

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Grant Used to Defend Fraternity

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania provided \$25,000 in its 1982 budget to underwrite the cost of a promotional program for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria Virginia.

The funds were used to create printed and television material that enabled the general public as well as the members of the fraternity to learn more about the memorial and how it is operated. At the same time, they learned a little about Freemasonry.

A second \$25,000 grant from the Grand Lodge in 1983 has been used to prepare a series of informational ad-

Itinerary of Elected Grand Lodge Officers

November 5, 1983 — Grand Master will attend the constituting of Fay-West Chapter, Order of DeMolay in Scottsdale.

November 10, 1983 — Grand Master will attend an Anniversary Banquet of Lehigh Lodge No. 326, Germansville.

November 12, 1983 — Grand Master will attend the Fall Reunion of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Allentown.

November 18, 1983 — Grand Master will attend Fall Reunion of Caidwell Consistory, A.A.S.R., Bloomsburg.

December 1 & 2, 1983 — Grand Master will attend the Grand Lodge of Texas in Waco.

December 3, 1983 — Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Lodge Officers, will attend the dedication ceremony of the Tall Cedar Room in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia.

December 7, 1983 — Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, at 10:00 a.m.

December 8, 1983 — Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Lodge Officers, will attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, at 10:00 a.m.

December 9, 1983 — Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Homes meeting, Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

December 26, 1983 — Annual Grand Communication, Founders Hall, Milton Hershey School, Hershey, Pennsylvania at 10:00 a.m.

vertisements for use in local newspapers.

The four advertisements are titled "A Symbol of Personal Responsibility," "We're Proud of Our Masonic Heritage," "There's Nothing Secret About Freemasonry" and "What Does a Mason Do?"

Designed to communicate a better understanding of Freemasonry to the general public, the four advertisements grew out of request for information in light of increased attacks against the fraternity by a number of groups.

In some instances men are advised

to avoid seeking membership; in other cases they are urged to leave the fraternity.

The newspaper advertisements, therefore, can act as rebuttal to unfair and irresponsible criticism.

A set of the advertisements has been sent to each Grand Lodge in the United States and are available to any masonic group by writing to the Public Relations Office, George Washington Masonic Memorial, 440 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02171.

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the Grand Master.

A coupon accompnys this article for convenience in placing orders.

The full range of items will be announced in the February 1984 issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*. This early announcement is designed to accommodate those who might wish to include the temple plate on their Christmas gift lists.

Wendell August Forge has stated the dies of the Masonic Temple required more man-hours than any other project in the firm's history.

A great deal of skill and craftsmanship is evident in the design. It accurately portrays the Masonic Temple as one of the most significant masonic buildings in the world.

Also available for sale are two medallions struck to mark the administration of Bro. Samuel C. Williamson as

The first, a coin-sized bronze medallion, contains on the obverse a representation

of the statue of Bro. George Washington that stands in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, and on the reverse, an image of the Grand Master's lodge building, Tyrian Lodge No. 612, in Level Green.

The second is a two and one-half inch bronze medallion that was struck in limited edition to mark the Patriotic Pilgrimage celebration in Gettysburg in June of 1982.

A small number of this medallion is still in stock and it is recommended particularly to those who maintain a complete collection of the various medallions struck by the Grand Lodge over the years.

Both medallions are made available at cost plus handling. The coin-sized medallion is priced at \$2.00 and the larger Patriotic Pilgrimage medallion at \$4.00.

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Brother Carl J. Finney Made a Mason at Sight

Bro. Carl J. Finney, a personal friend and business associate of the R.W. Grand Master, was made a mason at sight during a special communication of the Grand Lodge held on September 17 in Egyptian Hall of the Masonic Temple in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh.

The occasion marked the second time Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson has caused a mason at sight to be created. The authority to make a mason at sight can be exercised only by a Grand Master.

Bro. John E. Rakar, a professional pilot who has traveled more than 170 thousand air miles with the Grand Master in the past 22 months, was made a mason at sight during a meeting of the Grand

Master's lodge, Tyrian Lodge No. 612 held at Level Green, on August 28, 1982.

