



ELECTED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS — Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, R.W. Grand Master, is surrounded by the other Grand officers elected and installed to serve with him during 1983. Standing from left to right are Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary; Bro. William A. Carpenter, R.W. Deputy Grand Master; the Grand Master; Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., R.W. Senior Grand Warden; Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W. Junior Grand Warden, and Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, R.W. Grand Treasurer.

DeMolay Program

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The special youth program also presented the opportunity for Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson to highlight the presentation of a 50-year DeMolay membership pin to Past Grand Master John L. McCain.

Bro. McCain, who serves as Executive Officer for DeMolay in Pennsylvania as well as a Scottish Rite Active, was the first active DeMolay to become Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

It is interesting to note the only other man to become Grand Master

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will attend an informal visitation to a stated meeting of East McKeesport Lodge No. 765.

April 15-16, 1983 — Masonic Congress, on Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

April 22, 1983 — Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

April 23, 1983 — Grand Master will visit the Valley of Williamsport.

April 24-26, 1983 — Grand Master will attend the 1983 Grand Assembly, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania, in Clearfield.

April 30, 1983 — Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, will attend an informal visitation to a special meeting of Ossea Lodge No. 317 for the purpose of observing its 125th anniversary, Wellsboro.

after having been a DeMolay is the current Grand Master, Bro. Samuel C. Williamson.

Another pleasant surprise during the youth program was the presentation to the Grand Master of contributions to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation from the Northwestern and Erie chapters of DeMolay.

Bro. Thomas R. Labagh, Executive Director of the foundation and Executive Secretary for DeMolay in Pennsylvania, was present along with Dennis C. Rickard, District 12 Deputy; Dennis W. Weed, District 13 Deputy; Jon L. DePoe, District 16 Deputy, and John R. Ralston, District 42 Deputy for DeMolay.

Masonic Homes Committee

The following were reelected members of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes during the December Quarterly Communication held at Philadelphia on Wednesday, December 1, 1982:

Bro. Theodore K. Warner, Jr., Progress Lodge No. 609, Philadelphia.

Bro. Walter B. Wilson, Eureka Lodge No. 302, Mechanicsburg.

Bro. P. Thomas Feeser, Page Lodge No. 270, Schuylkill Haven.

Bro. Kenneth E. Thompson, Wilmington Lodge No. 804, New Wilmington.

Bro. Guy E. Walker, Somerset Lodge No. 358, Somerset.

Bro. John J. Taylor, Lake Erie Lodge No. 347, Girard.

The other members of the Committee on Masonic Homes, the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, serve by virtue of their offices as dictated by masonic law as evidenced in the *Ahiman Rezon*.

Bro. Warner was elected to a second consecutive term as chairman during the meeting of the committee held at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown on December 3, 1982.

The Committee on Masonic Homes is the only elected committee under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. All other committee members serve, by appointment, at the pleasure of the Grand Master.

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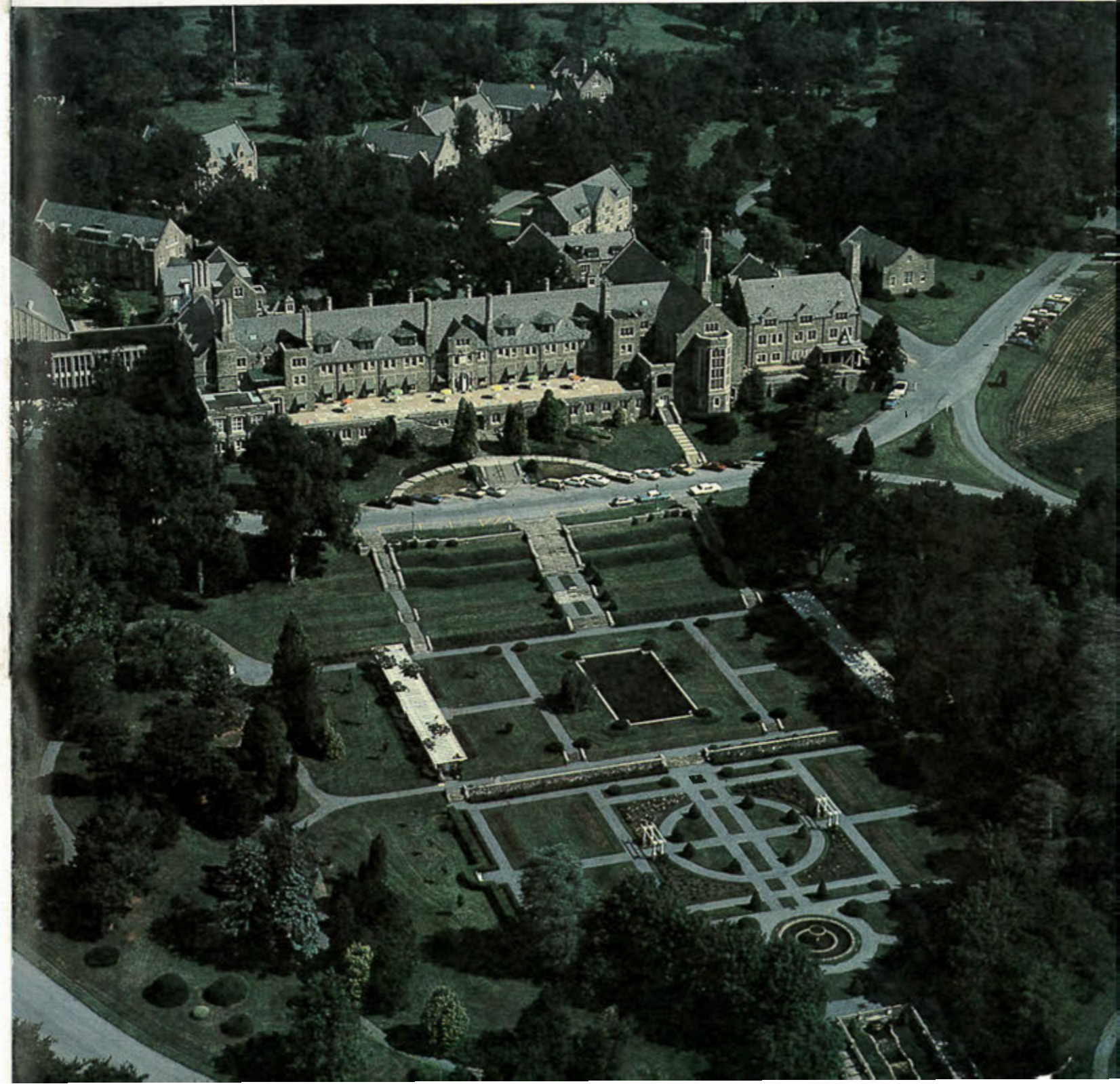
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Itinerary of Elected Grand Lodge Officers Through April 1983

