

Grand Master's Itinerary
MAY THROUGH AUGUST

MAY

- 1 Lodge No. 657, Bellevue
- 2 Lodges Nos. 566 & 627, Kane
- 3 Lodge No. 740, West Reading
- 4 Lodge No. 229, Rochester
- 5 Valley of Williamsport, A.A.S.R.
- 6 Vesper Service, 36th District, Chester
- 7 Lodge No. 275, Latrobe
- 8 Lodge No. 754, Titusville
- 9 Lodges Nos. 637, 567 & 563, Catasauqua
- 10,11 Northeast Conference on Masonic & 12 Education and Libraries, Harrisburg
- 12 Lodges Nos. 310 & 620, Collegeville
- 14 Lodge No. 596, Souderton
- 15 Lodge No. 509, Pleasant Hills
- 16 Forks of the Delaware Shrine Club
- 17 Lodge No. 72, Philadelphia
- 18 Annual Convention of The Supreme Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of N.A., Wildwood, N.J.
- 19 Spring Reunion, Valley of Harrisburg, A.A.S.R.
- 20-23 131st Annual Conclave, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, Allentown
- 23 Lodges Nos. 347, 425 & 416, Girard
- 24 Lodge No. 577, Leechburg
- 25 Committee on Masonic Homes
- 25 50th Anniversary Dinner of Northeast Chapter, Order of DeMolay
- 26 Testimonial for Charles F. Greevy, Deputy for Pennsylvania, A.A.S.R., Williamsport
- 29 Lodge No. 244, Kittanning
- 30 Lodge No. 726, Warren
- 31 to Juvenile Judges Seminar,
- June 1 Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus

JUNE

- 2 Lodge No. 307, Wolmesdorf
- 4 Lodges Nos. 408 & 372, Meadville
- 5 Lodges Nos. 498, 473 & 790, Linesville
- 6 Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication, Erie
- 7 Lodge No. 286, Columbia
- 8 Lodge No. 431, Saltzburg
- 9 Grand Chapter, Stroudsburg
- 9 Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, Bossardsville
- 11 Lodges Nos. 714 & 608, Clairton
- 12 Lodge No. 313, Indiana
- 13 Lodges Nos. 546, 656 & 746, Penn Hills
- 14 District "E" Night, Lodge No. 703, Philadelphia
- 15 Lodge No. 677, Landsford
- 18 35th District Night, Lodges Nos. 265 & 349, Bloomsburg
- 19 Lodge No. 799, Plum Boro
- 20 Lodges Nos. 297, 153 & 807, Canonsburg
- 21 Lodge No. 241, Warren
- 22 Committee on Masonic Homes
- 23 Summer Festival & Parade, Beaver Falls, Syria Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S.
- 23 Lodge No. 662, Beaver Falls
- 25 Lodges Nos. 690 & 607, Philadelphia
- 26 Lodges Nos. 337 & 626, Monongahela
- 27 Lodges Nos. 562 & 346, Scottdale
- 28 Lodge No. 612, Level Green
- 30 Extra Communication of Grand Lodge for the purpose of making a Mason at Sight, Scottish Rite building, Williamsport

JULY

- 3-5 Shrine of North America, A.A.O.N.M.S., Boston
- 7 Special Communication of Grand Lodge, Cornerstone laying and dedication, Lodge No. 775, Steelton
- 10 Pottsgrove Hi-12, Pottstown
- 13 Council of Deliberation, Pittsburgh
- 14 Seminar for Representatives to Pennsylvania Youth Foundation
- 15-16 Annual Northeast Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries Connecticut
- 17-18 Grand Lodge of Canada, Province of Ontario
- 21 Irem Shrine Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Dallas
- 27 Committee on Masonic Homes
- 28 Forest No. 149, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Masonic Homes
- 28 Board Meeting, Pennsylvania Youth Foundation

AUGUST

- 24 Committee on Masonic Homes
- 25 Special Communication of Grand Lodge, Cornerstone laying and dedication, Altoona Masonic Hall Associations

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Project SOLOMON II® is working!

The feeling of excitement and the degree of enthusiasm developed in these first months of operation has strengthened the conviction of the Grand Lodge that now is the time to reverse the decline in membership and rebuild Freemasonry in Pennsylvania.

The specific objective of Project SOLOMON II is to add 50,000 members over the next four years; to rebuild the fraternity in this state to 250,000 members by the end of 1987.

The building plan has been developed, the craft has been organized and provided with the working tools needed to carry out the plan. We are working the plan and piling up evidence that the plan works!

It is a bit too early to predict specific trends, but the information now being gathered is extremely encouraging.

■ Lodges that have not had any petitioners for several years suddenly find themselves acting favorably on four or five petitions.

■ Lodges that have handled six or eight new members over a period of one year find themselves acting on six or eight petitions in a single evening.

■ One lodge has processed more than 30 members in the first four months of the year.

■ Petition activity for the fraternity as a whole has increased more than 15 per cent in the first third of the year.



The computer program that will track the progress of the lodges throughout the life of the project is being developed with graphics capability.

The progress of each lodge will be

charted in relationship to the other lodges in its district. The progress of districts will be displayed in relationship to other districts in a specific region of the state. And, finally, the regions will, in combination, provide a view of the entire state.

Computer tracking will enable the director of the project to analyze trends and respond to them. More detailed records will be maintained so that membership statistics relative to age, geographic location, etc., can be used in predicting trends and developing new ideas.

Director Named

Bro. Melvin S. Mundie, Assistant to the Grand Master, has been named Director of Project SOLOMON II®.

In announcing the appointment, the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, said, "This project is so important that I often refer to it as a survival kit, perhaps our last chance for the survival of Freemasonry as we know it. The Director of the project has to know it inside out. Bro. Mundie, who is a co-author of the plan with Bro. Dean E. Vaughn, not only understands the program, but he supervises the staffs, including the Computer Department, that handle the day to day SOLOMON II operation."

A SOLOMON II operations manual, containing a step-by-step guide to the successful completion of the project, has been issued to each lodge in the jurisdiction.

It details the specific responsibilities of each officer and member of the lodge and provides an overview of all the procedures that must be followed if the plan is to work.

A 10-minute audio-visual presentation has also been distributed to each of the 573 lodges in the state to be used as a primary working tool. The presentation is very important to the outreach phase of the plan when the lodge makes personal contact with each of its members.