An element of drama and human interest was added to the proceedings when the Grand Master announced that Bro. Rakar would confer the second of the three degrees.

"I could not have served this Grand Lodge as Grand Master had I not been able to rely on Carl Finney for a thousand and one kindnesses," the Grand Master said, adding, "Nor could I have maintained an effective schedule of travel throughout the jurisdiction in meeting my responsibilities as Grand Master without the skills of John Rakar."

"If I appear to be beaming, it is because the person I chose to make a mason at sight last year is able to come before the Grand Lodge, a circumstance with a considerable amount of pressure, and confer a degree for the first time on my second candidate," the Grand Master continued.

"I could not be happier for both my good friends. Perhaps we should make more masons at sight if this is an example of how they can turn out," he stated.

The practice of making masons at sight with the exclusive authority of the Grand Master dates to 1885. A study of Grand Lodge records conducted in 1978 indicated a total of 62 men had been honored to that point, but because Grand Masters have been known to have created masons at sight in the symbolic lodges on short notice the number may be greater.

Bro. Finney, who has been associated with the Grand Master since 1962, is employed by US Steel in Clairton as a supervisor in the Chemicals Department.

He is married to the former Donna J. Sgroi and they are the parents of two daughters, Lisa and Carla.

Lisa is a medical secretary at Jefferson Center Hospital in Jefferson Borough.

Carla is a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School.

Much of Bro. Finney's spare time at present is taken up with Carla, who at 16 is an accomplished archer.

Carla is the Pennsylvania Indoor-Outdoor Intermediate Girls champion and is ranked second nationally by the National Archery Association among Intermediate Girls.

She is also the Pennsylvania Junior Olympic Archery Development champion



Bro. Carl J. Finney

and a member of the Eastern Womens Sports Festival team.

Carla's greatest achievements as an archer may be on the horizon. She recently qualified for the tryouts for the United States Womens Olympic Archery Team.

Bro. James L. Ernette, Senior Grand Deacon, conferred the first degree; Bro. John E. Rakar, the second, and Bro. Roy A. McCullough, Aide to the Grand Master, the third.

Brothers Ernette and McCullough conferred the same degrees last August on Bro. Rakar.

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Grand Master Williamson Presents Final Message to the Craft

Editor's Note — Bro. Samuel C. Williamson prepared the following as his final message to the craft in general in preparing to close his administration as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania for 1982 and 1983.

The complete text is published below.

Two years ago you conferred upon me the honor to serve as your Grand Master. My tenure as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania has been the greatest challenge and experience of my masonic life. I deeply appreciate the cooperation extended me by the craft during the years 1982 and 1983.

During this administration, your Grand Lodge officers, working as a team, have made changes which have been well received by the members of the craft. A continuing effort has been made to give our fraternity a new direction, to improve its appeal.

The major areas of concern were divided into three groups — our lodge meetings, enlightenment of our members and the public, and our masonic-related youth groups.

First, our lodge meetings have, in many instances, been too long and without substance. To a large extent they have excluded our families and our young people. Several decisions were issued to permit the lodges to limit their formal meetings and spend more time socializing.

Minutes may be summarized instead of being read in their entirety. Family members may be in the lodge building on the meeting night of the lodge with a short business meeting recommended and a combined social activity to include all the family.

Our masonic related youth groups are permitted to be in the lodge building on meeting nights and lodges are encouraged to have these groups provide programs.

Recently a decision was issued to reduce the time required for the election and installation of officers by permitting a voice vote for uncontested offices and eliminating the requirement to install re-elected officers.

On April 16, 1983, I declared a moratorium on all physical requirements for membership in our fraternity. Lodges may now accept petitions from those handicapped individuals that they deem worthy of membership in their respective lodges.

This decision was made to return to the lodge the right to decide which handicapped individuals should be accepted for membership. I firmly believe that each lodge is better qualified to decide who should be permitted to petition than I as your Grand Master.

Secondly, a public relations program has been created to improve our image among our members and the public. The following decisions were authorized:

1. The posting of masonic signs at the entrance to communities.

2. Use of the media — newspaper, radio and television — to announce the time of lodge meetings and other pertinent information.