February 8, 1983 — Grand Master accompanied by Grand Lodge officers will attend an informal visitation to Valley Lodge No. 613, Turtle Creek.

February 10, 1983 — Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, will attend an informal visitation to a stated meeting of Fernwood Lodge No. 543 to present Brother Virgil D. Penn III, District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District "B".

February 16, 1983 — Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, will attend an informal visitation to a special meeting of Moosic Lodge No. 664 to present Brother Clinton E. Shrive, District Deputy Grand Master for the 59th Masonic District.

February 20, 1983 — Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, will attend the Conference of Grand Masters in Dallas, Texas.

Concerning the cover...

The helicopter view of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown that is featured on the cover of this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* is one of 78 views contained in a new slide presentation concerning the Homes that will soon be made available to the lodges and other interested groups.

A montage of other views within the presentation is contained in the center-fold on pages six and seven.

Professionally prepared, the slide presentation from first view to last covers a period of just eight minutes, 57 seconds.

Narrated by the Assistant to the Grand Master, Bro. Melvin S. Mundie, the script was prepared as an independent part of the total production as was the photography itself and the background music.

The cassette tape contains an electronic pulse to move the slides automatically during the narrative.

The slide presentation was commissioned by the Grand Lodge Committee on

Masonic Homes to give the viewer a sense of the philosophy behind the operation of this greatest of masonic charities while projecting the feeling of care and protection provided its guests.

It is designed to stimulate discussion and increase support for the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The means to distribute 150 kits of the slide presentation is now being prepared.

The kits contain a slide carousel, cassette tape narrative and script, as well as a list of equipment needs and instructions for their use.

The person who presents the program should be well versed in the rules, regulations and procedures concerning application and admission to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

The program is also suitable for non-masonic audiences.

Questions concerning the program can be addressed to the office of the Grand Master at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

February 25, 1983 — Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

February 26, 1983 — Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, will attend the 125th anniversary of Myrtle Lodge No. 316, Franklin.

March 2, 1983 — March Quarterly Communication, Philadelphia, at 7:00 p.m. in Corinthian Hall.

March 5, 1983 — Grand Master to attend Masters' and Secretaries' Night in Syria Temple.

March 25, 1983 — Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes meeting, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

March 26, 1983 — Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, will attend an informal visitation to a special meeting of Hellertown Lodge No. 563 for the purpose of observing its 100th anniversary.

April 5, 1983 — Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, will attend an informal visitation to a special meeting of Indiana Lodge No. 313 for the purpose of observing its 125th anniversary.

April 7, 1983 — Grand Master to attend the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association meeting in Harrisburg.

April 8, 1983 — Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, will attend an informal visitation to a stated meeting of Corinthian Lodge No. 573, Millvale.

April 9, 1983 — Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, will attend a special communication of Grand Lodge for the Cornerstone Placing and Dedication and 125th anniversary of Cumberland Valley Lodge No. 315, Shippensburg.

April 11, 1983 — Grand Master, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers,

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June Quarterly Communication to be Held in Pittsburgh

The June Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be held in Pittsburgh using the facilities of three neighboring buildings in the Oakland section of the city — the Masonic Temple, Syria Mosque and Soldiers and Sailors Hall.

The actual Grand Lodge communication will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1 in Soldiers and Sailors Hall.

The hall is being used in order to increase the seating capacity for the meeting and to eliminate a number of problems in the movement of people when the Grand Lodge last met in Pittsburgh in June of 1977.

Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson has asked the Senior Grand Warden, Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., to serve as general chairman for the event.

Bro. Stenberg is already well into the planning for a 5:00 p.m. dinner for masons, their families and friends, as well as a program for entertaining the ladies while the Grand Lodge is in session.

