood then presented the coveted gold emblem and wallet card to Bro. R. Lee Hockersmith, a resident of Shippensburg and a retired heating contractor and rural mail carrier.

Bro. Carroll F. Hockersmith, age 86, is a retired Postmaster and Pennsylvania Game Commissioner.

Bro. James B. Hockersmith, age 80, of Shippensburg, is the retired president of the First National Bank and presently a director of Commonwealth National Bank. He is a Past Master of his Lodge.

This is quite an accomplishment for three dedicated Masons and we wish them many more years of Masonic fellowship and service.

Send to—  
Office of R. W. Grand Master, Masonic Temple  
One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107

Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations at \$12.50 per ticket for the Grand Master's Banquet to be held at 6:30 p.m., December 2, 1981 in the ballroom of the Franklin Plaza Hotel. Checks should be made payable to R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.

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## December Quarterly At Philadelphia

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A coupon for those planning to participate appears on this page. All that is required is that you complete the form, marking it and your check as indicated.

If you expect to attend the dinner-dance in a group, you should add that information to the coupon and make your payment as a single response. Each table in the Dominion Ballroom will accommodate 10 persons.

Be sure to enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your reservation coupon.

The heart of any production show is the material selected for presentation. The new Spurrllow Show contains a wide range of diversified material guaranteed to please even the most selective audience.

A 40's medley takes you on a nostalgic tour through the major ballrooms of that era with such great tunes as "Mood Indigo," "Begin the Beguine," "I'll Never Smile Again" and "In the Mood."

Country music being what it is today, the Spurrllows have included a medley of the best — songs made popular by the likes of Larry Gatlin, Kenny Rogers and Crystal Gayle.

Another package of music incorporated into the Spurrllow Show take into account the hits of Barbara Streisand ("Don't Rain On My Parade"), Dion Warwick ("I'll Never Love This Way Again") and Diana Ross ("Ain't No Mountain High Enough").

New material, new choreography and new costumes all combine to create a truly inspiring production. The Spurrllows have never been more exciting.

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