SOLOMON II Recognition Program

Editor's Note—A series of lapel pins in the shape of Solomon's Temple are now being distributed to those who excel in bringing new members into the fraternity through Project SOLOMON II.

An Apprentice Builder, who brings one new member to the fraternity, receives a bronze pin.

A Fellowcraft Builder, who brings

two new members to the fraternity, receives a silver pin.

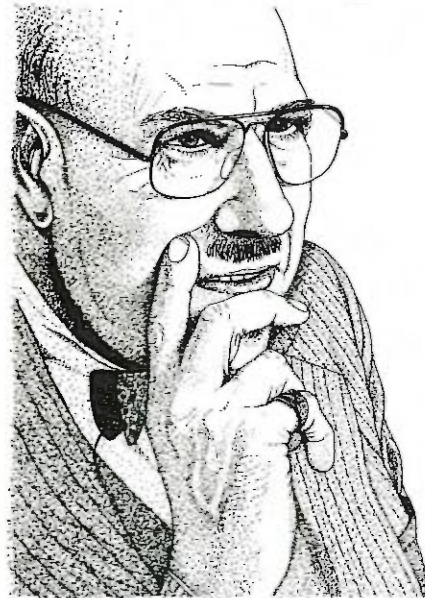
A Master Builder, one who brings three or more members to the fraternity in meeting his responsibility to insure the success of Project Solomon II, is entitled to wear a gold lapel pin.

A list of the very first Master Builders can be found on page 3.

Directly from the Grand Master

Thus, shall we act in conformity to our precepts...

Oh, for a Respectable Regular and Uniform Fraternity



R.W. Grand Master William A. Carpenter

Freemasonry, in its speculative form, has enjoyed a goodly heritage for nearly 270 consecutive years. It was on June 24, 1717, Saint John the Baptist's Day, that the Grand Lodge of England, our Mother Grand Lodge, was officially constituted.

Composed of men from all walks of life, I suppose it is logical to understand that even a fraternity such as Freemasonry will have occasions when some of its members will decide not to conform to certain rules and regulations and, perhaps, "sound-off" at times as dissidents.

Our Mother Grand Lodge wasn't too old when it was obvious that all the Brethren just couldn't agree on some issues. From this discord developed two fac-

tions, one called themselves "Ancients," the other, "Moderns." Several years later, the "Moderns" began changing their allegiance to the "Ancients" who eventually prevailed.

In our Ancient Charges, we say: "... let the genius of Freemasonry preside over our conduct... let us preserve a nobleness and justice of understanding, politeness of manners and evenness of temper."

Our own Right Worshipful Grand Lodge will be 250 years old on June 24, 1984. Even now we still have Brethren who seemingly do not conform to certain standards, some of them peculiar only to our Grand Lodge.

Our Ancient Charges also remind us: "... the laws and regulations of the Fraternity you are to support and maintain, and be ever ready to aid in their execution."

When we deviate from adopted ritual and procedures of our Grand Lodge, we only tend to weaken our cause and reduce the level of standards any worthy organization must maintain to be successful and stay alive.

When we use the body of the open Lodge and other gatherings of Masonic fellowship to "sound-off" in fault finding and even dissident chatter, we only tend to weaken the unanimity that has been a visible beacon and great asset of the Craft.

We learn in our Ancient Charges: "... if we are united, our Fraternity must flourish... to let all private animosities, if any should exist, to give place to peace and good fellowship."

Nothing can be more annoying or

humiliating to a true and faithful Freemason than to hear of or observe a Brother profane the sacred rules, regulations and standards of Freemasonry.

Again, our Ancient Charges admonish us to act: "... in the Lodge, we are to behave with all due decorum, lest the beauty and harmony of its workings should be disturbed or broken... to be obedient to the Master and other Officers set in authority, and to apply ourselves to the business of Freemasonry."

We have long established procedures for making necessary adjustments relative to our functional policies in Pennsylvania Masonry. They are by Decisions of Right Worshipful Grand Masters and by amendments, properly processed, to "The Ahiman Rezon," the Constitution of our Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania.

The Ancient Charges remind us: "... we are to be particularly attentive to our behavior in our regular assemblies... to preserve the Ancient Usages and Customs of the Fraternity sacred and inviolable, and induce others by example, to hold them in due veneration."

It is always great when our Brethren can dwell together in peace, harmony and good order.

And, finally, our Ancient Charges say: "Thus shall we act in conformity to our precepts, and support the name we have always borne, of being a respectable, regular, and uniform Fraternity."

The one sure thing that will put Project Solomon II over the top is for Pennsylvania Masons to join hands in unanimity, and top it off with a total commitment toward a uniform Fraternity.

Grand Master's Record After 125 Days

Bro. William A. Carpenter, in the first 125 days of his term as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, has conducted a total of 117 visitations and has addressed more than 15,500 masons.

He has traveled more than 27,000 air miles in keeping the appointments scheduled in the first four months of his administration.

As this article was being prepared, the Grand Master had made 83 informal visitations to the lodges including nine meetings to officially present new District Deputy Grand Masters; conducted three seminars for all District Deputies; conducted one seminar for the Instructor of Ritualistic Work and the Regional Instructors, and had attended six meetings at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

Grand Master Carpenter attended four annual lodge banquets and a ban-

quet for a chapter of DeMolay; a Junior-Senior Wardens' Night sponsored by the Valley of Pittsburgh, A.A.S.R.; a Worshipful Masters-Secretaries' Night courtesy of Syria Shrine Temple; a meeting of a forest of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon; two meetings of large masonic square clubs; an installation at Pilgrim Commandery; attended the annual session of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania, and was received into a conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine.

In addition, the Grand Master spent four days attending the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America held in Seattle, Washington; attended two meetings of the board of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation; met with patients at a Veterans Hospital; delivered the message at a masonic

church service on a Sunday evening, and received a special award (see report in this issue) during a Sunday service at the Chapel of the Four Chaplains in Philadelphia.

Grand Master Carpenter, in what he jokingly calls his spare time, also presided.

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SOLOMON II® Rally Set for October in Hershey

Masons in central Pennsylvania will participate in a giant SOLOMON II Rally at the Hersheypark Arena, Hershey, on Thursday, October 4, 1984. The event is open to members of the fraternity and their families.