A later program, featuring name entertainers, is being planned following the Grand Lodge communication. The evening will conclude with dancing.

The Grand Master has a specific entertainment in mind, but the entertainers are reluctant to commit themselves at this early date. The exact program will be announced as soon as it is confirmed.

The day's activities will be scheduled as follows:

5:00 p.m. Grand Masters Dinner

Dinner will be served in the dining rooms in the lower level of Syria Mosque as well as in the dining areas of the Masonic Temple.

Tickets, at \$12.50 per person, will be made available on a first request basis with the Mosque dining rooms being filled first.

Syria Mosque will seat 1,500 persons comfortably and the Masonic Temple will seat 900. A total of 2,400 tickets will be distributed through the District Deputy Grand Masters and the lodges in western Pennsylvania. A number of tickets will also be available through the office of the Grand Master in Philadelphia.

7:00 p.m. Grand Lodge convenes in Soldiers and Sailors Hall

7:00 p.m. Ladies' entertainment in the



The Grand Lodge will use Soldiers and Sailors Hall for the June Quarterly Communication because its seating capacity is greater than that provided by facilities in the nearby Masonic Temple. The change has been made to avoid turning people away from the Grand Lodge meeting as was the case in June of 1977 when then Grand Master John L. McCain brought a quarterly communication to Pittsburgh.

Scottish Rite auditorium of the Masonic Temple

9:00 p.m. Entertainment for all in attendance in the Syria Mosque auditorium

10:30 p.m. Dancing in the lower level of Syria Mosque

Those who are unable to attend dinner at the early hour are welcome to attend Grand Lodge and the entertainment

following the communication.

If you fall into that category, you may wish to have your lady join the others for the entertainment in the Masonic Temple while you attend Grand Lodge.

Bro. Stenberg is gathering a number of committees to handle the distribution of tickets; to arrange parking; to handle traffic control and security; guest services, and other needs as required.

DeMolay Program Highlights Quarterly

Randy Riggle, a member of Joppa Chapter, International Order of DeMolay, presented the *Flower Talk* to those attending the December Quarterly Communication in a special youth program immediately preceding the Grand Lodge meeting.

Corinthian Hall in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, was filled to capacity with several hundred others watching from nearby Renaissance Hall through closed circuit, color television as the top DeMolay ritualist in Pennsylvania gave a flawless performance.

The special youth program was the second arranged by the R.W. Grand Master this year as a means to showcase the members of our youth organizations while providing the opportunity for increased understanding of their activities by the members of the fraternity.

The first program preceded the September Quarterly Communication and marked the first time in the history of

the Grand Lodge that non-masons, in this case members and leaders of all three youth organizations, were invited into Corinthian Hall prior to a meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The DeMolay *Flower Talk* is a good example of the type of information the youth organization can share with others.

It is designed as a public ceremony, not a part of DeMolay ritual, and while its origin is lost in obscurity, it presents a most impressive message, particularly to mothers and to DeMolay initiates.

The *Flower Talk* has been described as DeMolay's best means to teach the lesson of honor and true respect for womanhood.

Randy Riggle is considered the top ritualist in the state, having won the State Flower Talk Championship during competition at a DeMolay Conclave held at the Patton Complex in Elizabethtown last June.

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Samuel C. Williamson Begins Second Year as Grand Master

Bro. Samuel C. Williamson has been elected and installed to a second year as Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Pennsylvania.

Elected to the highest office in Freemasonry during the December Quarterly Communication, Bro. Williamson was duly installed during the Annual Grand Communication held in Philadelphia on Monday, December 27, 1982.

Grand Master Williamson, a resident of Pitcairn Borough, east of Pittsburgh, is an executive of U.S. Steel currently serving as superintendent of the Chemicals Department at the Clairton Works.

The Grand Master's executive ability has been very evident in his first year as Grand Master. He has authored many decisions that have served to increase the involvement of family members in masonic activity while making the fraternity in general more visible to the public.

His program has been and will continue to be dedicated to the youth organizations as evidenced by the establishment of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

He has made good his early promise to improve the relationship of the Grand Lodge to all other masonic bodies as evidenced by the highly successful Patriotic Pilgrimage involvement of all segments of the masonic family.

The following is the entire text of the Grand Master's state of the craft address as given during the Annual Grand Communication:

Brethren, I deeply appreciate the honor you have again conferred upon me — the opportunity to serve this Grand Lodge for another year as your Grand Master.

It is customary for the Grand Master to give the first year accounting of his stewardship, a sort of State-of-the-Craft message to relate some of the highlights of the year.

One year ago I said, "Nothing is as permanent as change and that progress demands change". Following that theme, your Grand Lodge Line Officers, working as a team, have made many changes which have been well received by the members of the Craft. This team effort by your Grand Lodge Line Officers assures a continuity of programs and decisions.

The major thrust of the changes may be divided into three groups.

First — Our Lodge meetings — which for too long have been bogged down with custom and to a large degree excluded our families and our Masonic related youth groups.

Decisions have been issued permitting the elimination of the reading of the minutes in detail. Our families may be present at the social activities on the night of any meeting of the lodge. Also, our Masonic related youth groups (DeMolay — Rainbow and Job's Daughters) may be present on the night of the meeting of the lodge.