3. The wearing of masonic emblems on appropriate clothing approved.

4. Appearance in public processions and church services in masonic dress.

5. The formation of a Public Information Committee. This committee is having prepared a television documentary that will be aired on public broadcasting stations early next year.

Negotiations are currently under way with the Commonwealth Department of Transportation to have a special license plate issued with the square and compasses on it. We hope to conclude this agreement late this year.

For the first time in many years, your Grand Lodge laid the cornerstone of a public building. This occurred on August

27, 1983 at the Salvation Army Community Center in Punxsutawney.

Grand Master's Days were held at the Masonic Homes where members of the lodge and their families were invited to attend. Four thousand masons and their families attended these sessions.

In the belief that we as Masons must become more visible in our communities and make some tangible contribution I issued the following decision:

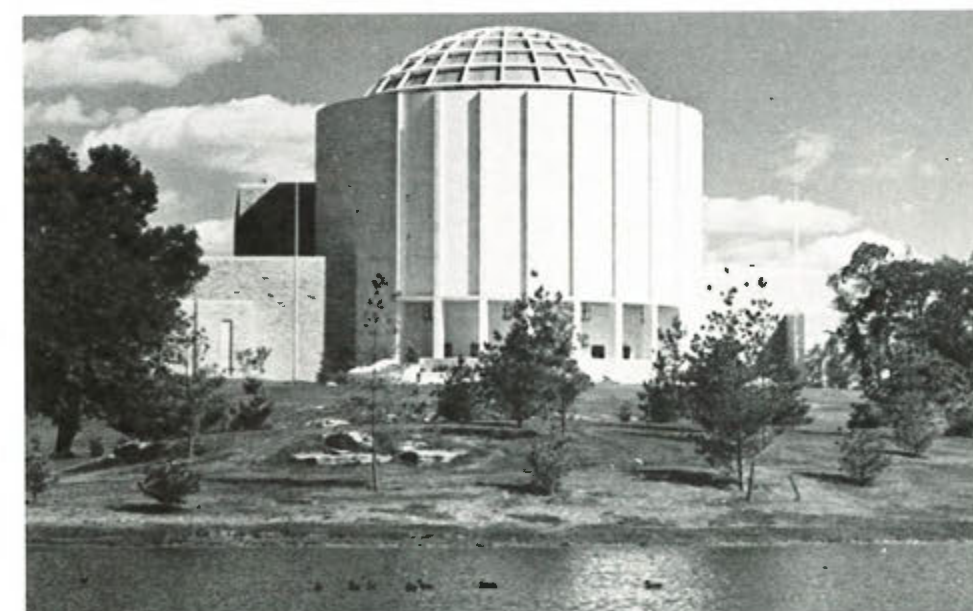
Lodges may make contributions to a community project using lodge funds with the prior approval of the Grand Master.

I strongly believe my brethren that we must become an active part of our community and I urge each masonic lodge to take on one community project.

A Masonic Congress was held on April 16, 1983 when all the masonic bodies, working as a family, met at Elizabethtown to formulate a united effort for our fraternity. A follow-up session to implement plans was held on September 10 and will again meet in December.

Lastly, our youth outreach was expanded by the formation of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation and contributions to the National Center for Juvenile Justice. The Masonic Conference Center rehabilitation program was concluded in June. Over 2,000

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SITE OF ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION — Grand Lodge will convene promptly at 10 a.m. on December 27 in the auditorium of Founders Hall on the campus of the Milton Hershey School. The auditorium will also be used for a special meeting of Chester Lodge No. 236 at 3 p.m. when the Grand Master will be received. See story on page 15.

Youth Foundation to Direct DeMolay Membership Program

A membership recruitment incentive program, directed by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, is expected to add as many as 600 new members to the rolls of the International Order of DeMolay in Pennsylvania by mid-1984.

The program has been designed to allow for the participation of all the various bodies within the state in keeping with Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson's often stated desire to include the entire masonic family in youth programming.

The cost to sponsoring organizations for the various phases of the membership competition ranges from several hundreds to several thousands of dollars.

