

Grand Master's Itinerary AUGUST THROUGH DECEMBER

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SOLOMON II Rally—Hershey . . . October 4 There Has Never Been a More Exciting Time To Be a Freemason!

Throw off the lethargy of the long, hot summer! Renew your spirit! Feel the rush of enthusiasm! Be uplifted! Become a part of that which is good and wholesome! Join with thousands of others who are taking an active part in the rebirth of fraternalism! Celebrate the success of Project SOLOMON II®, the Rebuilding of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania!

The SOLOMON II Rally at the Hersheypark Arena on Thursday, October 4 is expected to be the largest gathering of Masons, their families and friends under one roof in the history of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Thousands of Masons, representatives of all the bodies that are part of the masonic family, including the youth groups, will come together to celebrate the bright new beginning that is the promise and substance of Project SOLOMON II.

Never before has an idea been so widely accepted. Never before has an idea spread throughout the fraternity in so short a time. Never before have the eyes of virtually every masonic organization in the country been focused so squarely on the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Project SOLOMON II is working. All the working tools are in place. Each lodge has its operations manual in hand and its task force in place to put the program in high gear.

The computer tracking programs have been refined over the summer months and the free flow of information between the lodges, the overseers, and the director of the project will begin with the first activity after the end of the summer call-off.

Now we will reverse the decline in membership. Now we will each do our part to guarantee the goal of Project SOLOMON II, the addition of 50,000 new members over the next four years. We will

restore the fraternity in Pennsylvania to 250,000 members by the end of 1987.

The SOLOMON II Rally in Hershey will provide the first opportunity to celebrate the early indications of success that grow stronger each month as new statistics are gathered. It will provide a public forum in which to recognize those individuals who are setting records for performance along with the lodges and districts that are taking leadership positions.

Members of the fraternity are encouraged to appear at the rally in the regalia of their offices.

A controlled processional will be formed to begin the festivities, with representatives of all the masonic bodies in the central region of the state taking part.

A number of surprises have been

planned for the rally, including professional entertainment, audio-visual presentations, an address by the R.W. Grand Master, and a closing ceremony that will be remembered for years.

The youth groups, DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls, will be asked to act as ushers and will play an important part in the closing ceremonies.

There will be no charge for admission to the Hersheypark Arena, but all seats will be reserved. A coupon accompanies this article (see page 15) for use in ordering the free tickets. Tickets will be numbered according to the usual arena seating plan and will be assigned on a first request basis.

A computer program has been estab-

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September Quarterly to be Held at Tamiment in Poconos



In order to provide a more central location so that more Masons in the eastern part of the state may easily attend a meeting of their Grand Lodge, the site of the September Quarterly Communication to be held on September 5, has been changed from Scranton to Tamiment.

Tamiment, a Pocono resort property located on Bushkill Road off Route 209 in Pike County (see the map on page 15) is easily accessible from Interstate 84 from the north and from Interstate 80 by way of the Northeast Extension of the Pennsyl-

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But They Lied on Their Knees!



Taking an oath and an obligation is a binding and serious thing.

Accepting and fulfilling an oath and an obligation is an honorable thing.

Not adhering to an oath and an obligation is disgraceful and dishonorable!

During my first six months as R. W. Grand Master, it has been shocking and disturbing to learn of the number of Pennsylvania Masons who have lied on their knees.

Twenty of these unfortunate cases have already been either suspended or expelled and, I am led to believe, we have just "scratched the surface" or dealt with the "tip of the iceberg."

Apparently there are Masons who, having taken the oaths and obligations of our three Symbolic degrees, have not only lied on their knees but have evidenced a total disregard for the Masonic advice spelled out in the Charges shared following the degrees. Following the Entered Apprentice Mason's degree, the Charge says: "In the State, a Freemason is to behave as a peaceable and dutiful citizen, conforming cheerfully to the government under which he lives." That same Charge says: "Nothing can be more shocking to all faithful Freemasons than to see any of their Brethren profane the sacred rules of Freemasons; and such as do, they wish had never been accepted into the Fraternity."

In the Ancient Charge delivered following the conferring of the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, we are admonished: "You are bound by duty, honor and gratitude, to be faithful to your trust, to support the dignity of your character upon every occasion, and to enforce, by precept and example, obedience to the tenets of Freemasonry."

Every Pennsylvania Mason should, at all times, conform to and abide by the rules and regulations of the Fraternity. These include the legislation and by-laws of our "Blue Lodge," the Constitution and Edicts of the Grand Lodge, and also those Ancient Customs, Usages and Landmarks of the Craft that have been passed down to us through the ages. Thus we have a set of rules and regulations that govern our conduct in our own Lodge; those that govern our dealing with other Masons, and those that govern our conduct in the outside world. All of these, taken together, set the boundaries that should govern our conduct at all times.

Our "Blue Lodge," the Grand Lodge, and the R. W. Grand Master have ample authority to enforce the rules, regulations and Edicts, even as they relate to violations of civil law, over Pennsylvania Masons wherever they may be and also over all Masons who live within our jurisdiction.

By far, the most important rules concerning our conduct are those governing our actions toward the world outside Freemasonry. The offenses within our Lodges and toward other Brethren and even the Grand Lodge can be handled without adverse publicity, but when we forget the rules laid down for our behavior toward non-masons, we blacken the good name of every member of the Craft.

There is a tendency among many Masons to regard the Grand Lodge as some obscure clique or mysterious group working behind the scenes to decide and dictate the affairs of Freemasonry. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is comprised of approximately 23,000 Living Past Masters, Worshipful Masters and Wardens of the more than 570 Symbolic Lodges in Pennsylvania.

Masonic trials are unpleasant affairs that consume both time and effort and often impose a financial burden on a Lodge. Even the outright suspensions and expulsions handed down by the R. W. Grand Master are distressing. Most if not all such actions could be avoided by these steps:

(1) We should make certain that every Pennsylvania Mason is educated Masonically so that he knows what is expected of him as a Mason.

(2) When we find a Brother forgetting his Masonic teachings, we should whisper good counsel in his ear, gently admonishing him of his errors, and endeavor, in a friendly way, to bring about a true and lasting reformation.

(3) And, finally, we should guard our portals so that we accept only those men

who will be receptive to our teachings and will not find it difficult to conduct themselves as Masons.