Reports indicate many lodges are having family nights and entertainments on their stated meeting nights. Our Masonic youth groups have been included in many lodge programs. Several lodges have expressed a desire to sponsor these youth activities.

I am certain these changes, along with others, will be beneficial to our lodges and ultimately result in more membership participation.

Second — Lodges have been authorized to participate in Masonic dress, in any appropriate public ceremony, with the approval



Samuel C. Williamson, R.W. Grand Master

of the Grand Master. This Grand Master has been pleased to approve several such appearances. The posting of signs at the entrance to communities showing the name, location of the lodge and carrying an approved square and compasses symbol has been authorized to let those entering the community know that Masons are present.

Advertisements and notices in newspapers, publications, radio and television stations of the time and place of meetings of the lodge has been permitted.

I have already indicated my belief that we must now, more than ever before, conduct ourselves visibly as Freemasons; that we ought to increase our exposure to the community, thereby letting our friends and neighbors know that we are Masons and give them the opportunity to learn what we stand for.

On Saturday, June 26, your Grand Lodge sponsored a Patriotic Pilgrimage to Gettysburg when over 5000 Masons and Masonic related youth groups, representing the entire Masonic family, paraded in that community.

Saturday, July 31, your Grand Lodge sponsored a barge display at the Three Rivers Regatta in Pittsburgh to again let the public see and learn about our great fraternity. This activity also included all the Masonic family working together.

The brochures, *Should I Ask* and *Freemasonry A Way of Life*, have been made available to each subordinate lodge and the members have been encouraged to give them to their non-Mason friends and associates who should know the story of our fraternity.

Remember, what is important to our communities is what Masonry appears to be. We must become visible in our communities.

Third — An active youth program has been established with the formation of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation under the direction of Bro. Thomas R. Labagh. Representatives from all the Masonic Bodies are serving on its board. All of our Masonic related youth groups and their advisors have made extensive use of this facility. I am happy to report to you that we are seeing concrete results from this effort.

Our DeMolay membership is showing a gain of 29% over last year. We expect to constitute a new chapter in March of 1983 under the sponsorship of State College Lodge No. 700. Several chapters have been reactivated and DeMolay is on the move.

Rainbow and Job's Daughters report increased activity and interest in new assemblies and bethels. Job's Daughters will constitute a new bethel in Camp Hill on January 22, 1983.

Many Lodges have had youth programs this year and have invited our young people to provide programs. This activity is again recommended for the coming year.

At the September Quarterly Communication of your Grand Lodge, an historical first occurred. The presiding officers of our youth groups, along with their adult advisors, were part of the procession prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge. Each of the young people then addressed the Brethren.

Prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge for the December Quarterly, the DeMolay *Flower Talk* was presented by DeMolay Randy Riggle, the State *Flower Talk* Champion. I am pleased to report to you that this young man has just petitioned for membership in the Masonic Lodge in his community.

The renovations to the Patton facility are moving on schedule; the anticipated completion date remains June 1, 1983. Upon its completion, we will have one of the finest Masonic Training Centers in these United States. This youth activity program is receiving wide acclaim; we have received inquiries from many Grand jurisdictions requesting information regarding its activities. This year over 1400 young people have attended a program at this facility.

To date, a large number of lodges and other Masonic Bodies have contributed to the foundation's Endowment Fund. While we have not reached our goal of \$500,000.00 we are approaching it and currently have received \$307,887.00.

Favorable comments have been received from Juvenile Authorities including Judges and Social Workers throughout the country, regarding our sponsorship of *Today's Delinquent*, the digest which is published jointly by the Grand Lodge and the National Center for Juvenile Justice. This activity will be continued and expanded during the coming year.

Quarterly Communications

Attendance has steadily increased at our Quarterly Communications. The June Quarterly held at Harrisburg was the largest ever with over 2300 brethren in attendance.

The March and September 1983 Quarterlies will be held in Philadelphia and the June Quarterly in Pittsburgh. The Annual Grand Communication will be held in Hershey.

Your Grand Lodge officers participated in laying the cornerstones and dedicated the lodge rooms of Elk Lodge No. 379 in Ridgeway on May 22, Cromwell Lodge No. 572 in Orbisonia on August 21 and Summit Lodge No. 312 in Ebensburg on September 25.

It is with sorrow that I recall the loss of two Past Grand Masters, Bro. Richard A. Kern on July 26 and Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley on October 5.

On a personal note, your Grand Master made one hundred eleven trips to Philadelphia to conduct Grand Lodge business; visited 44 lodges; made 19 trips to the Masonic Homes; 39 visits to other Masonic Bodies (York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrines, Grottos and Tall Cedars), and 13 trips outside of the jurisdiction. In addition, I attended 16 DeMolay functions, 4 Rainbow and Job's Daughters meetings, and 5 meetings of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation Board of Directors, having traveled over 90,000 miles.

At the February meeting of the Conference of Grand Masters' of North America, I was honored by being elected Chairman of that Conference and will preside until February of 1983. This activity required an additional six trips outside our jurisdiction.

All through this report, I have not particularly thanked the Grand Lodge team for their hard work and dedication. The many activities and programs could not have been completed without the dedication of the Grand Lodge Elected officers, Past Grand Masters and District Deputy Grand Masters.