The rally, tentatively scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m., is expected to be an inspiring, uplifting experience in which all the varied masonic bodies will come together as a family to celebrate the bright new beginning that is the promise of Project SOLOMON II.

The actual program is in the early stages of planning at this date, but will include a great deal of color, pageantry, music and wholesome entertainment.

One thing is certain. The Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, will have the opportunity to deliver an inspiring message to what may well be the largest masonic gathering under one roof in the history of the Grand Lodge.

IMPORTANT TICKET INFORMATION

The Hersheypark Arena will be set up as a theater in the round with seating for approximately 8,000 persons.

There will be no charge for admission, but all seats will be reserved. The coupon on page 15 can be used to request the tickets that will be required to gain admission to the arena.

Tickets will be numbered according to the usual arena seating plan and will be assigned on a first request basis.

If you wish to attend the rally with friends in a group, it is important that just one coupon be used to request the proper number of tickets. Make sure you indicate it is a group request. Otherwise, requests for large numbers of tickets will be questioned before being accepted resulting in a delay in seating assignments under the first request rule.

Gates will be opened at 6:30 p.m. and those seats not filled at 7:00 p.m. will be made available to holders of tickets to less desirable seats.

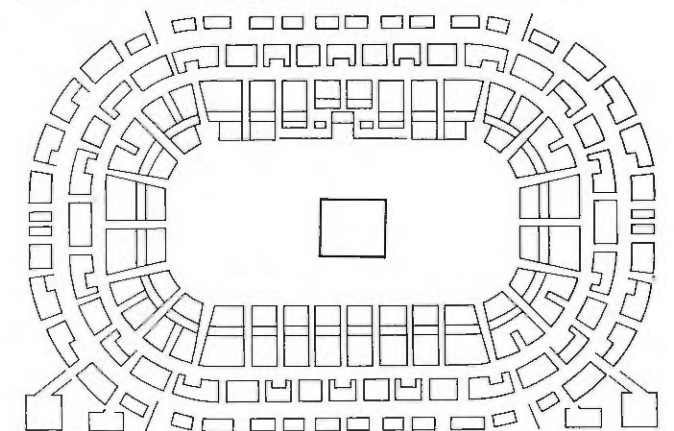
Those wishing to order tickets are invited to send the completed coupon, along with a stamped, addressed, long envelope, to: SOLOMON II, P.O. Box 3477, Harrisburg, PA 17107-3477.

Ticket orders will be gathered daily and maintained, along

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS



Elected Grand Lodge officers for 1984 include (left to right) Bro. W. Scott Stoner, R.W. Junior Grand Warden; Bro. Arthur J. Kurtz, R.W. Senior Grand Warden; Bro. William A. Carpenter, R.W. Grand Master; Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., R.W. Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Arthur R. Diamond, R.W. Grand Treasurer, and Bro. Thomas W. Jackson, R.W. Grand Secretary.



The Hersheypark Arena will be set up as a theater in the round for the SOLOMON II Rally on October 4 as indicated in this drawing. The ice on the skating area will be covered to allow use of that space for a processional as part of the opening ceremonies and for seating.

with the names and addresses of those placing the orders, in the computer files of the Grand Lodge.

Actual distribution will be made 10 to 14 days before the rally, allowing those who may have to cancel after ordering tickets the time to free their seats to others.

Leaders of the masonic bodies in the central Pennsylvania area are assisting the Grand Lodge in planning this first SOLOMON II Rally.

They include Bro. Harold A. Dunkelberger, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania; Bro. Lee N. Whitaker, Most Puissant Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania, and Bro. Charles S. Canning, Past Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

Also, Bro. George H. Hohenschildt, Commander in Chief of the Valley of Harrisburg, A.A.S.R.; Bro. Dean E. Vaughn, Potentate of Zembo Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S., Harrisburg, and Bro. Duane E. Goodhart, Supreme Tall Cedar of the Supreme Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America.