Too often we have witnessed shocking examples of the irresponsibilities of men in high places as well as in low places. As a man thinketh, so is he.

The good name of Freemasonry is not the result of what we do not do; it is the result of practicing outside the Lodge those great moral lessons we are taught within the Lodge. At no time in the history of our Nation has there been a greater need to exercise the principles and moral teachings of Freemasonry than now.

Freemasonry is one of the great moral forces remaining in the world today. But if Freemasonry is to achieve its honorable purpose—that of building a better world—it must first build better men to work at the task.

No man has any right to claim to be a Freemason unless he has endeavored to put into practice the lessons received when he was Entered, Crafted and Raised. A Mason should never entertain the thought that he must go to a Lodge Room to practice his Masonry. Masonry must be practiced in daily life where human kindness and helpfulness and honesty are so much needed. The surest way to make Freemasonry useful, is to make use of Freemasonry. Every Pennsylvania Mason is charged with the responsibility of keeping the reputation of the Fraternity unsullied.

Pennsylvania Masonry cannot and will not condone the continued membership of those who bring disgrace, dishonor, and discredit to our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity. Hence, my Brethren, if and when you learn of a case or cases whereby the behavior of any Mason or Masons in Pennsylvania borders on or actually results in a felony or another form of unmasonic conduct, please make such a case or cases known to the Office of the Right Worshipful Grand Master through proper and expeditious channels. I will thank you for your efforts.

Today, we hear it said from time to time that our own Lodges are winking at violations of our Masonic law. I ask the question: *Are we growing that lax in the enforcement of our penal code?* If such be the case, then it is time that serious concern and consideration be given to this matter—this unfortunate circumstance within our Craft. And, for the record, be it known that this Grand Master plans to give the matter top priority in an effort to rid our rolls of any undesirables.

Our priority emphasis will at all times

cover the three types of Masonic offenses: (1) violations of moral law, (2) violations of the laws of Freemasonry, and (3) violations of the laws of the land involving moral turpitude.

We cannot deny that there are men on our membership rolls whose lives, conduct, and character reflect no real credit on Freemasonry, whose ears seem to turn from its beautiful lessons of morality, duty and honor, whose hearts seem untouched by its soothing, manly influences of fraternal kindness, and whose hands are not opened to aid in loving deeds and charity. We express our grief as we acknowledge this truth.

These men, though in our Temples, are not of our Temples in the true sense of the word. They are among us, but they are not with us. They belong to our household, but they are not of our faith. We have sought to teach them but they have failed to heed the instruction; seeing, they have not perceived; hearing, they have not understood, or prefer not to benefit by the symbolic language in which our fraternal lessons of wisdom are communicated.

The fault is not with Freemasonry or with us, that we have not given, but with them that they have not perceived, or received. And, indeed, hard and unjust would it be to censure the Masonic Fraternity because, partaking of the infirmity or weakness of human wisdom and human means, it has been unable to achieve the perfection desired for all who come within its environs. The denial of a Peter, the doubting of a Thomas, or the betrayal of a Judas should cast no reproach on so grand, so long-established and honorable a fraternity as that of Freemasonry. But misconduct and misdeeds do hurt our Craft and bring grief to all worthy Freemasons.

Freemasonry prescribes no principles that are opposed to the sacred teachings of the Divine Lawgiver, and sanctions no acts that are not consistent with the sternest morality and the most faithful obedience to government and the laws. And, while this continues to be its character, it cannot, without the most atrocious injustice, be held responsible for the acts of unworthy members.

The fact is, it is no secret that the moral fiber of the people of our great nation has broken down. It has been noticeable since the late 1940s. We often hear of white collar crime, embezzlement, fraud, collusion in some of our largest corporate board rooms with guilty fines running in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, with our peers only seeing the wrong if the culprits get caught.

These are not the lessons we are taught at the Altar of Freemasonry. Perhaps it would be difficult to convince many Masons that we have Brethren guilty of the quick fix and fast buck. But we have

had them, we may still have them, and, with immediate and proper Masonic disciplinary action, we shall go to the nth degree to eliminate such a curse from Freemasonry.

The young people of our three Masonic affiliated youth organizations are always watching us closely. These young people have a new sophistication and an awareness of what is right and what is wrong. They have their Masonic advisors whom they naturally emulate, but to them all Masons are the same and are supposed to possess honesty and integrity. These young people are the future of our communities and also of our Fraternity. We cannot afford to let them down, my Brethren.

What can Masons do to remedy this situation? We must begin at the first step of recommending a petitioner. The mere possession of sufficient money to pay the necessary petition fee does not qualify a man to be made a Mason. Before a member signs his name to any petition for the degrees of Freemasonry, he must assure himself, beyond any question of doubt, that the petitioner he recommends is, in a sense, already a Mason in his heart, and that, if he is accepted, the member will never have cause to regret his endorsement. That is the most important duty and responsibility which a member owes to the Masonic Fraternity, his "Blue Lodge," and himself.

And, my Brethren, thorough investigation of each and every petitioner to our respective Lodges is not only the proper time but also the only time for Freemasonry to safeguard against accepting anyone who could very well bring disgrace, dishonor, or discredit to the Craft.

Oh, perhaps the galleries are full of critics relative to points covered in this article. Those who criticize play no ball. They fight no fights. They make no mistakes because they attempt nothing. The real "doers" are down in the arena. The man who makes no mistakes lacks boldness and the spirit of adventure. He is the one who never tries anything. He is the brake on the wheel of progress. And yet it cannot be truly said that he makes no mistakes, because the biggest mistake he makes is the very fact that he tries nothing, does nothing, has absolutely no positive input into the cause of Freemasonry and just seems to be his happy useless self in criticizing those who are making an attempt to do certain things.

We have learned to tolerate our critics. But when you have faith in your plans, designs and convictions, you govern yourself accordingly. Methinks it was Shakespeare who wrote: "Sweet are the uses of adversity." It has also been proven that "Adversity causes some men to break, others to break records." And, in the words of Burke: "He who wrestles with

us strengthens our nerves and sharpens our skill."

My Brethren, it was once stated that the real purpose of Freemasonry is the pursuit of excellence. I like that statement.

Every lesson in every degree of Freemasonry reiterates the idea that the individual is committed to self-improvement, to the acceptance of responsibility, to deeper sympathy and benevolence, to greater truth and wisdom, to genuine love of fellow men.