Pledges of participation as sponsors had already been received from the following organizations as this report was being prepared:

- The seven Shrine temples have pledged a total of \$2600 through the Pennsylvania Shrine Association.
- Valley of Pittsburgh, Scottish Rite, \$1000.
- Tall Cedars of Lebanon, \$1000.
- Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, a trophy.
- Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, \$7000.

A competitive structure has been developed that provides incentives for individual DeMolays and the DeMolay chapters.

The top individual prize, to be given to the young man who sponsors the most new members (a minimum of five), is an all expense paid trip to the International DeMolay Congress to be held in Sarasota, Florida in May of 1984.

Time will be allotted for a special tour of Disney World.

The winner will be chosen by March 31 to allow adequate travel planning time.

The top membership recruiters who place second through fifth will receive the opportunity to visit the International DeMolay headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri.

This phase of the competition will end on May 1, 1984. The trip to Kansas City will be made in July.

Those top recruiters will also earn gold or silver DeMolay rings as marketed by DeMolay International.

A rather unique individual incentive will help many DeMolays with the costs required in attending the annual conclave scheduled for June.

A rebate check in the amount of \$25 will be presented to each active DeMolay who is the first line signer on at least two petitions of new members.

This part of the program should encourage those who sign only one petition to work harder on a second petition and will also encourage more young men to attend the annual conclave.

Winners must be registered participants at the conclave. The deadline for this part of the competition is May 31, 1984.

Perhaps the most sought after group award will be the cash prize of \$1000 that will go to the DeMolay chapter which initiates the most new members by May 31.

The winning chapter is required to specify whether it will use the award to purchase equipment for ritual work, recreation, etc., or for a special activity for members.

Several trophies will also be provided. One will go to the chapter that takes in the most new members by December 31 of this year. Another will go to the top chapter in new initiates as of May 31, 1984.

Currently, there are some 3100 DeMolays in Pennsylvania. The number of new initiates has increased by 20

per cent since the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation was established in 1982.

The participation of all masonic organizations in this membership recruitment incentive program is welcome.

Any body, lodge or club seeking additional information is asked to contact the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation at the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus, RD1 Box 197, Elizabethtown, PA 17022 or by calling (717)367-1536.

Mason at Sight

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The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, served as Guide for Bro. Finney as he had served Bro. Rakar.

Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W. Junior Grand Warden, delivered the ancient charge at the conclusion of the first degree; Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., the charge following the second degree, and the Grand Master gave the charge after the third degree.

A man who is made a mason at sight becomes a mason at large until successfully petitioning a lodge for membership.

Bro. Finney, like Bro. Rakar before him, has already petitioned for membership in Tyrian Lodge No. 612.

Grand Master Presents Final Message

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members of the Order of DeMolay, Order of Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters have made use of the facility to date.

A 20-minute film, *Transitions*, will be available in December to all lodges. It will cover the transition of a trade school to a conference center. The transition of a philosophy of charity geared primarily to the elderly to a combined emphasis on old and youth.

I am extremely grateful for the generosity of the members of Corinthian-Philo Lodge No. 368 for underwriting the entire cost of this film concerning the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

Results are already evident in our youth work. State College Chapter, Order of DeMolay, was instituted on March 12, 1983, the first new chapter since 1975. Two additional new DeMolay chapters are scheduled to be constituted, Edward Martin Chapter in Waynesburg on October 16, and Fay-West Chapter in Scottsdale on November 5.