Grand Master's Award

DECEMBER 27, 1983—APRIL 19, 1984

Lodge No. 9—Philadelphia	Bro. Heywood M. Wiley, P.M.
Bristol—Lodge No. 25—Bristol	Bro. Arthur Linington, P.M.
Lodge No. 45—Pittsburgh	Bro. James A. Wieland, P.M.
Brownsville—Lodge No. 60—Brownsville	Bro. Paul W. Nelan, P.M.
Hiram—Lodge No. 81—Philadelphia	Bro. David W. Dixon, P.M.
Solomon's—Lodge No. 114—Philadelphia	Bro. Joseph H. O. Mitchell, P.M.
Union—Lodge No. 121—Philadelphia	Bro. Frederick Holzwarth, Jr., P.M.
Washington—Lodge No. 156—Quarryville	Bro. Ernest C. Shaub, P.M.
Lodge No. 283—Bethlehem	Bro. Earl R. Transue
Pulaski—Lodge No. 216—Pottsville	Bro. Forrest E. Acker, P.M.
Mt. Lebanon—Lodge No. 226—Lebanon	Bro. Donald S. Moudy, P.M.
Chandler—Lodge No. 227—West Reading	Bro. B. Franklin Reber, P.M.
Fayette—Lodge No. 228—Uniontown	Bro. William A. McClay, P.M.
Chester—Lodge No. 236—Chester	Bros. Thomas Brown, P.M., Newton C. Gaster, Walter E. Hewes and Harry C. Shellender, P.M.
Tamaqua—Lodge No. 238—Tamaqua	Bros. Robert A. Patterson, P.M. and Ernest G. Taylor, P.M.
Doylestown—Lodge No. 245—Doylestown	Bro. William C. Rogers, P.M.
Gummert—Lodge No. 252—Fayette City	Bro. Wooda F. Brightwell
Shamokin—Lodge No. 255—Shamokin	Bro. William O. Anderson, P.M.
Milton—Lodge No. 256—Milton	Bro. P. Franklin Hartzel, Sr., P.M.
Page—Lodge No. 270—Schuylkill Haven	Bro. John Betz, P.M.
Butler—Lodge No. 272—Butler	Bro. Frank Jakes
Bethlehem—Lodge No. 283—Bethlehem	Bro. Earl R. Transue
Williamson—Lodge No. 309—Downingtown	Bro. Harry K. Koss, P.M.
Cumberland Valley—Lodge No. 315—Shippensburg	Bros. Alexander Stewart, P.M. and Wm. J. Argle, P.M.
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Humbolt—Lodge No. 359—Philadelphia	Bro. Henry H. Haegele
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Jordan—Lodge No. 673—Allentown	Bro. Ray L. Shive, P.M.
West Shore—Lodge No. 681—Camp Hill	Bro. Harry L. Baker, P.M.
Edwin B. Martin—Lodge No. 689—Allentown	Bro. Ernest H. Laible, P.M.
Ambridge—Lodge No. 701—Ambridge	Bro. Walter R. Shephard
White Rose—Lodge No. 706—York	Bro. Lester W. Fry, P.M.
Louis Wagner—Lodge No. 715—Philadelphia	Bro. James P. Hood, P.M.
North Hills—Lodge No. 716—McCandless	Bro. Richard H. Hartman, P.M.
New Temple—Lodge No. 720—Allentown	Bro. Carson E. Kemp, P.M.
Pottsville—Lodge No. 730—Pottsville	Bro. Raymond J. Wachter, P.M.
Minsi—Lodge No. 733—Bethlehem	Bro. Gordon W. Achey, P.M.
Community—Lodge No. 744—Broomall	Bro. Frederick C. Heeremans, P.M.
William S. Snyder—Lodge No. 756—Harrisburg	Bro. Marlin Sheaffer Keim, P.M.
East McKeesport—Lodge No. 765—East McKeesport	Bro. Samuel Jakes
Albert Thatcher Hanby—Lodge No. 767—Prospect Park	Bro. Edward J. Hood, Jr.
Steelton-Swatara—Lodge No. 775—Middletown	Bros. Harold L. Kerns, P.M. and Keneth W. Nebringer, P.M.
Paul Robert Sand—Lodge No. 777—Broomall	Bro. Albert Kaplan, P.M.
Penn-Morris—Lodge No. 778—Woodside	Bro. Thomas R. Daughterty
Springfield—Lodge No. 779—Springfield	Bro. William C. Cherry
Fox Chapel—Lodge No. 784—Verona	Bro. William H. Stumpf

Pennsylvania Masons Asked to Support Statue of Liberty Fund

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, has urged the masons of Pennsylvania to join in a nationwide effort to restore the Statue of Liberty.

Noting the importance of this gift of the people of France as a symbol of liberty and freedom from oppression, the Grand Master has established a goal of \$202,241, representing a contribution of \$1 for every Pennsylvania Freemason on the rolls of the Grand Lodge as of December 27, 1983.

Grand Master Carpenter has authorized the lodges to use charity funds, where they are available, to meet the goal of the individual lodge that will be dictated by its membership.

Individual contributions are also welcome. They, along with the lodge contributions, will be maintained by the Grand Lodge in a special fund.

You are invited to make your check or money order payable to the Statue of Liberty Fund, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. All contributions are deductible for tax purposes.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will conduct its fund raising campaign until July 4, 1986, the date of the National Statue of Liberty Centennial celebration, or until the \$202,241 goal is reached.

Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., R.W. Deputy Grand Master, who is expected to serve as Grand Master for 1986, has added his support to the challenge put forth by Grand Master Carpenter.

The national goal to restore both the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island has been established at \$230 million. If every mason in the country participates, the fraternity will provide over \$3 million to the project.

Freemasonry has already played an

important part in the creation of the statue. It was conceived and created by the French sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi who was made a mason in 1875, four years after the first sketches of the work were completed.

The cornerstone was laid with traditional masonic ceremony by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York on August 5, 1884.

President Grover Cleveland dedicated the statue on October 28, 1886.

In a booklet produced by the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Fund, potential donors are asked to consider what the Statue of Liberty stands for:

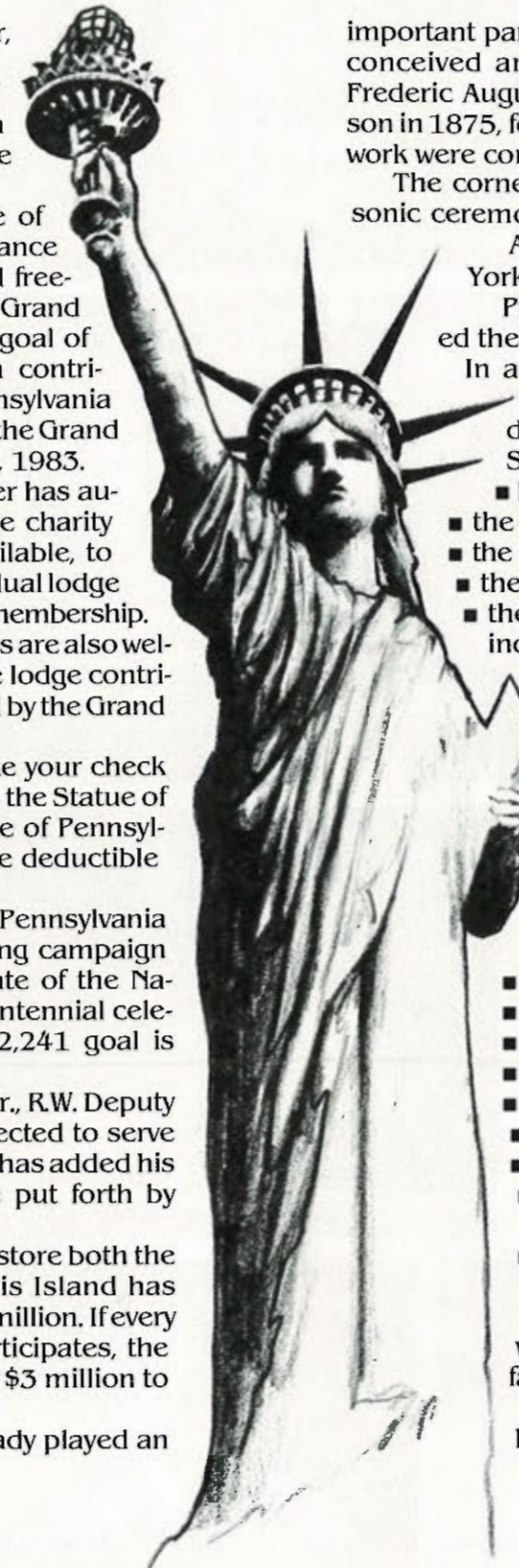
- liberty and freedom from oppression
- the aspirations of humanity
- the French and American ideal of Liberty
- the ideal of American democracy
- the struggle for American independence
- justice and equality before the law
- hospitality and welcome
- hope for the future
- the American heritage of freedom
- the promise America represents to the world

And, they are asked what Ellis Island has come to stand for in American life:

- the love of freedom
- uncommon human courage
- individual opportunity
- energy, vitality and hard work
- the spirit of sacrifice and mutual aid
- faith in the future
- the possibility of new beginnings
- tolerance for ethnic and cultural diversity
- America as the hope of the world's peoples

Liberty, justice, law, freedom, hard work, sacrifice, tolerance hope and faith.