We Pennsylvania Masons are now on the threshold of a new growth in our membership. Project SOLOMON II is already working and telling us that Pennsylvania Masonry is going to enjoy one of its finest hours. Yes, it could be one of the greatest hours ever if we will screen thoroughly those men who knock at the portals of Pennsylvania Masonry.

Lest we become again entrapped with undesirables within our "Blue Lodges,"—and I refer to those men who lie on their knees—my will and pleasure is that every Pennsylvania Mason shall become totally committed to the pursuit of excellence within the Craft.

And So Mote It Always Be!

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The Reverend Heist Made a Mason at Sight

The Reverend Raymond A. Heist, pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Williamsport, was made a mason at sight during an extra communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Williamsport on Saturday, June 30.

Grand Master William A. Carpenter introduced the candidate as "a good friend and a man of God, who, like many good and worthy men, was unable to free himself from the demands of his profession to seek membership in this great fraternity in the traditional way."

"We have spent many happy hours discussing Freemasonry," the Grand Master added, "I am so pleased to have the authority to make him one of us."

The making of a mason at sight is a right that can be exercised only by the Grand Master in this jurisdiction.

The Ahiman Rezon, the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, gives to the Grand Master the responsibility for the general supervision and government of the fraternity. Among the powers he is given to carry out those duties is the right "to cause Masons to be made in his presence, at any time and at any place, a Lodge being opened by him for that purpose."

A study of Grand Lodge records conducted in 1978 revealed that 62 men had been made masons at sight since 1885. The number may be greater because Grand Masters have been known to have created masons at sight in the symbolic lodges on short notice with the record being maintained only in the minutes of the lodge in which the three degrees were conferred.

The most recent cases occurred on August 28, 1982 and September 17, 1983 when then Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson granted the honor to Bro. John E. Rakar and Bro. Carl J. Finney, respectively.

Bro. Heist became the 65th person to be recorded as having received this particular honor.

Born in Allentown and educated in the Allentown school system, Bro. Heist is a graduate of Eastern Baptist College and earned a Master of Divinity degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has done graduate work at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and the Christian Leadership Training Center of Campus Crusade.

Bro. Heist has served pastorates in Confluence, Vandergrift, Chester and Williamsport, all in Pennsylvania. He also



R.W. Grand master William A. Carpenter presents to Bro. Raymond A. Heist a special certificate noting his having been made a mason at sight. The District Deputy Grand Master for the 18th Masonic District, Bro. L. Eugene Pauling, is at the left.

served for 12 years on the staff of the American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware.

He pioneered an area ministry concept for National Ministries through an experimental project conducted in southwestern Pennsylvania over a five year period. That concept of church relationships has now been adopted across the country.

During his pastorate in Chester, the Reverend Heist was nominated as one of the 10 outstanding pastors of the more than 6,000 churches of the American Baptist family. He was honored for special work with a congregation that was without a church building.

He has developed and taught in-service training seminars for pastors and has been active in ecumenical affairs and served on many boards and committees to promote community togetherness and brotherhood.

Bro. Heist has served as editor of the Pennsylvania section of the *Denominational News Media* and is currently a consultant on church growth and planning for this region.

He is married to the former Patricia Cotanis of Allentown. They are the parents of three daughters and have three grandchildren. Pastor Heist and his wife work constantly as a team and have been active over the years in special work with children and in special marriage enrichment ministries.

About 350 Grand Lodge officers and

members of the lodges in the 18th Masonic District witnessed the three degrees.

The Entered Apprentice degree was conferred by a team from the Northwestern Region under the direction of Regional Instructor Bro. H. Alvan Sallack.

Bro. Ronald Stanley, P.M., of Wilcox Lodge No. 571 was the Worshipful Master; Bro. Lynn Walker, Senior Warden of Lodge No. 408, Senior Warden, and Bro. Pete Caristo, Worshipful Master of James W. Brown Lodge No. 675, Junior Warden.

The Fellowcraft degree was conferred by a team from the Eastern Region under the direction of Regional Instructor Bro. Roderick W. Albright.

The team was made up of members of White Rose Lodge No. 706 and included Bro. William K. Ide, P.M., as Worshipful Master; Bro. Edwin A. Reeser, Senior Warden, as the Senior Warden, and Bro. R. Benn Miller, Junior Warden, as Junior Warden.

The Master Mason degree was conferred by a team from the Northeastern Region under the direction of Regional Instructor Bro. Benjamin H. Lee.

The Worshipful Master was Bro. Walter F. Rendemeith, P.M. of Acacia Lodge No. 579; the Senior Warden was Bro. Gerald A. Searfoss, P.M. of Leighton Lodge No. 621, and the Junior Warden was Bro. Dennis Reed, a P.M. of Salem Lodge No. 330.

Bro. James K. Thompson, Instructor of Ritualistic Work, was responsible for the overall degree work.

Fall Appeal to be Conducted Through MASONIC CHARITIES FUND

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in order to improve the manner in which it gathers funds for the several charities supported by the Masons of Pennsylvania, has decided to concentrate its fund raising efforts in a single appeal through establishment of the Masonic Charities Fund.

The full title of the program will be the *Masonic Charities Fund, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania* in order to distinguish it from similar charitable efforts conducted by other masonic jurisdictions.

The Masonic Charities Fund will have the flexibility to receive contributions in the traditional manner, designated specifically to the Guest and Building or Endowment funds of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown or to the Endowment Fund of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation.

It will also give to the Grand Lodge the ability to apply those funds not designated to a particular charity to areas of specific need.

Those specific needs might include the Hospital Visitation Program conducted at the Veterans Hospitals throughout

the state by the Mason volunteers who work with the Masonic Service Association.

They could also include the youth outreach programs conducted through the National Center for Juvenile Justice, where the Masons of Pennsylvania extend their charity to disadvantaged youngsters all over the nation without regard to race, creed or origin.

Undesignated funds could be used to continue the program of assistance to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. Recent contributions from the Masons of Pennsylvania have also been used to conduct nationwide television, newspaper and radio campaigns to educate the general public about what it means to be a Freemason.

Undesignated funds, in short, will give the Grand Lodge the ability to become more visible to the community through the distribution of charity and will thus improve the overall image of the fraternity.

A formal fund raising campaign will begin in the fall, using the lodge notices for September, October, November and

December as has been done in the past.

Each member of the fraternity will also receive notice of the appeal by direct mail.