One Job's Daughter bethel, No. 19,

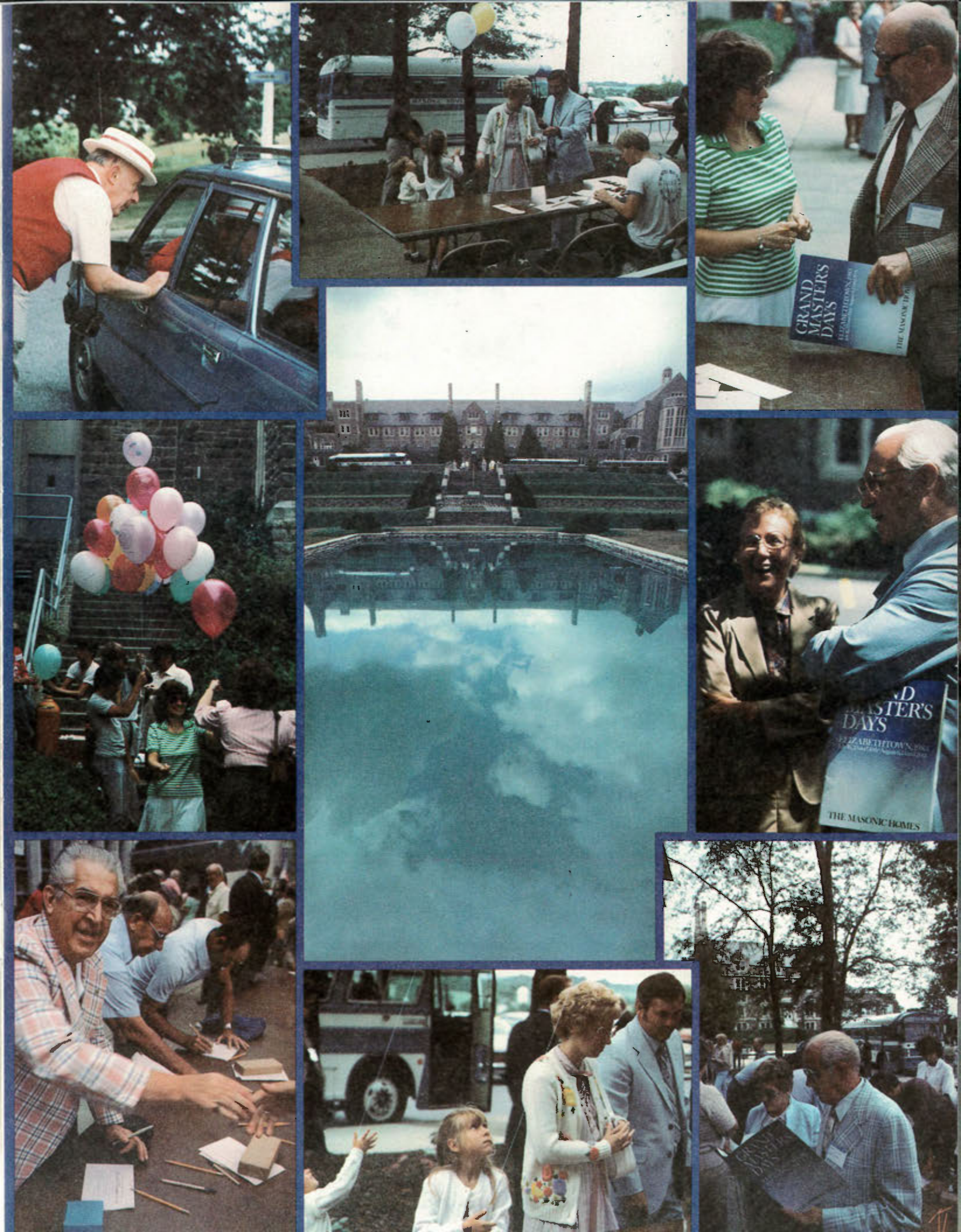
was constituted in Camp Hill on January 22, 1983.

The masonic family, working together, has made great strides in the past 21 months. Much more is left to be done. I am sure that by working together we will make our fraternity a stronger, better organization that will include family, youth and our members.

A bold new program is being developed to enlighten our own members. This project, *Solomon II*, will be jointly announced by Bro. William A. Carpenter, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and myself on December 27.

Lastly, I wish to thank the Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, committee members, employees and all those on the Grand Lodge team for their cooperation, counsel and help.

Without the dedicated help of many it would not have been possible for me to fulfill my duties. By the use of this issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, I extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks to you as my tenure of office as Grand Master approaches December 27, 1983.











Youth Foundation to Benefit Grand Lodge and Wendell August Forge Strike Bargain

Wendell August Forge of Grove City, Pennsylvania, the firm that created the limited edition pewter plates bearing the image of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia that sold out within five days of their being offered last May, has agreed to create a series of items, using the same dies, in pewter, bronze and silver.