These are familiar concepts to Freemasons everywhere.



Annual Grand Communication 1983





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Brother Harry S. Truman Centennial



The 100th anniversary of the birth of Bro. Harry S. Truman, 33rd President of the United States and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, was commemorated on May 8 with a Joint Session of both Houses of Congress and with masonic observances throughout the nation.

Masons are historically fond of pointing to the presidents who are or were members of the fraternity and shower a great deal of brotherly love and affection on the memory of Bro. Truman, probably because he, among the modern presidents, was most visible as a mason and most proud of his masonic record.

He was made a mason in Belton Lodge No. 450 in Belton, Missouri in 1909 at the age of 24. He was one of the founders of Grandview Lodge No. 618, acted as Worshipful Master under dispensation, and was elected its first Master under the Lodge charter.

Bro. Truman's proficiency as a ritualist led directly to his eventual election as Grand Master of Missouri in 1940.

It was in his Grand Master's address on September 30, 1941 that he described his service as Grand Master as "an honor which I believe is greater than any other which can come to me..." He repeated the statement while president in 1949 when he was called upon as a Past Grand Master to install the Grand Lodge officers in St. Louis.

Bro. Truman was active in the appendant bodies and was named an Honorary Past Grand Master of the International Order of DeMolay because of his friend-

ship with "Dad" Frank S. Land, founder of the order.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has a number of Truman items on exhibit in the museum of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia.

Among the items is a stone with masonic symbols cut into it that was sent to the Grand Lodge by President Truman in 1950. Forty-nine stones, discovered during the reconstruction of the White House, were, at the president's direction, carefully cleaned and sent to each of the Grand Lodges in the country.

Also on display is a lithographic print of Bro. Truman in his regalia as Grand Master as created by Greta Kempton. It is autographed by Mrs. Kempton and Bro. Hugh McLaughlin, Grand Master of Missouri.

The display also contains an 8¢ Harry S. Truman stamp postmarked "Independence, Mo., May 8, 1973," and marked "first-day of issue."

The exhibit includes a number of Truman first-day covers, a facsimile of his petition to Belton Lodge No. 450 listing him as a farmer residing in Grandview, and a gavel made from wood removed from the White House in 1950 during the restoration.

It has been properly said of Bro. Harry S. Truman that he did not merely collect masonic degrees and titles, but that he earned them as an active member of the craft.

That fact alone will forever endear him to Freemasons everywhere.



Erie Area Masons To Host June Quarterly Communication

The June Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6 in the auditorium of the Harborcreek High School, Harborcreek, just east of Erie. (See drawing on page 11.)

The communication will mark the first time a meeting of the Grand Lodge has been conducted in the greater Erie area since the September Quarterly Communication of 1973.

Grand Master William A. Carpenter said he decided to bring one of his communications to Erie so that the masons of the area would have the opportunity to easily attend a meeting of the Grand Lodge.

"Masons from the northwest area of the state must make a great sacrifice in time and effort to attend a meeting of the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia, not to mention the cost that is involved," said the Grand Master. "Holding the meeting at the Harborcreek High School means many more masons will have the opportunity to see firsthand the work of their Grand Lodge," he added.

It is important to know that you do not have to be a member of the Grand Lodge to attend. All that is required is that you possess a current dues card and are a Master Mason in good standing in a lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Activities in connection with the communication that are open to the general membership (the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance and the District Deputy Grand Masters will meet earlier in the day) begin with a dinner in the cafeteria areas of the Harborcreek High School at 5:00 p.m.

There is no charge for the dinner, but each lodge has been asked to indicate to the office of the Grand Master the number of members it is expected will attend.

Tickets will be issued on a first request basis until the maximum seating of 1,200 persons is reached. Tickets will be required to gain entrance to the dining areas.

A specific form has been sent to the secretaries of the lodges and will be the basis for distribution of dinner tickets. Individual masons can assist in the procedure by notifying their lodge secretaries of their intent to participate as soon as possible.

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Youth Foundation Representatives to Attend Seminar

Representatives to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation from each of the lodges will be invited by the Grand Master to attend either of two seminars to be held at the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus at Elizabethtown.

The first seminar will be conducted on Saturday, July 14 and the second on Saturday, September 8. Foundation representatives will be allowed to choose the session that best fits into their personal schedules.

The educational program will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. when the participants will be welcomed by the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter.

Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, R.W. Past Grand Master, who established the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation and oversees its activities as Honorary Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth Activities, will play a prominent part in the day's program along with Bro. Thomas R. Labagh, Executive Director of the foundation.

It is expected that members of the Job's Daughters, Rainbow and DeMolay organizations, the young people themselves, will be present to provide information and respond to questions from the

foundation representatives.

The afternoon program will begin with a one hour session when questions can be asked of a panel made up of the seminar principals.

A series of simultaneous workshops follows where the representatives choose the subject that most interests them.

Tours of the Masonic Conference Center will be conducted by the youth groups as well as mini-bus tours of the Masonic Homes for those who may be making their first visit to Elizabethtown.

The day's activities will end in time for departure at 3:30 p.m., but the swimming pool will remain open until 5:00 p.m. for those who wish to swim before leaving for home.