Both the lodge notice and direct mail appeals will contain a card which can be used to assign your contribution to a specific charity. You may also choose to leave the distribution of your gift to the discretion of the Grand Lodge.

Each appeal will also contain a business reply envelope to make the return of your response as simple as possible.

Please make your check payable to the *Masonic Charities Fund, G.L. of PA* and send it in the envelope provided to the Office of the Grand Master, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

All contributions are deductible for tax purposes.

The Mason's sense of charity is the noblest quality he presents to the world as a measure of his character.

Your charity is needed. Won't you participate in this appeal by sending your contribution to the Masonic Charities Fund, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania?

Past Grand Master Williamson Receives Pennsylvania Franklin Medal

Bro. Samuel C. Williamson, R.W. Past Grand Master, has received the highest honor that can be bestowed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the prestigious Pennsylvania Franklin Medal.

The 18K gold medal, suspended from a royal blue velvet ribbon, was presented during the June Quarterly Communication held at Erie by the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter, who was assisted by Past Grand Masters John K. Young, Hiram P. Ball, W. Orville Kimmel, and John L. McCain.

The Pennsylvania Franklin Medal, introduced in 1979 by then Grand Master, the late Bro. Walter P. Wells, is awarded by consent of the elected line officers to recognize distinguished service to Freemasonry and to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"The contributions this man has made to Freemasonry in Pennsylvania will be measured for many years," said Grand Master Carpenter in making the announcement, adding, "He has brought to Freemasonry an appreciation for constructive change and has generated a sense of purpose and a degree of enthusiasm that will serve us well for a long time."

Grand Master Carpenter noted the various pieces of legislation authored by Bro. Williamson as Grand Master during 1982 and 1983 that increased the visibility of the fraternity, making it more responsible, especially to the young.

"When he established the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation in 1982, he created a model that is today the standard by which others measure performance," the Grand Master said.

"This beautiful medal, struck in the likeness of Bro. Benjamin Franklin who twice served as Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1734 and 1749, is a symbol that stands for excellence. I am pleased to be able to present it to a man I will always consider as my Grand Master," Bro. Carpenter concluded.

Past Grand Master Williamson currently serves as the Chairman of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation and as co-Chairman of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee. He is an advisor to the Grand Master on many matters, particularly those relating to finance.

His work with youth has also been recognized by the Grand Holy Royal Chapter of Pennsylvania which has made him



Bro. Samuel C. Williamson
R.W. Past Grand Master

Chairman of its Youth Activities Committee and, most recently, by the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, by his appointment as a national advisor.

A resident of Pitcairn Borough, Pittsburgh, Bro. Williamson is a retired executive of U.S. Steel. A 1950 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in chemical engineering, he joined U.S. Steel in 1952 following a tour of duty with the United States Air Force.

His professional memberships include the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, the American Chemical Society, and the Eastern States Blast Furnace and Coke Oven Association. He is a past president and a past director of the River Terminal Operators Association, Port of Pittsburgh.

A member of the Center Avenue United Methodist Church, he has served as chairman of the administrative board, chairman of the finance committee, and superintendent of the Sunday school. Active in his community, he was elected to the council of Pitcairn Borough from 1969 to 1973.

Bro. Williamson is a Past Master of Tyrian Lodge No. 612 in Level Green. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of the 54th Masonic District from 1962 to 1971.

He is a Past High Priest of Valley Royal Arch Chapter No. 289 and is a member

of Liberty Valley Council No. 50 and Duquesne Commandery No. 72.

Currently the First Lieutenant Commander of the Valley of Pittsburgh, A.A.S.R., he was coroneted an honorary 33 degree mason in 1977.

He received the Active Legion of Honor as awarded by the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and the Grand Cross of Color from the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Bro. Williamson's other masonic affiliations include membership in Syria Shrine Temple; U.S. Premier Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Royal and Select Order of Jesters; National Sojourners; Knight Masons; Allied Masonic Degrees; Center Forest No. 129, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and Islam Grotto.

SOLOMON II Recognition Program Expanded

The recognition program for Project SOLOMON II®, the Rebuilding of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, has been expanded to include a unique throat medallion to be earned by those who truly excel as builders of the craft.

The design of the medallion, a three-tier suspension created in gold plate over bronze, combines the likeness of King Solomon's Temple, symbol for the project; the keystone with its many symbolic applications, and the seal of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The medallion will be worn about the throat on a gold chain by those who bring 12 or more members to the fraternity through Project SOLOMON II over the next four years.

The new form of recognition is a logical extension of the series of lapel pins presented to those who bring one, two or three members to the craft.

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

A Fellowcraft Builder, who brings two new members, earns a silver lapel pin.



The Master Builder, who brings three or more members to Freemasonry in meeting his responsibility to the success of the project, is entitled to wear a gold lapel pin.

A list of those who have qualified as Master Builders since the last issue of *The Pennsylvania Freemason* is printed on page 14.

As originally planned, the lapel pins were to be distributed to the Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Builders in the lodge room, with the gold lapel pins to be presented to the Master Builders by the District Deputy Grand Master, where possible.

It was decided, however, to send the emblems directly to the early builders as the best means to establish the recognition program as quickly as possible.

That program of direct contact, with a copy of the correspondence to the Secretary of the lodge, has been so successful that the practice will be continued.

The R.W. Grand Master has agreed to make personal presentations of the throat medallions to those Master Builders who bring 12 or more members to the fraternity at the communications of the Grand Lodge or at special programs in celebration of the success of Project SOLOMON II.

Lodges Number 571

Two lodge mergers approved at the June Quarterly Communication held at Erie have reduced the number of lodges in Pennsylvania to 571.

The merger of Olivet Lodge No. 607, Philadelphia, with Oriental Lodge No. 385, Philadelphia, to be known as Olivet-Oriental Lodge No. 385, was approved by the members of the Grand Lodge on June 6 and became effective at the close of business on that day.

Both lodges are in Masonic District H under the direction of District Deputy Grand Master William E. Riley.

Also approved and made effective on June 6 was the merger of William B. Schnider Lodge No. 419, Philadelphia, with Mozart Lodge No. 436, Philadelphia, to be known as Mozart Lodge No. 436.

Details of this merger were worked out with the lodges by District Deputy Grand Master Norman A. Fox of Masonic District E and District Deputy Grand Master J. Walter Price of Masonic District G.