In addition, the appointed Grand Lodge officers, Committees on Masonic Homes, Finance, Culture, By-Laws, Trustees; the Assistant to the Grand Master, and the employees of the Grand Lodge have given everything they have been asked for and more.

No man can hope to carry out the responsibilities of Grand Master alone. I have been fortunate to have a dedicated team to carry out these responsibilities.

As we face the new year, it is my hope that we can continue to move our Grand Lodge ahead. I must admit, however, that I do have some concern.

We seem to be satisfied to carry on as we have for years in the past, following the same pattern-offering nothing new — and giving little in the way of suggestions and directions.

Today, we are in an era of enlightenment, we face the year 1983 and not 1731. We must respect the past, but plan for the future with new ideas.

Recently, many of you concluded long election procedures in your lodge. Effective today, the following decisions are issued:

1. For those offices that are uncontested, the Lodge may elect by voice vote.

2. Officers reelected need not be installed as long as they continue in that office.

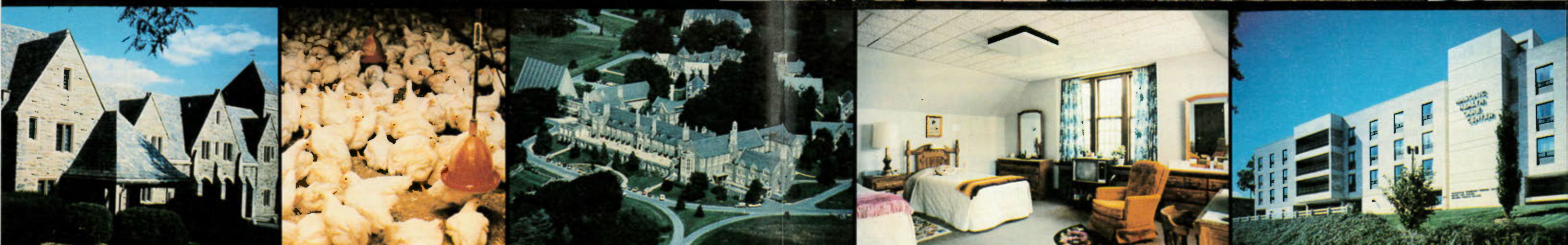
An Amendment will be presented at the June 1983 Quarterly Communication to eliminate the installation of the R.W. Grand Secretary and R.W. Grand Treasurer when reelected.

I have today signed five new Decisions — each designed to prepare the way for constructive change or to clarify existing procedure.

A new section will be added to the Digest of Decisions under the general title, *Youth*. The First decision in that new section is one that authorizes the Worshipful Master "to appoint a worthy member, not necessarily a Past Master, as a representative to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation." The second decision permits the name of the lodge representative to the foundation to be listed on the back page of the lodge notice, if room permits. If room is not available on the last page, any other convenient space in the notice can be used.

Also in keeping with our stated obligation to our young men and women as the future of this fraternity, I have added the

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Freemason Mailed from Philadelphia

With the advent of computerized mailing and the five and nine-digit zip code systems, it follows that the old, tried and true pigeon hole method of separating mail would fade away.

Fortunately for Bro. John Bittner, who has traveled from his home in Lemoyne to Elizabethtown to apply his sorting expertise to the mailing of every issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* since 1974, the eventual automation of the magazine's mailing process coincided with his own decision it was time to retire.

Bro. John has retired before, several times, and at the age of 82 he figures he has the right to do so again.

He was a mail clerk for the Railway Mail Service for 40 years, from 1922 to 1962.

A man who knows every zip code in the country has little trouble finding gainful employment so he spent the next 11 years sorting mail for the Department of Revenue in Harrisburg, from 1962 to 1973, before deciding to give his fraternity a hand.

Mrs. Vera Greiner, who served as the manager of the Distribution Office at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown until the mailing operation was recently moved to the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, describes John Bittner as "faithful, dedicated, a humorist and humanitarian who was an inspiration to know and work with."

A warrant member who remains active in Lowther Manor Lodge No. 781, Bro. John is also active in Cumberland



Bro. John Bittner
County political circles.

Some men give witness to the end of an era by mourning its passing. Others, like Bro. John Bittner, simply note the passing of one and look forward to the beginning of another.

Bro. William L. Seabury, 39th Masonic District. Bro. Seabury, a Past Master of Acacia Lodge No. 355 in Blairsville, served as District Deputy Grand Master for 5 years.

Bro. Lloyd A. Border, 42nd Masonic District. Bro. Border, a Past Master of York Lodge No. 266 in York, served as District Deputy Grand Master for 10 years.

Bro. David R. Benjamin, 45th Masonic District. Bro. Benjamin, a Past Master

of Fellowship Lodge No. 771 in Hazleton, served as District Deputy Grand Master for 5 years.

Bro. Wesley E. Smith, Sr., 47th Masonic District. Bro. Smith, a Past Master of Coraopolis Lodge No. 674 in Coraopolis, served as District Deputy Grand Master for 10 years.

Bro. Malcolm H. Smith, 59th Masonic District. Bro. Smith, a Past Master of St. John's Lodge No. 233 in Pittston, served as District Deputy Grand Master for 10 years.