The Grand Lodge has agreed to allow the use of the dies and will make the items available to its membership in exchange for a portion of all profit; that profit to be given to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

The first phase of the new agreement will be the striking of a pewter plate similar to the limited edition announced in May.

The price has been established at \$100 per plate.



Hundreds of requests had to be turned away. This offering, then, is made primarily to attempt to satisfy those who were unable to purchase the limited edition. This striking, while using the same dies, will not be marked with sequential numbers or bear the seal of

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Washington Medallion

Marie L. Plank Wins Job's Daughters' Essay Competition

Marie L. Plank, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney W. Plank, 402 Beechwood Road, Lithicum, Maryland, is the winner of the International Order of Job's Daughters portion of an essay contest sponsored for the youth organizations by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Marie, a Past Honor Queen of Chambersburg Bethel No. 16, is a sophomore at Carlow College in Pittsburgh. She will apply the \$500 cash award to the cost of her studies toward a degree in nursing.

The Job's Daughters' competition was the second of three identical contests conducted by the Grand Lodge through the offices of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

The first contest, among the members of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, was won in June by Kelly Jo Sizer, a member of New Castle Assembly No. 1.

The last phase of the program will be completed in December when the winner of the competition among members of the International Order of DeMolay will be featured in a special program prior to the December Quarterly Communication.

Marie L. Plank presented her winning essay to the members and officers of the Grand Lodge in Corinthian Hall at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia just before the start of the September Quarterly Communication.

She was received by the Grand Master, Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, and accompanied by her father and by Mrs. Hellen Gochenour, the Grand Guardian of the International Order of Job's Daughters in Pennsylvania.

Marie addressed the subject, "I'm Proud of My Masonic Heritage." The complete text follows:

Believing in one God, helping others, respecting my elders: these things are all a part of my masonic heritage, of which I'm very proud.

Masons have taught me many good beliefs and virtues and without them I would not be the person I am today.

Because of my masonic heritage I was able to join the International Order of Job's Daughters over five years ago. During that time I learned to respect my parents and guardians. I listened to them and did my very best to do as they said. Even when I failed they

pointed out my mistakes and helped me to better myself by learning from my mistakes.

I learned respect for God. It didn't matter what religion I was just as long as I believed in and loved God with all of my heart.

I learned respect for my country — that to salute our nation's flag was a privilege and an honor which should be taken very seriously. Each time I carried the flag into the bethel room during my term as Marshal I felt important and honored to be bearing such an emblem.

I also learned to respect the other bethel members. By doing this I gained their support and love during my reign as Honored Queen.

Through all of this learning I gained a great deal. I have a great passion to live life to it's fullest by helping and loving others.

Each year that I went to the Patton School and helped the guests at the Masonic Homes I wanted to always help people even more. Especially the year I helped with the country fair. It was then I decided I really wanted to be a nurse so that I could always help people.

I also have gained many lifelong friendships in Job's Daughters. Not just girls my own age, but also adults who have always been eager to help me. While my father was in the hospital many adults made known to me that they were always there if I needed anything at all. For all of their help I will ever be in debt to them.

One of the things I am most proud of about my masonic heritage is the way Masons help people. When I first heard of the Masons I was impressed with the Shriners' hospitals, the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, and their ever growing interest in helping the less privileged people, especially young people.

I'll never forget the great feeling overflowing from my grandfather when he returned from helping crippled children in and out to see the Shrine Circus. I remember how happy he was that he could help make their lives a little brighter. Just a few years after that I had that same rewarding feeling when I visited guests at the Masonic Homes and I made their day brighter.

I believe from the Masons that the great generation gap is closed. I feel



Marie L. Plank

much closer to my parents, grandparents and guardians.

I feel we share common interests in helping people, and by joining together we can help even more people. But, at the same time, my respect grows even more.

I have realized that from my parents and guardians I can gain a great deal of knowledge. As long as I am willing to listen and learn, they are willing to teach.