The surviving lodge remains a part of Masonic District G.

June Quarterly Grand Communication

More than 1,400 Masons, members of 179 lodges, were present at the Harbor-creek High School in Erie for the June Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on Wednesday, June 6.

The record attendance was accomplished despite temperatures in the high 90s in the auditorium of the high school where the communication was convened at 7:00 p.m.

An overflow crowd of several hundred members witnessed the proceedings by closed circuit television in a nearby room.

The Grand Master provided what turned out to be the highlight of the meeting when he decided during the opening ceremonies to honor the men who, 40 years ago to the day, had stormed the beaches of Normandy, signaling the beginning of the end of World War II.

Grand Master Carpenter had already asked one veteran of the invasion, Bro. Donald L. Jolley, District Deputy Grand Master of the 23rd Masonic District, to be prepared to lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag.



when it occurred to him that other veterans of the coastal landings would be part of so large a gathering.

Thirteen men accepted his invitation to join the ceremony on stage as evidenced in the pictures that accompany this article.

Another highlight of the communication was the presentation of a five-year certificate of appreciation to Bro. Charles F. Rose, a member of Penn-Justice Lodge No. 766, for his work as a Service Association Field Agent at the Aspinwall Veterans Hospital.

The service award was presented by Bro. Thomas R. Dougherty, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and Director of the Hospital Visitation Program conducted by the Masonic Service Association.

Grand Lodge of Connecticut Honors Grand Master Carpenter

The Grand Lodge of Connecticut has presented its highest award for distinguished masonic service to the R.W. Grand Master, Bro. William A. Carpenter.

The presentation was made by Most Worshipful Bro. Herbert L. Emanuelson, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut, during the Northeast Conference of Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries held in Waterbury, Connecticut on July 8 and 9.

A four-page resolution detailing Grand Master Carpenter's accomplishments was made a part of the presentation ceremony that was to have been held several months ago at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. The Grand Master's extensive schedule of visits to the lodges in Pennsylvania, however, prevented his attendance.

The final paragraph of the resolution states, "Because of these many sterling qualities as a man and outstanding citizen, and because of his continued loyal and constant service to Freemasonry, and his exemplification of its highest qualities in his everyday life, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Connecticut is proud and honored to present to Right Worshipful Brother William Alfred Carpenter the



Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for distinguished masonic service."

The Pierpont Edwards Medal was created in 1939 and derived its name from the first Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut, Pierpont Edwards (1750-1826).

It was first presented to 10 outstanding Masons at a special communication on October 14, 1939 in honor of the 150th anniversary celebration of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

Connecticut is the second state to recognize the accomplishments of Grand Master Carpenter. He was similarly honored at the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on December 27, 1965 when the then Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Bro. Charles R. Bonnemort, presented to him the Christopher Champlin Medal.

The Champlin medal is awarded by the Grand Master of Rhode Island at his discretion to Masons of other jurisdictions in recognition of "outstanding masonic achievements."

Christopher Champlin served as the first Grand Master of Rhode Island from 1791 to 1793.

Pennsylvania Masons Support Statue of Liberty Fund

The R.W. Grand Master's appeal to the masons of Pennsylvania to join in the nationwide effort to restore the Statue of Liberty has generated a response from several lodges and a number of individuals despite the summer call off period.

Grand Master William A. Carpenter has established a goal of \$202,241, representing a contribution of \$1 for every Freemason on the rolls of the Grand Lodge as of December 27, 1983.

The first contribution from a lodge was received from Kensington Lodge No. 211 in Masonic District D. The Lodge had requested permission to make a contribution to the restoration project at about the time the Grand Master was developing the fund raising campaign for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Kensington Lodge No. 211 contributed \$400, a little more than \$1 per member.

The first individual contribution came from Bro. George A. Needle Jr., a member of Oil City Lodge No. 710 in the 23rd Masonic District.

"When I went overseas in 1943, we sailed by the Statue of Liberty and it was the last we saw of America for a while," Bro. Needle wrote. "I thought then as now," he continued, "that it must always be preserved".

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

Grand Master Carpenter has authorized the use of charity funds where they are available.

A special fund, The Statue of Liberty Fund, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be maintained by the Grand Lodge to hold contributions from the lodges and individuals.

A computer program has been established to provide information to the District Deputy Grand Masters in assisting them in developing responses to the campaign from the lodges in each District.

It is estimated the total cost of restoring both the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island will approach \$230 million. If each mason in the country contributes just \$1, the fraternity will provide over \$3 million.