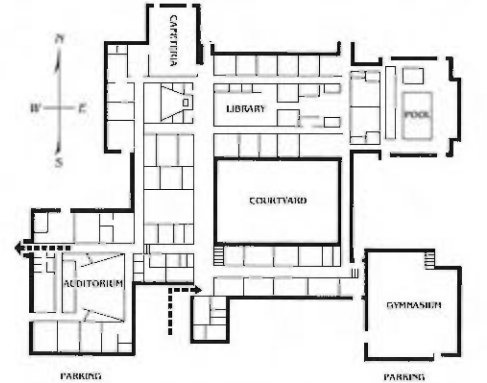
Those traveling greater distances will be housed in the conference center's dormitory facilities for the Friday evening preceding each seminar on a first request basis.

No meals are available at the campus except for lunch the day of the seminar, so long distance travelers will have to give some thought to dinner and breakfast needs off campus.

Hotel accommodations will be recommended to those who register late and cannot be housed at the center.

It is expected that those representatives living within several hours drive of the campus will not require overnight accommodations on the Friday preceding the seminars.

Invitations will be issued through the office of the Grand Master at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia and will contain a stamped, addressed post card for the convenience of the representative in choosing either seminar date.



Those not familiar with the layout of the Harborcreek Senior High School complex will find this floor plan valuable in locating the cafeteria (upper left) where a 5:00 p.m. dinner will be served and the auditorium (lower left) where the Grand Lodge will convene at 7:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania's Top Recruiter for DeMolay

Meryl C. Whitmyer, 19, of 312 Tozier Street, Dubois, has been recognized as the top recruiter for DeMolay in Pennsylvania as the result of a membership incentive program sponsored by various members of the masonic family and directed by the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

Meryl, son of Bro. and Mrs. William T. Whitmyer (his father is a member of Garfield Lodge No. 559 in DuBois), is credited with having sponsored 14 initiates into Garfield Chapter, Order of DeMolay in DuBois.

He joined DeMolay in 1977 and was a member of Bethany Chapter in Brookville until he transferred his membership to Garfield Chapter when it was instituted on March 24, 1984.

Meryl qualified for the top prize, an all expense paid trip to the International DeMolay Congress in Sarasota, Florida, but was unable to accept it because he joined the United States Navy. He was attending basic training in Orlando, Florida at the time this report was being written and was studying to be a fire control technician.

The next highest number of initiates was nine, turned in by Val W. Finnell, a member of Fidelity Chapter in Crafton. Val was followed by Scott A. Brooks, a member of George Washington Chapter in Chambersburg who recruited seven initiates.

There was a tie for fourth place between Troy M. Sweitzer, a member of Reading Chapter in Reading, and Michael J. LaPira, a member of Friendship-Bray Chapter in Jenkintown. Troy and Michael each brought six new members to their respective chapters.

Three DeMolays were tied for fifth place with five initiates each. They are John J. Hunt, III of Northeast Chapter in Philadelphia, Arthur J. Fitzsimmons of Erie Chapter in Erie and William D. Beatty, a member of Joseph T. Rothrock Chapter in McVeytown.

Six young men were tied for sixth place, having brought four members each into their respective chapters.

Three new members were sponsored by 22 DeMolays within the competition period and 32 DeMolays sponsored two initiates.

A total of 141 DeMolays sponsored one new member during the contest period.

In all, a total of 209 DeMolays brought 352 new members into the order within the competition period. Of that 209, 68 earned the \$25 rebate on their conclave costs by bringing two or more members to their chapters.

The above statistics were taken from figures reported to March 31, leaving two months for the goal of 600 new members to be reached.

In the competition for the \$1,000 prize to the chapter that initiates the most new members to the end of May, the March 31 statistics were as follows:

Garfield Chapter, DuBois, 31 initiates; Tiadaghton Elm Chapter, Jersey Shore, 27; Reading Chapter, Reading, 21; George Washington Chapter, Chambersburg, 20; Westmoreland Chapter, Greensburg, 20; Huntingdon Chapter, Huntingdon, 17; Fay-West Chapter, Scottdale, 15, and West Shore Chapter, Camp Hill, 14.

Four of the chapters were tied at 13 initiates.

Museum Renovation



Repair of damage done to the interior of the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia over the past several years as a result of the construction of a commuter train tunnel in center city has begun in earnest.

The work in progress is properly classified as restoration because of the special skills required to accomplish it.

The firm of Adolph Frei and Sons, Inc., 722-24 North third Street, Philadelphia, has been concentrating for the past several weeks on the library and mu-

the temple is being done by two highly skilled craftsmen, Bro. William R. Engle, a member of Shiloh Lodge No. 558, and Thomas Lancaster.

Both men served an apprenticeship in painting, then improved their abilities by working in their craft and learning from other highly skilled mechanics.

Bro. Engle is schooled in the fine arts and in drafting, essential skills for the type of work being done in the mu-



seum today.

Restoration is a science where much of the material in use today is very different from that used to create the original art. Today's craftsmen must be able to improvise.

Paints used in restoration, for example, cannot be pulled from a shelf; they must be mixed and matched on the job to the existing colors. Intuition and imagination are often as important as the learned skills and innate abilities.

It is expected that the restoration work within the Masonic Temple will require a year or more for completion.



Outside, the sidewalks have been restored along the south side of the building. The sidewalks to the west, along North Broad Street, must be replaced and the streets around the entire building will have to be repaved.

Reconstruction of the intersection of North Broad Street and John F. Kennedy Boulevard is scheduled for completion this summer.

Lodges Number 573

A pair of lodge mergers approved by the Grand Lodge at the 1983 December Quarterly Communication and a single approval at the 1984 March Quarterly Communication has reduced the number of lodges in Pennsylvania to 573.

The merger of Ionic Lodge No. 525, Bellevue, with Perry Lodge No. 796, Wexford, to be known as Perry-Ionic Lodge No. 796, was approved on December 7, to become effective December 27, 1983.

Both lodges are in the 48th Masonic District.

Also approved in December was the merger of Geter C. Shidle Lodge No. 650, Pittsburgh, into Lodge No. 45, Pittsburgh, to be known as Lodge No. 45, effective December 27, 1983.

Both lodges are in the 28th Masonic District.

The merger of Philates Lodge No. 527, Philadelphia, into Leonard Forman Lodge No. 782, Philadelphia, to be known as Leonard Forman Lodge No. 782, was approved and made effective on March 7, 1984.