Ten Brethren are Created Past District Deputy Grand Masters

The *Ahiman Rezon*, in Article XII, Section 13, provides that "A District Deputy Grand Master, having served as such for a period of five years or more, may retire from that office as a Past District Deputy Grand Master."

Ten Brethren have qualified for that distinction under Masonic law and have been created Past District Deputy Grand Masters. They are:

Bro. Wallace F. Richter, Masonic District "I". Bro. Richter, a Past Master of Thomas R. Patton Lodge No. 659 in Philadelphia, served as District Deputy Grand Master for 5 years.

Bro. Robert M. Grieve, Masonic District "J". Bro. Grieve, a Past Master of Progress Lodge No. 609 in Philadelphia, served as District Deputy Grand Master for 6 years.

Bro. Joseph Gentile, 11th Masonic District. Bro. Gentile, a Past Master of Pottsville Lodge No. 730 in Pottsville, served as District Deputy Grand Master for 5 years.

Bro. Joseph R. Borden, 17th Masonic District. Bro. Borden, a Past Master of Tioga Lodge No. 373 in Tioga, served as District Deputy Grand Master for 5 years.

Bro. Eugene G. Painter, 29th Masonic District. Bro. Painter, a Past Master of Richard Vaux Lodge No. 454 in Burgettstown, served as District Deputy Grand Master for 10 years.

New District Deputy Grand Masters

Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, R.W. Grand Master, has appointed ten new District Deputy Grand Masters for 1983 as follows:

Masonic District "B" — Bro. Virgil D. Penn, III, a Past Master of Fernwood Lodge No. 543 meeting in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Masonic District "I" — Bro. Jerry L. Cohen, a Past Master of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 155 meeting in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

11th Masonic District — Bro. John R. Benner, a Past Master of Page Lodge No. 270 meeting in Schuylkill Haven.

17th Masonic District — Bro. Neil Arthur Baker, a Past Master of Tioga Lodge No. 373 meeting in Tioga.

29th Masonic District — Bro. Thomas E. Westfall, Sr., a Past Master of Claysville Lodge No. 447 meeting in Claysville.

39th Masonic District — Bro. William C. Mumaw, a Past Master of Apollo Lodge No. 437 meeting in Apollo.

42nd Masonic District — Bro. Terry D. Bentzel, a Past Master of York Lodge No. 266 meeting in York.

45th Masonic District — Bro. Irving W. Bachman, a Past Master of Azalea Lodge No. 687 meeting in Hazleton.

47th Masonic District — Bro. Thomas K. Sturgeon, a Past Master of Oakdale Lodge No. 669 meeting in Oakdale.

59th Masonic District — Bro. Clinton E. Shrive, a Past Master of Moosic Lodge No. 664 meeting in Moosic.

Grand Master Issues Five Additions to Digest of Decisions

The R.W. Grand Master issued five additions to the *Digest of Decisions* during the Annual Grand Communication on December 27.

Bro. Samuel C. Williamson said in his state of the craft message that each of the decisions was "designed to prepare the way for constructive change or to clarify existing procedure."

Noting the commitment of the Grand Lodge to the improvement and growth of the youth organizations (as evidenced by the establishment of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation), the first decision adds a 96th article to page 141 of the digest.

Designed to help maintain the spirit of participation and dedication to youth activities among the members and the lodges, the new article provides:

1. The Worshipful Master is authorized to appoint a worthy member, not necessarily a Past Master, as a representative to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.
2. The name of the lodge representative to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation may be listed on the back page of the lodge notice, if possible, or in any other convenient space in the notice.

The appointee will serve as liaison between the foundation and the lodge and will issue regular reports of foundation activities to the lodge.

The second new decision continues the effort to do everything possible to assist our youth by adding the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation to the list of youth organizations whose activities can be carried in the lodge notice.

Matters relating to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation have been added to page 82 of the digest as item 15 of section 13 under article 57.

The lodge notice itself is the subject of the third decision.

The content of the lodge notice has been carefully restricted by masonic law in order to protect its function as the trestleboard for the business of the lodge.

The increasing costs of printing and postage, combined with the need to improve the ability of the lodge to communicate with others as well as its members, however, has prompted the Grand Master to allow the use of printed inserts as separate additions to the lodge notice.

The following was therefore added to article 57 as a section 14 to be added to page 82 of the digest:

14. Lodges are permitted to use inserts in lodge notices, not a part of the notice, for information on families, friends, lodge and district functions and other similar items of interest to the members, providing such inserts have the prior approval of the District Deputy Grand Master.

Decision four is designed to eliminate the confusion that sometimes occurs during the annual meetings of the lodges as to who is eligible to be present at the installation of a Worshipful Master or in Passing to the Chair.

The following is to be added as section 14 to article 75, page 114 of the digest:

14. A member who has received the Word of the Chair in a recognized masonic body is eligible to be present at the installation of a Worshipful Master or in Passing to the Chair.

The final decision issued by the Grand Master on December 27 is the result of repeated requests by members in response to two earlier changes.

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Pennsylvania Youth Foundation to the list of those youth organizations whose activities can be noted in the lodge notice. Accordingly, a new item 15 has been added to Section 13 of Article 57 of the Digest.