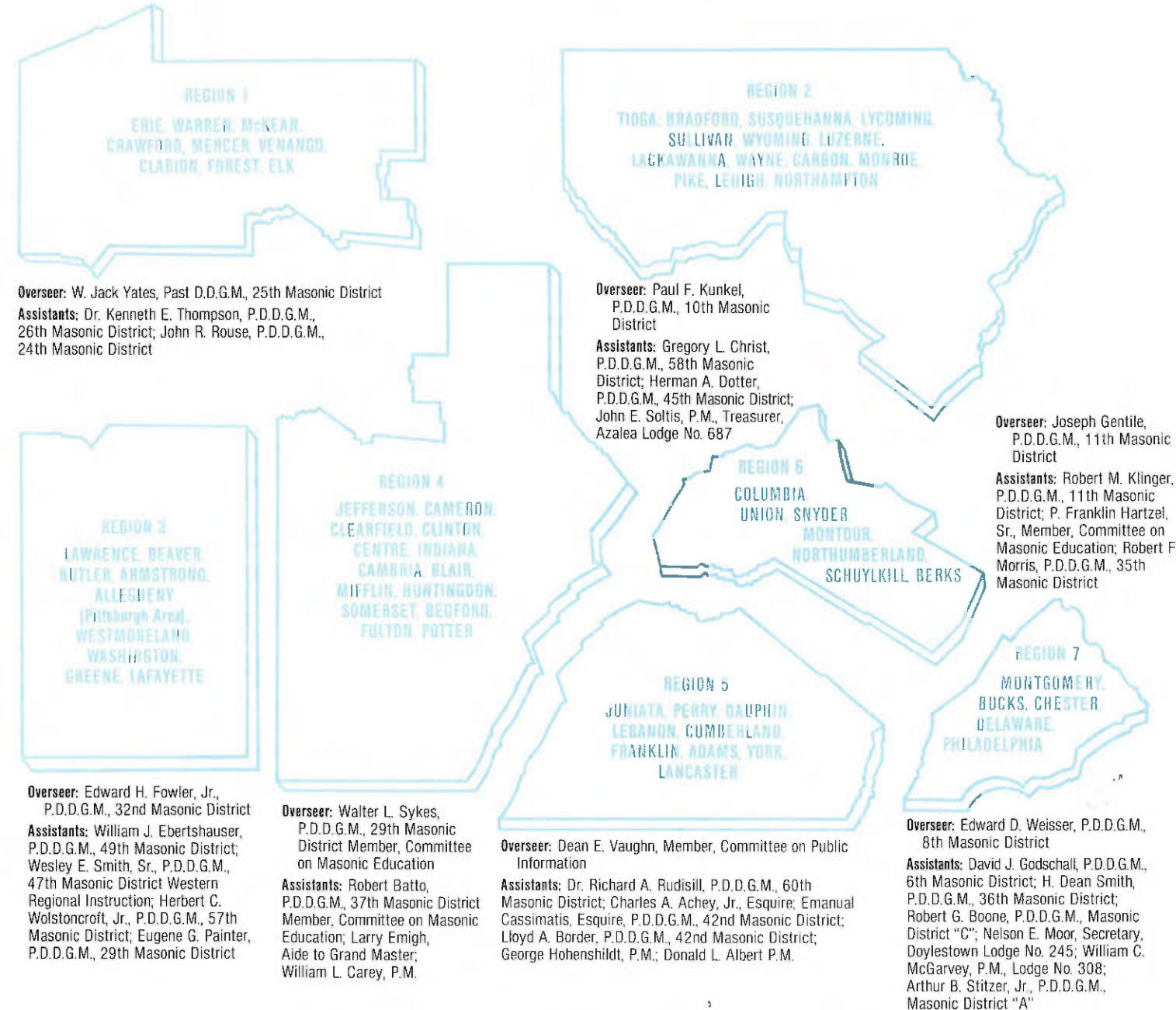
Please make your check or money order payable to the Statue of Liberty Fund, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and send it to the Office of the Grand Master, Masonic Temple, One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.

All contributions are deductible for tax purposes.

Freemasonry played an important part in the dedication of the Statue of Liberty. The cornerstone was laid by the Grand Lodge of New York in traditional ceremony on August 5 1884.

One hundred years later, we have the opportunity, to prove again that Freemasons value the concepts of liberty, justice, law and freedom that are symbolized in the Statue of Liberty.

Project SOLOMON II® Regional Overseer System



Grand Master's Record After Six Months

Brother William A. Carpenter has visited 141 lodges during the first six months of his administration as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania.

What may be the most significant benefit of the ambitious visitation schedule maintained by the Grand Master is the fact that he has already personally met and talked with more than 26,000 members of the fraternity.

When it is considered that the members he meets are generally the active leaders of the fraternity, the full impact of his program can be appreciated.

"That is part of what Freemasonry is about," the Grand Master says, "Your life touches mine and my life touches yours."

In addition to the visits to the lodges, the Grand Master has participated in no less than 58 other activities involving a wide range of events from regular, extra and special communications of the Grand Lodge to visits to the appendant bodies to speaking engagements at luncheons.

He has attended functions of the York Rite and Scottish Rite bodies, the Tall Cedars, and the Shrine.

Other days and evenings were spent in visits to the Veterans and Shrine hospitals; meetings of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation; a meeting with Representatives to the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, and a meeting of the Masonic Congress Committee.

Brother Carpenter also had the rare opportunity to visit another jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, in the middle of July.

"How did you manage to get a break from your visitation schedule?" said one Grand Master who was surprised to see Pennsylvania's Chief Executive outside his jurisdiction.

"I couldn't find a lodge in Pennsylvania that is holding a meeting during this part of the summer call off period," Grand Master Carpenter replied.

Space Available at Masonic Homes for Elderly and Children

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown has increased its ability to care for the needs of both elderly guests and children upon the completion of a series of renovation projects.

With renovations now complete in the Masonic Health Care Center, there is room for 30 additional guests requiring skilled or intermediate nursing care.

A like number of additional youngsters can be cared for in the Masonic Children's Homes as the result of the renovation of the Louis H. Eisenlohr and John Smith buildings.

Improvements at the Health Care Center were directed at those sections constructed in 1916, 1931 and 1955. They include individually controlled air conditioning, color television, and upgraded lavatories and bathing facilities.

New handrails, ceiling tile, lighting and wall covering have been added. The renovated nurses' station is a model of efficiency and the installation of a smoke detection system provides added safety.

Completion of the project means the Masonic Health Care Center is able to function at full capacity, according to the Executive Director of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Bro. Joseph E. Murphy.

"All 482 beds are again available to our dedicated physicians and nurses to provide quality medical care."

Bro. Carl W. Stenberg, Jr., R.W. Deputy Grand Master and Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Homes, said the committee expects to receive increased numbers of applications for admission from Master Masons, their wives and widows, who require intermediate or skilled nursing care.

Persons seeking admission to the Masonic Homes should secure an appli-

cation form from the Secretary of the lodge as the first step in the procedure," the chairman said.

Improvements at the Masonic Children's Homes include the upgrading of bathrooms, new carpeting, ceiling tile, lighting, and living room and bedroom furniture. A smoke detection system has also been included.

Renovation of the Eisenlohr and Smith buildings has focused attention on an aspect of care provided at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown that is often not understood.

Currently, 23 youngsters reside in the Children's Homes on the Masonic Homes grounds. There is room for 33 more youngsters.

Professionally staffed, the Children's Homes provide far more than the essential needs of food, clothing, shelter and medical care. An equally important effort is made to create a positive and beneficial environment in which children can grow and learn.

A series of goals has been developed through which the success of the program can be measured:

1. Establishing the knowledge, training and skills necessary to be able to earn a livelihood and care for one's own family in adult life.
2. Teaching the value of taking pride in one's self and one's accomplishments so as to be able to view life in a happy and meaningful manner.
3. Helping to establish a value system which is normally considerate and ethically sound as well as one in which the individual is able to find full meaning in life.
4. Teaching the basics of problem solving and decision making so that each

youngster is able to grow into a mature, thinking adult.

5. Realizing the importance of positive and healthy interpersonal relationships.

Who is eligible and what are the requirements for admission?