Both lodges are in Masonic District E.

Erie Area Masons to Host June Quarterly Commission

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The lodge secretaries have been asked to make their requests as specific as possible so that the expense of wasted food can be avoided.

The actual communication will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and light refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the session.

Those driving will find adequate parking facilities within the high school complex.

A number of Erie area masons have volunteered to work on various committee assignments to assist the Grand Lodge in setting up the meeting.

Grand Master Carpenter will arrive early in Erie to attend a combined meeting of Lodge No. 408 and Spartan Lodge No. 372 in Meadville on Monday, June 4 and a combined meeting of Pine Lodge No. 498, Covenant Lodge No. 473 and Cochran Lodge No. 790 in Linesville on Tuesday, June 5.

The meetings are in keeping with the Grand Master's program of informal visitations to the lodges throughout the state during 1984.

More than 400 informal visitations have been scheduled through 1985, the length of his expected term as Grand Master.

Grand Master Issues Two New Decisions

The R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, has issued two changes to the *Digest of Decisions*.

The first change, issued on January 16, was to Article III, Section 14.

When adopted in 1977 as companion legislation to the proficiency decision, the article required that "a period of six (6) months shall elapse between the date the newly-made Mason has the Master Mason's degree conferred upon him and the date he may sign a petition for another organization requiring, as a prerequisite, membership as a master Mason in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction."

The change has the effect of eliminating the six-month waiting period, but develops a 60-day period after each degree when a candidate must prove proficiency or be suspended.

Article III, Section 14 now reads: "To promote a newly-made Mason's proficiency in the craft, as dictated by Article 19.03 of the *Ahiman Rezon*, he shall use the proficiency program prescribed by the Grand Lodge, and must, to the satisfaction of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, prove his proficiency within sixty days of receiving each degree before he can be advanced, or receive his dues card. Should he fail to prove his proficiency within sixty days after receiving each of the three degrees, he is to be suspended at the next stated meeting of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master may, given just cause, extend the period upon written application by the newly-made Mason.

"Once the newly-made Mason has proved his proficiency in the third degree, and is issued his dues card, he may then petition another organization re-

quiring, as a prerequisite, membership as a Master Mason in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction."

A number of Masons who never presented themselves to be advanced beyond the first or second degree, or who have failed to prove themselves proficient in the third degree, have been suspended under the new decision.

The Grand Master has made it clear the new decision applies to any person who has not become a Master Mason, regardless of how long he has been a member of the fraternity.

The second decision was announced at the March Quarterly Communication in Philadelphia. It simplifies the process for the suspension or expulsion of members who have been tried and convicted of a violation of criminal law.

Section 13 has been added to Article LXXXIX, Suspension of Members, as follows:

"When a member has been indicted for a violation of criminal law and has been tried and convicted or has pleaded guilty, an offense has been committed against Freemasonry as to which there can be only one result—suspension or expulsion.

"Accordingly, the lodge to which such member belongs need not prefer charges and hold a masonic trial, but shall file a certified transcript of the court's decision with the Office of the Grand Secretary. The Grand Master may thereafter direct the member's suspension or expulsion depending on the severity of the crime.

"It is to be noted that those suspended may petition a Grand Master at some future time to be reinstated, whereas expulsion will prevent reinstatement.

Attendance Record?

Brother Howard H. Zarfoss, Past Master and a member of Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682 in Elizabethtown, received his 50-year masonic service emblem in March.

The presentation was made by Bro. Marvin G. Speicher, District Deputy Grand Master for the 60th Masonic District.

According to the Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. Robert H. Becker, Bro. Zarfoss, who served the lodge as Worshipful Master in 1942, has not missed attending a stated meeting of the lodge since being made a mason on January 15, 1934.

Record After 125 Days

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ed over the March Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge and a Special Communication called for the dedication of a new lodge building at Concordville.

"Having had the privilege and good fortune to make 117 visitations in these first 125 days," said the Grand Master, "I guess that means I have been able to enjoy at least eight days of refreshment and sleep."

Bro. Carpenter has presented 86 awards during this time to those men he refers to as "Masonic Saints," unsung heroes of the lodges who go quietly about their worthwhile tasks, often without reward. "When we cease to honor good men, we may cease to have honorable men," the Grand Master has often said.

He presented to the Worshipful Masters and the leaders of the other bodies he has visited a total of 110 of the three-inch bronze medallions struck in limited edition to mark his administration as Grand Master.

The Grand Master also presented to each lodge a packet of informative literature (122 sets in all), most of it material he had written over the past 20 or more years in his various capacities in service to the Grand Lodge.

"The icing on the cake, the greatest personal value I have gained in these first 125 days, has been the joy I received in meeting and talking with more than 15,500 masons," said the Grand Master.

"In a couple more weeks I will have had the opportunity to meet 10 per cent of our 202,000 members. Isn't that wonderful! Meeting with the fraternity is what I want to do, what I must do, because that is one of the things Freemasonry is—my life touching yours, and your life touching mine," said the Grand Master, adding, "And so mote it always be."

Is There a Doctor in the House?

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown is seeking a full time Pennsylvania licensed physician to join the current staff of three full time physicians. Position available June 1.

Physician will practice in a modern 482-bed Health Care Center caring for the 700 residents of the Masonic Homes.

An attractive compensation

package includes a maintenance free home, fully paid malpractice insurance and excellent health benefits.

Send resume to: Joseph Murphy, Executive Director, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown is an equal opportunity employer.

Grand Master is Honored by Chapel of Four Chaplains



The Chapel of Four Chaplains has presented its highest award, the Legion of Honor bronze medallion, to the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter.

In announcing the award, Dr. Walter H. White, Chaplain, noted the bronze medallion had been presented just three times in 1983—to U.S. Senator Claude Pepper, Secretary of the Navy John Lehman, and the President of the United States, Ronald W. Reagan.

The chapel is located at 1855 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, at the heart of the Temple University campus.

It was named in honor of four military chaplains who gave their life jackets to young servicemen as the troopship S.S. Dorchester, torpedoed by an enemy submarine, sank in the North Atlantic off the coast of Greenland on February 3, 1943.

The four chaplains, Alexander D. Goode, Jewish rabbi; George L. Fox and Clark V. Poling, Protestant ministers, and John P. Washington, Roman Catholic priest, were among the 700 lives lost that day.