And while on the subject of the lodge notices — the ever increasing costs of printing and mailing have caused us to consider removing some of the restrictions as to its content. Most four page lodge notices are filled to the last line and leave no room for any information other than that required of a trestleboard in the administration of the lodge.

And so, I have authorized the use of inserts to the lodge notice, as additions to and not as part of the notice, as means of communicating information about the families of members, of their friends, and of lodge and district social functions. As with the lodge notices themselves, the inserts will require the approval of the District Deputy Grand Master prior to publication.

Another change in the Digest of Decisions will help to increase the

On February 19, 1982, Decision 61, Masonic Emblems and Signs, Section 8, page 87 was issued granting to the lodges the ability to include their names and addresses on signs at the entrance to their communities.

On July 16, 1982, the decision was modified as the result of repeated requests to include an approved masonic symbol (the square and compasses), the design for which can be obtained from the office of the Grand Master.

The Grand Master has received numerous requests in recent months to expand the use of masonic emblems by allowing them to be displayed on items of clothing, prompting him to add a section 9 to article 61 as follows:

9. Members are permitted to use masonic emblems, including the names and numbers of the lodges, on appropriate articles of clothing such as windbreakers, jackets, caps, etc.

The changes in the *Digest of Decisions* have already been sent to the Worshipful Masters of the lodges. Individual pages of the digest will be reprinted in the near future to reflect the changes.

visibility of the fraternity — to allow the public display of fraternal membership. A section has been added to Article 61 regarding Masonic emblems, names and signs. Members are now permitted to wear articles of clothing such as caps, jackets, windbreakers, etc. on which are represented Masonic emblems and the names and numbers of the lodges.

The final new decision in this group is one that will clarify the confusion that occurs at times at the Annual Meetings of the lodges as to who is eligible to be present at the installation of the Worshipful Master or in Passing to the Chair. This decision provides that "Any brother who has received the Word of the Chair in a recognized Masonic Body is eligible to be present at the installation of a Master or in Passing to the Chair."

There is one other change I have requested that is not in the form of a decision, but is one that will require an amendment to the *Ahiman Rezon*.

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Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, R.W. Past Grand Master, at 88



Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley

Editor's note — The following eulogy was delivered at the December Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by Bro. John K. Young, R.W. Past Grand Master and Grand Counsel:

Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a resident of Bryn Mawr, died Wednesday, October 5, 1982 at 88 years of age.

Born on September 23, 1894 in Philadelphia to John Elwood McKinley and Esther Armstrong Clarke, he was educated in the elementary schools in Philadelphia; at Brown Preparatory School, and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1918.

He practiced law in the City of Philadelphia and held memberships in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and American bar associations.

Having served in World War I, he was a former county commander of the American Legion. He served as a legal officer with Philadelphia's Selective Service Board during World War II and the Korean War.

Raised a Master Mason in Frankford Lodge No. 292 on June 26, 1917 where his father, grandfather and five uncles had been active masonically, he served as Worshipful Master of the lodge in 1926.

Bro. McKinley was a member of Siloam Royal Arch Chapter No. 226; a warrant member of Frankford Commandery No. 92, and held memberships in the Scottish Rite bodies of the Valley of Philadelphia. He received the 33° on September 24, 1958.

Bro. McKinley was elected Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1955 and served as the Right Worshipful Grand Master in 1962 and 1963.

He was appointed as general counsel for the Grand Lodge in 1955 and served in that capacity until 1970.

The Past Grand Master is survived by a son, Bro. J. Warren McKinley, three grandchildren and a brother.

In his final report to the Grand Lodge as Grand Master in December of 1963,

Bro. McKinley said, "Today our look should be forward. We should not permit yesterday to consume too much of tomorrow."

"It is necessary, however, that we review yesterday in order that it may serve as a foundation and a helpmate for tomorrow."

His legal training placed him in good stead as our Grand Master, an office which he filled most capably, resulting in many benefits for Grand Lodge and the Craft.

Begins Second Year as Grand Master (Continued from page 9)

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture, will be renamed the Grand Lodge on Masonic Education, if the Grand Lodge adopts the resolution.

Looking ahead, a Masonic Congress will be held April 16, 1983 at Elizabethtown to include the entire Masonic Family.

We learned how successful we can be when working together through our cooperative effort at the Patriotic Pilgrimage in Gettysburg. This Congress will discuss our mutual problems and hopefully will result in a resolution of them.

Grand Master's Days will be held at the Masonic Homes each of six Saturdays commencing on July 16. This will be a family affair and will acquaint many of our Lodge officers and families with the fine facility we have at Elizabethtown.

In September or October we will have an Open House at our Patton facility to show the finest training center in the United States. It is hoped that Lodge Districts will schedule meetings at this facility along with other bodies in the Masonic Family.

Effective today, I have appointed a Public Information Committee as a standing Committee of the Grand Lodge which has submitted a preliminary public information program.

The Committee expects to:

1. Produce a Public Television Network Documentary
2. Advertise with support messages to provide its viewing throughout the state.
3. Prepare pamphlets and offer them to the public.

4. Prepare a series of radio messages on the "Pennsylvania Reports" to stations throughout our state.

This long range public information program will enlighten the members of our fraternity, address all youth, not just our own young people and the Pennsylvania public in general.