The Masonic Children's Home is available to those children who, in the opinion of the members of the Committee on Masonic Homes:

1. Are not receiving adequate care in their current environment.
2. Are of school age and have at least one or more years of high school to complete.
3. Have potential for scholastic achievement.
4. Are of good character and behavior.
5. Are likely to benefit from the programs offered.
6. Are sponsored by a Blue Lodge in Pennsylvania.

It is important to remember that no masonic affiliation is required for a child to be eligible for admission to the Children's Home, nor is it necessary that the child be an orphan.

As is the case with adult applications to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, the first step in the application process is to contact the Secretary of the lodge that will sponsor the child.

Should you have any questions concerning the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown or the Masonic Children's Homes, you are invited to call the office of the Executive Director or the Secretary to the Committee on Masonic Homes at (717) 367-1121 or write to the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

Pennsylvania Host Northeast Conference of Masonic Educators

The 29th Annual Northeast Conference on Masonic Education and Libraries was hosted by the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania, May 10-12, 1984. It was held at the Sheraton Inn-East, Harrisburg, Pa. Our Right Worshipful Grand Master, who has been associated with the organization since its inception and who was its first Executive Secretary, was the Conference speaker. The Conference theme was "Freemasonry—let's do something about it!"

The keynote address was given by Bro. Roger Zinszer, Executive Officer of New York DeMolay; Bro. T. K. Griffis, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Mississippi, spoke on "Making Freemasonry Visible

and Viable"; Bro. Ralph A. Herbold, Corresponding Secretary, Southern California Research Lodge, spoke on "Making Freemasonry a Driving Force and not a Form." Bro. Harold A. Dunkelberger, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and a Chaplain, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, spoke on "Making Freemasonry a Builder of Character." The feature of the Conference banquet was the sharing of "Solomon II®," with commentary by Bro. Melvin S. Mundie, Assistant to the Grand Master and Director of the project, and Bro. Dean E. Vaughn, co-author of the project, Member of Committee on Public Information. The Saturday morning

meeting was held at the Masonic Conference Center, Patton Campus, Elizabethtown. The delegates were shown the film "Transitions" by Bro. Thomas R. Labagh, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation, who addressed the delegates on the activities of the Youth Foundation. Seventy five delegates and their ladies were in attendance.

The Conference consists of the following Masonic Jurisdictions comprising the Northeast section of the United States: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia.

Special Blue Lodge License Plates—Round Three

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is now accepting applications for the special Blue Lodge license plates that were originally announced by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in November of 1983.

With but one detail to be resolved—agreement between the state and the Grand Lodge on the design of the square and compasses symbol—PennDOT has asked that application forms be sent to the nearly 5,000 persons on the request list that has been maintained in the office of the Grand Master since January.

PennDOT has also approved reproduction of the form here as a service to those who may wish to participate now that the program is in place.

The staff in the office of the Grand Master has had to deal with a number of mistakes made in completing the application forms.

Several checks for the \$20 fee have been made payable to the wrong department. Please note that checks are to be made payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Verification of membership is to be made by the individual's lodge Secretary, not by the Grand Lodge.

The applicant must complete sections A and B (the Grand Lodge has already filled in section C in printing the form) and then take the form to his lodge Secretary who will complete section D.

The form is then returned to the applicant who makes sure he has signed it (section E) and attached the check for the \$20 fee (made payable to the Commonwealth of Penn-

sylvania) before mailing it to the Special Tag Unit, Bureau of Motor Vehicles and Licensing, G-100 Transportation & Safety Building, Harrisburg, PA 17122.

It is important that those making application for the special vanity plate maintain their regular annual registration. The \$20 fee for the Blue Lodge plate is in addition to annual registration fees.

Applicants 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.

The plates can be ordered for light trucks that do not exceed the gross weight requirements.



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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Transportation
Bureau of Motor Vehicles & Licensing
Harrisburg, PA 17122

APPLICATION FOR
SPECIAL ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION PLATE

FEE: \$20.00

INFORMATION ON REVERSE

A APPLICANT INFORMATION

LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME OR INITIAL TELEPHONE NUMBER

STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

B VEHICLE DESCRIPTION

MODEL YEAR MAKE OF VEHICLE BODY TYPE VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION TITLE NUMBER

Current Registration Plate # Current Expiration Insurance Company Name Policy Number

C TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

I MAKE APPLICATION FOR A

INDICATE TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

BLUE LODGE

SPECIAL ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION PLATE

NAME OF ORGANIZATION CHAPTER, POST, LODGE, etc. TELEPHONE NUMBER

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (215) 988-1920

STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

One North Broad Street Philadelphia PA 19107-2598

D TO BE COMPLETED BY ORGANIZATION OFFICIAL

I Certify that the individual named in Section A is a member in good standing of the organization listed in Section C:

NAME TITLE SIGNATURE

Lodge Secretary X

E I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION GIVEN ON THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND IF I CEASE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ABOVE NAMED ORGANIZATION I WILL IMMEDIATELY RETURN THE REGISTRATION PLATE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE IN INK

Master Builders

BRO. JEFFREY W. COY Lodge No. 315 3rd Masonic District	BRO. DAVID L. REITMEYER Lodge No. 254 40th Masonic District
BRO. ALVIN C. HEIM Lodge No. 255 58th Masonic District	BRO. ROBERT C. REVAY Lodge No. 662 37th Masonic District
BRO. EUGENE C. HORN Lodge No. 462 35th Masonic District	BRO. DONALD W. ROBERTS Lodge No. 657 32nd Masonic District
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BRO. HAROLD C. LAMPE, III Lodge No. 51 Masonic District "A"	BRO. FRED L. SNYDERMAN Lodge No. 369 Masonic District "E"
BRO. THOMAS V. LESLIE Lodge No. 383 5th Masonic District	BRO. JOHN E. SOLTIS Lodge No. 687 45th Masonic District
BRO. WILLIAM C. MCCracken Lodge No. 641 49th Masonic District	BRO. PHILIP E. SPANGLER Lodge No. 266 42nd Masonic District
BRO. MAX E. NUSCHER Lodge No. 254 40th Masonic District	BRO. JAMES B. TAYLOR, SR. Lodge No. 245 8th Masonic District
BRO. WILLIAM E. PARKS, JR. Lodge No. 506 Masonic District D	BRO. DAVID K. WEIKEL Lodge No. 254 40th Masonic District