Their last moments were described by Margaret E. Sangster in the "Saga of the Four Chaplains."

"So the Four Chaplains stood on the heaving deck, with their arms linked—each without a life jacket.

"Violent squalls confused the last moments of the S.S. Dorchester—flares on the bridge showed the huge waves dashing over it . . . And somewhere in the seething ocean perhaps four men were cheating death, supported by the chaplains' gifts."

Grand Master Carpenter was invited to receive the Legion of Honor medallion during a special service on Sunday, April 1.

Dr. White asked the Grand Master to be prepared to deliver a brief message.

"Our founder, the late Dr. Daniel A. Poling, was always high on the masons and I know your visit would have given him great pleasure," Dr. White said.

The Grand Master remembered his association with Bro. Poling in his remarks.

"I recall picking him up on this very corner of North Broad Street on a Saturday in December of 1953 when he agreed to be the guest speaker at the annual banquet of Chester Lodge No. 236, the year I was Worshipful Master," the Grand Master said.

"Dr. Poling was an inspiration to me and my autographed copy of his book, *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*, is one of my truly prized possessions," he continued.

Grand Master Carpenter chose freedom as the subject of his remarks. He spoke of an increasing number of Americans who have drifted away from an intelligent understanding of what America is all about. He compared the attitudes expressed today with those evident in the 1940s when "some of us within this sacred chapel this day can recall when we were separated from our loved ones to help tend to matters that challenged our very freedoms."

"The small group of followers of William Penn who braved the Atlantic Ocean in the dinky sailboat 'Welcome' just 300 years ago last year, and landed not too many miles from this very spot, knew what they wanted in the name of freedom," the Grand Master said.

"To them, it was a freedom to worship based on the laws of God. They sought to create an ideal community where truth, justice and mercy prevailed, and where men and women could live together in harmony and good order.

"The results of that holy experiment of

William Penn actually opened up a new world and new freedoms for all the religions that had been subjected to oppression," Bro. Carpenter continued.

The Grand Master spoke of the need to protect and defend freedom. Noting the average age of the world's great civilizations has been just 200 years, Bro. Carpenter commented on the stages through which those nations progressed:

"From bondage to spiritual faith; from spiritual faith to great courage;

"From great courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance;

"From abundance to selfishness; from selfishness to complacency;

"From complacency to apathy; from apathy to dependence;

"From dependence back to bondage."

"The United States managed to slip by the 200 year limit just eight years ago," the Grand Master said, adding, "Let us hope and pray that our nation can be the exception."

It is interesting to note in this year of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Bro. Harry S. Truman that the then President of the United States dedicated the chapel on February 3, 1951.

Bro. Truman said in the dedication address, "We must never forget that this country was founded by men who came to these shores to worship God as they pleased. Catholics, Jews, and Protestants, all came here for this great purpose.

"They did not come here to do as they pleased but to worship God as they pleased, and that is an important distinction. The unity of our country comes from this fact," President Truman said.

"The acknowledgment of three faiths embodied in The Chapel of Four Chaplains, with but one God, mirrors the fraternal concept of the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God."

Third Pennsylvania Grant Used to Produce Radio Commercials

A third grant of \$25,000 from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association has been used to underwrite the cost of three professionally produced radio commercials created to stimulate interest in Freemasonry and to promote a better understanding of the fraternity.

The first \$25,000 Pennsylvania grant, in 1982, was used for printed and television materials that enabled the general public, as well as the members of the fraternity, to learn about the memorial and how it is operated.

The second \$25,000 grant, in 1983, was used to prepare a series of four newspaper advertisements. The ads grew out of a number of requests for information in light of increased attacks against the fraternity by a number of groups, particularly in the south.

The advertisements have been used in hundreds of newspapers across the country with excellent results. Thousands of sets were sent to every state in the nation.

It is suggested that the newest venture, the radio commercials, be used on local

as well as the larger radio stations. Some radio stations may cooperate by airing the three commercials as public service announcements, but air time may have to be purchased in order to make the greatest impact.

Radio advertising is much less expensive than newspaper advertising and should increase the ability of individuals and lodges to purchase air time.

Then too, the combination of news-

paper and radio advertising can enhance the success factor in both mediums.

The radio commercials are available on six inch soundsheets which can be used by radio stations.

Requests for the recorded messages can be addressed to: Public Relations Office, George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 440 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02171.



Build A Better Understanding of Freemasonry

A series of three professionally-produced 60-second radio commercials on Freemasonry are now available without charge.

Developed to increase public awareness and to communicate a better understanding of Masonry, the commercials are appropriate for use by Masonic Lodges and other Masonic organizations.

Produced through a grant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the radio commercials are a project of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

Send your request for the recorded commercials to: Public Relations Office, George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 440 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02171



Special Blue Lodge License Plates-Round Two



The Office of the Grand Master, in response to an article in the February, 1984 issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason*, received more than 3,500 requests for the special blue lodge license plates that were to be made available through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Unfortunately, a series of bureaucratic confusions has delayed the issuance of the required application forms and, based on our experience to date, we are hesitant to predict when the state will be ready to proceed.

We have received assurances from PennDot that the masonic license plates will be made available when the current impasse over manufacturing procedures is solved.

We were advised in February that a decision had been made (not by PennDot) requiring the project be put out on bid, a process that was to have taken a minimum of 60 days.

Later, the bid requirement was dropped, but it was reported that special dies would have to be made to stamp the square and compasses symbol into the plate in lieu of the two-color, weather resistant decal envisioned initially.

The decision to stamp the symbol is a good one in light of reports that decals being used on other vanity plates were destroyed by vandals who simply scraped them off with a sharp instrument.

The Grand Lodge has received assurances the special blue lodge plates will be issued once the problems have been solved. The Grand Master's Office is prepared to respond to the requests on hand on a first request basis when production is guaranteed. A complete record has been maintained despite the volume and the delays.

It is important that those who have made requests for applications maintain their regular annual registration. The \$20 fee that will be charged for the vanity plates when they become available is in addition to annual registration renewal fees.

You are also reminded that requests for the special plates are restricted to vehicles other than motorcycles and trailers with a registered gross weight of not more than 9,000 pounds.

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