At almost every meeting during my reign as Honored Queen someone was honored. Each Honored Queen usually did this during her term, when I was the one thanking Masons, Eastern Star or parents for coming, it brought new meaning to me.

It made me feel very proud when someone came up and told me that my girls and I did a very good job.

I was always pleased when we were asked to do our closing and special ceremony for various masonic lodges and Eastern Star chapters after they had seen us perform our ritualistic work to our very best ability for them. Then, I realized that someday I too might join Eastern Star and benefit even more from the opportunities offered to me because of my masonic heritage.

I am constantly realizing all of the benefits my masonic heritage has bestowed upon me.

For all these things I am very grateful. For all that I have been taught, all that I have gained, and for all that I have yet to learn, I owe a very deep gratitude to my masonic heritage.

Annual Communication, Dinner-Dance Set for Hershey - December 27

The Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 27 in the auditorium of Founders Hall on the campus of the Milton Hershey School.

The communication will mark the end of the administration of Bro. Samuel C. Williamson as R.W. Grand Master and the beginning of the expected service in the highest office of Freemasonry of Bro. William A. Carpenter.

The meeting of the Grand Lodge will begin promptly at 10 a.m. to allow for the installation of the Grand Master at noon. All Master Masons are welcome to attend. It is not necessary that you be a member of the Grand Lodge to be present.

Masons and their ladies are also invited to attend a dinner-dance Tuesday evening in the Chocolate Ballroom at the nearby Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

The featured entertainment for the evening will be an appearance by the Original Four Aces featuring Al Alberts to be followed by dancing to the music of the Joe Martin Orchestra.

Tickets for the dinner-dance are available at a cost of \$12.50 per person and will be distributed on a first request basis. Reservations will be limited to approximately 1,200 persons in order to assure comfortable seating.

Tables will be set to accommodate 10 persons. Should you wish to attend in a group, it is suggested you make

that information known on the reservation coupon with payment as a single response.

A coupon is included with this article for your convenience in responding. Please be sure to enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your reservation. Your tickets will be mailed to you promptly.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The Original Four Aces will appear at about 8:30 p.m.

If you have any questions you are invited to write the Grand Master's Office, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107, or call (215) 988-1920.

The original Four Aces gained national attention in 1946 when Lou Silvestri, Sod Vaccaro, Dave Mahoney and Al Alberts recorded the million-seller hit, "It's No Sin."

Together they have sold more than 30 million records and albums, including eight gold records and two Academy Award winning songs, "Three Coins in the Fountain" and "Love Is a Many Splendored Thing."

They were able to turn almost any song into a hit. A distinctive sound with unusual harmonies made them a group apart. They set the pattern for all vocal groups to follow.

Alberts left the group in 1958 to pursue a show business career on his own (he's been a fixture on Philadelphia weekend television with the 'Al Alberts Showcase' for talented youngsters for the past 16 years) and was followed shortly



The Original Four Aces

by Vaccaro and Mahoney. By the end of the 1950's, the original Four Aces was no more.

Alberts started the somewhat difficult task of putting the group back together in the late 1970s only to find the name "Four Aces" had not been protected by trademark when established in the 1940s. Thus the name, The Original Four Aces.

Believe it or not, except for being older and grayer, nothing much has changed. "The arrangements we use today," Alberts says, "are in the exact same keys as they were 30 years ago."

The choreography, it must be admitted, has become less ambitious, but the inimitable sound is still there.

Most of the dinner-dance audience, in all probability, will remember the words to every Four Aces' song. These are, after all, the same men who recorded "Heart of My Heart" at a time when we used to harmonize all summer long on the back porches of most homes in America.

The group has been performing to rave reviews, making the same impression on groups of youngsters as they have made on their contemporaries.

The entertainment promises to be lively and rewarding.

Send to—

Office of R.W. Grand Master, Masonic Temple Lodge No. _____,
One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107-2598

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ reservations at \$12.50 per ticket for the Grand Master's Dinner-Dance to be held at 6:30 p.m., December 27, 1983 in the Chocolate Ballroom, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, Pa. Checks should be made payable to R. W. Grand Secretary.

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