APPOINTED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS—Floor officers and a number of other appointed Grand Lodge officers for 1984 include (left to right) in row one, Roy A. McCullough, Aide to the Grand Master; Daniel J. Hinds, Aide to the Grand Master; William D. Spargo, Aide to the Grand Master; James A. Gaiser, Grand Chaplain; James L. Ernette, Senior Grand Deacon; H. Dean Smith, Grand Sword Bearer, and David C. Adams, Deputy Grand Secretary. Row two includes Harold A. Dunkelberger, Grand Chaplain; William F. Walton, Jr., Grand Steward; Earl R. Whitmore, Aide to the Grand Master; David R. Hoover, Grand Chaplain; George N. Holmes, Grand Marshal, and R. Emmert Aldinger, Grand Steward. In row three are Lewis M. Mowdy, Grand Chaplain; Charles H. Lacquement, Grand Chaplain; Carl W. Feick, Jr., Grand Pursuivant, and Ralph Rogers, Grand Tyler.

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vania Turnpike from the south.

Those driving Interstate 80 are advised to take Exit 52 (Marshalls Creek) to Route 209 North to Bushkill Road and then follow the signs to Tamiment.

The response to the extensive visitation program being conducted by Grand Master William A. Carpenter throughout the state in combination with the interest and enthusiasm being generated through Project SOLOMON II® requires a facility that can handle upwards of 2,000 Masons.



Dinner will begin promptly in the Tamiment House Dining Room—Grand Hall.

More than 1,400 Masons set a record for attendance at the June Quarterly Communication held at Erie and the Grand Master expects that the eastern half of the state will respond in like fashion.

The Tamiment resort has the space to provide for the free dinner that precedes the meeting as well as the separate facility required for the actual communication.

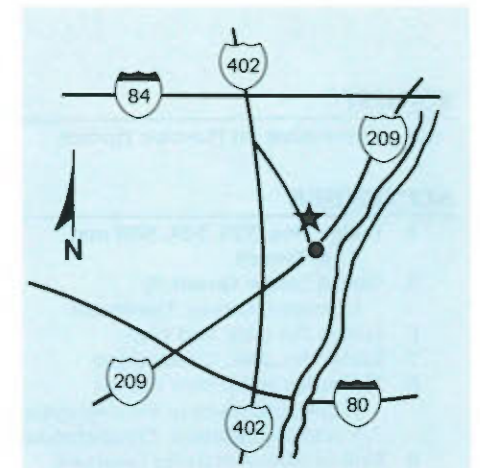
Use of the facilities at this point is flexible, but those who expect to attend the dinner should arrive by 4:45 p.m. in order to be seated for the 5:00 p.m. start.

Grand Lodge will convene promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the Summer Dining Hall, a building separate from the main complex but within easy walking distance. Signs will be posted for direction and members of the Guest Committee and the Security Committee will be on hand to provide assistance.

While there is no charge for the dinner, it is necessary that advance reservations be made in order to control costs as much as possible.

A special notice has already been mailed to all Masons in the state which contains a coupon to be used in making dinner reservations. Those reservations will be honored on a first request basis up to the limit of 2,000 persons. Tickets will be sent to you upon receipt of your order and will be collected at the entrance to the dining room.

All Master Masons are welcome at a



communication of the Grand Lodge. You do not have to be a member of the Grand Lodge, i.e., a Worshipful Master, Senior or Junior Warden, or a Past Master, to attend.

A special committee has been appointed by Grand Master Carpenter to work with the Assistant to the Grand Master, Bro. Melvin S. Mundie, in organizing the communication activities.

The following District Deputy Grand Masters are members of the committee: Norman A. Fox, District E; J. Walter Price, District G; William E. Riley, District H; Robert H. Mason, District 2; Earl G. Hasenauer, District 7; Bertine B. Steigerwalt, District 9; Milan Mihoch, District 12; John D. Wilson, District 14; Elwood P. Schollenberger, District 36; Clinton E. Shrive, District 59, and Marvin G. Speicher, District 60.

There are five Past District Deputy Grand Masters including Edward O. Weisser, District 8; Paul F. Kunkel, District 10; Joseph Gentile, District 11; Herman A. Dotter, District 45, and Henry B. Kulp, District 50.

Other brethren on the committee include John E. Soltis, an Assistant Overseer for Project Solomon II; Wilfred E. Oakey of the Committee on Education; Donald E. Britt, Potentate of Irem Shrine Temple, and Ernest J. Gazda, Jr., Commander in Chief of Keystone Consistory, Valley of Scranton.

Committee members will provide a number of services such as the borrowing of lodge furnishings, including moving them to and from Tamiment; set up of the Grand Lodge room; transportation of Grand Lodge officers to and from regional airports, and the assignment of Tylers.

Perhaps the most important service the members of the committee will provide will be their promotion of the communication among the lodges in the eastern half of the state as they use their influence as masonic leaders to generate interest and enthusiasm.

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GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE SPECIAL ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION PLATE

- Fee required with this application is \$20.00. Payment is to be made by check or money order payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. DO NOT SEND CASH.
- No special registration plates will be duplicated, except when defaced. In such cases the defaced plate must be surrendered to the bureau. Charge for replacement will be \$20.00.
- In addition, so that the vehicle may be legally operated pending receipt of the duplicated plate, application must be made for reissue of a plate from the regular series for which there will be a charge of \$5.00.
- Requests for special registration plates are restricted to vehicles other than motorcycles and trailers with a registered gross weight of not more than 9,000 lbs.
- No refund of fee will be issued when applicant cancels request after order is placed.
- This application, completed in full, along with check or money order should be mailed to the Special Tag Unit, Bureau of Motor Vehicles and Licensing, G-100 Transportation & Safety Building, Harrisburg, PA 17122.
- When the applicant ceases to be a member in the aforementioned organization the registration plate must be returned to the department and a form MV-44 completed and submitted with a fee of \$5.00 for a regular registration plate.
- All telephone numbers will be held in confidence and used only in the event of a problem with your application.

Special organization registration plates will be issued only to members in good standing of qualifying community & social organizations. Plates will be issued in the current standard plate colors being issued. The organization's insignia will appear to the left of the plate and the organization's actual name, or an acceptable abbreviation thereof, will be printed across the bottom.

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