In closing, let me assure you that your Grand Lodge team will continue to do everything in their power to provide progressive leadership to this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master is a Past Master of Tyrian Lodge No. 612 in Level Green; served as District Deputy Grand Master of the 54th Masonic District from 1962 to 1971, and has been a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes since 1971.

He is a Past High Priest of Valley Royal Arch Chapter No. 289, is a member of Liberty Valley Council No. 50, and Duquesne Commandery No. 72.

A member of the Valley of Pittsburgh, A.A.S.R., Bro. Williamson was coroneted an Honorary 33rd Degree Mason in 1977. He currently serves as 2nd Lieutenant Commander of Pennsylvania Consistory.

Grand Master Williamson holds the Active Legion of Honor as bestowed by the International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay and the Grand Cross of Color from the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

His other masonic affiliations include membership in Syria Shrine Temple; U.S. Premier Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Royal and Masonic Degrees; Center Forest No. 129, Tall Cedars of Lebanon and Islam Grotto.

Grand Lodge Continues Plans for Congress and Grand Master's Days

Plans for the Masonic Congress to be held at Elizabethtown on April 16 are moving forward as Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson prepares for the program he will use to bring together the leaders of all parts of the Masonic family.

At the same time, the Grand Master urges the lodges and districts to complete their plans to participate with their families in the six Grand Master's Days scheduled from July 16 through August 20 at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

"It is important the lodges and the districts look into their transportation needs for the Grand Master's Day to which they have been assigned now, particularly if they intend to come to Elizabethtown by bus," Bro. Williamson said in noting that he has authorized the use of lodge funds to defray transportation costs.

Invitations are now being prepared for the Worshipful Masters, the Senior and Junior Wardens, and the Treasurer and Secretary (and the members of their families) according to the following schedule:

July 16 — The lodges in masonic districts 28, 29, 32, 38, 43, 47, 48, 49, 51, 54, 55, and 57.

July 23 — The lodges in masonic districts A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, 5 and 36.

July 30 — The lodges in masonic districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 19, 20, 34, 41, 42 and 60.

August 6 — The lodges in masonic districts 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 37, 39, 52, 53 and 56.

August 13 — The lodges in masonic districts 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 40, 45 and 50.

August 20 — The lodges in masonic districts 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 33, 35, 44, 46, 58 and 59.

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, has accepted the Grand Master's request to serve as chairman of the Grand Masters' Days programs.

Bro. Carpenter is putting together a number of committees to carry out plans for parking of buses and cars, the preparation of meals, arrangement of tours, safety and security needs, entertainment, etc.

A method to gather the information on who will attend is being devised by

the office of the Grand Master so that adequate controls are maintained for those parts of the program, such as meals, where most of the expense will be involved.

An accurate count will help maintain cost efficiencies.

Lodge officers are reminded they may be represented by an alternate if unable

to attend.

The Grand Master's Days will provide a first opportunity to a new generation of lodge officers to visit and learn firsthand of the Masonic Homes if statistics gathered in 1971 are repeated.

More than 80 percent of those attending the program in 1971 received their first exposure to the Homes.

Number of Masonic Districts Reduced

Realignment of six lodges in Philadelphia area has resulted in the elimination of one masonic district, reducing to 69 the number of masonic districts in Pennsylvania.

The realignment, which took effect at the start of the new masonic year on December 27, 1982, involved lodges that meet in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

All six lodges had belonged to Masonic District "I".

Shekinah Lodge No. 246 was assigned to Masonic District A; Richard Vaux Lodge No. 384 to Masonic District B; Mount Horeb-Phoenix Lodge No. 432 to Masonic District C; Welcome Lodge No. 453 to Masonic District F; Olivet Lodge No. 607 to Masonic District H, and Thomas R. Patton Lodge No. 659 to Masonic District J.

The process of absorbing the lodges into other districts in the Philadelphia area was enhanced by the fact that all the lodges meet in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

Each of the districts to which the lodges were assigned also has lodges that meet in the Masonic Temple.

As a further consequence to the realignment, Masonic District J will be renamed Masonic District I in order to maintain the chronological order of the districts.

The number of lodges in the state has been reduced by mergers caused for the most part by economic conditions. As the costs to maintain the lodges increase, those in poorer financial condition seek to associate with stronger lodges.

A lesser number of lodges seek merger when they are unable to attract new leadership or membership.

In either event, it appears the city or urban lodges suffer the problem to a greater extent than the rural lodges.

The Grand Master has asked the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, and the Senior Grand Warden, Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., to research the current alignment of the districts and offer suggestions for changes in the future.

Travel Program Benefits Youth Foundation

Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson stated in his inaugural address in December of 1981 that all returns from the travel program to be sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania during 1982 would be applied to the fund drive to endow the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

Final payments have now been made to the Grand Lodge by the travel agency and slightly more than \$17,000 has been transferred to the youth foundation coffers.

The 1982 travel program provided a wide variety of destinations throughout

the year including tours of Hawaii, Switzerland and the British Isles.

Despite the value of the travel program as a fund raiser for the youth foundation, the Grand Lodge, because of ongoing concerns about whether or not the Grand Lodge should be involved in travel, has decided to not sponsor a travel program for 1983.

It has been stated that sufficient opportunities exist for group travel at reduced rates through programs offered by many appendant bodies.